

THE WAR AIMS OF THE ALLIES

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"IF, then, we are asked what we are fighting for, we reply, as we have often replied; We are fighting for a just and lasting peace—and we believe that before permanent peace can be hoped for three conditions must be fulfilled.

"First, the sanctity of treaties must be re-established; secondly, a territorial settlement must be secured based on the right of self-determination or the consent of the governed; and, lastly, we must seek by the creation of some international organization to limit the burden of armaments and diminish the probability of war.

"On these conditions the British Empire would welcome peace. To secure these conditions its peoples are prepared to make even greater sacrifices than those they have yet endured."

DAVID LLOYD GEORGE,
Prime Minister of Great Britain.

"FIRST, that this intolerable thing of which the masters of Germany have shown us the ugly face, this menace of combined intrigue and force which we now see so clearly as the German power, a Thing without conscience or honor or capacity for covenanted peace, must be crushed, and, if it be not utterly brought to an end at least shut out from the friendly intercourse of the nations; and, second, that when this Thing and its power are indeed defeated and the time comes that we can discuss peace—when the German people have spokesmen whose word we can believe and when those spokesmen are ready in the name of their people to accept the common judgment of the nations as to what shall henceforth be the basis of law and of covenant for the life of the world—we shall be willing and glad to pay the full price for peace, and pay it ungrudgingly."

WOODROW WILSON,
President of the United States.