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The purpose of this handbook is to guide you through the historical and diplomatic expectations of the country or government from you that the study guide may not cover, since we did not want to delve into alternative history in it. The study guide is still your first source of information with real historical facts, and you are still responsible for learning its details.

Australia:

Make sure that Australia receives adequate compensation for all the struggles of Australia. Secure the annexation (or an effective mandate) of German New Guinea to guarantee your naval safety in the Pacific Ocean. Vigorously support the "White Australia" policy, opposing all suggestions of equal racial treatment made by other countries.

Belgium:

As one of the most devastated nations of the Great War, get compensation from Germany. At least gain territories in Europe, gain mandates in Africa, and abolish neutrality treaties imposed on your country before the war.

Canada:

Secure compensation for your struggle in the Great War. Gain reparations in land, money or autonomy. Advocate for independent voting from Britain in the League of Nations. Demonstrate your independence and consolidate your position as a major nation, rather than as a colonial country.

China:

Secure compensation for your struggle in the Great War. Gain reparations in land, money or autonomy. Regain your sovereignty as a nation. Restore the Shandong Peninsula from German rule to Chinese ownership, firmly resisting Japan's ambitions to obtain it.

Czechoslovakia:

Secure the independence of the Czechoslovak Republic, and make it possible to stay independent in the long term. Try to gain control of European lands of Germany and other defeated states, and try to prevent any claims to your territories.

France:

Ensure Germany's power is permanently crippled to the point where they are unable to invade any nation ever again. Make sure to receive substantial amounts of reparations to rebuild the damaged parts of your nation, and make sure to take back Alsace-Lorraine. Demand either the demilitarisation of German regions close to France or, even better, the creation of separate states in those regions.

Greece:

Make the Megali Idea come true by making sure all Greek-speaking peoples live under the same banner. Make sure to annex the regions that have Greek speaking populations in Thrace and Western Anatolia.

Hejaz:

Form an independent Arab kingdom ruled by the Hashemites, spanning from Arabia, through Syria, to Mesopotamia. Do whatever you must to defeat the secret Sykes-Picot agreement and French and British plans for your homeland.

India:

Play on the enormous contributions that you have made to the British war effort with your armies, money, and natural resources. Strive for more independence politically, economically, and socially. Try to get recognition as an independent nation.

Italy:

Demand that the Allies respect the Treaty of London of 1915. Make sure to obtain lands around the Adriatic Sea that are populated by Italians. Resist the claims of the Yugoslavs and insist on obtaining territories belonging to Germany and the Ottomans in Africa and the Middle East.

Japan:

Establish yourself definitively as a Great Power. Obtain the concession rights from the Germans in Shandong, China, and all of their islands in the North Pacific. Agitate for the inclusion of a "Racial Equality Clause" within the Covenant of the League of Nations.

New Zealand:

Secure compensation for your struggle in the Great War. Gain reparations in land, money or autonomy. Push to gain a mandate over German Islands to secure your interests in the Pacific Ocean and its commerce. Cooperate with Britain and Australia, but do not let them overshadow your independent diplomatic policies.

Poland:

Secure the independence of the Polish Republic. Make sure to secure its independence for the future. Ensure that you will have access to the Baltic Sea through your "Polish Corridor" and. Strive to include lands that are rich in natural resources, and establish your eastern borders further east, if possible. Strive for the creation of Intermarium to intimidate future German or Russian Aggression.

Romania:

Establish the long-held dream of "Greater Romania" by incorporating all Romanian ethnic communities in Europe. Try to incorporate regions from Austria-Hungary and the collapsing Russian Empire.

South Africa:

Secure compensation for your struggle in the Great War. Make sure to get the full annexation or mandate over German South-West Africa (today's Namibia). Help establish the League of Nations according to the ideas put forward by your leader, Jan Smuts.

United Kingdom:

Balance the power shift in Europe. Punish Germany enough to satisfy the British public, but keep it economically viable to resume trade. Maintain naval supremacy and secure mandates.

United States:

Push for Wilson's ideals and the establishment of the League of Nations. Lower the reparations for the defeated nations to prevent future wars.

Yugoslavia:

Realise the "Greater Yugoslavia" by gaining as much of the South Slav inhabited lands as possible.

