LA T EDITION

PEACE WILL BE DISCUSSED

AS WELL AS PROBLEMS THAT land for home defence in November.

WILL ARISE. The Premiers to Be Temporarily Attached to the British War Council

-Message to Governor-General. Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The Imperial Conference announced recently by Lloyd George is to be not an Imperial Conference in the ordinary sense, but a war conference. This tion plants and other large industries point is made clear in a cable de- are idle here as the result of the spatch to the Governor-General to- storm, which fractured the wires near day from the Secretary of State for Cooksville, about 4 a.m., plunging the the Colonies, Walter Long. The

message reads: "I wish to explain that what is contemplated by his Majesty's Government is not a session of the ordinary Imperial Conference, but a special war conference of the Empire. His Majesty's Government therefore invites your Prime Minister to attend a serious of special and continuous meetings of the new War Cabinet in order to consider urgent questions + London, Dec. 27 .- Petrograd + affecting prosecution of the war, the possible conditions on which in agreement with our Allies we could assent | Bucharest is losing momentum. to its termination, and the problems + Each day gained enables Rus- +

which will then immediately arise. "Your Prime Minister for the pur-

member of the War Cabinet. "In view of the extreme urgency of the subjects of discussion, as well as of their supreme importance, it is hoped that your Prime Minister may find it possible in spite of serious inconvenience involved, to attend at an early date-not later than the end of February. While the presence of your Prime Minister himself is earnestly desires by his Majesty's Government, they hope that if he sees insuperable difficulties he will carefully consider the question of nom-inating a substitute, as they would regard it as a serious misfortune if tional service is not to be the foreany dominions were left unrepre- runner of conscription were satis-

Parliament May Meet Earlier. The assembling of delegates to this War Conference will take place during the approaching session of Parliament, and the announcement Of International Situation Held to-day may induce the Government to advance the date of the opening in order that the work of the session may be as far advanced as possible before the Prime Minister's depar- tion was held at Premier Lloydture. There is, of course, a possibility that the character of the ses- ing street to-day. ion may make it impossible for Sir Robert Borden to leave at all.

************ + LABOR'S VOICE AGAINST PTACE. •

Paris, Dec. 27 .- In addresses at the National Congress of the + French Socialist party, Arthur + Henderson, the British Cabinet for a lasting peace.

MET DEATH WHILE FLYING IN ENGLAND

Lieut. Don Brophy, of Ottawa, Meets a Sudden End on Christmas.

Ottawa, Dec. 27-A cable to members of the family announces the death, while flying in England Monday of Lieut. Don. Brophy of this city and son of J. B. Brophy, of St. Peters, Que. He was attached to the Royal Flying Corps. Brophy, who was formerly a member of Ottawa Football Club, qualified in aviation at Toronto in October, 1915. He went to the front as a flier in March of this year and was recalled to Eng-

TORONTO INDUSTRIES

THROWN INTO IDLENESS By the Storm-The Electric Wires Were Broken Near

Cooksville.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Many big municity into darkness, and the larger part of the city arose by candle light

The storm last night and this morning was general from Jacksonville, Florida, to Northern Ontario. Anxiety is great for shipping along the Atlantic coast.

*** TEUTON ADVANCE** LOSES MOMENTUM.

· despatches to the Times say: + ◆ There are indications that a ◆ • German advance northeast of • * sian reinforcements to come * + within striking distance, thus + helping to hold the present line h pose of these meetings, would be a + northwest and southeast of

LABOR WILL CO-OPERATE.

Assured That National Services Does Not Mean Conscription.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The Dominion Trades Congress executive had a fur- FROM THE DOMINION ARSENAL ther conference with Premier Borden and R. B. Bennett, director-general of national service, yesterday. It is understood that the assurances that nafactory to the labor delegation, and that it will co-operate in the move-

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE Premier's Residence.

(Special to the Whig.)
London, Dec. 27.—A ministerial conference of the international situa-George's official residence in Down- junk dealers, who resold it to a Mont-

Foreign Secretary A. J. Balfour made his first appearance in conference since his recent indisposi-

PLURALITY OF 689,465

Was Secured by President Wilson

Over Hughes. New York, Dec. 27-Woodrow Wil-Minister, and C. H. Roberts, & son is President for four years more member of the British Parlia- & by virtue of a plurality over Charles ment, both affirmed, amidst en- 4 Evans Hughes of 689,465 wotes out + thusiastic cheers, that the war + of a total of 15,477,463 cast on Nomust be fought out until full + vember 7th. These figures as assemguarantees have been obtained & bled to-day by the United Press are A Japanese Steamer Is Aground · based largely by official counts of the

States as certified to the Electoral

BASE HOSPITAL "SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE."



