

countries. Restitution of the Russian and Roumanian gold yielded to Germany or taken by that power. This gold to be delivered in trust to the allies until the signature of peace.

Naval Conditions

20.—Immediate cessation of all hostilities at sea and definite information to be given as to the location and movements of all German ships. Notification to be given to neutrals that freedom of navigation in all territorial waters is given to the naval and mercantile marines of the allied and associated powers, all questions of neutrality being waved.

21.—All naval and mercantile marine prisoners of war of the allied and associated powers in German hands to be returned without reciprocity.

22.—Surrender to the allies and the United States of America of one hundred and sixty German submarines (including all submarine cruisers and mine-laying submarines), with their complete armament and equipment in ports which will be specified by the allies and the United States of America. All other submarines to be paid off and completely disarmed and placed under the supervision of the allied powers and the United States of America.

Surrender of High Seas Fleet

23.—The following German surface warships which shall be designated by the allies and the United States of America shall forthwith be disarmed and thereafter interned in neutral ports, or for the want of them in allied ports, to be designated by the allies and the United States of America, and placed under the surveillance of the allies and the United States of America, only caretakers being left on board, namely, six battle cruisers, ten battleships, eight light cruisers, including two mine-layers, fifty destroyers of the most modern type. All other surface warships (including river craft) are to be concentrated in German naval bases to be designated by the allies and the United States of America, and are to be paid off and completely disarmed and placed under the supervision of the allies and the United States of America. All vessels of the auxiliary fleet (trawlers, motor vessels, etc.) are to be disarmed.

24.—The allies and the United States of America shall have the right to sweep up all minefields and obstructions laid by Germany outside German territorial waters and the positions of these are to be indicated.

25.—Freedom of access to and from the Baltic to be given to the naval and mercantile marines of the allied and associated powers. To secure this the allies and the United States of America shall be empowered to occupy all German forts, fortifications, batteries and defence works of all kinds in all the entrances from the Cattegat into the Baltic, and to sweep up all mines and obstructions within and without German territorial waters, without any question of neutrality being raised, and the positions of all such mines and obstructions are to be indicated.

Blockade Remains

26.—The existing blockade conditions set up by the allied and associated powers are to remain unchanged and all German merchant ships found at sea are to remain liable to capture.

27.—All naval aircraft are to be concentrated and immobilized in German bases to be specified by the allies and the United States of America.

28.—In evacuating the Belgian coasts and ports, Germany shall abandon all merchant ships, tugs, light-

ers, cranes and all other harbor materials, all materials for inland navigation, all aircraft and all materials and stores, all armaments and all stores and apparatus of all kinds.

29.—All Black Sea ports are to be evacuated by Germany; all Russian war vessels of all descriptions seized by Germany in the Black Sea are to be handed over to the allies and the United States of America; all neutral merchant vessels seized are to be released; all war-like and other materials of all kinds seized in those ports are to be returned and German materials as specified in Clause 28 are to be abandoned.

30.—All merchant vessels in German hands belonging to the allied and the associated powers are to be restored in ports to be specified by the allies and the United States of America without reciprocity.

31.—No destruction of ships or of materials to be permitted before evacuation, surrender or restoration.

32.—The German Government will notify the neutral Governments of the world, and particularly the Governments of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland, that all restrictions placed on the trading of their vessels with the allied and associated countries, whether by the German Government or by private German interests, and whether in return for specific concessions, such as the export of shipbuilding materials or not, are immediately cancelled.

33.—No transfers of German merchant shipping of any description to any neutral flag are to take place after signature of the armistice.

Duration of Armistice

34.—The duration of the armistice is to be thirty days with option to extend. During this period, on failure of execution of any of the above clauses, the armistice may be denounced by one of the contracting parties on 48 hours' previous notice.

AMENDMENTS TO ARMISTICE TERMS

ABOVE is the text of the armistice terms as they were read to the United States Congress last Monday by President Wilson. They were evidently the terms that had been submitted to Marshal Foch by the Versailles conference, and a copy of which had been sent to President Wilson. Later press despatches, however, indicate that Marshal Foch made a number of changes in the terms before he presented them for the signatures of the German envoys.

The agreement as finally concluded specifies the delivery to the Allies of all of Germany's submarines, instead of the 160 specified in the original draft.

Another amendment specifies that the countries on the left bank of the Rhine evacuated by the Germans shall be administered by the local troops of occupation, instead of by the local authorities under the control of the armies of occupation. Instead of immediate withdrawal of German troops from Russia, as originally provided, the amended terms specify that they shall be withdrawn as soon as the Allies, taking into consideration the internal situation of Russia, shall decide that the time for this has come.

Treble Railway Cars

Reduction is made in the amount of certain military equipment to be delivered by the Germans to the Allies,