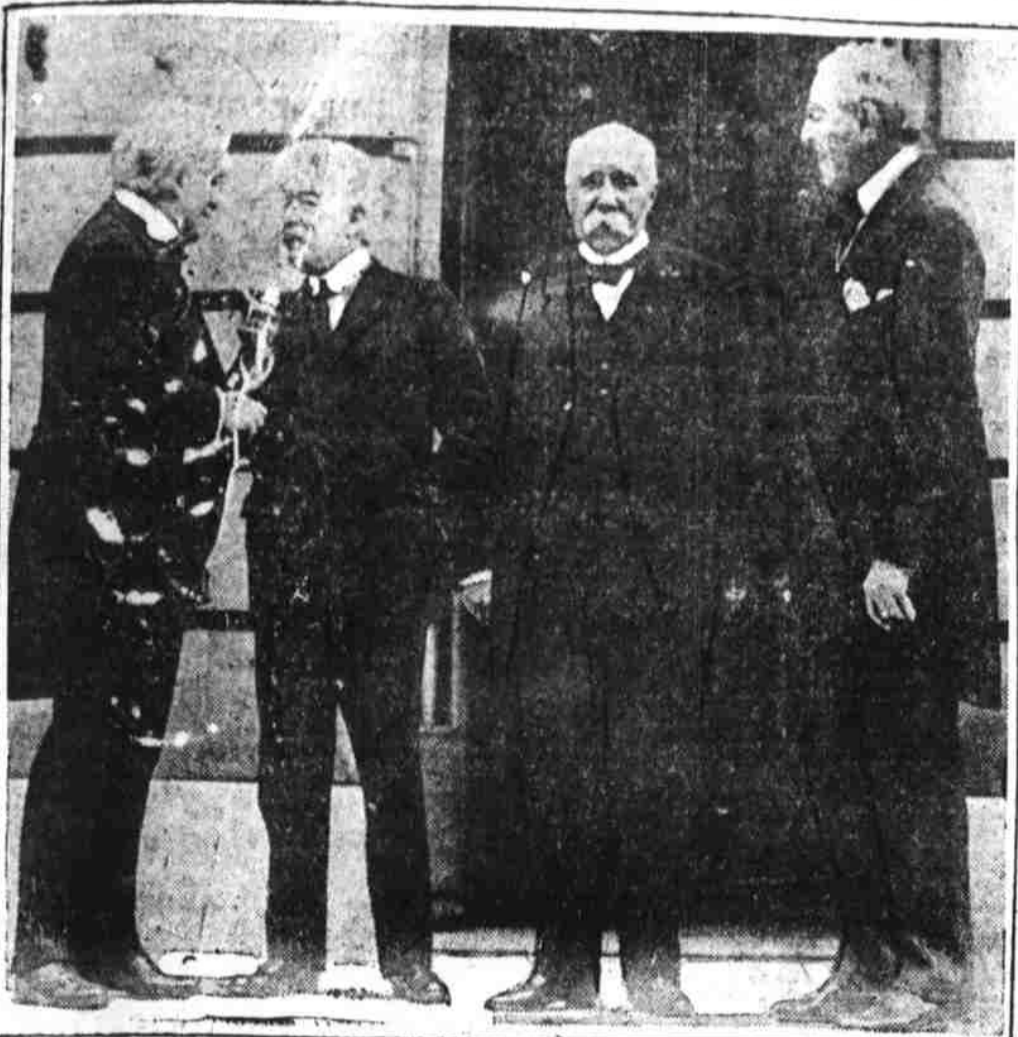


Last of "Big Four" Passes Off Stage of International Politics



Left to right: Lloyd George of England, Orlando of Italy, Clemenceau of France and Wilson of America.

