

The Failure of Peace in Europe

Treaty of Versailles (Ver-Sigh)

Map of Versailles, France

The Treaty of Versailles

In January 1919 the “Big Three” meet to work on the peace plan.

- n Wilson-United States
- n David Lloyd George-Great Britain
- n Georges Clemenceau-France

The peace plan was to be called the Paris Peace Conference

All three men had different goals for the peace plan.

14 Points

President Wilson

- n Wanted a just and lasting plan for peace.
- n With his 14 points he wanted
 - w To end secret treaties
 - w Give nations freedom of the seas
 - w Free trade
 - w Reduce armies and navies
 - w Change the borders of Europe and the world
 - w Create new nations
 - w Allow for self determination

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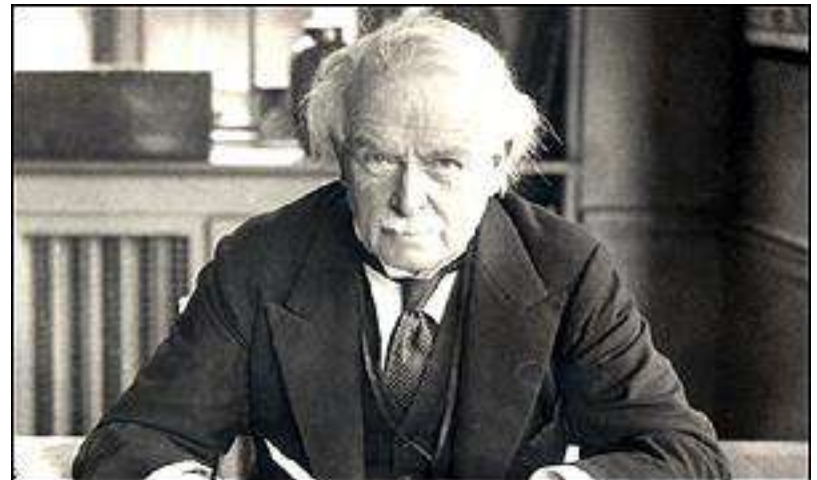


Britain

Britain/George

- n Wanted to make sure that Germany did not become a world military power.
- n Wanted the German army and navy reduced.

He think he cute



France

France/Clemenceau

- n Wanted Germany to pay for all the suffering France had faced during the war.
- n Wanted the peace plan to punish Germany.



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The Treaty of Versailles

The European nations were cool to Wilson's 14 points and wanted repayment and punishment instead of goodwill and freedoms

A compromise on the treaty was reached and on June 28, 1919 the treaty was signed.

The treaty stated the following

League of Nations

One of Wilson's 14 points was adopted, the creation of a League of Nations.

- n The goal of the league was to keep peace in the world.
- n Germany and Russia were left out of the League.



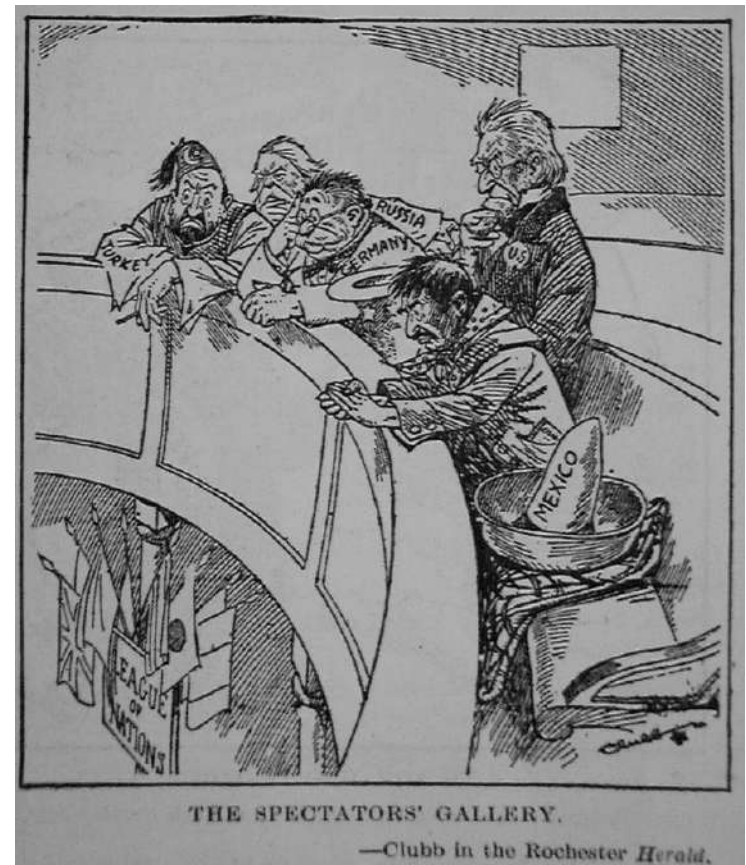
The opening session of the League of Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, 15 November 1920.

