

Chromolithograph map, folding into original pink paper covers with publisher's label.

CARICATURE MAP OF EUROPE AT THE START OF FIRST WORLD WAR

European Revue. Kill that Eagle.

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Dimensions
500 by 720mm (19.75 by 28.25 inches).

Notes
Great Britain is personified by John Bull rolling up his sleeves and brandishing a cutlass; troops from Canada, Australia, India and Ireland are shown to his left, with the phrase "Business as Usual" written across England. To the continent Germany is represented as a swooping eagle, whose talon has grasped the French Marianne's bayonet. Austria the clown has been knocked off his ass by the German eagle, his right hand is being stung by a Bosnian bee, and bitten by a Serbian dog, whilst

the Russian Bear, aided by some charging cossacks, grabs the clown's right foot and a German talon. The rest of the Balkans and Greece get ready to fight a reluctant Ottoman Empire, who is being pushed into war by an eager Germany. Spain and Scandinavia look on, whilst Italy sings a popular song "You made me love you. I didn't want to do it", in reference to her involvement in the Triple Alliance with Austria and Germany. At the time of the map she was neutral; a year later she would side with Britain, France, and Russia against their pre-war allies.

Bibliography
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