

A Flawed Peace

Chapter 13 Section 4

Treaty of Versailles—1918

Allied Leaders from 32 nations met in Paris, France to discuss the terms of peace.

The BIG FOUR made most of the decisions

- David Lloyd George (PM of England)
- Georges Clemenceau (Premier of France)
- Vittorio Orlando (Premier of Italy)
- Woodrow Wilson (President of the US)

David Lloyd George

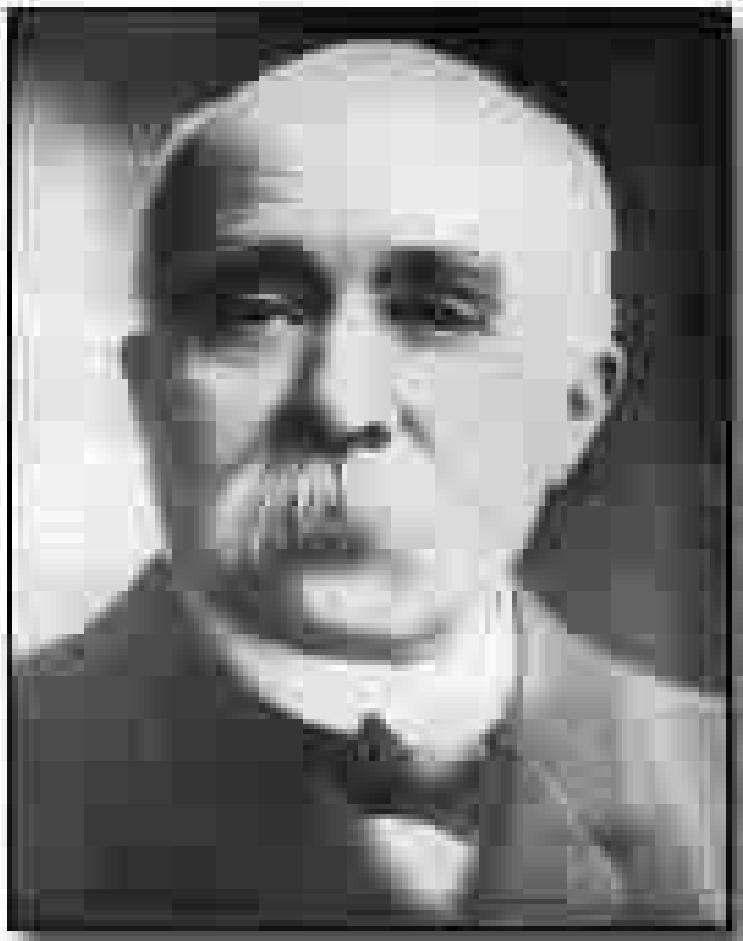
Prime Minister of England

- A moderating influence on both the harsh demands of Georges Clemenceau and the idealistic proposals of Woodrow Wilson
- To a large extent, shaped the final agreement
- He later concluded that the treaty was a failure
- Predicted that Europe would experience a renewed war within twenty years



Georges Clemenceau

Premier of France



- Georges Clemenceau wanted the destruction of Germany
- His nickname was '**The Tiger**' because of his aggressive nature.

Vittorio Orlando

Premier of Italy

- Clashed with Woodrow Wilson over Italy's territorial demands
- The terms of the Versailles Peace Treaty undermined Orlando's position



Woodrow Wilson

President of the United States



- Supported the Versailles Treaty
- Insisted that his Fourteen Points should serve as a basis for the US signing of the peace treaty
- His ideas were considered idealistic

Provisions of the Treaty of Versailles



- I. Germany surrendered areas under their control
 - A. In Germany
 1. the Alsace-Lorraine region to France
 2. the Saar Valley (coal mine region) to the League of Nations
 3. minor border regions to Denmark and Belgium
 4. Poland was created from parts of Russia, Germany, and Austria-Hungary

Provisions of the Treaty of Versailles

- Outside of Germany
- All colonies became “mandates” of League of Nations
- League of Nations determined independence or control by other countries

Provisions of the Treaty of Versailles

II. Disarmament of military

A. Army was limited to 100,000

B. Navy reduced to a few ships

C. Submarines, military aircraft, and war industries were all prohibited

Provisions of Versailles Treaty

III. War Guilt Clause (#231)

Germany must accept total responsibility for the war

IV. Therefore, Germany was forced to pay **war reparations** to Allies



Provisions of the Versailles Treaty

V. Establishment of the League of Nations

- international association
- goal was to keep peace among nations

Assignment

Explain Woodrow Wilson's 14 Points (p 424)

What was it?

Points 1-4

Point 5

Points 6-13 (look at the maps on page 426)

Point 14