

day afternoon [March 13] to the Secretariat of the British Delegation for circulation. A copy is appended for the information of Council.¹ Sir Robert Borden would be glad to have the views of Council by cable as to his proposals and as to any further amendments which Council might think desirable.

4. There have been conferences with the Prime Ministers of the other Dominions with respect to the method by which the Dominions shall signify their adherence to the Peace Treaty and the subsidiary conventions, as well as to the Covenant establishing a League of Nations. Sir Robert Borden placed before the other Prime Ministers his views on the subject, as to which he had previously conferred with the other Canadian Delegates. The views which he thus presented and which were unanimously approved by the other Prime Ministers have been embodied in a memorandum which was sent on Thursday of this week to the Secretariat of the British Delegation for circulation. A copy of this memorandum is herewith appended.²

5. Mr. Lloyd Harris arrived from London on Sunday evening, the ninth instant, and left with Sir George Foster for Lyon on Tuesday evening, the eleventh instant. After very considerable delay and great difficulty Mr. Harris has finally succeeded in bringing about the removal of restrictions which have so seriously handicapped trade between Canada and the United Kingdom. An interview which Mr. Harris gave to the London *Times*, and which, doubtless, has been cabled to Canada, attracted marked and widespread attention, especially among the members of the British House of Commons. It is considered that Mr. Harris scored a very great success in eventually triumphing over the obstacles which he encountered from the first.

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7. The questions which stand for consideration and determination before the preliminaries of peace can be settled are as follows:

First. Naval and Military terms. These are practically ready. A copy of the latest draft is sent forward herewith³ for the information of Council.

Second. Reparation and Indemnity. The main Committee, as well as the sub-committees, of which there are several, have not made the progress that was anticipated. There is great difficulty in dealing with the claims of France and Belgium which are put forward in somewhat exaggerated form and with the demand that they must take precedence over all other claims. The differences have become rather acute and confidential conversations on the subject have been held between Mr. Clemenceau and Mr. Lloyd George, who has proposed to the French Prime Minister a basis of agreement which with some modifications will probably be accepted. It provides in effect that whatever sums can be recovered from Germany shall be distributed in fixed proportions between France, Belgium and the British

¹ Document n° 74.

² Document n° 73.

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