

PROLONGING OF ARMISTICE WITH GERMANY

*Convention signed at Trier, Germany, February 16, 1919, prolonging
armistice convention of November 11, 1918*¹
*Effective from February 17, 1919*²

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[TRANSLATION]

CONVENTION PROLONGING THE ARMISTICE WITH GERMANY, FEBRUARY 16, 1919

The undersigned plenipotentiaries, possessed of the powers in virtue of which the armistice agreement of November 11, 1918, was signed, have concluded the following additional agreement:

Admiral Wemyss being replaced by Admiral Browning, Gen. von Winterfeldt by Gen. von Hammerstein, and the minister plenipotentiary, Count von Oberndorff, by the minister plenipotentiary, von Haniel.

I. The Germans are to cease all hostilities against the Poles at once, whether in the district of Posen or any other district. With this end in view, they are forbidden to allow their troops to cross the following line: The old frontier between East and West Prussia and Russia as far as Louisenfelde, from thence the line west of Louisenfelde, west of Gr. Neudorff, south of Brzoza, north of Schubin, north of Exin, south of Samotschin, south of Chodziesen, north of Czarnikau, west of Miala, west of Birnbaum, west of Bentschen, west of Wollstein, north of Lissa, north of Rawitsch, south of Krotoschin, west of Adelnau, west of Schildberg, north of Doruchow, to the Silesian frontier.

II. The armistice of November 11, prolonged by the agreements of December 13, 1918, and January 16, 1919, until February 17, 1919, is further

¹ *Ante*, p. 9.

² The armistice controlled relations between the contracting parties until the entry into force of the treaty of peace signed at Versailles June 28, 1919 (*post*, p. 43). The United States did not become a party to the treaty of peace but signed a treaty establishing friendly relations with Germany at Berlin Aug. 25, 1921 (TS 658, *post*).

prolonged for a short period, the date of expiry not being given, the allied powers and those associated with them reserving to themselves the right to terminate the period at three days' notice.

III. The carrying out of those clauses of the agreement of November 11, 1918, and of the additional agreements of December 13, 1918, and January 16, 1919, the terms of which have not yet been fully carried into effect, will be continued and completed during the prolongation of the armistice, according to detailed arrangements made by the permanent armistice commission, acting on instructions issued by the supreme allied command.

Trier, February 16, 1919.

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