MacArthur Memorial Education Programs
Early Effects of the War in Europe

Directions: Use the headlines below to answer the questions. All headlines are from the American newspaper The Virginian-Pilot (1914).

GENERAL EUROPEAN
WAR A PROBABILITY

WAR SCARE DEMORALIZES
WORLD’S STOCK MARKETS
Wheat And Other Foodstuff Advance Sharply—
Trading Wild In Chicago—Flood Of
Gold Towards Europe

1. What do the headlines above describe?

2. Based on the headlines, does it seem like American’s think they will be involved in this war? Why?

3. Why do you think American’s are concerned about events in Europe? How might a war in Europe impact America?
4. Based on the advertisement and headline to the left, what do you think is the biggest concern for the United States regarding the war in Europe? What led you to this conclusion?

5. Why might the war in Europe “injure” the tobacco trade in the United States? Which part of the country would be most affected by this and why?

6. What is the role of the United States in World War I during 1914? Do you think most people in the United States are concerned about the war? Why or why not?