

Japanese – Hara Takashi

- **Japan wants a much bigger empire.** The Japanese government is looking to expand into Russia. Russia has many resources which they can use to expand their military. They think the Tsar (leader of Russia) is very weak.
- However it does not announce these aims publicly; **Japan claims publicly that they want to keep the peace in Russia.**
- Japan is tightly controlled by its ruling classes
- The Japanese are **particularly worried about the Americans** expanding into Russia before they do

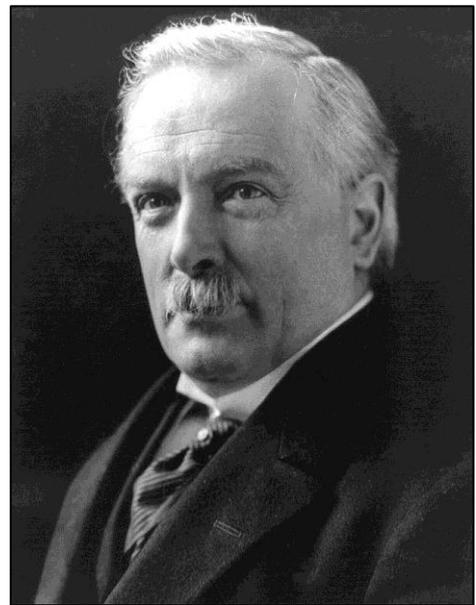


United States of America – Woodrow Wilson

- Wilson does not like the Tsar of Russia as he is a dictator and not democratic like America is.
- Since 1917 the Americans have been fighting Germany on the side of the British and French, but it will take nearly a year for the American forces to come over and help the western Allies.
- **The Americans are very worried about the Japanese** who are starting to get more confident as an empire and wanting to expand.

British – David Lloyd George

- David Lloyd George has been Prime Minister of his country since 1916. (Britain is a democracy)
- He realises that the **First World War has gone on for far too long** and wants to bring his soldiers home as soon as possible. However he still wants to defeat Germany!
- David Lloyd George recognises that **there is no appetite for further war in Britain**. He worries that if he continues the war he will lose his political



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British – Winston Churchill

- Winston Churchill has been War Secretary throughout most of the First World War. He is very firm in his belief that **Britain must remain the most powerful country in the world**. To do that Britain must defeat the Germans.
- **Churchill hates the Bolshevik political group** (communists). He even hates them more than the Germans. Very famously he claims that Britain needs to 'Kiss the Hun and Kill the Bolshie'.

French – Georges Clemenceau

- **Georges Clemenceau hates Germany**. He is determined to defeat them fully so they cannot invade France again
- France and Russia were allies before the First World War. **France has given the Tsar and his government extremely large amounts of money to ensure that they stay in the war and continue fighting Germany**.
- Clemenceau is also very worried about the spread of communism in France. **He fears that the French workers will lead a revolution in France if communism is not defeated**.

