

AUSTRIAN PEACE DRIVE WILL FAIL IN ITS PURPOSE

AUSTRIAN PEACE PROPOSAL CAN HAVE NO EFFECT SAYS BALEAR

British Foreign Secretary Gives His Personal Opinion on Austrian Suggestion for Peace Conference — "Incredible That Anything Can Come of It."

London, Sept. 16.—A. J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, giving his personal opinion on the Austrian peace note to visiting journalists, said:

"It is incredible that anything can come of this proposal."
Coming after the recent speech of Friedrich Von Payer, the German imperial vice-chancellor, Mr. Balfour said:

An Attempt at Division.
"This cynical proposal of the Austrian government is not a genuine attempt to obtain peace. It is an attempt to divide the Allies."

Mr. Balfour said no one should take upon himself the task of rejecting with a light heart, any proposal which would shorten the length of the war. He also declared that no coalition ever had been so strong as the Allied coalition, and that the enemy would not succeed in breaking it.

Conversations such as were proposed by Austria-Hungary, Mr. Balfour said, undoubtedly would have great value under certain circumstances. He said they would serve to smooth out obstacles such as questions of pride, etc., but he declared that the questions now between the belligerents were definitely defined.

"I am not taking the proposal of two years ago or last year, but of last week," Secretary Balfour told the German vice-chancellor, speaking for the German government, clearly and without obscure verbiage, showing where Germany stood on the question of Belgium, Alsace-Lorraine, the German colonies and the Brest-Litovsk and Bucharest treaties."

Regarding indemnities.

The foreign secretary said he agreed with the Austrian note, when his authors pointed out that the whole of civilization was at stake and that the prolongation of hostilities was a risking or sacrificing of a great deal that was really dear to everybody interested in the progress of mankind. The terms of peace and war were so tremendous, and the calamities imposed by the continuation of hostilities so overwhelming, he said, that he would never treat with disrespect any peace proposals. It would not be more clearly set forth than it was by Von Payer last week, that Germany intended to pay no indemnity to Belgium, Mr. Balfour continued. He indicated, the foreign secretary said, that Germany did not believe in the principle of indemnities, and yet at the same time she was squeezing millions of dollars out of Russia.

"This," the speaker went on, "was for the wrong Russia is supposed to have done to Germany. How can these wrongs be compared with the devastation and ruin which Germany is wreaking on Russia now?"

The Colony Question.

Regarding the question of colonies, Secretary Balfour said: "The colonies are a misunderstanding. We stand on one side and Germany on the other."

Referring to the lack of concerted effort by the Central Powers, as emphasized by Von Payer's speech, and the Austrian note, the foreign secretary pointed to the clumsiness of German diplomacy.

"The German," he added, "exceeds in direct, subtle brutality, but when he tries to dress in President Wilson's clothes or tried to act as President Wilson would act, he is clumsy. I cannot honestly see, in the proposals now made to us as I have been able to study them," Mr. Balfour said, "the slightest hope that the goal we all desire—the goal of a peace which shall be more than a truce can really be attained."

Austria Acted Alone.

Paris, Sept. 16. (Havas Agency).—It is reported from a Berlin semi-official source that Foreign Minister Balfour's move in inviting the belligerents to a conference constituted an act binding Austria alone, says a Zurich despatch today. Germany, it is declared, took whatever in drawing up the note.

Ignore It Says Paris.

Paris, Sept. 16.—The newspapers in general declare that no attention must be paid to the Austro-Hungarian propositions, arguing that Germany's ally is merely acting as her catspaw. They see in the new peace proposals an endeavor to re-establish unity among the powers of the Teutonic alliance while creating division among the Entente Allies. All the newspapers agree that it would be a most serious mistake for the Entente to fall into the trap.

A London Opinion.

London, Sept. 16.—The Westminster Gazette considers that the Austrian note gives the Entente powers an opportunity "to set forth anew our idea of the world as it should be after the war, the world of a league of nations, that and not the contemptuous negotiation which some people seem to favor. It is the right way to challenge the German war lords and to appeal beyond them to the people of Austria and Germany."

Referring to Vice-Chancellor Von Payer's speech, which the newspaper says contemplates an unqualified German victory in the east, the Westminster Gazette concludes: "In answering the note we must make it clear to the enemy peoples that our principles apply to the east and to the west."

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Sept. 16.—Mrs. Pacific Leblanc, mother of Father D. J. Leblanc of St. Joseph's College faculty, and Arthur Leblanc, who passed away this morning at the home of her son, Thomas T. Leblanc, aged eighty years. She is survived by six sons and three daughters, also forty-three nephews and nieces.

