KEYNOTE STRUCK BY LLOYD-GEORGE

Empire and Government Trust to National Sacrifice and Armies

PEACE OFFER A NOOSE

New Premier's Policies on Food Shortage, Profiting and Essential Industries-Imperial Conference

The announcement in the House of Commons last week by Mr. Lloyd-George, the new Prime Minister, that the first act of his administration was the rejection of the proposal of the Central Powers for a peace conference constituted one of the most momentous scenes which the oldest parliamentary veterans had ever witnessed. His Duty and Dangers

minutes past four and said: "I appear the mills is making paper dearer. Un- invited. The school was prettily decbefore the House of Commons to-day, like small saw mills, the permanently or ited and two Christmas trees were with the most terrible responsibility located pulp mill cannot pack up its adorned with gifts for the children. that can fall upon the shoulders of equipment and follow the retreating Mr. John Firth was called upon for any living man, as chief minister of forest. Forest engineers are agreed, chairman while the children furnished the Crown and in the midst of the however, that with care in operating the programe. most stupendous war in which this limits and thorough protection against Miss E. Edwards of town ate Christ-

terms on which peace is possible is complete restitution, full reparation, effectual guarantees against repeti-

Marks of New Regime

New Government-There are three characteristics of the new Government. We departed from precedent, and concentrated the executive i a very few hands and chose men of administrative business capacity rather than of Parliamentary experience when we were unable to obtain both for the headship of great departments. We also gave a franker, fuller recognition to labor.

Shipping and Mines-The Government feels the time has come to place all ships practically in the same position as railways. The Government feels we ought to assume more direct control of the whole mining industry.

Food Problem Serious-We must call the people to make real sacrifices over consumption. Every available square yard must be made to produce food. Let the nation place comforts, luxuries, indulgences, elegances on the national altar. Profiteering-The Government has

come to the conclusion that it cannot ask of the nation more sacrifices without taking more drastic steps to arrest unfair profiteering out of the war. Mobilizing Labor

service. Neville Chamberlain, Lord for rendering the plans effective. Ireland-My colleagues and I will Brilliant, B.C.

strive to produce a better amosphere. Dominions-We propose at an early date to summon an Imperial Conference and place the whole position before the Dominions and consult with them more.

BRITISH TAKE EL ARISH

Significant Victory Over Turks Beyond Suez Canal

El Arish, 90 miles east of the Suez Canal, was captured last week by the British. The British official statement says: "The Egyptian town of El Arish was occupied by our troops after being for two years in the hands of the enemy. From the fact that the enemy had constructed a very strong entrenched position covering El Arish and that a large amount of work recently had been carried out there it appeared that the enemy had every intention of offering a stubborn resistance. They abandoned their position on Tuesday night and retreated to the east and to the southeast. It is a serious blow to the Turks from a moral and military point of view." El Arish is a fortified town of Egypt, on the Mediterranean, near the frontier of Palestine. It is a town of 20,000 people.

Take 1,130 More Turks

Following up their victory against the Turks in the capture of El Arish, the British forces in Egypt have captured Maghdadah, taking some 1,100 prisoners, the War Office announced on Christmas. The official statement reads: "On Friday afternoon British mounted troops carried a strong enemy position at Maghdadah, 20 miles south-southeast of El Arish. after an engagement beginning at nine o'clock in the morning. Aircraft cooperated, attacking with bombs and machine gun fire from a low altitude. The total captures are now 1,130 prisoners, at least two guns, and a large quantity of arms and war material. The enemy's casualties were considerable. Our aeroplanes continue to harrass the enemy."

"Allies Cannot Lose"

Major-General Masataro Fujuda, of the Japanese General Staff, and recently an observer attached to the French army, arrived in New York last week on the French line steamship La Touraine from Bordeaux. Discussing the European war, Gen. Fujuda said that his impartial view as a soldier was that the Entente allies could not lose their cause.

Canadian homesteads in the West will hereafter be available only for British subjects and citizens of allied or neutral countries.