Armenia:

Ensure survival and recognition. Secure historical Armenian lands from the collapsing Ottoman Empire and lobby for a great power like the United States to grant a protectorate against hostile neighbours such as the Soviet Union.

Azerbaijan:

Get international recognition. Secure your borders against Armenian and Georgian claims. Lobby for protection against the Bolshevik threat.

Belarus:

Resist the expansionism of Poland and Soviet Russia and establish secure, defined borders for the Belarusian people.

Estonia:

Secure international recognition. Gain financial and military support from the Allies to guarantee victory against the fight with the Bolsheviks and Baltic Germans.

Georgia:

Gain international recognition as an independent state. Protect your territories against claims of neighbouring countries. Lobby for protection against the Bolshevik threat.

Israel:

Create an independent Jewish state. Possibly in Palestine, Eastern Europe, or anywhere in the world, really. Leverage the 1917 Balfour Declaration to force the Allies to formally recognize a Jewish National Home under a sympathetic British mandate that guarantees unrestricted Jewish immigration, land purchase, and eventual self-rule. To strengthen your position, utilize the recent January 1919 Faisal-Weizmann Agreement to demonstrate Arab cooperation for your goals.

Kurdistan:

Create an independent or autonomous Kurdish state, and liberate as much Kurdish land as possible.

Latvia:

Lobby the Allied powers for financial and military aid to expel both Bolsheviks and German Freikorps forces from your territory.

Lithuania:

Gain international recognition. Defend your territories against Polish claims and from Russian and German ambitions.

Mountain Republic:

Achieve formal recognition. Secure Allied backing to defend against both Bolsheviks and the White Russian forces.

