

BELGIUM OPPOSES TAKING RHINELAND OUT OF GERMANY

Conference at Brussels Ends in Agreement Regarding Possession of Fuel.

SHARP DISCUSSIONS

Poincare Assented to Gradual Evacuation of Ruhr, Say Newspapers.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE ADJUTANT.
Brussels, March 13.—Belgium opposed separation of the Rhineland from Germany, where a meeting was proposed at the Franco-Belgian conference here. It was reported today. The conference ended in complete agreement of the two governments, regarding steps to be taken to get Ruhr fuel, and to safeguard the Ruhr against occupying forces, it was announced. A further conference to discuss terms—in event of German capitulation—will be held, it was believed.

AGREE ON DEATH PENALTY.
Associated Press Despatch.
Brussels, March 13.—The news

Premier Poincaré had a final earnest conversation with Premier Theunis between 7 and 8 o'clock this

Although an accord was reached on the fundamental points in connection with the Ruhr occupation for which the conference was arranged as announced in last night's communiqué, it is learned there were sharp discussions over a number of questions. The technical phase of the

conference resulted in a general agreement on the policy to be pursued in the Ruhr and on the arrangements for getting out coal from the valley.

The Belgians during the conference insisted at great length upon their points of view and it is asserted here, that the gradual evacuation of the Ruhr as Germany pays, was as

sented to by M. Poincare with the greatest reluctance. It is widely commented that when he left the

The Belgians pointed out that they did not want to do anything to offend Great Britain as they were obliged to look to Britain for protection as well as France. The Belgians said the whole situation should be frankly laid before the allies as soon as Germany acknowledged defeat in the

One of the sharpest bits of discussion is understood to have arisen over the question of consolidation of the French regime in the Ruhr and the Rhineland. The Versailles treaty provides that the Rhineland shall be occupied only a maximum of fifteen years after the Germans begin a loyal

execution of the treaty. The Belgians are declared to have pointed out their interests would be affected if the French intended to remain in the Rhineland permanently.

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