WHY PAPER IS DEAR

-Makes a Long Haul Necessary

out question, there is abundance of wisses Ethel Greenwood, Listowel three to ten thousand dollars, and is supposed the error was made furnish excuses for not supporting to three to ten thousand dollars, and is supposed the error was made furnish excuses for not supporting to three to ten thousand dollars, and is supposed the error was made furnish excuses for not supporting to three to ten thousand dollars, and is supposed the error was made furnish excuses for not supporting three to ten thousand dollars, and is supposed the error was made furnish excuses for not supporting three to ten thousand dollars, and is supposed the error was made furnish excuses for not supporting three to ten thousand dollars, and is supposed the error was made furnish excuses for not supporting three to ten thousand dollars, and is supposed the error was made furnished the properties and the error was made furnished the er tween the woods and the mills is a D. Firth. factor of first importance, as not a Mrs A. Firth and daughter Jean of few unsuccessful Canadian and Ameri- Orangeville and Mrs. Carney of Grand

realize. Every additional mile a week. logs, the cost of the paper products the doctors care for a week. We friends. You can visit them by will reflect an advance.

E. H. Backus, President of the Min- with appendicitis. ing inaccessibility of pulp limits from afternoon to which the public were

into a conference at the invitation of reduced the near-at-hand bodies of W. J. Ritchie. Germany, who is proclaiming herself pulp wood far more than the actual The usual routine of business 28. 29, 30 and 31. Return limit Jan victorious without any knowledge of cut of logs. The Northern Ontario was transacted at our annual 3 proposals she will make, is to put our fires are an illustration of this fact. school meeting on Wednesday. heads into a noose with the rope-end In the 1,200 square miles devastated Mr. John G. Firth retired from the Purchase in advance. Tickets on in the hands of Germany. The only were substantial quantities of paper trustee board after serving very Sale now. Any Ticket Agent, Canan Ontario paper company lost 400,000 cords of wood, ready piled in the mill yard. The forest fire record in Ontario and Quebec during ten years accounts for vastly more forest wealth than has passed into lumber and pulp.

Without doubt, other causes than unheeded fires were at the root of the paper price advances in war time, but it remains true that since the first paper factory in Canada began to operate, the fire flend has been laying his tax on the paper consumer.

COMMUNISTS PROSPER

bors Wealthy Peter Veregin, a Doukhobor, came to Canada in 1903, just after a 15-year exile in Siberia. For a time he endured the hardships of a pioneer's life on the prairies. Thirteen years later he lived for the time being in a suite in the Fort Garry hotel, and headed week through illness, but was a community of 7,000 Doukhobors, back in time to add to the Christpossessing property value at about mas cheer of the scholars. \$2,000,000. Although he says the idea is as old as the hills, Mr. Veregin who is attending Knox College, is claims credit for promoting this com- spending a fortnight at the home munity idea which has proved such of his uncle, Robt. Barbour. a wonderful success. As a young man Universal National Service-It is he endeavored to get his brother Douknecessary that we make a swift, effec- hobors to band together in Russia and tive answer to Germany's latest move. form a community settlement, but he The War Cabinet has decided that alleges that the Russian government the time has come for the adoption viewed his efforts with suspicion, and, of the principle of universal national regarding it as a political offence, sentenced him to 15 years' imprisonment Mayor of Birmingham, has been ap- in Siberia. On obtaining his release pointed Director-General of National he joined a colony of his kinsmen who Service. Workers in non-essential in- had located in Saskatchewan, and he dustries will be invited to enroll in directed all their efforts along comwar lists and be ready to be used any- munity lines-the one working for the where until peace. The Director- good of the whole. By 1916 there were General will have necessary powers three settlements-at Veregin, Saskatchewan, one in Alberta, and one at

FEEDING THE BEES

white granulated sugar is a safe sub- the ties which bound them to their stitute for honey in spring and son native county. But the chances are mer and a desirable supplementary food for winter. For autumn feeding use two parts of sugar to one of water, in the interior of Canada, and two and a half parts sugar to one of water at the coast. To get the sugar to dissolve completely, the water must be hot, and if the syrup is made over the fire, the sugar must be added to the water in small quantities at a time and stirred constantly until dissolved, to prevent it from settling to the bottom of the vessel and burning. Burned sugar is very unwholesome for bees and would cause their death during winter. To prevent the syrup from granulating, a teaspoonful of tartaric acid may be added to every twenty pounds of sugar.

