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7. Convention revising the Berlin Act of 1885 and the Brussels Act of 1890 for the application of the principles of civilization to Africa and regarding trading in the Congo Basin.

8. Agreement between the Allied and Associated Powers with regard to the Italian reparation payments. This was subsequently modified by a declaration signed at Paris, December 8, 1919.

9. Agreement between the Allied and Associated Powers with regard to the cost of liberation of territories of the former Austro-Hungarian Monarchy. This was also modified by a declaration signed at Paris, December 8, 1919.

10. Protocol extending the time for the signature of the treaties and agreements, signed 10th September.

A treaty between the Principal Allied and Associated Powers and Roumania to insure the protection of minorities in that country was signed at Paris on the 9th December, 1919.

A treaty was also signed at Paris on the same day between the Principal Allied and Associated Powers, Denmark, The Netherlands, Sweden and Norway, recognizing the sovereignty of the last-named power over the Spitzbergen archipelago.

An agreement similar to that with France of 1918 was concluded by His Majesty with Belgium on the 13th June, 1919, providing for the care of British war graves in that country.

THE OPIUM CONVENTION OF 1912.

In virtue of a provision of the Peace Treaty with Germany (a similar provision is contained in the treaty with Austria), the ratification of that treaty was regarded as a ratification of the Opium Convention signed at The Hague, the 23rd January, 1912, and a signature of the additional protocol of 1914, the stipulations of which agreement, therefore, became binding on Canada as from the 10th January, 1920. The object of the convention is to insure the enactment by the contracting powers of legislation for regulating the manufacture, sale and use of morphia, cocaine and their respective salts.

THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE.

Provision having been made also by the treaty with Germany for a conference of the representatives of the members of the League of Nations to promote the improvement of conditions of labour, the first meeting of such Conference was summoned by the President of the United States to be held at Washington, its sessions lasting from the 29th October to the 29th November, 1919. It adopted, in addition to certain recommendations, six draft conventions regarding hours of work, unemployment, employment of women (2) minimum age of employment and night work of young persons. Canada was represented at the conference by the Hon. N. W. Rowell and the Hon. G. D. Robertson.

GENERAL ARBITRATION TREATIES.

The Arbitration Convention between His Majesty and Norway originally signed at London on the 11th August, 1904, was on the 8th November, 1919, renewed for a further period of five years, running from the latter date.

The similar convention with Sweden was in like manner renewed for a further five years' period on the 9th November, 1919.

On the 16th November, 1919, the Arbitration Agreement with Portugal was renewed for a further period of five years.