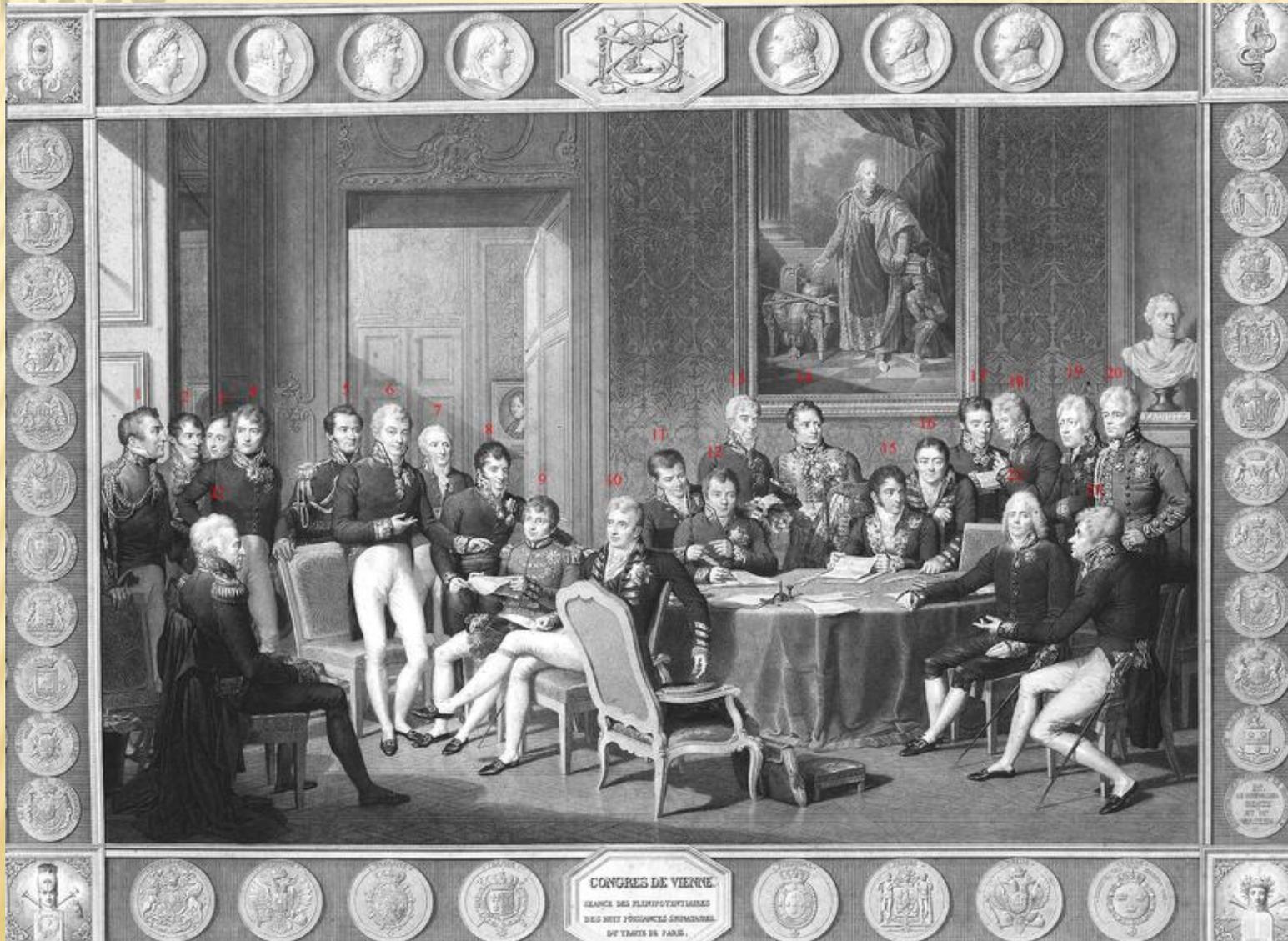


REBUILDING EUROPE AT THE CONGRESS OF VIENNA



THE CONGRESS OF VIENNA

- ✘ In 1814-15, the five great powers met to conclude the Napoleonic era
 - + Prussia, Russia, France, GB, and Austria
- ✘ Goal: Collective security and stability for Europe
 - + Restoration, or the backlash, of conservative politics
 - + Suppression of liberalism and nationalism



FIRST PEACE OF PARIS – MAY 30, 1814

- ✘ After Napoleon's exile to Elba, the Congress of Vienna restored the Bourbon monarchy
 - + Overall, the Quadruple Alliance was very lenient towards France
 - + Its original borders were restored, and it paid no reparations