The new type of finit jar' with very

re its rike peaches and promes. drad or'cracker crnmbs' to dry it' shirting and yarn, and have all then dip in egg and roll in crnmbs a they can do at their afternoon When watering house plants add a meetings, and home work besides. little sweet milk to the water occasio-

Walkerton.

woods to meet all demands of paper and Mary and Alix Edge of Toronto mills, but abundance and acessibility are home for the Christmas vacation. are frequently two very different Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Firth of Toronto

things. Transportation, distances be- spent Christmas with his mother Mrs

can paper mills have been forced to Valley are guests of Mrs. R. Edge this Start the year backed by the conpaper mill is obliged to travel for | Miss Carrie McNally has been under folks at home are still your best

understand that she is threatened nesota and Ontario Paper Co. at Fort Our teacher Miss Mc Donald had an Francis, Ont., stated that the increas- entertainment in the school on Friday

country has ever Leen engaged; a war fire, pulpwood forests can be perpetu- mas dinner with Mrs T. Greenwoods, upon which its destinies depend." ated indefinitely; accessibility of sup- MIS D. Greenwood and Miss Clara at Following are the chief points in his plies need be lessened very little. Mrs. Moffat's; the Bryon family Up to the present stage in Canada with Mrs. A. J. Greenwood and the

> making materials. In the same fire faithfully and efficiently for adian Pacific Railway. four consecutive terms. Mr. C. H. Moffat was elected in his place. Mr. Hugh Vaughan has the contract for supplying the wood at \$2.75 per cord. Howard Ritchie lights the fires, and Tommy Morrison attends the sweeping, dust- New Year's Fares ing and scrubbing for 1917.

CORNER CONCERNS

Mrs. Jas. Tucker was called to Belgrave last Thursday by the illness of her mother.

Ideas of Peter Veregin Made Doukho- from North Bay Normal school for of Port Arthur and to Detroit and the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawrence, who sion Bridge, N.Y. have moved across the line from Tickets now on sale at all G. T. R. Glenelg to Egremont. chie, was laid off a few days last G. B. Dingman, phone 3, Durham.

Mr. Robt. Rumley of Manitoulin,

Rev. Mr. Newnham, formerly of

the Varney circuit, is visiting Mr. R. Meade's. Miss Mabel Meade is home from

Toronto for the holiday. Miss Haxel Dennett of Ottervill:

is home for the noliday. While Messrs. John Barbour and Robt. Rumley were having their Christmas morning cutter ride, their horse took fright at an auto and upset them and ran away, but no very serious damage was done although Mr. Barbour had sprained ankle, which may soon he well.

Messrs. Wm. and Robt. Lennox of Elbow, Sask., are on a few weeks' visit to their brother, Joe and many old friends. They have disposed of the 200-acre farm they owned in the northern part Syrup made from the best grade of of Glenelg, thus severing one of that stronger ones will be form-

ed before they return. Mr. Thos. Tucker gave his wife a handsome new organ for

Christmas box. The Chronicle says it is now 20 vears under the same management and as editor and manager of the best local paper in the country. the time must have passed very pleasantly and quickly. Let us ask ourselves how it has been with us as correspondent. From the beginning of that period it has seemed a long time, wearying and waiting for the promotion that would make us editor-in-chief. Compliments of the season

The Chronicle and its readers. The Ladies' Aid is now in necks is best for canning whole position to do good work with their share of the township's gift. Before frying food sirst rool it in They are spending the money in While our first speculation is on

our own council, we would also

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fidence that your friends and

