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It is not easy to present a progress report at this stage of the proceedings of the Paris Conference. In attempting to do so, we should be careful not to say one word which might, by reverberation, make the solution of any of its manifold problems more difficult. This brings me to the first of the impressions which I should like to share with you. The problems confronting the Conference are numerous and far too intricate for snap judgement or a quick decision. The problems are also all inextricably inter-related. You cannot isolate them and deal with them individually. The question of the South Tyrol cannot be considered by itself, apart from the arrangements that are going to be made about the future of Trieste, the border line between Italy and Yugoslavia, the border line between Italy and France, and the ultimate disposition of the Italian colonies. The very nature of the questions that have to be settled in the Treaty of Peace is such that <sup>it</sup> its negotiation must be contingent and slow, if even rough justice is to be realized and a firm foundation laid for the peace.

The services of the press and radio have done a thorough and careful job in attempting to explain to peoples all over the world the complexity of the issues which have to be disentangled before abiding settlements can be reached. The public discussions which have lasted so long in Paris have at