

WASER'S TERMS OF PEACE TO DERNBURG

Willing to Give Up All Lands But Part of Belgium.

A free sea for all with world owned cable and mail service demanded.

Special to The Toronto World. PORTLAND, Me., April 18.—A letter from Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, former colonial secretary of the German Empire, was read at a mass meeting here last night. In which the German idea of permanent peace was set forth. Dr. Dernburg wrote: "I can with full authority disclaim any ambition for my country for world dominion. I should like to see modest on the one hand and too experienced on the other not to know that such a state will never be tolerated by the rest of the world. The aim of Germany is to have the seas, as well as the narrow, kept permanently open for the free use of all nations in times of war as well as in times of peace. I personally would even go as far as to neutralize all the seas and narrow permanently by a common and effective agreement, guaranteed by all the powers.

World Mail and Cable.

A free sea is useless except combined with freedom of cable and mail communication. I should like to see all the cables jointly owned by the interested nations, and a world mail system over-sea established by common consent.

"The only alternative to an open sea and free intercourse policy would be a Chinese wall around each country. There is no free intercourse, every country must become self-sufficient. Germany has proven that it can be done. But this policy would mean very high customs barriers, discrimination, unbounded egoism and a world bristling in arms.

Wants Belgium Held.

The love for small peoples that England heralds now will stand investigation, as shown by the destruction of the small Boer republics. "So Belgium cannot be given up. However, these considerations could be disregarded if all the other German demands, especially a guaranteed free sea, were fully complied with and the natural commercial relations of Belgium to Germany considered in a just and workable form. In this case Germany will not fail when the time comes to help rebuild the country. In fact, she is doing so now.

French Advance in Alsace

(Continued From Page 1.) of the Fecht River in Alsace made considerable headway Saturday. On the north bank it resulted in the capture of a spur west of Sillkewasser and Metzeral, and the column debouched into the valley which runs towards the river. On the southern bank of the stream French chasseurs made a brilliant attack on the German troops holding the Schenpen-Rothkopf and occupied the summit which is over 4150 feet in height, and is the tallest point in the ridge between the two valleys, which meet at Metzeral.

Austrians Lost Enormously

(Continued From Page 1.) veloping the positions of the Austrians and Germans from west of Lupkow pass and near the sources of the Fecht River in the east. The offensive was a desperate resistance was opposed. Every available man was brought up and great natural difficulties had to be overcome at every step.

GROSS FRAUDS MARKETING LIBERTIA LANDS

Government Forced to Make Over Other Tracts to Investors.

SYNDICATE MADE HAUL

Big Tracts, Useless for Irrigation, Disposed of in London.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, April 18.—Commissioner Ferguson's report on the Southern Alberta Land Company shows how a group of men obtained concessions totalling 350,000 acres, professedly for irrigation purposes, but which through lack of government supervision they were able to sell at a large profit to English investors, who afterwards learned could not be irrigated at all. The government had to allow an exchange of the lands for others which could be irrigated.

The chief promoter of the scheme was J. D. McGregor, one of the friends of the late government. The company was capitalized at \$2,500,000, which was raised to \$3,000,000, in addition to which bonds to the value of \$3,500,000 had to be sold to obtain sufficient money for development. Commissioner Ferguson points out that the result must be a heavy burden on the settlers.

The Southern Alberta Company took over the 256,250 acres of the Robins irrigation tract, and 134,000 acres of the Cuthbertson irrigation tract. The Iron-Glad Leases. J. D. McGregor and Arthur Hitchcock, Moose Jaw, and their associates really controlled both these tracts. The Cuthbertson tract was made up of a 47,000-acre grazing lease granted to McGregor and a 44,000-acre grazing lease granted to Hitchcock (both closed irrevocable leases), and 10,000 acres grazing ranch owned by the Forke Cattle Company (comprising McGregor, Hitchcock & Co.), and other additional lands.

All these lands were acquired by the Canadian Agency, which organized the Southern Alberta Land Company, and floated the stock on the English market. The Southern Alberta Land Company paid some \$1,100,000 for the land, most of which was gotten free from the government under agreement to irrigate within certain time. The 10,000 acres of the Grand Forks Cattle Company was bought from the Canadian Agency at \$1 an acre and sold to the Southern Alberta Land Company at \$12.

The evidence showed the assets of the Cattle Company to be worth \$557,000, but they were sold to the Southern Alberta Land Company at \$650,000.

Sold Stock in London.

McGregor, Hitchcock and Co. had put only \$200,000 into the enterprise. Messrs. Chaplin, Milne, Grenfell and Company marketed the stock of the Southern Alberta Land Company in London, in October, 1904. The prospectus gave a report of B. J. Saunders, an engineer, who told the land could be irrigated. He had not made proper investigation, however, and no one had asked the government for the means of obtaining the water.

