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The decline of the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empires ushered in renewed aspirations for the South Slavs, but, as 1918 ticked on and the Great War came to an end, the newly-formed State of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes and the Kingdom of Serbia found themselves embroiled in multiple levels of tension. How should these heavily destroyed nations rebuild their razed countrysides? How should both nations deal with the territorial pretensions of Italy and Hungary? And what is the best way to approach the ideological diversity of the budding "Yugoslav" identity? With their people starving, their lands at risk, and their ideologies in conflict, will both of these South Slav nations manage to come out of the ashes of war? As legislators in the State of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes, you will have the difficult task of dealing with uncontrolled urbanization, poor living and working conditions, Italy's claims to much of the Adriatic coast, and the rising interest in socialism, all while balancing your own vision for this fledgling nation and struggling to gain recognition from the Paris Peace Conference.

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