

The **TREATY** of **VERSAILLES**

LET'S LOOK AT

**The aftermath
of World War I**

EFFECTS IN EUROPE



The most devastating effect was in the massive **Loss of Life**
14 MILLION KILLED, 7 MILLION DISABLED

The **worldwide economy** was destroyed

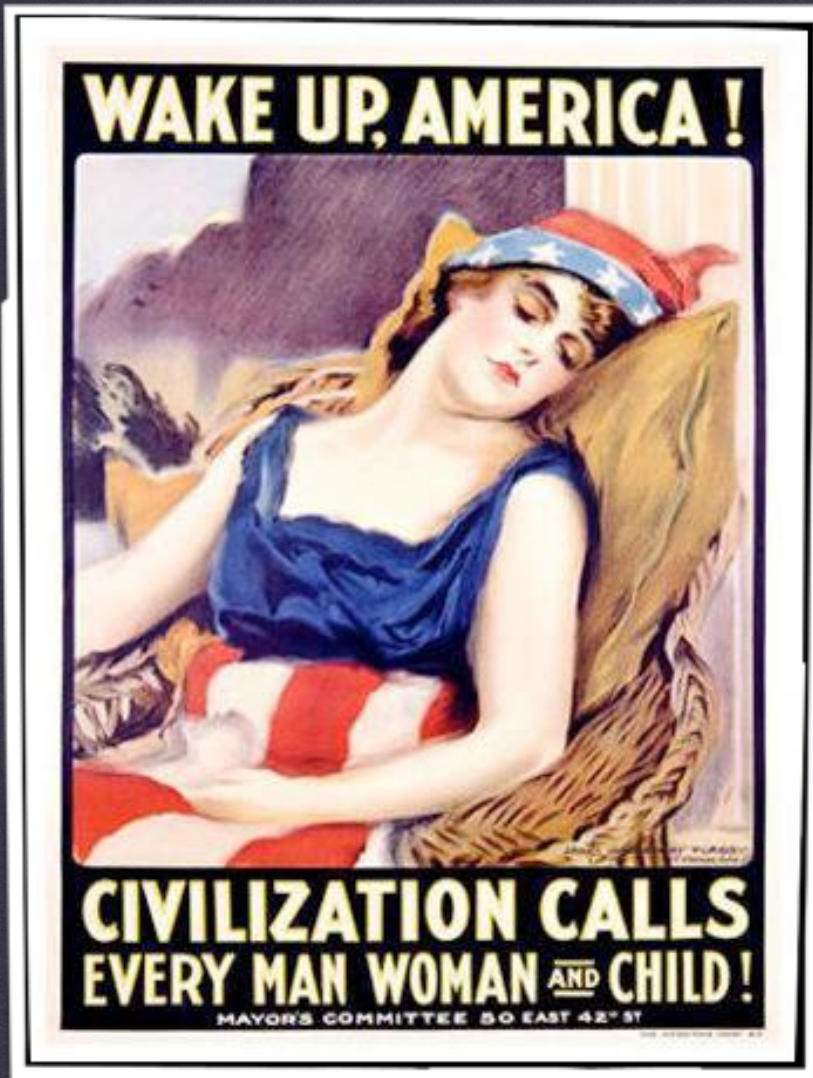
RESOURCES, MANUFACTURING, AGRICULTURE, CURRENCY WERE IN RUINS



Imperial governments and **monarchies** came crashing down
AUSTRIAN-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE, OTTOMAN EMPIRE, RUSSIAN CZAR, GERMAN KAISER WERE DISSOLVED/DEPOSED



EFFECTS IN AMERICA



The world economy in ruins, US became an **ECONOMIC SUPERPOWER** AMERICAN MANUFACTURING, FARMING, SHIPPING MADE \$\$\$ DURING THE WAR

With the war over, US farms & manufacturers had **SURPLUSES** FARMERS & FIRMS WERE LEFT WITH MASSIVE LOANS AND LITTLE REVENUE

Americans overwhelmingly desired a move to **ISOLATIONISM** WILSON SOUGHT TO SECURE A LASTING PEACE, AMERICANS WANTED TO ENJOY THE VICTORY IN THE GREAT WAR

WHICH BRINGS US TO...