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venture an opinion on neighbor the ratepayers were anxious to money over to the treasurers of Richard Barber of Normanby. He put some good men in charge, or the various schools, and we will Misses Mary and Eliza Edge ate will take the solid vote of his in guard of the treasure, and namy look carefully after it. Every show Forest Fires a Big Contributing Cause

Misses Mary and Eliza Edge ate will take the song vote of his in guard of the treasure, and have offered their services—about and dance, who know of so much neighborhood, and when a man have offered their services—about and dance, who know of so much neighborhood, and when a man have offered their services—about and dance, who know of so much neighborhood, and when a man have offered their services—about and dance, who know of so much neighborhood, and when a man have offered their services—about and dance, who know of so much neighborhood, and when a man have offered their services—about and dance, who know of so much neighborhood, and when a man have offered their services—about and dance, who know of so much neighborhood, and when a man have offered their services—about and dance, who know of so much neighborhood, and when a man have offered their services—about and dance of the treasure. has the confidence of those who ten as councillors, and three for money in the treasury, will be walkerton.

Mrs. Jas. Staples of Markdale is know him best, it is safe for all to the reeveship. But the sum is not after the council for a grant, but ing to increase the price of paper to er frederica Staples who has been ill The 25 per cent. raise in the tax- \$2500, and although it was unfores this year caused a big turnout tunate to raise extra money this. It was possibly never more

noticed before it finally passed. It the nomination who was trying to our township has not placed itself thirty cents beside the men who on the same footing as some of had made great sacrifices to let the surrounding ones, of having their sons go to the front, and school money ahead, we would helped in every way to maintain suggest the new council hand the them there.

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Doing Our Bit

All of us cannot fight. All of us-men, women and children-can do something towards winning the war. Are we seeking that "something," or are we evading it? Are we looking for the "bit" we should do, or trying to forget it?

Take the Canadian Patriotic Fund. It has been created to care for the families of our soldiers in those cases—and those only—where need exists. Experience has shown that this means in two families out of three. Up to December 1, 1916, the people of Canada have given \$16,500,000 to the Fund.

That is generous giving, isn't it? But the country is still at war; our armies are still growing; the soldiers' families are still in need; the Fund still must be maintained. And what do we find: in every part of the country men crying that they have given enough to the Fund-that Government should now take the burden.

Given enough! When the Canadian lad in the trenches is dead-tired, ready to drop in his tracks, does he chuck his job, declare he has given enough, and call on Government to get another man? Given enough! Is there a man in Canada has given enough if women and children are in need while he, the stay-athome, has a dollar to spare?

No! This Fund, above all funds, has a claim on every citizen who is not himself a pauper. The fact that Government has not assumed responsibility for it is the fact that makes every man responsible for it-even if he thinks the Fund should be maintained by Government moneys.



Are YOU helping to insure this home against need?

GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT CONTROL, BECAUSE—

- 1. Government would have to treat all alike. The Fund helps only those in need. If Government paid the families of each soldier the average sum paid by the Fund the extra burden on the country would be between eight and nine million dollars yearly.
- 2. By paying the average sum those families in districts where cost of living is low would receive more than they need; those in high-cost areas would be paid too little.
- 3. Costs of administration would be enormously increased. This work is now done, for the most part, by willing workers without cost. Of every hundred dollars subscribed, Ninety-nine Dollars and Forty-six Cents go to the families! Never was a voluntary fund so economically administered.
- 4. The work would suffer. There would be no more of the friendly, almost paternal, relation now existing between the administrators of the Fund and the families. Government works automatically. The Fund's visitors are friends in need, therefore friends indeed.
- 5. Taxation would be unequal, for some counties and some provinces are already taxing their people for this Fund. Are they to be taxed again by the Federal authority?
- 6. The richer classes would be relieved of work they are cheerfully doing. They are now bearing, and bearing because they have the financial power and the patriotic willingness, the larger share of the burden. Why take from them this task, and give it to all, rich and poor? 7. The Fund blesses him that gives. It is a vehicle for public spirit—a channel for patriotic endeavor. The work of administering it has uncovered unknown reservoirs of unselfishness and sacrifice. Men and women have
- winning the war. Why stay their hand and stifle their enthusiasm? 8. Last, but not least: Government control means raising the money by selling Government bonds. Government bonds mean future taxation. And that means that the returning soldiers will pay, through long years, a large share of the cost of caring for their families—a cost we, the stay-at-homes, pledged ourselves to bear.