THE METTERNICH PLAN

- ✘ Prince Klemens von Metternich from Austria was the main leader of the Congress who pushed for a return to the old ways!
 - + Great defender of the aristocracy
 - + Despised the middle class!
- ✘ His goals:
 - + Contain France by strengthening its bordering countries
 - + Keep the balance of power in Europe
 - ✘ Ensured France would not rise up again
 - ✘ Ensured that other nations would not strive for European domination
 - + Legitimacy – Reinstall the true rulers of Europe

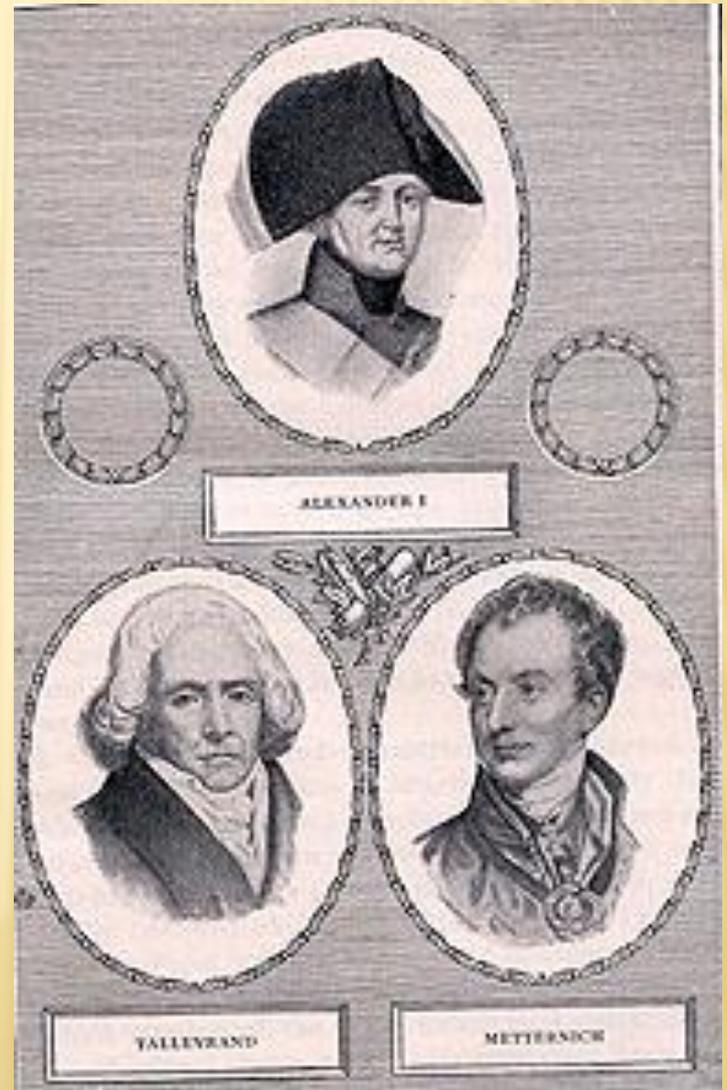


THE SUCCESS OF THE CONGRESS OF VIENNA

- ✘ While Britain and Austria gained territory at the expense of Napoleon's empire, Russia and Prussia were discouraged from adding territory
 - + January 3, 1815 – Britain, Austria, and France sign a secret alliance against Russia and Prussia
- ✘ Though war seemed inevitable, a compromise was made!
 - + Russia created a small Polish kingdom and Prussia received 2/5 of Saxony
 - + “Great powers became greater, but not too much greater”
 - + The Balance of Power was maintained!

SECOND PEACE OF PARIS – NOVEMBER 1815

- ✘ After Napoleon's escape and attempt at reestablishing his empire, the Congress punished France moderately
 - + France lost a bit of territory
 - + Had to pay 700 million francs in reparations
 - + Had to support an army of occupation for 5 years



MAJOR VICTORY FOR CONSERVATIVES

- ✘ Concert of Europe, or the “Congress System”
 - + Established by five powers to settle international disputes and maintain balance of power
 - + Established the principle of intervention
- ✘ Established alliances to suppress future revolutions
 - + Holy Alliance
 - ✘ Austria, Prussia, and Russia
- ✘ Carlsbad Decrees (1819)
 - + Required the 38 states of the German Confederation to root out liberalism and nationalism in schools and the press
- ✘ Short-lived, however!
 - + Revolutionary sentiment only increased
 - + Nationalism began to rise thanks to Napoleon
 - + Revolutions coming as soon as 1820!

