

LLOYD GEORGE AND BONAR LAW CHARGED WITH MIS-STATEMENT

Accusation Against Leading Members of the British War Cabinet Made by Major-General Maurice; Court of Honor to Investigate Matter

London, May 8.—Andrew Bonar Law, Government spokesman in the House of Commons, announced today that the Government proposed to ask two Judges to act as a Court of Honor to investigate the charges made by Gen. Frederick B. Maurice, who was recently removed from the post of Director of Military Operations at the British War Office.

Mr. Bonar Law said the Army Council was dealing with questions of discipline growing out of a letter written by Gen. Maurice.

The announcement was made in response to a query by Mr. Asquith as to what steps had been taken regarding Gen. Maurice.

Discipline and Veracity
 "Gen. Maurice's letter," said Mr. Bonar Law, "raised two questions: the question of military discipline involved in writing such a letter, and the question of veracity of Ministerial statements."

"As regards the first question, that is being dealt with by the Army Council in the ordinary way. As regards the second question, though it must be obvious to the House that the Government could not be carried on if an inquiry into the conduct of Ministers should be considered necessary whenever their action was challenged by a servant of the government who has occupied a position of the highest confidence, it affects these and the honor of the Ministers, so it is proposed to invite two Judges to act as a Court of Honor to inquire into the charge of misstatements alleged to have been made by the Ministers, and to report as quickly as possible."

Former Premier Asquith gave notice that he would move for the appointment of a committee from the House of Commons to investigate the Maurice affair, instead of having the inquiry made by Judges. The motion will be debated on Thursday.

Mr. Bonar Law's statement gave rise to a lively series of questions, in reply to which the Chancellor said that as most of the secret documents would have to be gone into it would be unadvisable to appoint a select committee from the House of Commons, but, he added, a day would be given for discussion after the Judges had reported. The disciplinary proceedings against Maurice will not be suspended pending the finding of the court of inquiry.

The Government have considered the best method of doing what they deem necessary to satisfy the House that we have not made misleading statements, and in our opinion that can best be done by the court suggested," said the Chancellor.

He thought that everyone involved would be glad to place his information at the disposal of the Judges, and if the Judges were to give everything they wanted they would certainly let the government know.

"Sick at Way Things Go."
 Admiral Sir Sedworth Meux declared that the answers given by Mr. Bonar Law would be received with the greatest dissatisfaction in the army and navy.

"They are sick to death," he said, "with the way things are going on in the House of Commons."
 Replying to further questions by Sir Edward Carson, Mr. Bonar Law said that the Judges would decide whether the members of the Cabinet and former members of the Cabinet should be called as witnesses, and allowed to state what had transpired in the Cabinet. There should not be any feeling in the House that there was any desire to burk the examination of this question, and he was willing to allow Mr. Asquith to select two Judges as proof of that.

Opportunity for Discussion
 Repeating that the disciplinary proceedings against General Maurice would not be suspended pending the inquiry, the Chancellor said: "Even if every statement were true, discipline in the army would be impossible if such letters were permitted to be published."
 Mr. Asquith said: "This is a matter which we ought to have the opportunity of discussing in some form of a motion, and will the Government give us a day for that purpose?"

Mr. Bonar Law replied: "Certainly, if you desire it. Am I to understand that the right honorable member desires that we should not set up our court until the discussion takes place?"

"Certainly," said Mr. Asquith. "The Government will set a day to discuss Maurice, Bonar Law said."

Transferred to Field
 General Maurice last month was transferred from the British War Office to active duties in the field. His position as Chief Director of Military Operations was taken over by General Delma Radcliffe, formerly Chief Staff Officer of the Canadian Army and Chief of the British Military Mission at Italian Headquarters.

Shortly before his transfer General Maurice, in one of his customary weekly interviews with newspaper men, made remarks which were considered in some quarters as reflecting on General Foch, the Commander-in-Chief of the combined allied forces. At one point in the interview he drew a parallel between the situation on the battlefronts in France as it stood then and the battle of Waterloo when Wellington was awaiting the arrival of Blucher.

General Maurice then asked "What is happening to Blucher, what has become of the reserves?" On the following day General Haig, Commander of the British forces, announced that French reinforcements had reached the British front, and this was taken as proof by military critics that Foch was slow in coming up was unjust.

