

RENEW PLEDGE TO LIBERATE BELGIUM

Minister Conveys Solemn Assurances on Entente Powers' Behalf.

FORCE INDEMNITY

m's Independence Will Be Stored in the Broadest Sense.

RE, Feb. 16.—The Russian minister, acting as spokesman for the Entente, addressed the Belgian minister in Brussels as follows:

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DEATHS. ANDREWS—On 15th February, at the residence of his brother-in-law (J. C. McArthur), 181 Pape avenue, Alex. C. Andrews, third son of the late Matthew Andrews of Cobourg, in his 48th year. Interment in Cobourg Union Cemetery Thursday morning, Feb. 17th, 1916.

BROWN—Suddenly, on Feb. 16, 1916, at his late residence, 103 Indian road, Alice Pickens, beloved wife of William J. Brown. Funeral notice later.

FRAY—On Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1916, Maggie Fray, aged 61 years. Funeral Friday, at 2:30 p.m., from the residence of her brother-in-law, Henry Butler, 78 Stephenson avenue, East Toronto. Interment at St. John's Cemetery, Norway.

ELLIS—On Wednesday evening, Feb. 16, 1916, at his late residence, 417 Ossington avenue, Toronto, Elizabeth, widow of the late James B. Ellis, aged 75 years. Funeral from above address Friday, at 2 p.m. Interment in Humboldt Cemetery.

GARROW—At her late residence, 59 Glen Grove avenue, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1916, Margaret Christina, dearly beloved wife of Frank W. Garrow, and dearly beloved mother of Alma and William Parks. Funeral service Saturday, at 2:30 p.m., at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

HUNTER—On Tuesday, Feb. 15th, 1916, Don East York, David Hunter, aged 93 years. Funeral Thursday, at 2:30 p.m. Interment at Zion Cemetery, Wexford.

HUNTER—At Belleville, on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1916, Mrs. A. J. Hunter, widow of the late Archibald Hunter of East Toronto. Funeral Friday, at 2:30 p.m., from the residence of her sister, Mrs. W. Sanderson, 683 1/2 Markham street. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

HODGINS—On Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1916, at his late residence, 60 Robinson street, Toronto, Sarah Jane Blackwell, beloved wife of Robert Hodgins, aged 59 years. Funeral from above address on Friday, at 3:15 p.m. Interment in St. James Cemetery.

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SHIELDS—At Ashcroft, B.C., in his 74th year, John Shields, formerly of Toronto. USHER—At his late residence, Weston, on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1916, Thomas Usher, in his 81st year. Funeral on Friday, at 2:30 p.m. Interment in Riverside Cemetery, Weston.

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SOCIETY

Conducted by Mrs. Edmund Phillips

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Next week, MRS. WED. SEATS TODAY. Return visit of English company of Players from the Haymarket Theatre, London, in

THE QUINNEYS OR THE ANTIQUE SHOP. "We have seen nothing so perfect since 'Mistakes'."—The Mail and Empire. Prices: Ev'g.—50c to \$1.50. Mat. Wed. and Sat.—50c to \$1.

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