League of Nations

The U.S. opposed the Treaty of Versailles.

Many felt that belonging to the League of Nations would mean that the U.S. would have to supply troops and involve the U.S. in future wars.

The Senate failed to ratify the treaty and the U.S. never joined the League of Nations.



League of Nations

The refusal of the U.S. to join weakened the league.

The league had no armed forces to enforce peacekeeping.

The league was considered a failure.



What is going on here?

Punish Germany

The treaty was harsh to
Germany

n Territorial Losses

- w Land was taken to create Poland.
- w Alsace and Lorraine were given back to France
- w Germany lost her overseas colonies



Punish Germany

Military Restrictions

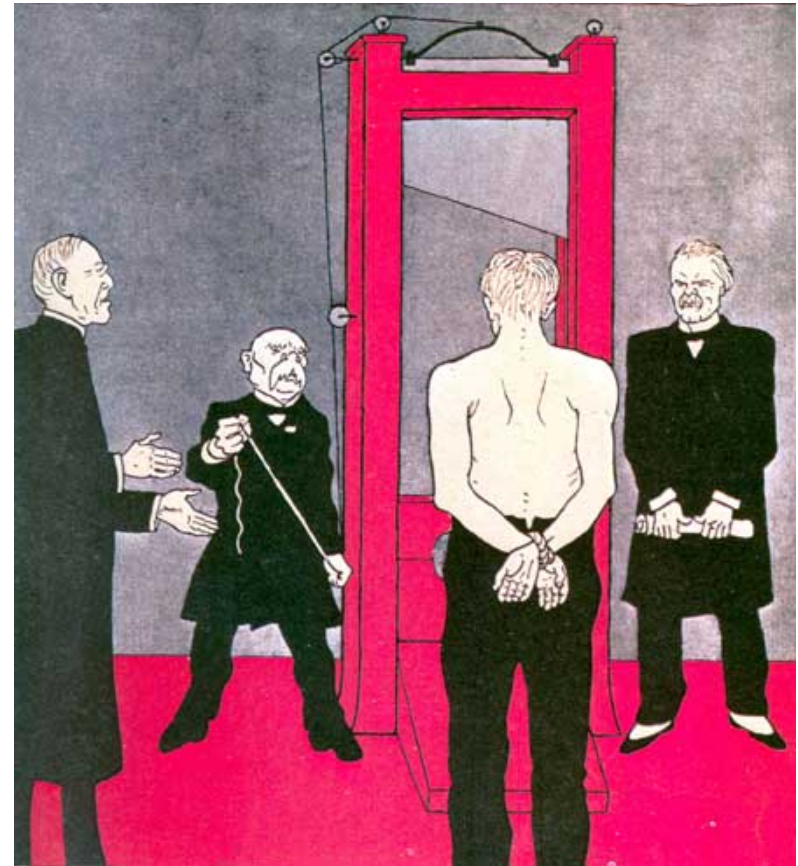
- n Germany's army and navy were restricted.
- n Germany could not have troops on the industrial boarder of France.
- n Germany could not produce/import military weapons



Punish Germany

War Guilt

- n Germany had to accept responsibility for the war. (Germany did not start the war)
- n Germany had to pay a large war debt to France and Britain. (Germany had no money to pay debts)
- n Accepting blame for the war and paying war debts caused bitterness and anger in Germany.



Results of the Treaty on the World

Germany was horrified and bitter at the terms of the treaty.

The League of nations failed without U.S. support.

Italy was promised land by the allies which Italy never received.

Russia was upset at the establishment of Poland and the creation of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania on Russian land.

Results of the Treaty on the World

China was upset that Japan was given former German colonies ...in China.

Japan was upset that the world did not recognize Japan's entire claim ...to China.

Europe after the War

Every major country in Europe was bankrupt from the war.

European nations no longer dominated world politics.



Europe after the War

Depression

n Defined

- w A long and severe decline in economic activity.