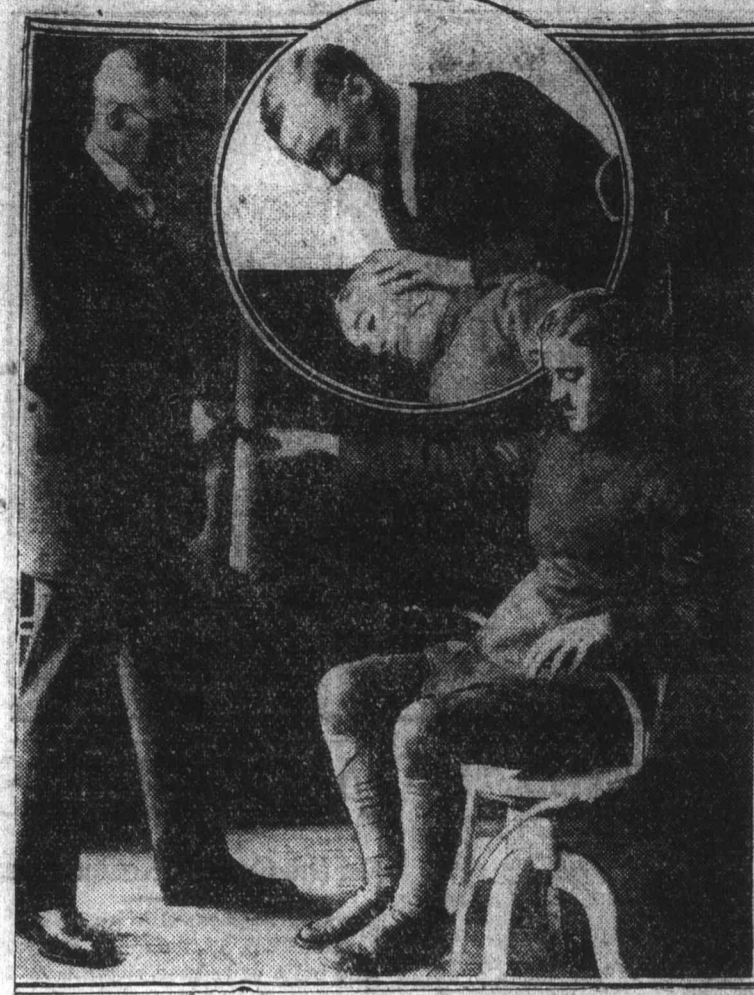
Press Comment.
 No attempt is made by the London newspapers to conceal the gravity of the charges made by General Maurice, and a searching Parliamentary inquiry is demanded. The Westminster Gazette finds there is a widespread uneasiness regarding what it terms the tendency of public officials to withhold information from the public, and it demands more plain dealing by the Government.

"Civilians have not been at all exacting in their demands for information from the Government," says The Westminster Gazette. "They have cheerfully submitted to the familiar plea that it is not in the public interest to give this or that information. They have suspended their right of private judgment even when the reasons for reticence seem remote and far-fetched, but they expect such disclosures as are made to be truthful and honest, and when they are mystified and puzzled, when they are asked to believe that some answer to questions in Parliament means something different from what it appears to mean."

Must Be Change.
 "There must be a drastic change in all this, and if it involves a change in Government, that must come, too."

The Globe says: "The Government has no compromise. The question is one of fact and of two contradictory ones, one of which must be false. We suspend judgment. We hope the public will do the same, but the only condition on which that can be done is the immediate promise of a searching inquiry conducted by men with the highest authority and above all suspicion of either military or political influence."

The Star says that Gen. Maurice's action, coming after the loss of Jellicoe, Robertson and Trenchard, shows beyond question that there is something wrong with the present Government in its relations to the army and navy. The investigation Gen. Maurice demands must be ordered; it must be a secret inquiry entrusted to an absolutely independent and impartial body, with instructions to report without delay. The Standard regards Gen. Maurice's action as the most important issue raised by the letter, adding: "We deprecate emphatically any acceptance of the principle that a disgraced soldier may compel the Ministers to submit to a formal inquiry concerning points in their administration of which he disapproves."



TESTING BALANCE OF CADET FOR ROYAL AIR FORCE.

The testing of the balancing powers of young men who desire to join the Royal Air Service as cadets is very thorough. The feature of the examination is the "spinning test." The upper shows the doctor watching for flickering eyes of the candidate after he has been whirled round in the chair. The lower picture shows the candidate being tested for ear balance.

SALTS IF BACKACHE AND KIDNEY HURTS

Stop Eating Meat for a while if your Bladder is Troubling you.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood, and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells, your stomach sour, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

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UNIFY FRENCH-CANADIANS

By Courier Leased Wire
 Quebec, May 8.—Les Soleils rejoices in the happy change in public opinion outside of the province regarding the attitude of Quebec in the matter of military service, but it wants the French-Canadian soldiers grouped in units with French-Canadian officers over them. Le Soleil says: "It would be an unpardonable stupidity to refuse them the legitimate satisfaction of keeping their French-Canadian individuality. Has not this wisdom been justified in the case of the 22nd? All of our young recruits have one ambition, and that is to emulate their glorious example and, if possible, excel them. We hope, therefore, that Ottawa will take the necessary steps to secure the co-operation of the British authorities in view of the formation of French-Canadian units."

