

THE 14 POINTS

What Wilson Wanted

January 8, 1918

1. Abolition of secret diplomacy
2. Freedom to navigate the high seas in peace and war.
3. Removal of economic barriers between nations.
4. Reduction of armaments to "the lowest point consistent with domestic safety".
5. Adjustment of colonial claims in the interest of both the inhabitants and the powers concerned.
6. Restoration of Russia and a welcome for her in the society of nations.
7. The return of Belgium to her people.
8. Evacuation and restoration of French territory won by the Germans in a war in 1871
9. Readjustment of Italian borders "along clearly recognizable lines of nationality".
10. Free opportunity for "autonomous development" for the peoples of Austria-Hungary.
11. Restoration of the Balkan nations and free access to the sea for Serbia.
12. Protection for minorities in Turkey.
13. An independent Poland.
14. "A general association of nations" to secure "mutual guarantees of political independence and territorial integrity to great and small states alike."

THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES

What the World Got

June 28, 1919

1. Germany will recognize the independence of Belgium.
2. In compensation for destroying France's coal mines during the war, Germany gives to France her coal mines in the Saar Basin area, free of charge.
3. Germany will evacuate and restore to France all territories won by Germany in the war between the two nations in 1871.
4. Germany acknowledges and will respect strictly the independence of Austria...
5. Germany...recognizes the complete independence of the Czecho-Slovak State...
6. Germany...recognizes the complete independence of Poland...
7. "Germany acknowledges and agrees to respect as permanent ...the independence of all the territories which were part of the former Russian Empire..."
8. Germany renounces...all her rights and titles over her overseas possessions.
9. The German army shall be reduced to no more than 100,000 men and 4,000 officers. "The Army shall be devoted exclusively to the maintenance of order within the territory".
10. The German government takes full and sole responsibility for the war and any damage caused by the war.
11. The German government is required to pay reparations for damage done to civilians and their property during the war (a total of \$66,000,000.00)
12. Any trade agreement that Germany enters into with one of the Allied Powers will automatically apply to all Allied Powers.
13. "In case of any difference of opinion, the League of Nations will be called on to decide."