Exciting Information™ #9
Brest-Litovsk

Cast of Characters:
V. I. Lenin: head of the Bolshevik government in Petrograd
Lev Trotsky: principal Bolshevik negotiator at Brest-Litovsk
Erich Ludendorff: Head of German Supreme Command of the Army (OHL)
Richard von Kühlmann: German Minister of Foreign Affairs, represents German gov't at Brest
Max Hoffman: Chief of Staff to Commander-in-Chief in East, represents German military at Brest
Ottokar von Czernin: Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, represents Aus-Hung at Brest

Other terms, places, notions:
Ukrainian Rada
Cholm province

Important moments in the national revolutions:
1916 Nov
Germans proclaim birth of Polish kingdom (under German control)

1917 March
February Revolution in Petrograd (end of Russian autocracy)
Ukrainian Nationalists form Central Rada in Kiev

April
Ukrainian Rada calls for Ukrainian autonomy within Russia

Nov
The October (Bolshevik) Revolution
Ukrainian Rada proclaims Ukrainian National Republic, to be federated w/Russia

Dec
Bolsheviks create Soviet Ukrainian government in Khar'kov (eastern Ukraine)
Finland & Lithuania declare independence
Bolsheviks conclude armistice with Central Powers begin peace negotiations

1918 Jan
Latvia proclaims independence
President Woodrow Wilson offers "Fourteen Points"

Feb
Estonia declares independence
Soviet Red Army occupies Kiev, kicks out Rada
Ukrainian Rada signs treaty with Central Powers at Brest-Litovsk
Trotsky confronts Central Powers with Bolshevik policy of "No War, No Peace"

March
German Army marches into Kiev, kicks out Red Army
Bolsheviks & new states sign peace treaty with Central Powers at Brest-Litovsk

April
Transcaucasian Federative Republic declares independence
Germans disband Rada and replace it with Ukrainian puppet-state (the Hetmanate)

May
Rumania signs separate Treaty of Bucharest with Central Powers
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Nov
Transcaucasian Federation dissolves w/ Georgian declaration of independence

Armistice on western front; end of World War I.

Relationship of different territories in east to Central Powers (Germany):
Under direct German influence: Economic / administrative dependency
Poland
Estonia
Kurland (Couland)
Livonia
Lithuania
Georgia

Close economic /political connection with Germany:
Ukraine
Don Cossacks
Finland
Armenia & Azerbaijan.¹
Rumania

¹ The plan was to establish a Transcaucasian Republic, closely connected with Central Powers. The Central Powers also planned to establish a Tatar republic of Crimea in areas with German settlement.