



**The End of WWI: Is Lasting
Peace Possible?**

1918: Near the end

- Four-year stalemate in the trenches
- Both sides in dire economic situations, but Germany was worse off
- 37 million casualties (dead & wounded)
- War cost \$337 billion (more than \$4.5 trillion today)



Will the old feelings go away?

- War started b/c Militarism, Alliances, Imperialism, Nationalism
- It ended with cont'd nationalism AND a desire for revenge
 - Britain and France wanted to make Germany pay
 - Gm blamed for war
 - Gm still as nationalistic as ever
 - so too - Japan, Italy & other winners
- Pres Wilson encouraged setting aside these feelings for world peace



Wilson's 14 Points Inspire Peace Negotiations

- eliminate secret treaties and the causes of war through open diplomacy,
- secure freedom of the seas w/o fear of attack
- develop free trade between countries,
- and encourage disarmament
- After reading them, Germany on board for peace negotiations

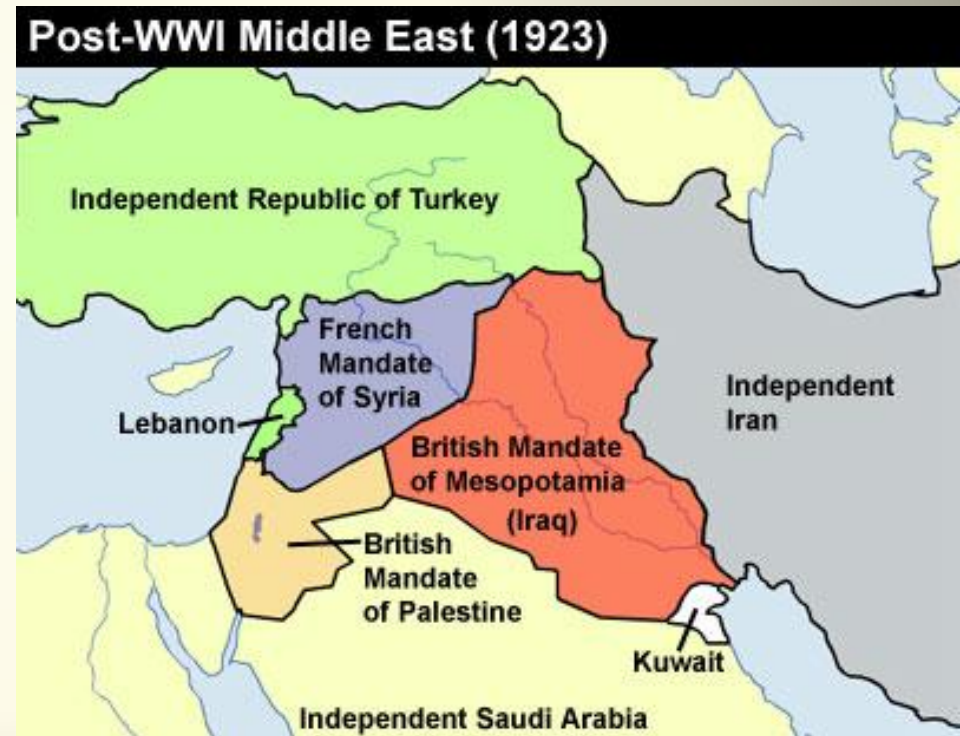
1919: Treaty of Versailles

- Germany and Russia not invited!
- The terms were harsher than Wilson had hoped for
 - Western Germany demilitarized (buffer zone bx Fr & Gm)
 - Germany's military reduced to 100K troops to protect only the country (no chance for offensive attack)
 - Germany and other losers had to pay reparations to Britain, France totaling ½ trillion dollars
 - didn't pay off until 2010
 - Britain, France (not Italy) took possession of German colonies/territories
 - Japan alienated

Treaty of Versailles

- Established the League of Nations
 - Seek peaceful resolutions to disputes and to assist each other in the case of aggression
 - Use economic sanctions and military aggression to keep countries in check
 - military force to come from member nations
 - all members to commit to assisting
 - address issues that lead to conflicts: poverty, disagreements between countries, labor, etc.

