

GERMANY'S PEACE CONDITIONS CLEARLY STATED

GREAT BRITAIN PREPARED TO CONSIDER PEACE PROPOSALS

Important Announcement Made in House of Commons by Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, Foreign Secretary—If Belligerents Serious in Their Peace Offer Britain is Ready to Listen to Them—Mr. Asquith Pleased with Announcement.

London, May 16—Great Britain is prepared to consider proposals from the enemy, provided they are put forward by accredited persons in a straightforward manner, Foreign Secretary Balfour declared today in the House of Commons.

"If any representative of any belligerent country desires seriously to lay before us any proposals," he said, "we are ready to listen to them."

The British government was desirous of an honorable termination of the war, he added, but the peace moves of the Central Powers heretofore had not been in the interests of fair and honorable peace.

Mr. Asquith said he desired to record the satisfaction he felt at the instructive and opportune statement made by Mr. Balfour. It is a satisfaction to the world at large, he said, that the British government has closed no door on any overtures and approaches toward an honorable peace.

Germany's Terms. Initiative of the pacifists and advocates of peace by negotiation.

Mr. Balfour said that Emperor Charles wrote a letter to a relative (Prince Sixtus is a brother-in-law of the emperor) and that it was conveyed by this relative to the president and premier of France under the seal of the strictest secrecy. No permission was given to communicate the letter to anyone except the sovereign and premier of this country.

No Secret. Mr. Balfour said he had no secrets from President Wilson. Every thought he had on the war or in regard to questions of diplomacy connected with the war was open to the president.

The foreign secretary said he did not think it would be possible for the United States and Great Britain to carry on the great war in which they were engaged or to deal with the complicated day-to-day problems without complete confidence. So far as he was concerned, complete confidence would always be given.

There was no one more desirous than the British government he continued, that the war should be brought to an honorable termination. If any method could be shown the government whereby that would be accomplished, it would of course be accepted.

Alsace-Lorraine. He added, however, that no effort at conversations which had been made by the Central Powers had ever been made in the interests of fair and honorable peace; to the contrary, they had been put forward in order to divide the Allies.

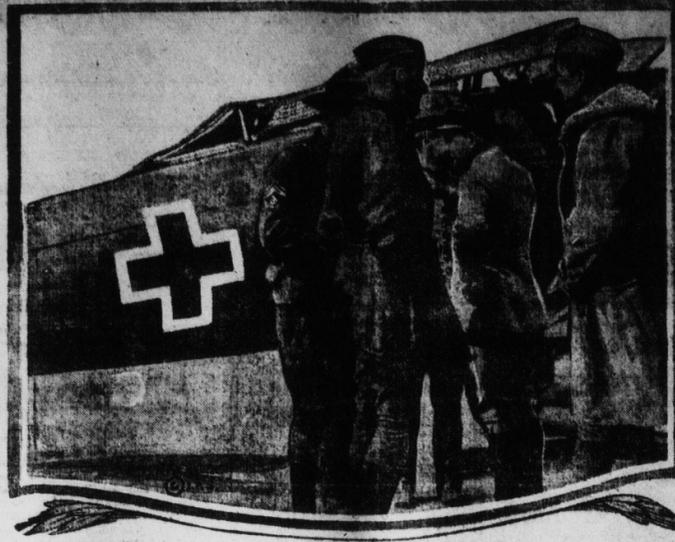
Referring to statements made by Walter Runciman, formerly president of the board of trade, that France asked for a bigger Alsace-Lorraine than that of 1870, Mr. Balfour said there was no question of this bigger Alsace-Lorraine being the war aim of the Allies.

"If any representative of any belligerent country," the foreign minister then declared, "desires seriously to lay before us any proposals we are ready to listen to them."

Sixtus in England? London, May 16—Foreign Secretary Balfour was asked in the House of Commons today whether Prince Sixtus of Bourbon, to whom Emperor Charles of Austria addressed letters last year in which peace was offered to France, had visited England in connection with the peace proposal, and whether he was in communication on this subject with Premier Lloyd George.

The question was brought up by Robert Outwalte, Liberal M. P. for Hanley. Mr. Balfour replied that the subject was not one which could be dealt with by question and answer. The whole topic of Emperor Charles' proposal was discussed today on the

Soldiers Viewing German Airplane Victim of American Aviator.



Lieutenant Alan F. Winslow, whose home is in Chicago, brought down this German airplane April 14. It was almost intact. The photograph shows American and French officers making an examination of the plane. Lieutenant Winslow was given the French War Cross for his feat.

FOURTH TRIP FOR THE EVASIVE KENT BOYS

Moncton Officers Go to Cocagne Again in Effort to Round up St. Pierre Brothers and Other Defaulters.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, May 16—Acting Chief Bellevue, accompanied by two Dominion police officers, left today for Cocagne Bridge to renew a search for militia defaulters.