(By Central Press)
LONDON, Oct. 24.—The last of the "Big Four" has gone the way of his predecessors.
Truly, fame is fickle and fleeting. The four great men who guided the destinies of their respective nations and of the world in the world war, Orlando of Italy, Clemenceau of France, Wilson of the United States and Lloyd George of Great Britain, are no more—politically speaking.
A few short years ago Clemenceau, "The Tiger," was hailed as the "Saviour of France." Wilson was acclaimed as the champion of world democracy; Orlando was the hero of Italy, and Lloyd George was pronounced the greatest of the great.
And where are they now. Orlando, wartime Premier of Italy, whose patriotic stand almost broke up the Versailles Conference and caused him to be hailed as a national hero in Italy, was the first to fall from the pedestal of popular favor.
His Cabinet resigned in June, 1919. Since then Orlando has seldom been mentioned as a figure in Italy's affairs. With the fall of his ministry Orlando sunk into oblivion that, perhaps, never will be lifted.
France followed Italy's example in repudiating the man she had once hailed as "Saviour." In January following the political death

of Orlando, Premier Georges Clemenceau suffered a similar fate. The lion-hearted Frenchman, as much responsible as anyone for the allied victory in the world war, was denied a vote of confidence in the French Chamber of Deputies, and he too stepped out of office, a political outcast.
Clemenceau is a fighter. His title, "The Tiger," bestowed upon him for his relentless antagonism to Germany, shows that, but it is doubtful if he ever will return to power in France. The chief obstacle in his path is his advanced age and it is doubtful if his ambitions lie in that direction.
"The Tiger" can forget politics and live contentedly in the knowledge that he, more than anyone else saved his beloved France from another 1870.
In the case of President Wilson the handwriting on the wall was visible sometime before the election of 1920 overwhelmed him, his candidate, party and principles.
Hailed as the world's saviour in London and Paris at the close of the war his popularity gradually waned. Then the United States Senate repudiated the Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations, twins of Wilson's brain.
Confident of final vindication by the electorate, Wilson carried his principles to the voters in the 1920 election through Presidential Candidate Cox and the platform of the

Democratic Party which stood for ratification of the treaty.
The result is well known. Cox was defeated in one of the greatest Republican landslides in the history of the United States. The American people decisively repudiated their great war time leader and his policies.
But somehow or other while his peace conference colleagues were dropping from the pinnacles of their fame to oblivion, Lloyd George carried on.
Crisis came and went. His coalition regime was threatened time and again. But each time Lloyd George emerged victorious.
The world came to look upon the great little Welshman as the greatest statesman of his time.
Then came the Near East crisis. His political enemies rallied and by great effort mustered enough strength to wreck the coalition government.
Lloyd George resigned and with him went his Ministry. He joined his colleagues of the "Big Four" in comparative oblivion.
Will he come back where the others have not? He is a fighter—perhaps not of the type of Clemenceau but a fighter nevertheless, and it is just as possible that the coming general elections in Britain may return him to power.
Surely, the paths of glory lead but to—oblivion.

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Loudest Proclaimed of Administration's Achievements Proves Flivver.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24.—The one achievement of the Harding administration about which Republicans have boasted loudest and longest—the Disarmament Conference—has so far proved to be only a flivver. The avowed purpose of the Conference was to reduce governmental expenditures by reducing armaments, and when Mr. Hughes proposed his plan for scrapping a limited number of first line armships, he was acclaimed a great statesman, and again mentioned for the presidency.
The trusting people foresaw an immediate reduction in government taxation and believed that the first step had been taken for a general reduction of armaments by all nations. The Washington Disarmament Conference, however, like most of the acts of the Harding administration, only raised the hopes of the people without fulfillment. It served the temporary political purpose of helping to restore a fast of waning confidence

in the Chief Executive. But no battleships have been scrapped, no expenditures have been reduced by reason thereof, and the public is now informed by the Secretary of the Navy that no battleships will be scrapped until the treaty has been ratified by the last of the subscribing powers. Neither France nor Italy has ratified the treaties and so far as known no influence has been brought to bear upon them to do so. Mr. Hughes has been excusing to South America, Mr. Harding has been busy with Ohio politics. It is not strange that the administration has shown no anxiety about accomplishing practical results through the complete ratification of these treaties. Mr. Harding and his advisors were long opposed to the Disarmament Conference, which was called into being by a resolution of Senator Borah and supported by Democrats and Progressive Republicans. When it was certain the resolution would pass both houses the opposition was withdrawn. Having profited politically for the time being, the administration apparently has let the whole disarmament matter drift just as the administration itself has been drifting.

The people reposed great confidence in the work of the Disarmament Conference and were led by the administration to expect immediate and great results. They have been sadly disappointed just as they have been disappointed each time they have believed in the glowing promises of this Republican administration, only to find in the end barren results.

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