thrown themselves into this work because they found in it the "bit" for which they looked—their contribution to

MEN AND WOMEN OF ONTARIO:

Bend your backs once again to this burden. If you live in the rural districts see to it that your county councils make grants worthy of the counties and of the cause. If in the towns, start campaigns for individual subscriptions. And personally, taxed or not taxed, give as you can afford, give as your conscience tells you is your duty, your wartime part, in this day of national sacrifice.

The Fund requires \$12,500,000 for 1917. Of this Ontario is asked to raise \$6,000,000, being the estimated require ments of Ontario's families. If there is no local Fund to which you can subscribe, send your gift direct to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, Vittoria Street, Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

w IRWIN, Editor and Proprieto

DURHAM, DECEMBER 28.

THE NOMINATIONS

No Durham council would complete without Laidlaw, C. or Hunter, and these three surely had enough of the st of office to step aside and others have a chance.

For twenty years we known Durham, and during year the council was graced one or more of the illustriou 'Are we to infer that a D council couldn't exist w them? If so, how will thing when they are shuffled off stage? Last year, Mr. Catton held

reeveship, a position he induced to accept by a port the electorate, notwithsta the fact that he had no pr nunicipal experience. He dis ed his duties well, showing in his management of town a and from reports of his don the county council. his or there were regarded as sou we have already said, he ne pired for office, and we wer ous to see him have anothe at least. At the nominal made a very clear prese of the year's work. He state honest facts, without egot bombast, and left the electo the impression that he again be a candidate. W not been told why he failed his qualifications, and to s gave up in diagust and it ence to the paltry honor office is only a mere con Mr. Calder was evidently anxious for office, and he with a clear field.

As to Mr. Laidlaw's asp for the mayoralty, we positive assurances of his for the position. In fact, much as said he had no i of running, and even yet no reason to doubt him. Mr. Hunter were the o nominated, and when the l timated he was not going for re-election, Mr. Laidla alone, and got in by accl Two points in Mr. Laidlay ination address should to heart by the electors, said would have to pay t es, and to keep the law.

During the year a by-l introduced making it in to have the taxes paid b 12th of December each add five per cent. An the majority present at the closing meetings was nullify the by-law, but M stood firm, and being left the council table in disgust, declaring he wo nothing more to do wit may account largely fo fusal to be a candidate, Of the eleven candid council honors, six are to en, and the others left. I

hoped the choice may one and that the 1917 co give us a fair share of nicipal legislation. There are two money be voted on, one for \$5, off the shortage on t and the other for \$1,000

up the High School def should be carried, to tae payment over the ti

McWilliam

The compliments of to the editor, staff, and of The Chronicle. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W Fort Frances are visiting mer's parents and other this vicinity.

fied.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gut Master Murray, of Conr tana, are visiting Mrs. parents, Mr. and Mrs. rence, Sr., and other the vicinity. Mr. Bert DeVolder,

operated on a week getting along nicely, t treatment of Dr. Sneath Born-On Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ford, Mr. John Lawrence,

able to walk out to the every day. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mo son, of New Liskeard, ing the holidays with Kelvie's father and ot

around here. Mr. W. L. Dixon spe ldays at his home here Mr. Wells of Hanove holiday with Mr. and M We extend hearty tions to Mr. Hardy Ha Miss Flossie Hooper,

married last Wednesda Methodist parsonage, Mr. John McCaul and gie moved into their on Monday of last we Mr. John Eckhardt h ter carriers installed in

by Rabb & Cox, of tow