

MUST GET RID FIRST OF GERMANY'S SYSTEM

**LORD ROBERT CECIL SAYS NO
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TREATIES ARE SACRED.**

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, Sept. 27.—Lord Robert Cecil, British Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, in his weekly interview with the Associated Press, today confirmed the Bulgarian request for an armistice, but declined to say how it was received. He said it would doubtless be dealt with officially. It was not unconditional, he added, but in the nature of the case he supposed it would be for the country to whom it was directed to adopt one of three courses. These were: First, to accept it as it is; second, to impose conditions, or third, to refuse it.

Referring to the speeches recently made in Germany regarding a League of Nations, Lord Robert declared that he was not favorably impressed by them.

He added: "The Germans don't seem to realize that you cannot have a League of Nations until you have re-established the sanctity of treaties."

Replying to the scheme proposed by Mathias Erzberger, Lord Robert said:

"You cannot make a League of Nations the substitute for victory. You must first have victory. We must get rid of the German system before we can establish any secure basis for peace."

Lord Robert Cecil said the armistice may be dealt with by the Commander in the field. On the other hand, if it is a matter to be dealt with politically he said all the allies, including America, undoubtedly would be consulted.

CORONER CRITICIZES QUEBEC AUTHORITIES

**ALLEGES REMISSNESS IN RE-
GARD TO "FLU"—HOTEL DIEU
NURSE DIES AFTER PATIENT.**

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Quebec, Que., Sept. 27.—The action of the Quebec Civic Health Department with regard to preventing the spread of Spanish influenza, which he affirmed was prevalent here, was severely condemned in an interview given last night by Coroner Jolicoeur.

The Coroner said there had been many suspicious deaths, and in his opinion a number of them were due to the dread disease. He said that the bodies of the nine sailors who had died from the disease in this port had been taken to the undertaking establishment to be embalmed for shipment, and no precaution had been taken by the authorities. The undertaker had notified the authorities that the men had died from influenza, and still they remained inactive.

It was reported last night that a patient at the Hotel Dieu had died from influenza, and that the nun who had nursed the patient had taken the disease and died shortly afterward.

Thousands Are Employed on Zeebrugge Canal

(Canadian Press Correspondence.)

Amsterdam, Sept. 10. — Thousands of laborers are now engaged in repair work on the Zeebrugge Canal, according to a frontier correspondent of The Telegraaf. They are working under the direction of German Military Engineers on the Mole, the locks and the walls of the canal, in an attempt to clear the canal of the cement-weighted cruisers which were sunk there by the British.

The Telegraaf reports that all the repairs which have been carried out at Zeebrugge harbor, Mole and locks have been destroyed by airmen, and the canal remains closed. Strive as the Germans will by slave-driving methods to re-establish Zeebrugge as a practicable harbor for their submarines, the continuous air offensive of the British airmen maintains the effect of the British navy's work.

Actually the situation grows continually more difficult for the Germans, because sand silts up against the sunken ships and makes shoals in whatever remained of the fairway. Each day the heavy keels become more firmly imbedded.