

**France Speech**  
**Alyshia and Elizabeth**

Welcome my friends and my enemies to my palace Versailles! Today we gather to speak about the horrific war that Germany committed. 1,400,000 soldiers are dead because of Germany. In addition, we have 2,500,000 men wounded. France is in disarray and the people felt hopeless. I am here to restore their peace of mind and make them feel safe again. To continue, it is our right to have Alsace-Lorraine back. It is our territory! We must have this returned immediately. Furthermore, we need to be occupying the Rhineland for the security and protection of our people. Germany should not be allowed into this territory. It will be controlled by the League of Nations. This will help in stopping any future attacks. Currently, 750,000 houses and 23,000 factories have been destroyed. Germany must pay us to rebuild our lives. As the aggressors of this war they must pay for their actions. Innocent French citizens have suffered due to their cruelty. Also, we will control the Saar for the League of Nations and mandate the coal mines. This is a minor repayment for the French mines that Germany destroyed.

I implore you all to see our need for revenge. Germany has killed our people, destroyed our land and ruined our lives. We must be repaid and compensated for these crimes. At the time of the Franco-Prussian war we paid the reprimands that the Germans gave us. It seems fitting that Germany must do the same for us. This time you have failed Germany and you must pay for the futile damage you caused. Our anger and bitterness is justified and must be addressed.

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We are a delegation of the Commonwealth Empire once a part of the great Polish Republic. We are now torn between the areas of Germany, Austria-Hungary and Russia. Our people are simple folk, forging towards a new area of land for our Polish speaking society to dwell on their own. When Poland vanished at the hand of its more powerful neighbors at the end of the eighteenth century, we've since struggled to find independence from our bullying neighbors. Since the beginning of this destructive war our Polish people have been stretched to pick up arms in places such as Austria-Hungary and Germany while others picked up arms in Russia, furthering the separation of our people. What our people and culture need is a time of healing in a land of our own and access to resources such as the Baltic Sea.

As Wilson's thirteenth point clearly states, "An independent Poland should be created access to the sea," we request an access to the Baltic Sea through the mouth of Vistula. Vistula should appear an obvious choice, as it was once a great and prosperous city, under Polish rule. Although, you may say that if calculated today (in 1919), its population will reflect it's 90% German. However, much of the surrounding countryside is heavily Polish. Next, there is a need of an independent Poland, a need to secure the frontiers of 1772 (Show on map) and to promote a robust Poland, as a check on both Germany and Bolshevism, 40% of total population under firm Polish controls. Again, Wilson's 14 points visibly say, *Self-determination* is a huge necessity, as we have a right to set up our own independent national states. Britain has unfortunately not supported our thoughts and ideas, as they find us a liability in the event that our neighbors may be attacked. The big question is, how will defend us? Moreover, they don't

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care for either Polish faction or myself (Pilsudski), as I have fought against them. Britain sees me as a dangerous radical, and for Dmowaski, they say he's too right wing.

On the other hand, France has supported the idea of an independent Poland with the most enthusiasm! Not only are they supportive, but their plan of action gives us a benefit. France desires for Germany to no longer be a military base, by taking away parts of their land and that helps our Polish desire to have access to the Baltic, through the German corridor.

\*\*Willing to accept less, even to contemplate a federation, where Lithuanians and/or Ukrainians , collaborate equally with the Poles. \*\*