

Ulk means « Joke » in German. It's a *german satirical newspaper*. The first publication was in 1872 (the last one was in 1933).

47<sup>th</sup> edition year

War edition nb 214.

Nb 32 (9<sup>th</sup> of august 1914) is the first war edition (Kriegsnummer). All the other publications will then be in black and white (they were coloured before).

John Bull is a character who represents England. It's the equivalent of Uncle Sam for the United States. John Bull was created in 1712. This drawing is quite particular because John Bull is, usually, represented as a middle class citizen with a big belly and a top-hat. He's also wearing a jacket with the Union Jack on it. On this drawing, John Bull is thin and wears the English military uniform with the scottish division hat. Thus, he looks like some British army officers (Julian Byng, Hubert Gough, Aylmer Hunter-Weston, Henry Hugues Wilson).

Adding edition nb 36 of the « Berliner Tageblatt ».

In 1913, this daily newspaper lost its independence and became an adding edition of the « Berliner Tageblatt » and of the « Volks-Zeitung ». Those three newspapers kept however the same publisher: Rudolf Mosse.



September the 6<sup>th</sup> 1918.

Since march, 2 millions of American soldiers arrived in France. Since may, the moving war started again. The german offensive went fast. The Second battle of the Marne ended the German attack, july 1918. From this time, the German army left.

The prisoners countries are in different situations but contrary to what the drawing want us to think, all the peoples wants their independence. However, we can't contest the fact that this new drawing of Europe is done without asking the peoples about their wills. Serbia or Czechoslovakia would rather want a different solution. The consequences of these occidental choices will run until the 1990's.



Von Englands Gnaden.

John Bull: ... und so verleihe ich dir hiermit die Rechte der selbständigen freien Nationen!

« John Bull: ... and what about giving you, on a free way, the independent nations' rights ! »

It's a clear allusion to the United States President Woodrow Wilson 14 points. He said in january and then in february 1918 that « all the nations [have the right] to live their own life free, to decide on their own of their institutions, and to be sure to be treated with justice and loyalty by the other nations ». So Woodrow Wilson explained the principle which will manage the Europe map drawing during the Versailles peace treaty. But this document seems to have some doubts about this will. For this draw, that's a way for the United Kingdom, to set its domination on these new States. These one would go from a domination to another. The contrast between what John Bull says and the drawing can also means that these countries will be given liberty but without asking them before.