

79. *Le Premier ministre au premier ministre du Royaume-Uni*

Dear Mr. Lloyd George,

Paris, March 20, 1919

I very earnestly hope that developments in the United Kingdom will not demand your return in the immediate future. There is the most urgent need that the work of the Conference shall be pressed to a conclusion with the least possible delay. Among all the Allied Nations the influences which have created Bolshevism in Russia, are making themselves manifest whether in the loosening of the ties that usually hold together organized communities, or in disregard for constituted authority even where it is founded on the broadest democratic basis. It is said that we must guard against a Bolshevik invasion. In one sense it is already here in Western Europe, tempered in each nation by the character and traditions of its people. In Eastern Europe it seems to be a rapidly growing force the influence of which has apparently made itself manifest in the recent disturbances in Egypt which seem to be distinctly Bolshevik character.

The world was very weary of the war and it will become still more weary of the Peace Conference unless the greatest possible expedition is secured. I am confident that every unnecessary hour's delay in arranging the preliminaries of peace is fraught with the possibility of evil and even of disaster.

Yours faithfully,

[R. L. BORDEN]

80. *Le Premier ministre par intérim au Premier ministre*

TELEGRAM P. 250

Ottawa, March 25, 1919

From White. Discussion in House yesterday indicated unanimous view that Germany should indemnify Canada to extent of ability to pay. Report was published *Montreal Star* that you were opposed to principle indemnity. Session going well.

81. *Le Premier ministre au Premier ministre par intérim*

TELEGRAM X. 178

Paris, March 27, 1919

Your P. 250. For White. Report alluded to is absolutely unfounded and indeed absurd. You are authorized to give absolute and explicit denial of any such statement. We are making every effort to procure from Germany the fullest indemnity that she is able to pay.

BORDEN