The peace

PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE



The **armistice** to end WWI was signed on **November 11, 1918**
"11TH HOUR, 11TH DAY, 11TH MONTH"

President Wilson immediately pushed his plans for a lasting peace

steeped in his moral diplomacy, he believed US should lead the way

1919 - Wilson travels to Paris to the peace talks at **Palace of Versailles**

The first sitting president to travel to Europe, Wilson is greeted as a hero by Europeans



PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE



WILSON and the victorious Allied Leaders led the talks as 'The Big Four'

US, UK, FRANCE, AND ITALY

DOMINATED THE TALKS

RUSSIA WASN'T PRESENT AND GERMANY WASN'T INVITED

OPINIONS VARIED ON how to reach a Lasting peace

SOME WANTED TO SEVERELY PUNISH

GERMANY FOR THE WAR AND ITS AFFECTS

SOME WANTED TO SHOW LENIENCY AS TO EASE THE HEALING PROCESS

**BUT WILSON SUBMITTED A PLAN FOR
PEACE THAT HE HAD DESIGNED...**

**he BELIEVED THAT PUNISHMENT
WOULD HURT CHANCES FOR LASTING
PEACE**

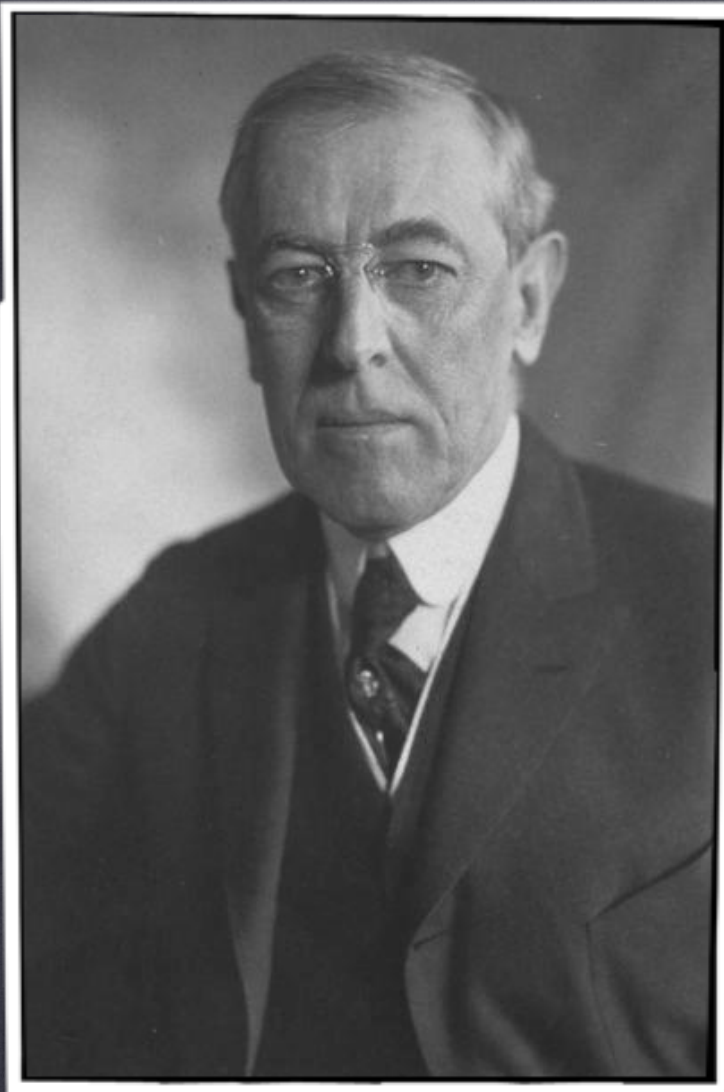


**HIS PLAN FOCUSED ON COOPERATION,
RECOVERY, and ORDER**



AND IT WAS CALLED...

THE FOURTEEN POINTS



The First Four Points

OPEN DIPLOMACY, FREEDOM OF THE SEAS, FREE TRADE, AND DISARMAMENT

The Fifth Point

PROPOSED A FAIR VOTING SYSTEM ON SETTLING CONFLICTS OVER COLONIES

Points Six through Thirteen

DEALT W/ THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE TO DECIDE THEIR OWN POLITICAL SYSTEMS

Point Fourteen

PROPOSED A LEAGUE OF NATIONS, OR A COUNCIL OF NATIONS TO SETTLE FUTURE DISPUTES & ENSURE PEACE

WHAT WAS ACHIEVED WAS
The Treaty of
VERSAILLES

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THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES

