

Convention this subjects liquor traffic throughout Africa other than Algeria, Tunis, Morocco, Lybia, Egypt and Union of South Africa, to rigorous control, prohibits importation of trade spirits, prescribes minimum import duties on other spirits, prohibits local manufacture of distilled beverages except in Italian Colonies. As regards revision of Berlin and Brussels Acts, draft brings up to date so much of provision of those two instruments as dealing with questions other than arms and liquor. It provides for commercial equality throughout Conventional Basin of Congo, for trade of all members of League of Nations, but removes present restrictions on amount of import duties which have been found in practice to be contrary to interests of good administration. Convention applies only to Conventional Basin of Congo except as regards provision as to navigation of Niger and certain humanitarian provisions applicable to Africa generally. Similar telegram sent to other Dominions.

MILNER

176. *Le gouverneur général de la Nouvelle-Zélande au
Gouverneur général*

PARAPHRASE OF TELEGRAM

Wellington, N.Z., August 29, 1919

SECRET. Following for your Prime Minister from my Prime Minister, with reference to your cypher telegram August 13th. Begins, I. It is not considered necessary by Government of New Zealand to submit Anglo-French Treaty for the approval of the New Zealand Parliament, but is satisfied that very large majority is in favour of it. II. To *bona fide* religious objectors to military service and all objectors who are serving a second sentence amnesty is being granted. Other classes are being held for future consideration. III. Under Section 13 of the Expeditionary Forces Act 1918 military defaulters disfranchised for ten years. List of such defaulters has been published in *The Gazette*.

LIVERPOOL

177. *Le Gouverneur général au chargé d'affaires aux États-Unis*

TELEGRAM 46. A

Ottawa, August 30, 1919

Your telegram August 14. International Convention relating to International Air Navigation. My Ministers state that Air Board are of opinion that as Canada is interested in International Air Navigation almost exclusively with reference to the United States, before question of adherence to Convention is decided steps should be taken to arrange conference between representatives of two Governments. My Ministers request that the United States Government be informed to this effect and desire their views on matter and any suggestion as to proposed conference. Despatch follows by mail.

DEVONSHIRE