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Treaties of Peace will not, however, enter into force as far as Canada and the other Allied or Associated powers are concerned until their separate Instruments of Ratification have been deposited.

Although the Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and France have now obtained approval, through their respective legislative processes, for ratification of the various treaties, none of the Great Powers has as yet taken the final step of depositing its Instruments of Ratification.

Honourable Members will have seen that on June 5th the United States Senate approved the Italian Treaty by a vote of 79 to 10, and the treaties with Roumania, Bulgaria and Hungary by an unrecorded voice vote.

The texts of the Peace Treaties make it clear that Canada could not terminate the state of war existing between this country and the respective enemy states by depositing the Canadian Instruments of Ratification prior to the Treaties having been brought into force by the responsible Great Powers.