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SIX MONTHS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

# 1919

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How to punish  
Germany?  
Big dilemma?

What role did League  
of Nations and 14 points  
play?

Relation between  
American and British  
good

Americans and French  
deteriorating p145

over 1000 delegates  
Lloyd George's daughter  
Oliver - a brief  
visit to conference

Elsa Maxwell -  
found a husband  
p146 married  
Dorothy

L Geo. youngest  
daughters Megan

Richard Holbrooke  
intro

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Majestic  
Cillon  
Bois de Boulogne

"peace maker took too long and got it wrong"

The Big Four Frame - Georges Clemenceau  
Britain - David Lloyd George  
Italy - Vittorio Orlando  
U.S. - Woodrow Wilson

How important was understanding English?

What was the secret Treaty of London (1915)

What role did Gabriele D'Annunzio play - who was he  
London Treaty - promised Italy large chunk of Slovenia P295  
and northern coast of Dalmatian coast

Arch duke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo - his murder

What was relationship between Wilson / Lansing and House  
P149 - you say Wilson's behavior was cruel and ultimately  
costly.

On Feb. 14 - Clemenceau was fired on by a man - several  
shots - One bullet hit him between ribs - carried it  
for rest of his life.

Assassination: Eugene Lotier - got 10 yrs. (out in 5) Clem. walked  
in garden next day back at long. in a week - but never  
the same P151

Wilson's return home in Feb - Ge. Wash had weather - lands  
in Boston - gives speech - League draft on chair - Henry  
Cabot Lodge - his great opponent had not seen it.

Lodge "short stout, bad tempered and a tremendous  
snob - he loathed Wilson - thought to be ignoble  
and a coward"

League of Nations - It ceased to count in 1939 - pronounced  
dead in 1946

L.G. - League never caught his imagination (P85)

Clem. - ambivalent - "I like the League but do not believe  
in it"

Should be first business of conference - Jan Smuts

Jan. 25 - Conf. created commission on the League -  
Robert Cecil - thought Wilson a bully P90

League Army? - no chance

French wanted a military force - Germany would not  
get it immediately

## PARIS 1919

What were the big disagreements among

Wilson / Clemenceau / Lloyd George

American troops were leaving for home - all  
will be home by Aug '19

"Paris may have founded a world government, but  
the government power was never as great as most  
people, both then and since, have assumed."

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Russia

P65

You say it was "nonsense" that Russia played  
a bigger role at Paris than Prussia -

Baker

Admiral 19<sup>th</sup> Estuary - office 19<sup>th</sup>  
Napoleon Rooms. -

Hall of Mirrors — p470

L.G. — Wilson reported to have said "you make me sick"  
Bolshevism — used often as threat

↳ L.G. wanted to back down on treaty at last minute

June 28 — signing day

German delegation arrives at 3a.m. after  
slow train through the battlefields

Germany suppose to pay <sup>2</sup> 33 Billion — in fact  
paid 4.5 B. 1918-1932

Treaty limited officers in Germany to 4000  
but didn't say anything about non-coms 40,000

McKellan — says you can't blame Treaty of Versailles  
for WWI

440 Clauses in Treaty of Versailles p181

\* "grasping Clemenceau" ← Responsibility  
"vacillating Lloyd George" for disastrous  
"pathetic, broken Wilson" consequences of  
treaty — argument  
yes

John Maynard Keynes — (182)

L.G. love of power

Clem. dried up old and better.

Wilson — betrayed his own principles

Brit owed US 4.7 B Framed 4 B

Reparations — 28% for Britain 57% for France



MM doesn't agree that peacemakers caused WW I p493

Lloyd George - Syrian questions p382 \*

land grabber - Clemenceau exchange about  
who gets what - good place to start with  
1916 - Sykes - Picot agreement - way to divide up  
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Sir Mark Georges Arab speaking countries

Hussein - McMahon letter - Feisal son of Hussein  
Balfour Declaration - promising Jews a homeland  
Lawrence of Arabia - British liaison officer who rode  
at Feisal's side

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Palestine - Chaim Weizmann p412

L.G. knew Bible names more than kings

Balfour Declaration (1917) Uganda

In April 1920 - final agreement on Palestine -  
To become a British mandate (not that friends)

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The German issue p158

the great majority of Germans never experienced defeat  
at first hand

Reparations - should they pay  
who started the war

Food slow to be sent to Germany after war

Kaiser - lived in Netherlands who wouldn't turn him  
over - lived until 1941 - "never grew up" 163

war - 4 years - 3 months

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Foch and Clemenceau - dreadful scenes p168  
at conference

What was the special amendment on Monroe Doctrine  
in covenant of the League.

Supreme Council  
Council of Ten

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Council of Four