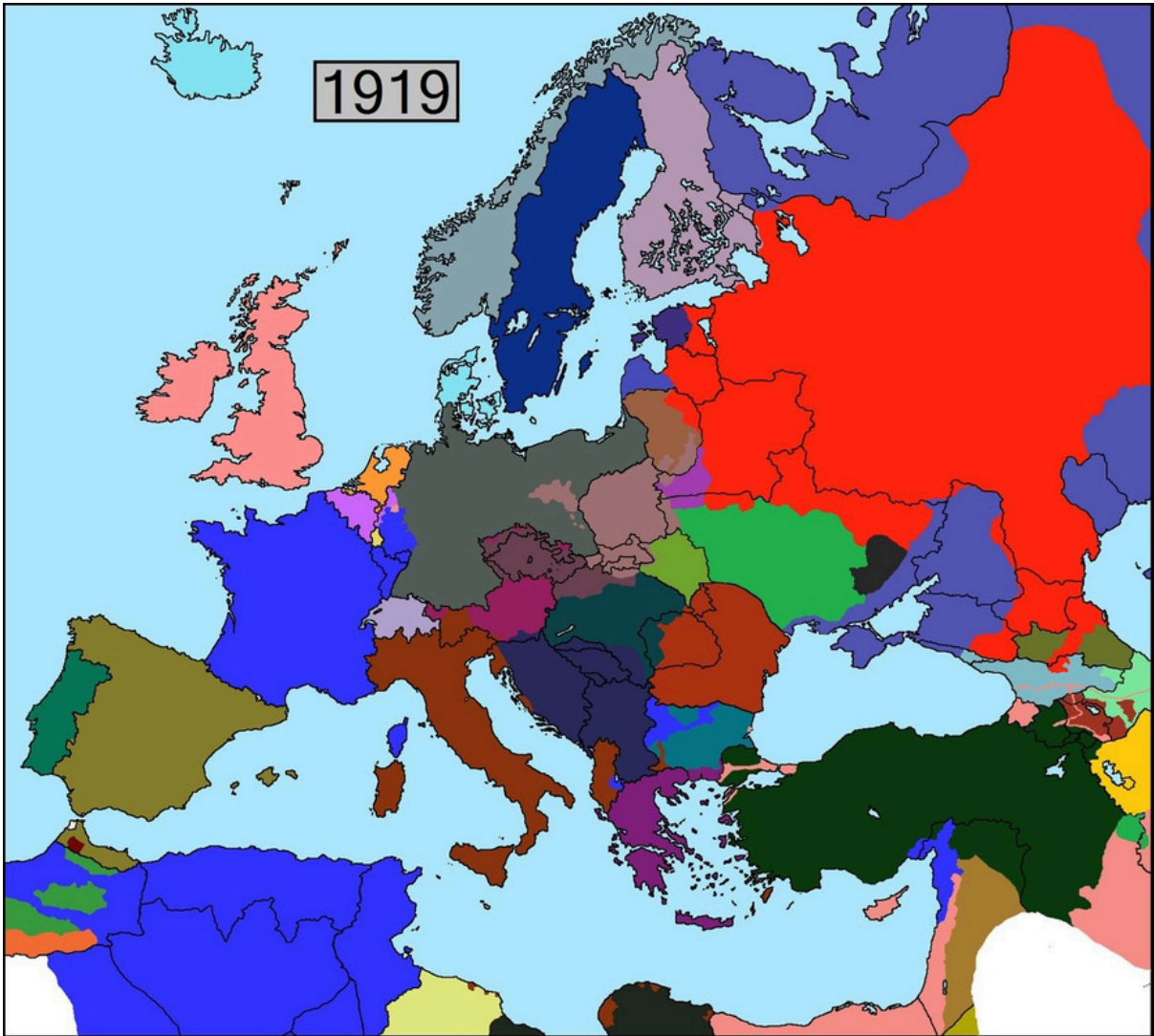
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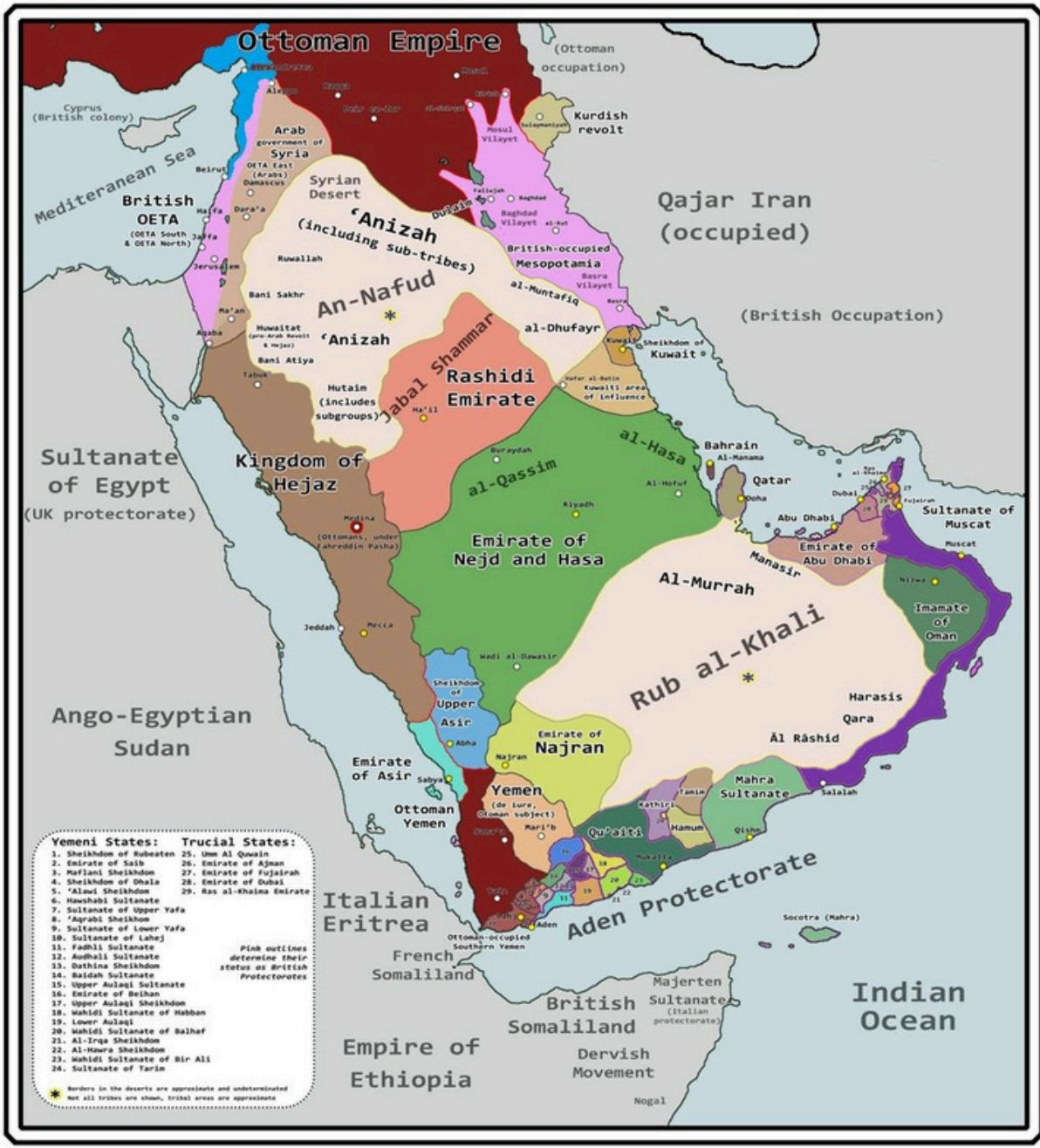
Maintain your territorial integrity of the "One and Indivisible Russia" by opposing the independence of separatist states, and secure Allied military and financial funding to crush the Bolsheviks.