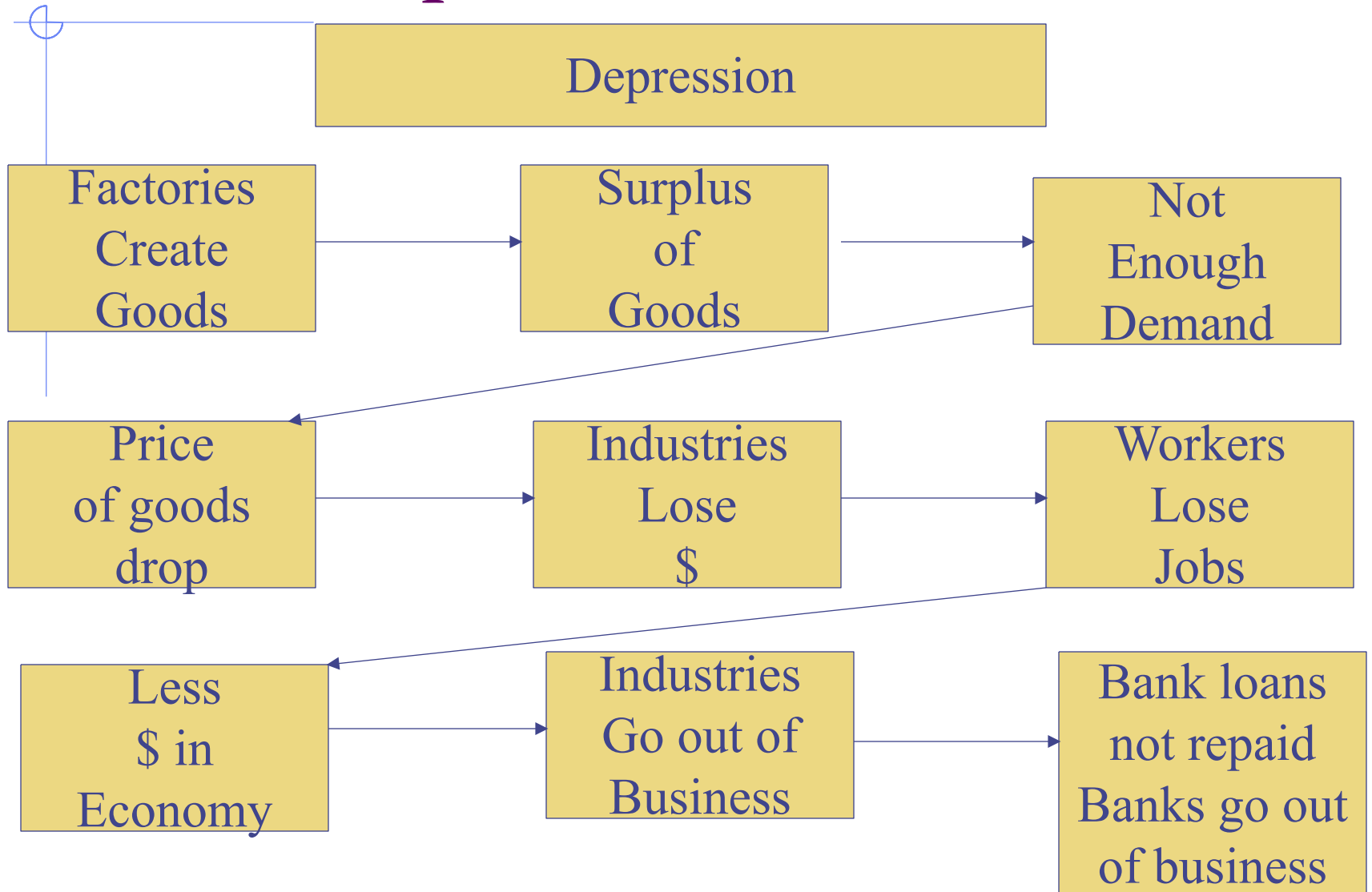
n Causes for a depression in Europe

- w Nations had large war debts to pay
- w Cities, factories and farms had to be rebuilt



Inflation 1923-24: A German woman feeding a stove with currency notes, which burn longer than the amount of firewood they can buy.

World Depression



World Depression

Once banks go out of business people lose all their money that were in the banks.

USA included

Groups!!

Why did the ToV fail?

What could be changed to make the ToV stronger?

n Be specific