ONE OF ST. JOHN'S LEADING CITIZENS DIED YESTERDAY

W. H. Barnaby Passed Away Suddenly At His Summer Home, Acamac—Had Been in Business For Nearly Fifty Years.

W. H. Barnaby, for nearly fifty years one of the outstanding figures in the business life of St. John, passed away suddenly yesterday morning at his summer home, Acamac. Mr. Barnaby retired Sunday night in his usual health and early yesterday morning arose and went from his bedroom to another room, where he was found dead a little later by members of the household. His son-in-law, Dr. J. H. Allingham, of Parisville, was summoned on his arrival at the home pronounced the cause of death to have been heart failure. The body will be brought to the city home, corner Princess and Carmarthen streets, and the funeral will be held from there.

Mr. Barnaby retired from active business late in January, 1917, with the good wishes of all his friends and business associates for a long and happy period of rest. He had enjoyed less than two years of this well-earned retirement.

While devoting himself to the interests of the firm with which he was so long connected, Mr. Barnaby found time to take a share in many activities which tended to make conditions better for the city in which he lived. He was one of the leaders in the movement which resulted in the city adopting a commission form of government, and for a considerable time served as chairman of the citizens' committee which drew up the present charter.

For forty-eight years Mr. Barnaby was connected with the firm of Manchester, Robertson, Allison, first as clerk and from that position he worked his way until he became the financial manager of the firm, and much of the success of the business was due to his keen financial ability and knowledge.

Mr. Barnaby leaves his wife, daughter of the late Wm. Wesley Thompson, and sister of Alex. Thompson and Mrs. John H. Thomson, one son and three daughters. The son is Capt. Hazen O. Barnaby, a staff officer in England with the Royal Flying Corps, and a veteran in the big fight in various units. Mrs. Winnifred White, wife of Capt. M. F. White, prominently engaged with the British army's campaign in Palestine, and Mrs. Nan Ryder, wife of Major T. Escott Ryder, who has been nearly four years in the expert artillery section of the Canadian forces, and who has been promoted during his absence, are daughters.

Major H. F. Robertson, a member of the St. John branch of the Canadian Fairbanks Morse Corporation. A third daughter is Marguerite, wife of Dr. J. H. Allingham, and two grandsons, the sons of Col. and Mrs. White, who have been members of their grandparents' household along with their mother while the war has been on. Mrs. Ryder has also been staying at her father's. Mr. Barnaby's sister is Mrs. Robertson, widow of T. Nesbit Robertson. He leaves no brothers.

The funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his residence, Princess street.

WESTMORLAND GIVES HER SONS TO CAUSE

Corp. Charles G. Wheaton and Pte. Wilfred Gallant Reported Killed in Action.

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, N. B., Sept. 16.—Among Westmorland county boys reported killed in action in the Canadian drive are Corp. Charles G. Wheaton, Fawcett Hill, and Pte. Wilfred Gallant of Fawcett Hill. This is the second son Mr. Wheaton has lost in the war. Gallant went overseas with the 26th Battalion.

Soldiers' Club executive will meet at Mr. A. O. Skinner's office this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

BIRTHS.

ELKIN—To Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Elkin, 107 Front street, a son, on the 16th inst.

DIED.

FAIRWEATHER.—Suddenly at his home in Lower Norton on the 15th inst., Stephen T. Fairweather, aged 83 years.

BARNABY.—Suddenly, on the 16th inst., at his home in St. John, William H. Barnaby, in the 76th year of his age.

DUNHAM.—In this city, on the 16th inst., at her late residence, 9 Dufferin Row, West End, Bertha Roxborough Dunham, aged 50 years, beloved wife of Whitney Olive Dunham.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to extend our thanks to the many friends and neighbors who were so kind to our son and daughter in their recent bereavement, the loss of their little son Oscar. Also for the beautiful floral tributes.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Calder, Sr.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Thomas Horne wishes to express her appreciation for floral tributes and sympathy extended, and many kindnesses shown by friends in her recent sad bereavement.

THE N. B. POWER CO. SUBMITS ITS CASE TO MAYOR HAYES

Letter From H. M. Hopper in Response To Mayor's Request For Information — Company Claims Increased Car Fare Will Not Meet Operating Expenses—The "One-Man" Cars in Use in Many Cities.

The position of the New Brunswick Power Company in the matter of one-man cars is set forth in the following letter sent to Mayor Hayes:

At the request of the City of Saint John the Provincial Government appointed a Special Commission to examine into the affairs of the New Brunswick Power Company.

The Commission after making an exhaustive audit and examination of the Company's business have granted a temporary increase in street car fares, the new fares to be six cents, effective October 1st and in their report state:

"It is apparent, however, that the earnings of the Company are entirely inadequate to pay a return on its investment computed on any theory or even to guarantee the continuance of service. The proceeds of the increased rates which the Commission has established in this order will not, in the opinion of the Commission be sufficient to produce even the amount which was required for interest and dividends on the shares and securities of The Saint John Railway Company by the New Brunswick Power Company."