WWI reshapes borders: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p5IdCyyL1k>



Did the Treaty Address MAIN?

- Militarism: de-armament
 - Gm in particular with demilitarized zone; 100k troops; known weapons
- Alliances: from here on, all are to be open to the world to know
 - any alliances that contradict terms of treaty to be null and void
 - no new alliances to be created w/o submitting info to the League of Nations

Did the Treaty Address MAIN?

- Imperialism: open seas, free trade between members, settle disputes in assembly or international court of law
- Nationalism: members to subject themselves to higher authority of the League of Nations; abide by treaty's terms

Could the Treaty be Ratified in the US?

- Being part of the League of Nations could be dangerous to US security and interests
- “multilateralism” – a country considers other countries’ views before making a foreign policy decision
- A lot of Americans still wanted “unilateralism,” meaning the US makes foreign policy decisions without consulting other countries and in view of America’s goals

- Not to mention political problems – Wilson ignored Republicans in peace negotiations and Republicans ended up winning a majority of seats in the Senate...where the treaty would have to be ratified by 2/3 of Senators
 - Wilson excluded Republicans from the process of making the peace treaty
 - Republicans unhappy about that

Debate: Ratification of the Treaty of Versailles

2/3 of Senators needed to ratify

- There are four groups within the Senate:
 - Support the Treaty
 - Change the Treaty then support it
 - Reject the Treaty
 - Undecided
- You will be Senators
 - Prepare for the debate
 - Opening statement
 - Arguments
 - Closing statement
 - Present arguments/Ask each other questions
 - Vote to ratify the treaty

US Senate Oath of Office

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So help me God.

Groups - 4th Period

Option 1 - Cameron, Corbin, Ozzie, Mason, Jack, Megan, Cade, Dominique

Option 2 - Kathryn, Adrian, Alexandria, Claire, Bethany, Danielle

Option 3 - Sarah, Isaac, Ricardo, River, Ashley, Justin

Undecided - Travis, Jordan, Calvin, Averie, Alex, Brynn,

Groups - 5th Period

Option 1 - Justice, Kardel, Sadie, Caden, Jesse, Zach

Option 2 - Bobbie, Trinity, Hannah, Austin, Tedi, Jillian, Nick

Option 3 - Joy, Wyatt, Netanya, Lochlyn, Aaron, Athena

Undecided - Aquila, Clara, Billie, Cameron, Cesar, John, Sonny

Groups - 6th Period

Option 1 - Maitlynn, Kaitlyn, Abbey, Harrison,
Emma, Leland, Kirin

Option 2 - Zachary, Anthony, Luke B, Trenten,
Ella, Sophie, Max

Option 3 - Grant, Riley, Alyssa, Brandyn, Niko,
Loren, Zoey, Taylor,

Undecided - Tucker, Imani, Luke, Ajia, Braeden,
Sam, Coby

What Actually Happened?

- The Senate voted 3 times on the treaty
 - 1st - as is - failed
 - 2nd - with “reservations” - failed
 - 3rd - failed
- USA ratified separate peace treaties with Germany and Austria-Hungary

What Actually Happened?

- The League of Nations was created
 - existed without participation of 3 largest empires: Germany, Russia, and USA
 - lacked credibility as a viable organization
 - Had no military to back up its efforts to stop any threats/skirmishes
 - Had no dedicated source of funding
 - Helped avoid a few conflicts
 - Brought to light human rights' issues - child labor, drug addiction, smuggling, and status of women
 - Helped refugees with aid; gave financial aid to states in need
 - Provided a model to address world issues
 - Failed to prevent many conflicts, most notably WWII
 - No response to Germany's re-militarization
 - military presence in Rhineland (buffer zone next to France)
 - No response to taking over Sudetenland (1938)
 - No response to invasion of Poland (1939)
 - With start of WWII, the League dissolved

What Actually Happened?