The three St. Pierre brothers are the particular object of the search. The officers propose to wait for the St. Pierres to come ashore, if being reported to the officers that the young men are out fishing.

STEAMER HARLAND IS SOLD TO PICTOU MAN

Vessel Registers 352 Tons and Has Been in Freight and Passenger Business.

Charlottetown, May 16—The steamer Harland of Charlottetown, has been sold to William McLure, of Pictou. The steamer was built at Shelburne, N. S., in 1908, and registers 352 tons. She has been used as a passenger and freight steamer.

NO CHANGE IN HEAD OF BRITISH ARMY

London, May 16—Reports that were in circulation to the effect that a change was imminent in the higher command of the British army in France were denied in the House of Commons today by Chancellor Bonar Law, spokesman for the war cabinet.

JOHN MCKENNA JAILED

London, May 16—John McKenna, chairman of the Kerry County Council, was arrested today on a charge not specified under the defense of the realm act, says a dispatch from Cork to the Central News Agency. McKenna was taken to Cork prison.

HAIG'S STATEMENT

London, May 16—Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters in France tonight says: "Beyond artillery activity on both sides on the battlefield north of River Lys there is nothing of special interest to report."

Halifax, May 16—A. W. Hendry, owner of the coastal steamer La Haven, ashore at Big Tanook Island, Lunenburg county, said today that he had abandoned his vessel to the underwriters. The hole in the steamer's hull is steadily enlarging with the prevailing wind and sea and there are now no prospects of refloating her.

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SOME MONARCHS WHO HAVE BROKEN SOLEMN PLEDGES

Kaiser, Emperor Charles, Ferdinand of Bulgaria, Constantine, King Milan, Napoleon III. and the Prince of Monaco all in Class of Persistent Perjurators.

Political mendacity endears personal untruthfulness and monarchs who are capable of breaking solemn pledges cannot be expected to retain a lofty sense of honor in their private relations, writes F. Cunliffe Owen in the New York Times. In the Old World, officers of the army and of the navy, far more than the ordinary citizen, are supposed to be governed by a sense of regard for the pledged word.

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THE EMPLOYEES OF THE C.P.R. HAVE A REAL BISHOP

Bishop Jones Who Resigned in Utah Now Stationed at Brownville Junction—Nineteen Episcopal Priests Deposed in United States in Past Year.

Bangor, Me., May 16—Bishop Benjamin Brewster of the Episcopal diocese of Maine announced that Rt. Rev. Paul Jones, formerly bishop of Utah, has been appointed in charge of Brownville Junction and surrounding missions. Bishop Jones resigned as bishop of Utah on request of the House of Bishops, which had received complaints regarding his pastoral views. Among Bishop Jones' new charges are Canadian Pacific employees many of whom are former provincialists and reside at Brownville.

Bishop Brewster in his annual address to the diocesan convention in session at St. John's church here, (Rev. J. E. Hand, formerly of St. John, rector), announced that he had deposed Rev. Roderick J. Mooney, rector of St. Peter's church, Rockland, from the priesthood for causes not affecting his moral character. Eighteen other priests in the church in the United States had been deposed during the year.

The bishop announced that Rev. Thomas F. Marshall had been received into the diocese from that of Fredericton.

Rev. H. F. Seymour, formerly archdeacon of the Kennebec, died in Paris as the result of an accident. A member of the family, he has shown that he is insensible to the laws of hospitality that govern the dealings of even the desert Arab or of the pagan negro in Central Africa. William sought to still all suspicion as to his real sentiments by emphasizing the ties of kinship and affection, while dreaming all the time of "Der Tag" when he would be able to debate the Hohenzollern terms of peace to the entire world from the banks of the Thames. And the now famous "Der Tag" was the

present war, and above all by the revelations which have laid bare the hostile dealings in which he was engaged against Great Britain while standing under the very roof of his grandmother, Queen Victoria, of his uncle, Edward VII., and of his first cousin, George V., not only as an honored guest, but also as a member of the family, he has shown that he is insensible to the laws of hospitality that govern the dealings of even the desert Arab or of the pagan negro in Central Africa. William sought to still all suspicion as to his real sentiments by emphasizing the ties of kinship and affection, while dreaming all the time of "Der Tag" when he would be able to debate the Hohenzollern terms of peace to the entire world from the banks of the Thames. And the now famous "Der Tag" was the

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MINIATURE ALMANAC.

MAY—PHASES OF THE MOON.

Last Quarter, 3rd 7h. 23m. a.m.
New Moon, 10th 10h. 11m. a.m.
First Quarter, 17th 5h. 14m. p.m.
Full Moon, 25th 7h. 32m. p.m.

