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Generally regarded as the first 'total war', World War I was a devastating military confrontation which encompassed International and European Powers. After four tumultuous years, the Allied and Associated Powers were successful in forcing the Central Powers to sign the November Armistice in 1918.

Shortly thereafter, the Paris Peace Conference was established and headed by the Victors. Besides reestablishing peace throughout Europe, penalties were to be administered towards the defeated Central Powers. Following six months, the conference had concluded that the German Empire was the cause of the war. How did Germany become the scapegoat?

The purpose of this paper is to dispel the findings stated in Article 231, (known informally as the "War Guilt Clause") in the Treaty of Versailles by examining the remote, proximate, and immediate causes.