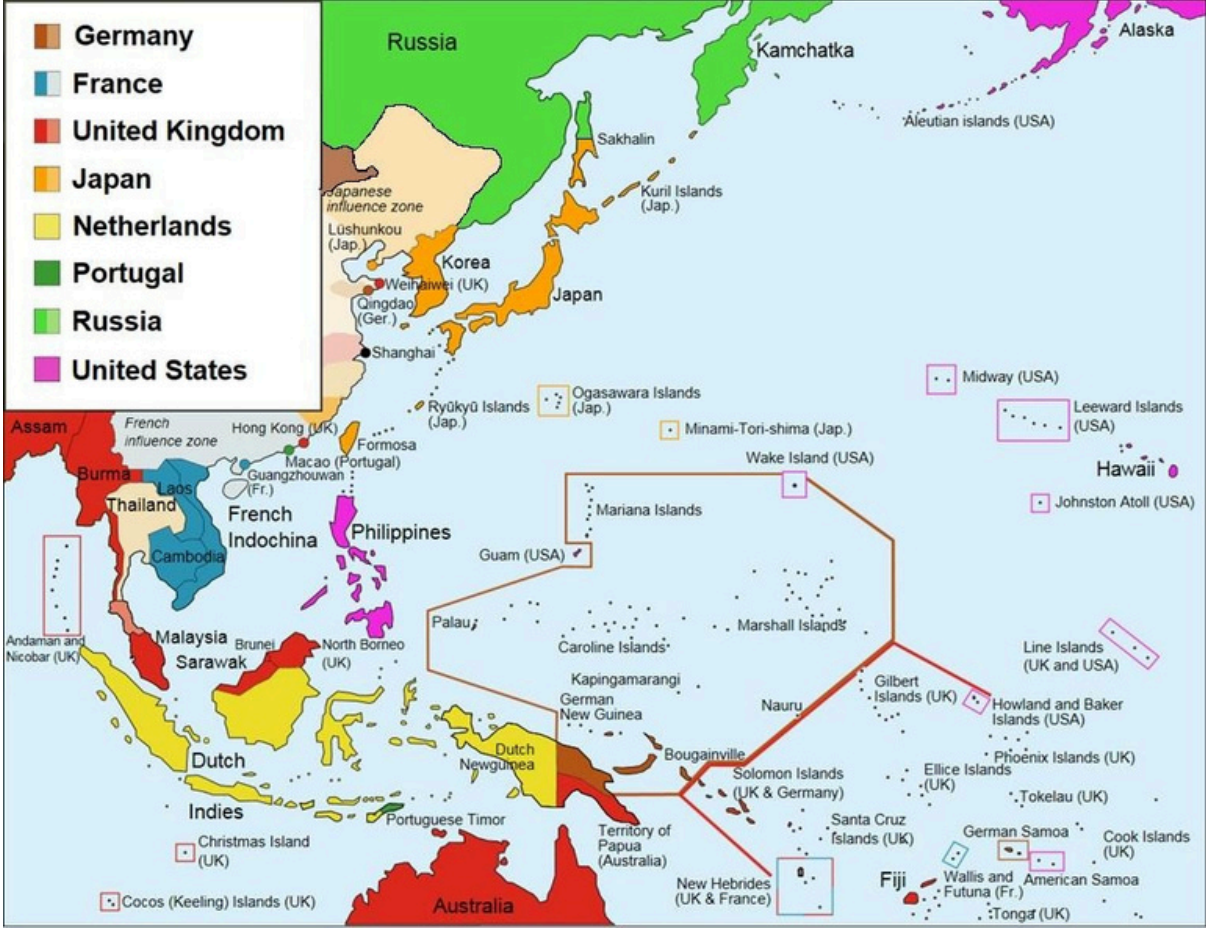
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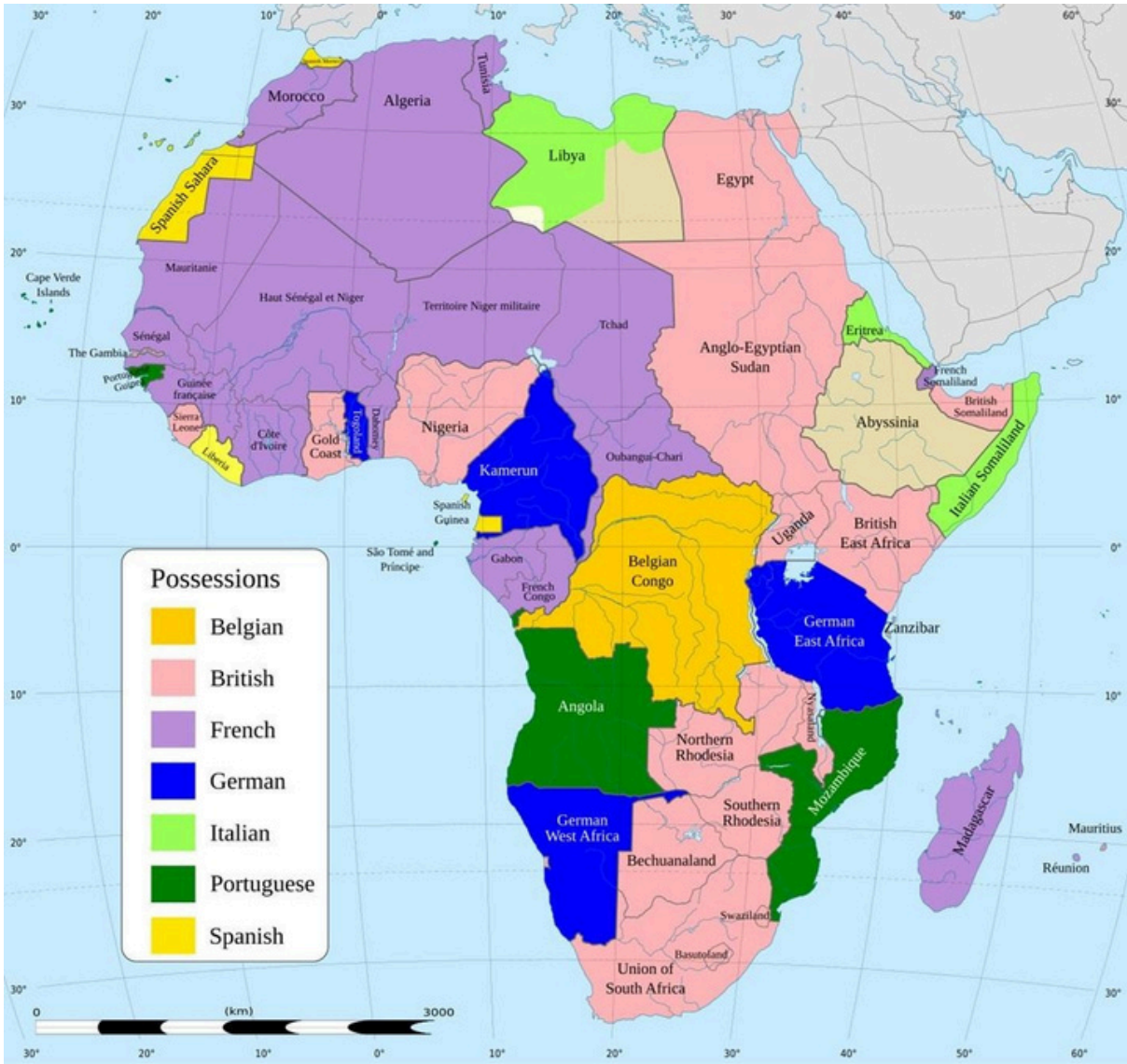
Secure international recognition of your territories. Secure aid to fight for survival against Bolsheviks, the White Russians, and Polish territorial ambitions.