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THE WEATHER.

Toronto, May 16—Since last night showers have occurred in many parts of the western provinces; elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fine.

City	Min.	Max.
Victoria	46	58
Vancouver	48	64
Edmonton	30	48
Prince Albert	42	48
Moos Jaw	51	64
Winnipeg	44	72
Perry Sound	48	78
London	48	53
Toronto	42	70
Kingston	48	72
Montreal	48	72
Ottawa	44	64
Quebec	44	58
St. John	58	66
Halifax	36	48
Maritime	Moderate	southerly winds; fine and very mild.

BIRTHS.

LOCKHART—At Edmundston, N. B., May 14th, to A. G. and Mrs. Lockhart, a son, Hugh William Elderkin.

DIED.

McDONALD—On Tuesday, May 14, 1918, at 20 George street, after a short illness, Angus McDonald, aged 74 years, leaving five daughters to mourn. Funeral Saturday afternoon at 2:30 from his late residence. (Halifax and Moncton papers, please copy.)

DISCHARGED MEN WILL GET MARK OF HONOR

London, May 15—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The war office announces the award of a special certificate of honor called "King's Certificate of Discharge," to all ranks except the officers of the navy, army and air force discharged through wounds or disabilities incurred on active service or through other enemy action. A second discharge certificate is awarded where the recipients of the first voluntarily re-enlist and are re-discharged. The respective Dominion authorities will issue the certificates to ex-members of the Canadian, Australian and New Zealand naval forces and the accountant general of the navy to members of the Malta and Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserves.

Toronto, May 15—Toronto Telegram: A summer drought will do more to decrease production than the transfer of all young Canadians between 20 and 33 from the farms to the armies of the nation. A host of six thousand farmers added their presence to the existing surplus of officers at Ottawa and added their absence to the existing scarcity of workers on the farm.

ARCHIE MAGEE, C.N.R., TELEGRAPH MGR., DEAD

Was Formerly with Canadian Pacific and was Brother of Sydney Press Operator.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, May 16—Archie Magee, a former well known C. P. R. Telegraph operator here, and later with the C. W. in Montreal and just prior to his last illness appointed manager of the C. N. R. telegraph office at Port Arthur, died at the home of his sister, Mr. C. E. Dickson, here this afternoon after several weeks illness. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Magee, Moncton, and is survived by a widow and infant daughter. The deceased had been in failing health some months, but returned to Moncton from Port Arthur about four weeks ago in hope of regaining his health. He was 26 years old. John A. Magee, Canadian Press Operator on the Sydney Post, is a brother. Mrs. C. E. Dickson, and the Misses Mae and Dorothy Magee of Moncton are sisters.

THREE MEN DROWNED IN NOVA SCOTIA

Capt. John Barbour and Two Sons Lose Lives Near West Arichat When Their Boat Capsizes in Squall.

Sydney, May 16—News was received here today of a serious drowning accident which occurred yesterday near Isle Madam. While Capt. John Barbour and his two sons were on a fishing trip near West Arichat, a heavy squall struck their heavily laden boat and overturned it. The men struggled in the water for sometime, but before any boat could reach them they sank for the last time. All three formerly lived in Buenos Aires, N. F., and leave relatives there.

POPULAR ST. JOSEPH'S STUDENT PASSES AWAY

Felix Martin Dies at Home of His Father in Moncton—Was Prominent in Athletics

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, May 16—The death occurred this afternoon at the home of his father, D. E. Martin of the C. G. R. offices, of Felix Martin, aged 23 years. The young man had been a student at St. Joseph's College eight years and would have graduated this year had not his health broken down about a year ago, when he was stricken with illness and compelled to give up his studies. He was well known to the students of St. Joseph's, among whom he was popular, being an active participant in college athletics. Besides his parents he is survived by one brother, Edmund, a dental student at Laval University, Montreal.

WILL SELL RAILWAY UNDER THE HAMMER

Beersville Coal and Railway Property of Kent Co. to be Disposed of in Bondholders Suit.

The railway, rolling stock, franchises, jands and mines of the Beersville Coal and Railway Co., located in Kent Co., are to be sold under the hammer at Moncton on July 13. The sale is the outcome of a suit in chancery brought by the bond holders against the Van Norden Trust Co. of New York and others.

Moncton, May 16—Rev. George F. Bradley was ordained priest in the Roman Catholic Cathedral here today. He is a native of Kelly's Cross, P. E. I., and a brother of Rev. Austin Bradley of St. Boniface College, Winnipeg. He has two sisters who are in the Notre Dame order, Sister St. Francis of this city and Sister Mary Austin of St. Joseph's Convent, Charlottetown.