

THE
TREATY OF PEACE

BETWEEN
THE ALLIED AND ASSOCIATED POWERS

AND
GERMANY,

The Protocol annexed thereto, the Agreement respecting
the military occupation of the territories of the Rhine,

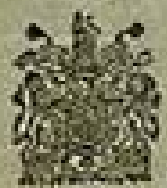
AND THE
TREATY

BETWEEN
FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN

RESPECTING
Assistance to France in the event of unprovoked
aggression by Germany.

Signed at Versailles, June 28th, 1919.

(With Maps and Signatures in Facsimile)




*COULD THE
SECOND WORLD
WAR HAVE BEEN
AVOIDED?*


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*Why I
Wanted To
Speak on
This.*

- I believe that the Treaty of Versailles, the peace treaty that ended World War 1, was the main cause behind World War 2.
 - Instead I believe that if the 14 Points, a peace proposal created by Woodrow Wilson, was signed we might have avoided World War 2.
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Background: 14 Points

- Peace proposal that Woodrow Wilson helped create.
 - More than 10 months before the surrender of Germany on November 11th of that year.
 - These 14 points were supposed to be the basis of the ideal peace treaty.
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The Fourteen Points

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THE FOURTEEN POINTS

These were defined by President Wilson in an address to Congress on January 8, 1918. Summarized they are:

1. "Open covenants of peace, openly arrived at."
2. Freedom of the seas, in peace and war.
3. Equality of trade conditions.
4. Reduction of armaments.
5. Adjustment of colonial claims with reference to the wishes of the governed population.
6. Evacuation of all Russian territory.
7. Evacuation and restoration of Belgium.
8. Evacuation of French territory, restoration of Alsace-Lorraine.
9. Readjustment of Italy's frontiers along lines of nationality.
10. Autonomous development for the peoples of Austria-Hungary.
11. Independence of Roumania, Servia, and Montenegro.
12. Relinquishment of Turkish control over non-Turkish populations.
13. Erection of an independent Polish state, with free and secure access to the sea.
14. A League of Nations to guarantee independence and territorial integrity to great and small states alike.

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Point 1

- “Open Covenants of Peace, Openly Arrived At”.
- Germany would have had a voice in the peace treaty.
- They did not, and John Maynard Keynes walked out.
- Believed that the repercussions would lead to political and economic turmoil in Europe.

Finn, Tara, et al. “Blog History of Government.” *History of Government*, history.blog.gov.uk/tag/david-lloyd-george/.

John Keynes Quote

- “Moved by insane delusion and reckless self-regard, the German people overturned the foundations on which we all lived and built. But the spokesmen of the French and British peoples have run the risk of completing the ruin, which Germany began, by a Peace which, if it is carried into effect, must impair yet further, when it might have restored, the delicate, complicated organization, already shaken and broken by war, through which alone the European peoples can employ themselves and live.” -Keynes(1919).
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Point 3



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

- Free and open trade for everyone.
- We did not get this, instead countries started imposing high tariffs on imports.
- These tariffs could be considered a major reason for the Great Depression.
- Great Depression was a major factor of the rise of Hitler in Germany.

Badkar, Mamta. "10 Hyperinflation Horror Stories Of The 20th Century." *Business Insider*, Business Insider, 19 Mar. 2011, www.businessinsider.com/10-hyperinflation-stories-of-the-20th-century-2011-3.



Thomas Lamont

Quote

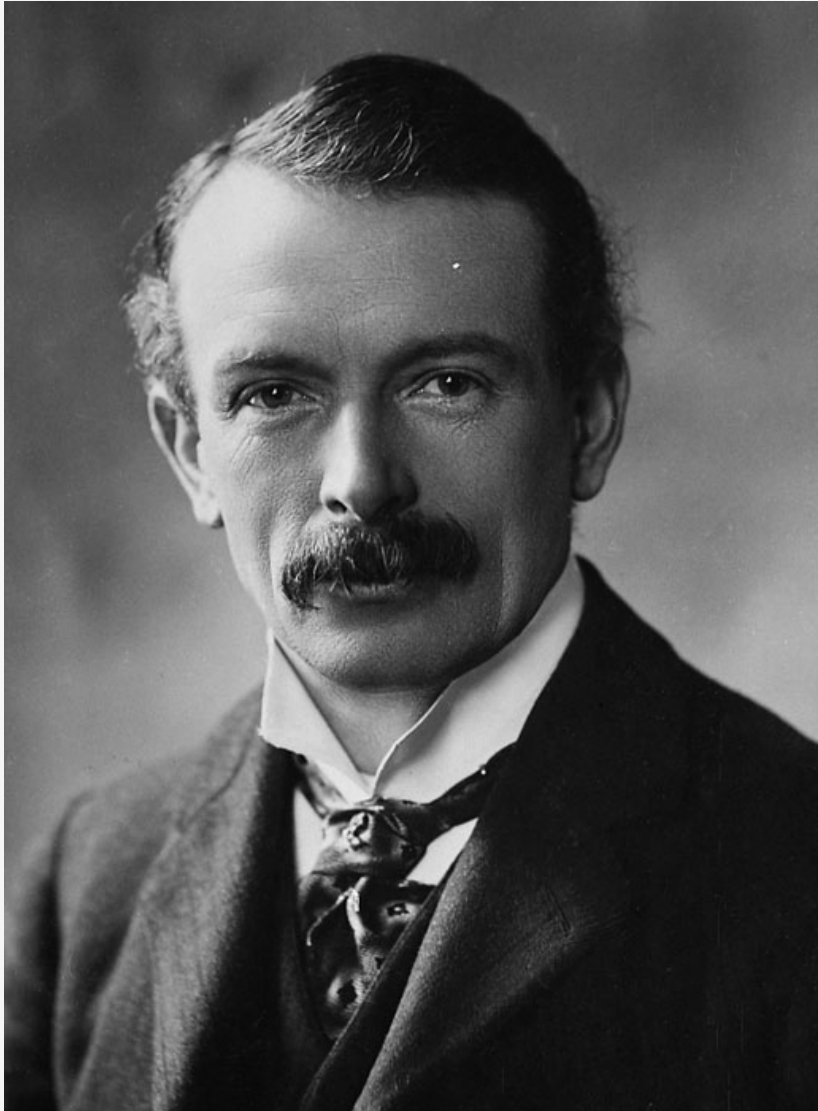
- “I almost went down on my knees to beg Herbert Hoover to veto the asinine Smoot-Hawley tariff, that act intensified nationalism all over the world.”- Lamont(1930).

Thomas W. Lamont, www.nndb.com/people/426/000162937/.

Point 14

- The League of Nations was an early form of the United Nations, but much weaker.
- The U.S did not join.
- Made it lack credibility.
- Could not monitor the treaty in Europe.
- Hitler did violate the treaty.





David Lloyd George Quote

- "The League of Nations is the greatest humbug in history. They cannot even protect a little nation like Armenia. They do nothing but pass useless resolutions." -David Lloyd George(1923).

In Conclusion

- If the countries had agreed to signing the fourteen points instead of the Treaty of Versailles, we could have avoided World War 2.
 - Led to less resentment in Germany.
 - It would have helped lessen the devastation of the great depression.
 - And it could have helped monitor Hitler more closely.
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