- Appears to solve MAIN BUT really doesn't b/c the treaty doesn't get rid of people's beliefs:
 - militarism - you can put it into law but w/o means to enforce it, nations can and will still re-arm
 - alliances - you can put it into law but w/o means to enforce it, nations can and will still re-arm
 - Gm, Italy, Japan - 1940 Tripartite Act
 - imperialism - winners spoils
 - Gm and Ottoman Empire to turn over colonies/lands to care of winners
 - nationalism - didn't kill the spirit of Gm
 - winners' spoils and revenge against Gm due to nationalism

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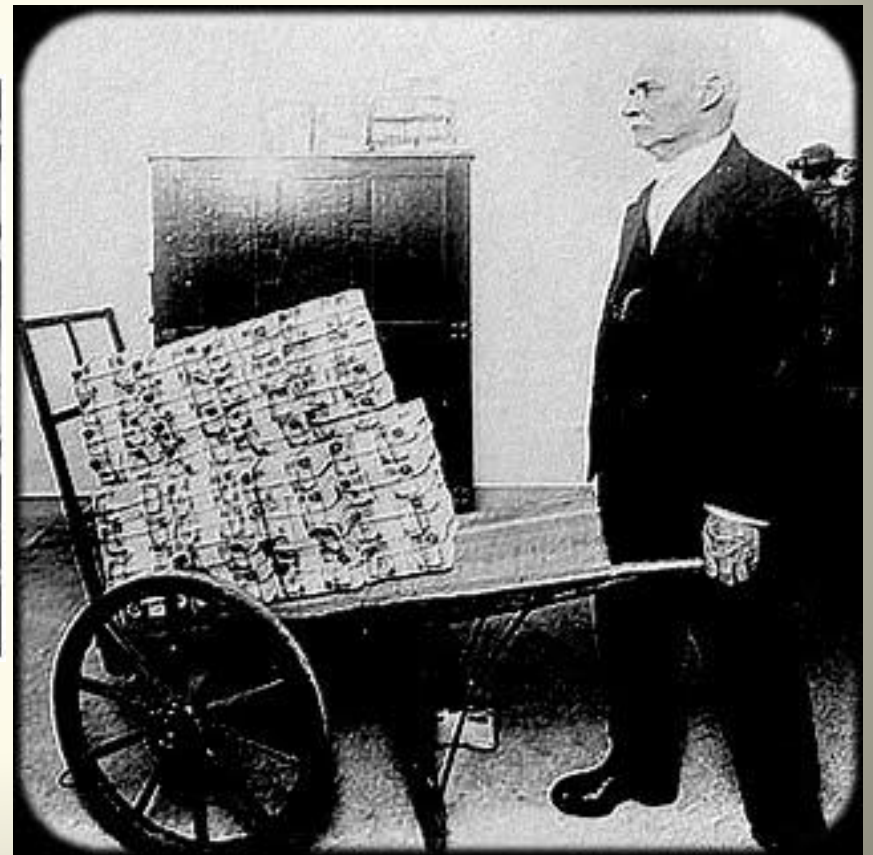
- TOV failed to address the damage from WWI
 - nothing in treaty to help rebuild war-torn Europe
 - only hope is the spoils for winners
 - but losers, Italy and Japan don't have this hope
- Instead, w/ reparations & taking of Gm lands
 - crushed Gm economy
 - rise of extremism in harsh economic times
- Nationalism is now extremist nationalism
 - blame other empires and the Jews for Gm's hardships
 - already talking about ridding Gm of those that drag her down
 - Hitler's pledge to avenge and rectify surrender

Germany Economy Tanked

German Breadline



Hyperinflation - money worth nothing!



Sowing the Seeds for War

WWI and WWII can be seen really as one 30 year war....