CONCRETE STEAMER SAILS

By Courier Leased Wire
 Vancouver, B. C., May 8.—The Faith, the world's largest concrete steamer and the latest innovation in the ocean carrying trade, which completed its trial trip at San Francisco a few days ago, will make its first ocean voyage from California to Vancouver with a load of salt, it was announced, a local firm having chartered the craft.

War Garden Bulletin

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- Cucumber—Davis Perfect, White Spine, Chicago Pickling.
- Squash—Long White Bush, Summer Crookneck; (late) DeHols, Hubbard.
- Swede Turnips—Champion, Purple Top.
- Parsley—Double Curled.
- Melons—Musk melon, Long Island Beauty, Hackensack, Montreal Market, Emerald Gem, Hoodoo, Paul Rose; water melons—Cole Early, Ice cream and Phinney Early.

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Music and Drama

AT THE GRAND.

The Boston English Opera Company, which by its excellent work during its four months run in Chicago, has become the talk of the musical world, comes to the Grand Opera House May 11.

With such artists as Joseph F. Sheehan, John W. Warren, Hazel Eden, Florentine St. Clair, Elaine De Solem, Alice May Carley, Arthur Deane, Francis J. Tyler, W. R. Northway and many others, there can be no doubt as to the excellence of the performance, particularly when augmented by a chorus such as one seldom hears nowadays. It is not surprising that the advent of this organization in the west, has proved just as welcome, and is the talk of theatrical circles here, as it was in the east, during its four months' season in Chicago.

The press and public of San Francisco endorsed the verdict of the east and proclaimed the Boston English Opera Company America's finest singing organization. The company will present "Martha" at Matinee and "Bohemian Girl" at the night performance.

MAURICE—THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRISIS TO-DAY

A Character Sketch of the Impugner of Lloyd George and Law

A MILITARY MARTINET
 Gen. Maurice Would Readily Pass for Typical Prussian Officer

By Courier Leased Wire
 London, May 8.—The most-talked-of man in England to-day is General Frederick B. Maurice, formerly chief director of military operations at the War Office.

If some volunteer general or some soldier who had graduated from business into soldiering had defied and trampled upon all the laws and traditions of the British army and all armies, he would not have excited such enormous surprise as the dizzy Maurice in his newly famous letter, impugning the veracity of the ministry. Had some less well trained officer written the letter it would have been put down to lack of tradition and to a disregard of the conventionalities by a citizen soldier.

But General Maurice in his personality, his record and his career has been the personification of all that is conventional, austere and quiet in the professional soldier. His weekly and recently his bi-weekly conferences with newspaper correspondents have impressed them with his wide knowledge, a passion for accuracy in details and his personal aloofness as though he were performing a function that professionally he rather disliked and resented. Barring his uniform he would readily pass for a typical Prussian staff officer of the Moltke school.

His receptions to the correspondents have not been interviews but lectures. The correspondents filed into the sanctuaries at the War Office at the appointed minute. Any man who was late found the door barred against him. Military usage demanded promptness and General Maurice would not forgive or excuse a lack of it.

A tall, blonde gentleman with a fresh pink complexion and a monocle, surrounded by maps of all sorts—contour maps, flat maps, maps of elevations—all marked with flags with numbers and with red, blue and yellow pencil marks, faced the correspondents. General Maurice dealt with all those maps as Paderewski dealt with the keys of a piano. He knew every detail of them.

"Good afternoon, gentlemen," was the greeting; never anything more. No word was wasted in gossip or persiflage. Standing before the maps with a professional manner and in a language so precise that his stenographer would not need to correct it, the general stated the military situation.

Having finished, the general paused for questions. All answerable questions were replied to promptly and incisively with no elaboration. He was one of those "who suffer fools badly." Foolish questions occasionally were asked by amateur strategists. He crushed them quickly and curtly. He did not parry with them.

"Good afternoon, gentlemen," he said, having finished; never anything more. The correspondents left with more real knowledge in their

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notebooks to digest than they were likely to get from any other experts.

General Maurice is rated as one of the most authoritative historians and critics who write in the English language.

NEWS NOTES

Sydney Porter and Mrs. Oswald Montgomery were hurried to death when the house in which they lived near Port Sydney, Muskoka, was burned down, being set on fire, it is said, by Hanna Kneeshaw, while temporarily insane.

Stratford has definite plan of campaign for Red Triangle fund, and confidence is expressed that the objective of \$15,000 will be more than reached.

African colonials, which have been thrown into action against the advancing Germans, have conducted themselves with the most conspicuous bravery.

About thirty million silver dollars have been melted into bullion or mutilated by the government under the new Silver Act of the U. S. Treasury Department.

Addressing the Canadian Club at Montreal, on the work of the Y. M. C. A., the Duke of Devonshire said that the initials of the organization and the Red Triangle would stand for all time as one of the greatest and most striking bits of history which the great war has produced.

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