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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

New York, April 24th.—Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador at Washington and Sir George Forster Minister of Trade and Commerce of Canada, were the principal speakers at the annual dinner of the St. George's Society of New York at the Waldorf Astoria last night. Five hundred members and guests attended, women and men dining together for the first time in the history of the Society. Sir Auckland, who was received with great applause, remarked that St. George's Societies were dining, in celebration of the day in Canada Australia, India and other parts of the world. No dinners were being held in England because of the labour troubles. "England is only one fifth as large as Texas, small and not particularly fertile," He said, "but rich in its men and women. That is the treasure of it. 'The Labour troubles in Great Britain', the Ambassador said, 'were only another form of the old fight that was fought in England for Democratic Govt. The trouble was part of the cost of the war, which had disarranged the economic machinery of Europe, but the difficulties would be overcome.' Speaking of those who are trying to break the ties of Friendship and understanding which exist between the Allied and associated nations which fought together in the war, Sir Auckland said they were striving to drive a wedge between the nations, and make hostility take the place of friendship. 'It is', he declared, 'the work of broken and defeated men who have nothing to lose and all to gain. Cooperation between the Allied and Associated Powers must be insisted upon and kept

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promptly in the minds of men, for those stand against Militarism and stand for freedom and Democratic rule. Those are things that matter. "I know of no question which is not easy of solution by half-dozen suitable men gathered about a table. These rumours and whisperings are all part of a game to trouble the waters, that these defeated men may go fishing. It is necessary that all interested in maintaining the freedom of the world together and appose base suspicions which are intended to make us feel less friendly towards each other." "Sir George Foster spoke of the part Canada played in the war, her lavishing of men and money for the cause. "We believe in Canada, he continued, that this was an investment for the peace of the world. A good deal of what you might call maudlin sympathy is being displayed towards Germany". This was greeted with tremendous applause. "If Germany had won the war", he went on, "What would have been the terms of peace?" all through the war the Germans kept up the spirit of the people by continually saying "When we beat them, we will make them pay all expenses of the war, and there is no doubt they would have done this. They not only would have made France and England pay, but they would have made the United States pay also. Yet there are people who think we are harsh with Germany notwithstanding that no indemnity is asked, but only reparations for the damage they inflicted. The nation which committed the crime of the world mur-

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Despatching Secretary's Office, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, April 20th, 1921.

C. W. FOX,
Despatching Secretary.