

exercise administrative supervision over the execution of certain provisions of the Treaty of Versailles. On the other hand, the Commission was invested by the Treaty with certain judicial functions which it was its duty to exercise in complete independence.

8. By reason of this two-fold character the Commission had, while preserving its full freedom as a tribunal, to co-operate with the Allied Governments in seeking to discover the basis of a practical system for putting the Experts' Report into operation. It had been suggested that the Commission should do its best to conclude with the German Government an agreement which should not give rise to objections whatever might be the decisions of the London Conference.

9. In accordance with what had been agreed semi-officially by the Commission, M. Delacroix and Sir John Bradbury had tried to arrange:

(1) For the assent by the German Government in a formal document to matters which had hitherto been dealt with by correspondence arising out of the labours of the various Organisation Committees and with Mr. Young, so far as concerned the Control Protocol;

(2) For a formal undertaking binding the Reparation Commission on the one hand and the German Government on the other hand, to give effect, in so far as the matters dealt with were within their competence, to any decisions which might be arrived at by common agreement between the German Government and the Allied Governments in the London Conference.

10. There was

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