**Exceptionally Excellent Info #6**

**Some Highlights on Economic Issues, 1914-1917**

1914
Aug  British Parliament authorizes increase in Army of 500,000 men.¹
    Britain passes the Defence of the Realm Act (DORA)
    Russia prohibits sale of alcohol for duration of war
Aug  Germany sets up KRA for centralized allocation of raw materials.²
Sept  France implements policy of industrial mobilization

1915
Jan  Introduction of food rationing in Germany (Imperial Grain Corporation)
Feb  Germany declares "commercial blockade" of allied shipping
March  Munitions of War Act (Britain)
May  Junior minister for munitions appointed (Albert Thomas)
June  Creation of Ministry of Munitions in Britain, headed by Lloyd George
July  Britain creates National Register of all persons 15-65 yrs of age
Aug  French law creates notion of "military workers."³
Nov  Russia creates Metals Committee for purchasing supplies for metals industry
Dec  Austria introduces bread rationing

1916
Jan  Britain implements military conscription
Feb  Britain creates a Ministry of Blockade (as part of Foreign Office)
April  "Easter Rebellion" in Ireland
Aug  Launching of the Hindenburg Program in Germany
Nov  Russia extends fixed prices to all major foods
Dec  Germany passes Auxiliary Service Law (conscripts all males 17-60 yrs old)
    Coalition gov't in Britain replaced by gov't under David Lloyd George

1917
Jan  France introduces compulsory arbitration of wage disputes
Feb  Germany initiates unrestricted submarine warfare
March  Russian Provisional Gov't creates state monopoly in grain trade

**Prominent people:**
Walther Rathenau, first head of KRA
David Lloyd George, first minister of munitions (Britain)
Albert Thomas, first junior minister for munitions (France)

**Totally Tremendous Triads**

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¹ Recruiting appeal called for men between ages of 19 and 30, indicating a term of service "for a period of three years, or until the war is concluded." The age limit was raised to 35 later in August.
² KRA = *Kriegsrohstoffabteilung*, the War Raw Materials Division.
³ These were men released from the army for needs of war production, but who effectively lost freedom to change jobs or strike.