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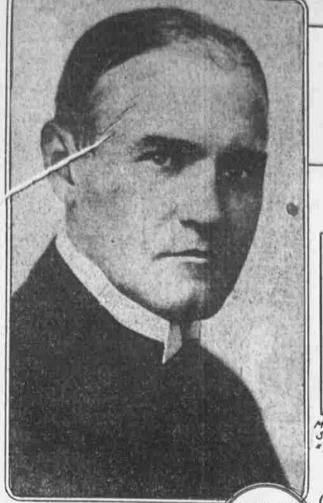
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It is interesting to note the rumors, recently revived by the London Morning Post, a newspaper in special touch with official sources, to the effect that Germany has been secretly offering be Allies all sorts of favorable peace terms in exchange for the promise of a free hand in South America, The Post asserts also that if Germany had been permitted this free hand in the past the war would never have occurred. These reports exactly bear out the contentions of Roland G. Usher's "Pan-Americanism," Mich further asserts that the international future is going to hinge on Bouth America, as the only virgin continent left for the purpose of colonization. It remains to be seen whether Mr. Usher's specific prophecies are going to prove as uncannily true in this case as they proved in the case of his "Pan-Germanism."

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