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It is now quite evident that the Italian delegates at the conference are backed by the great majority of the Italian people in their claims regarding Fiume and the Dalmatian coast. And we cannot see that the difference between President Wilson and Premier Orlando was either so vital or so important as to be made the cause of a deadlock such as has occurred. The Italian people will never be satisfied with less than they have claimed, and as between Italians and Jugo-Slavs the Allied nations who fought right through the war can have no choice. Idealism is all very well; but idealism and even abstract justice have occasionally to give way before practical difficulties and real issues.

There is no mistaking President Wilson's ability, and not the least shadow of doubt as to his sincerity and the honesty of his intentions. But it seems to us we hear too much of his fourteen points. Nobody ever knew but himself what was meant by some of his points, and it begins to

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**LABOR BEFORE COMMISSION.**

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