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MAP OF GREECE, INCLUDING EPIRUS—AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER. THE BLACK AREA INDICATES THE TERRITORY CLAIMED BY M. VENIZELOS AT PARIS, AND THE SHADED AREA THE REGION WHERE THE GREEK AND FRENCH CLAIMS CONFLICT

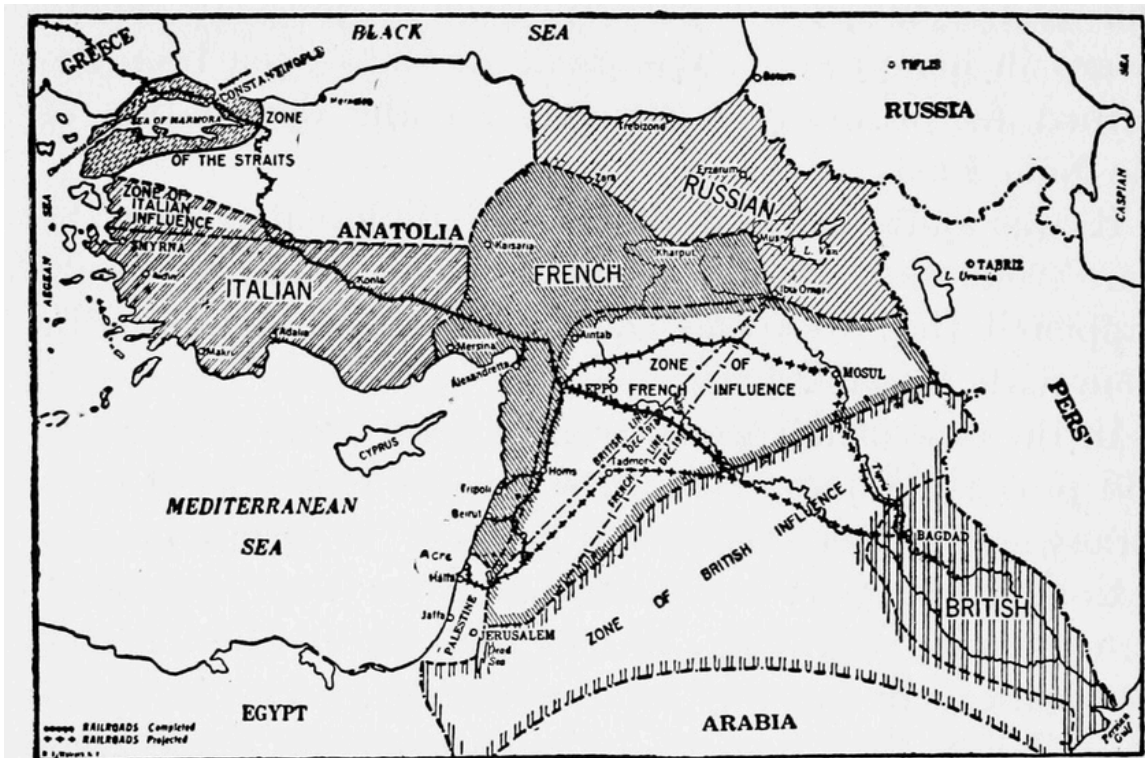
ITALY

as she would be under the terms of the Treaty of London.



Redeemed Lands

The black sections indicate the territory which is to be restored to Italy.



HOW TURKEY WAS CARVED BY SIX SECRET AGREEMENTS

The Franco-Russo-British agreement of March, 1915, gave Russia Constantinople. The Sazonov-Paléologue treaty of April 26, 1916, delimited the French and Russian shares in Asia. The Sykes-Picot treaty of May, 1916, divided what lay beyond between France and Great Britain. The treaty of London, April 26, 1915, gave Italy the region of Adalia. The St. Jean de Maurienne agreement, completed in August, 1917, promised Italy Smyrna and the rest of the territory shown. The Clemenceau-Lloyd George understanding of December, 1918, transferred Mosul to Great Britain, but left a dispute as to whether the new line should run east or west of Tadmar.