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(Continued From Page 1.) used them as shelters. The collapse of these caves was accompanied by heavy explosions. The French trenches were exploded near the northern end of the Champagne district, and Germans occupied the craters, but the enemy did not succeed in occupying any French trenches.

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(Continued From Page 1.) finally captured the heights between the villages of Telepoch and Zernow. These had been strongly organized for defence by the Austrians. Eleven hundred men were destroyed, including 40 officers, were taken by the Russians, and three machine guns were captured. The enemy lost heavily in making unsuccessful counter-attacks to recapture these positions. The Russians renewed activity of an animated character is reported by the Russians in the districts of Mariampol and Kalwary. The fighting is being conducted in this sector by German advanced guards.

York County and Suburbs of Toronto

NEED BETTER ROADS WAR ON THE "ABYSS" W. YORK LICENSES

Fairbank Ratepayers Had Busy Meeting Saturday Night. North Toronto Citizens Demand Two and Half Per Cent. Grade. Large Deputation Attend Commissioners' Meeting Saturday.

WANT IMPROVEMENTS UNANIMOUS MOTION HOTELS SEEK RENEWAL

Trustees Hope to Build Score Board of Control's Action and Urge That Agreement Stand. Petition in Favor of Store License at Runnymede Presented.

The fortnightly meeting of the North Earlscourt and Fairbank Ratepayers' Association was held Saturday evening, in the clubhouse, Harvie avenue, School Trustee Duncan B. Hood occupying the chair.

Secretary H. Swabey read a communication from Ald. H. H. Ball, on behalf of W. G. Ellis, which stated that the condition of the roads in the outlying districts was the objection the postal authorities had to installing drop-letter boxes in the districts. In reply to the association's request that Mr. Maclean take up with the government the matter of an adequate pension for the dependents of those killed on active service, he stated that a scheme was at present before the Dominion House which should prove satisfactory to all.

A letter was also read from the general manager of the Consumers' Gas Co., stating that gas mains would not be extended into the district this year.

Wires Too Low.

John B. Adams reported that the electric light poles and wires were in a dangerous condition on Harvie avenue and Chudleigh avenue, it being possible for children to reach the live wires. The secretary was instructed to call the attention of the Toronto Electric Light Co. to the matter.

Hydro-Electric Street Lighting.

"At the contract price of \$18 per light per annum," he said, "the cost to each owner of a lot of 25 feet frontage would be 67 cents a year; lights to be placed on one side of the road at 300 foot intervals." It was decided that previous to petitioning for this improvement the association would enquire how the price compared with that in nearby districts which had hydro light installed.

New School Soon.

School Trustee Duncan B. Hood, in reply to numerous queries relative to school matters, said that the school trustees hoped to establish a branch school soon and hereafter in the Caledonia district, thus relieving the reported congestion at the Vaughan Road School.

The York Township Council will be asked to fix an early date for a tour of inspection of the land, considering the lack of sidewalks.

Look to the Future.

"All the citizens ask is that there be no departure from the plan originally agreed upon and a broad far-sighted policy looking to the future," said the speaker.

Stand By Agreement.

"That anything should be done which will in any way militate against the future of York is absolutely inadvisable," said the speaker.

Weston Leads Towns.

In villages and towns Weston has a big lead over its nearest competitor, Newmarket, the land value of the former being placed at \$1,095,027, while Newmarket is placed at \$522,526.

N. YORK LICENSES WERE ALL RENEWED

Dr. Stevenson, chairman, A. McCullum and Deputy Commissioner for North York, together with Inspector Wavley, dealt on Saturday in Aurora with the issue of liquor licenses in that district.

WARD SIX TORIES RALLY THIS EVENING

Dr. Charles Sheard, former medical health officer, will deliver an address on "Beaconsfield" at the Ward Six Liberal-Conservative Banquet, to be held at the Belmont Hotel, Central Methodist Church, this evening at 7:30.

BUILD NOW

In Jackson's Point, J. F. McDonald gets a wine and beer license for six months in that district.



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Slaughter Sale Will Not Affect Ordinary Rates, However. DEMAND IS IMPROVING Local Manufacturer Glad to Report Revival in Building.

On Saturday, when the remaining lots of kiln run bricks at Lainson's brickyard, Weston road, were sold by E. F. Henderson, bailiff, 30,000 were sold to Ross Bros., Whitby, at \$3.75 per thousand; 70,000 to W. Bushell, W. Bushell, at \$3.75, and 100,000 also to W. Bushell, at \$3.65.

LAMBERTON.

St. George's Church will hold a birthday social in the basement of the church on Friday, April 23, at 8 p.m. A good musical program is in preparation and refreshments will be served.

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