Treaty that **OFFICIALLY ended** World War I

KEY PROVISIONS

FORCED GERMANY TO ASSUME FULL BLAME FOR WWI BY SIGNING THE **WAR GUILT CLAUSE**

FORCED GERMANY TO PAY **\$33 BILLION IN REPARATIONS**

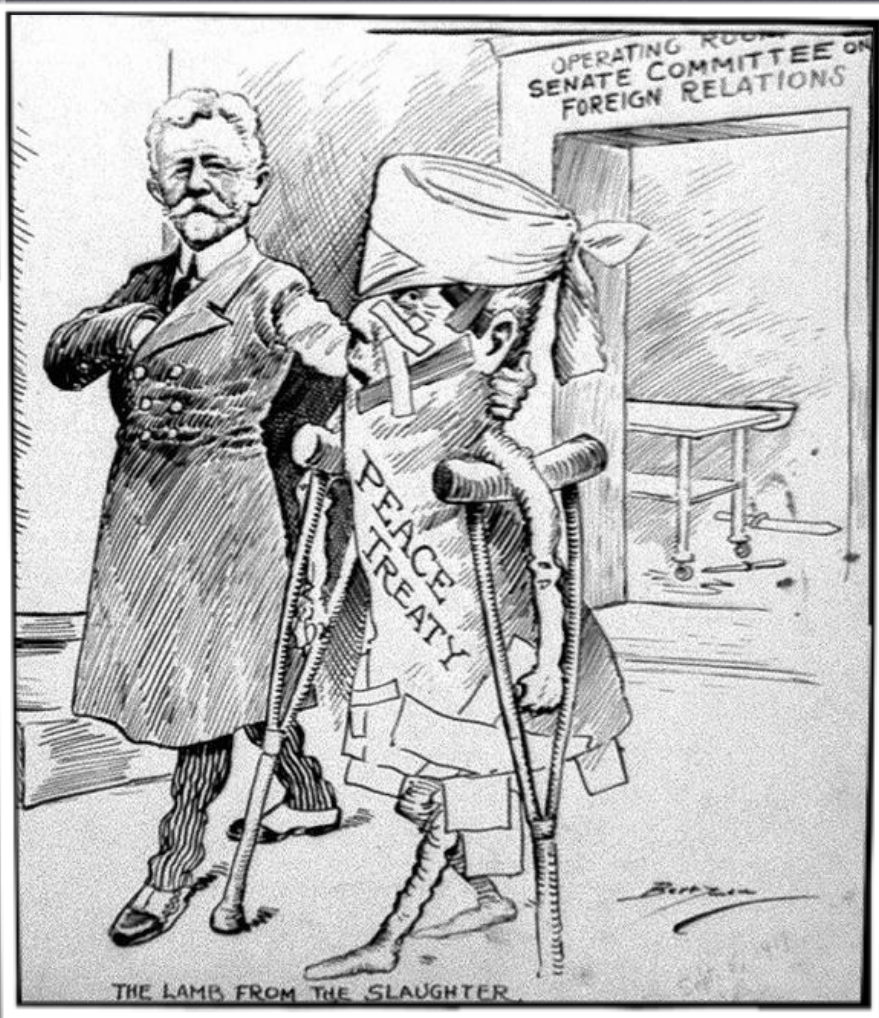
FORCED GERMANY TO **DISARM TO 100K TROOPS,**
DEMILITARIZE TERRITORIES AND COLONIES

OUTLAWED THE MAKING/IMPORTING OF **ARMS** IN GERMANY

FORMED THE **LEAGUE OF NATIONS**

CREATED NEW **DEMOCRATIC NATIONS** FROM LOSERS' TERRITORY

OPPOSITION IN THE US SENATE



WILSON still needed **ratification** by the **Senate** to approve the Treaty

The **Senate Republicans** strongly opposed the **League of Nations**
FEARED IT WOULD PULL US INTO FUTURE EUROPEAN CONFLICTS

After suffering a stroke, WILSON IS UNABLE TO COMPROMISE W/ GOP

THE US SENATE REJECTS THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES B/C OF THE LEAGUE

"THEY HAVE SHAMED US..."

ALL THIS LEADS TO
Weaknesses in
The Treaty

WEAKNESSES IN THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES



W/o US membership, the League of Nations was weak, ineffective

A wrecked economy meant Germany couldn't pay reparations

The War Guilt Clause made Germans resentful of the world

Ethnic and cultural rivalries weren't considered in new nations

No punishment if a nation violated the Treaty of Versailles