This is taking in all departments of the Company, Electricity, Gas and Street Railway. In the Street Railway Department the increase in rate of fare to six cents the gross earnings will not equal the operating expenses; in fact at the present price of coal, other supplies and labor, a ten cent fare would not be more than sufficient. The Commission recognizing this condition in their report required the Company to institute economies principally by the introduction of one-man cars. Accordingly the Company in accordance with the orders of the Commission propose to inaugurate on October 1st, one-man car service on the Haymarket Square, Glen Falls, East St. John and Queen Square Routes.

The cars will be reconstructed as fast as the necessary devices can be procured and will be equipped with folding steps and doors. Should the operation prove satisfactory the Company will provide additional cars on these routes to see whether, by this means, increased revenues can be provided at a less proportionate operating expense.

The Company feels if this can be done and more frequent service furnished that the public will respond with larger patronage and increased operating costs may perhaps be covered.

met without any further increase in rates.

In order to facilitate the work of the Motor-Conductor operating the car the Company request that the patrons of the Street Railway procure Tickets which will be sold in strips of 5 for 30 cents as this will avoid delays caused by making change; the less delay the quicker passengers will reach their destination.

The new rates of fare go into effect on October 1st, and the old street car tickets by order of the Commission will not be accepted on and after that date, but will be deemed at the Office of the Company, corner of Dock and Union streets, commencing Wednesday, September 25th.

There are now nearly 200 Street Railways in the United States and Canada using one-man cars.

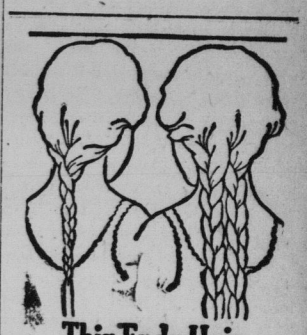
Among the Street Railways operating one-man cars in Canada are the following—Municipally owned (Canadian Street Railways, Calgary, Lethbridge, Brandon and Port Arthur, Thomas H. McCauley Superintendent, Calgary Street Railway, Calgary, a Municipally owned Street Railway, using reconstructed one-man cars, similar to those that will be used in St. John, says:

"From our experience I am convinced that the one-man car is the only solution of the present problem of more economical operation on many lines in large Cities and altogether in Cities up to 75,000 population."
The Company requests the co-operation of its patrons and employees. Under wartime conditions the one-man car is the only way in which increased car service can be secured or in fact the present service continued.

H. M. HOPPER, Mgr.

U. S. YARDS MADE RECORD OF TWO SHIPS PER DAY

Washington, Sept. 16.—Twenty-six ships, with deadweight tonnage of 147,520 tons, were delivered to the shipping board by American yards during the first thirteen days of this month, the board announced today. During the same period 29 steel and wooden ships of 168,370 deadweight tons were launched.



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MINIATURE ALMANAC.

SEPTEMBER — PHASES OF THE MOON

Day	Mo. Rise	Mo. Set	Sun. Rise	Sun. Set
1	6:05 a.m.	5:58 p.m.	6:44 a.m.	6:08 p.m.
8	5:52 a.m.	5:48 p.m.	7:11 a.m.	6:38 p.m.
15	5:37 a.m.	5:37 p.m.	7:33 a.m.	7:06 p.m.
22	5:22 a.m.	5:26 p.m.	7:52 a.m.	7:31 p.m.
29	5:09 a.m.	5:16 p.m.	8:09 a.m.	8:00 p.m.

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Moderate to south and southwest winds.

Sept. 16.—Rain has fallen over southern and eastern and in western Quebec. Other weather in Canada has been mild in Alberta and British Columbia.

England—Unsettled Tuesday; to winds.

Station	Min.	Max.
Rupert	44	70
Fredericton	48	78
Moncton	52	78
St. John's	56	84
Halifax	56	82
St. John's	56	82
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FOR NAVY LEAGUE.

Mayor Hayes yesterday received three little girls, Caroline and Nellie Foster, and the \$250 for the Navy League. The money was raised by the needs of a bazaar held by the Saturday.

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"I guess I'm~ deserted"

SHE had heard of it all her life, but she had never realized what it meant, before. The audacity of the married man, the father of beautiful children, husband of a devoted and virtuous woman, to dare—to dare to send her such a letter. His terms were—hideous!

"Why, but I can't face it—Dean, my own husband,—he can't mean it!" But he did.

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Kathleen Norris's

absorbing story of modern marriage, of stumbles and hurts and high courage, begins this month in the Pictorial Review.

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