

Treaty of Versailles

Paris Conference

- “The Big Four”
 - Wilson (US)
 - David Lloyd George (Britain)
 - Georges Clemenceau (France)
 - Vittorio Orlando (Italy)



The Big Four at Versailles in 1919

What did France want?

- security
- reparations
- revenge



What did Britain want?

- In public- punish Germany
- In private-
 - needed Germ. as a trading partner
 - border against “disease from the east”- communism



What did America want?

- Fourteen Points
- League of Nations



Terms of Treaty

- Article 231 ("war-guilt" clause)
 - Germany
 - accepts blame for war
 - pays reparations (31 billion)
 - severe military restrictions
 - left out of League of Nations



The Military Clauses



- De-militarized Rhineland



Territorial Losses



Germany lost ALL of her overseas colonies



Alsace-Lorraine was given to France



REPARATIONS

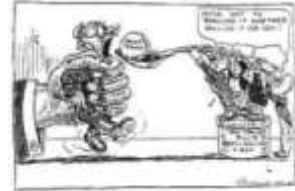
Germany agreed to pay for the damage caused by her armies during the war. The sum she had to pay was later fixed at **£6,600 million**

Germany was forbidden to unite with Austria



German Reaction

- "diktat"
– dictated peace



American Reaction

- isolationists oppose League of Nations
– led by Henry Cabot Lodge
– United States does not ratify treaty



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- They had not even been invited to the Conference!!!!