Cleveland fortunes were running all out that summer to maintain and expand their base of business. Clevelanders were more than willing to contribute to the war effort, with many young men enlisting in the armed forces. In the city, a record crowd of 21,000 turned out for a parade on June 27, 1917, to celebrate the signing of the arms treaty with Russia. The parade was a huge success, with floats, bands, and a large crowd of veterans and their families. The day was filled with patriotic fervor, and Clevelanders felt proud to be part of the war effort.

However, the war was not without its challenges. The city experienced severe shortages of food and fuel, and the lack of transportation made it difficult to get goods to the people who needed them. The Cleveland Massacre of 1917 was a violent incident that took place in the city, and it brought the issue of race relations to the forefront of the news. The incident was a result of tensions between African Americans and white residents, and it highlighted the fact that the war effort was not without its challenges.

In the years that followed, Cleveland continued to be a major center of industry and commerce. The city's factories and factories continued to produce goods for the war effort, and the city's economy continued to grow. Despite the challenges of the war, Clevelanders were able to find a sense of pride in their city and in their role in the war effort.