

Given at Our Court at Buckingham Palace, this First day of July, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and in the Tenth year of Our Reign. God save the King. Ends. Please arrange for publication as soon as possible.

MILNER

155. *Le secrétaire aux Colonies au Gouverneur général*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM

SECRET

London, July 2, 1919

Following for Sir Robert Borden from Mr. Lloyd George. Begins. July 2nd. In answer to your telegram June 26th it is not possible to give you more than very provisional estimates to most of the questions you ask. The answers are as far as I can judge, as follows. (One). Within two months all treaties except Turkish ought to be signed. (Two). Properly authenticated copies of treaties ought to reach you in less than a fortnight. (Three). I am submitting Germany treaty and treaty of guarantee to France on Thursday to Parliament, after which there will probably be a period for debate and consideration. (Four). It is the general expectation that treaty will be ratified and come into force within six to eight weeks but on this point it is impossible to be definite.

Owing to movements from Paris much regret delay in reply. Ends.

MILNER

156. *Le Premier ministre au haut commissaire au Royaume-Uni*

TELEGRAM B. 230

CONFIDENTIAL

Ottawa, July 9, 1919

For Sifton. Following passage in telegram from Colonial Secretary dated July 4th. Begins. Hoped German Treaty may be ratified by three of the principal Allied and Associated Powers and by Germany before end of July. Ends. To this I have replied as follows. Begins. Your message July 4th respecting ratification of Peace Treaty with Germany. I am under pledge to submit the Treaty to Parliament before ratification on behalf of Canada. No copy of Treaty has yet arrived and Parliament has been prorogued. Kindly advise how you expect to accomplish ratification on behalf of whole Empire before end July. Ends. Does Great Britain expect to ratify on behalf of whole Empire? If so our attendance at Paris and our signature to the Treaty was an utterly idle formality. On the other hand if she intends to ratify without including Dominions then Great Britain will technically be at peace with