This photograph shows a base hospital in France of the type in which most wounded Canadians are treated before being sent to England. On the litters in the courtyard are lying German and French wounded, both badly in need of medical aid, and some even more in need of the services of a minister of their faith.

+ Filipiti, 30 miles from Braila. + Seven French-Canadians Are Under Arrest At Quebec Gity.

AT ANCIENT CAPITAL.

Leading to Vigorous Military Enquiry-Others Are Under Suspicion

(Special to the Whig.) French-Canadians have been arrested and others are under suspicnon charged with stealing several tons of cupro-nickel from the Dominion arsenal and indirectly aiding the King's

It was scrap nickel from cartridges remelted and rivets made from it The stolen nickel was sold to local

For some time suspicion has existed that enemy agents have been at work getting Canadian nickel in various ways from export through

The metal after being taken from the Government arsenal scrap piles was packed in whiskey casks. The unearthing of this plot for exportation of nickel is leading to a vigorous military inquiry.

IN A HOPELESS WAY.

Near to Chefoo.

(Special to the Whig.) Tokio, Dec. 27.—The steamer ankaku Maru is aground off Chefoo British with its crew and passengers totalling 400. The position of the vessel today was said to be "hopeless." Two Americans are among the Sankaku's passengers.

\$100,000 to Church. Paris, Dec. 27 .- The Paris edition of the New York Herald says that Frank J. Gould has just given \$100,-000 for rebuilding the British Protestant church at Maisons-Lafitte.



EDITOR SKEFFINGTON'S WIDOW

DENY RUSSIA'S RIGHT TO SECURE CONSTANTINOPLE CALLING Cologne Gazette Says Ger-

many Is Willing to Return **Baltic Provinces.** Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—Prefacing an evidently inspired leading editor-

ial with the statement that Germany To Consider does not desire to create a feeling of revenge in Russia, which would provoke another war. The Cologne Gazette declares that Germany intends to restore the Russian Baltic Da provinces, but that Russia must re- NUT cognize that the new situation created in Poland cannot be changed.

The paper argues that in taking Poland, Germany was really rendering a service to Russia, and that, deprived of Poland, Russia will form a Unearthing of Plot for Exportation united and homogeneous empire. Germany will never allow Russis to possess Constantinople, according to the paper, but is ready to negotiate Quebec City, Dec. 27. - Seven with Turkey and Russia an arrangement permitting Russian warships and merchant men to navigate the straits.

"GAIN PARIS OR DIE."

Heard in Berlin. ports from Swiss sources are that the Germans are laying plans to make United States ports, possibly by the or Die" story is in circulation in Ber- cution of the war. Deutschland submarine route to Ger- this continent has been permitted to leading spokesman of those who have

and sent to Switzerland.

Prosecution of the War.

HIS ARGUMENTS GIVEN MANY MONTHS AGO.

Whole Empire for the Life and they are attacked. the Empire.

government which, when it comes about will be of special interest to This Is the German Drive Story Canadians, will be the calling of the London, Dec. 27.—Persistent re- been a great many people in Canada for the people of Great Britain and Joffre will be made a Marshal of who have never understood why the another drive on Paris, as soon as the Imperial Conference has not been weather permits. These reports may called long ago, so that representabe fables, but they are so insistent tives of the Dominions should consult POOR WORLD CROP as to cause interest. There appears to be no doubt that the "Gain Paris together for the most effective prose-

this sentiment has been permitted to leading spokesman of those who have slip through the German censors so advocated calling the Imperial Conoften gives ground for the belief, cur- ference. Early in 1915, when the rent here, that the rumor is sent out first announcement came that an Imby the Teutonic press department to perial Conference would not likely be cover a manoeuvre in another direc- called, Mr. Rowell gave his argu-Empire is now at stake, and all its

resources in men and means must be mobilized to achieve victory. The Governments of Russian, France and Great Britain have held conferces to discuss how the Allies can best mobilize both their finances and military resources. the parliaments of Great Britain and all the self-governing dominions have held their war sessions; but so far the supreme Council of the Empireing all the free nations of the Empire-has not been called together in a war session to consider how we can most effectively mobilize the resources of the whole empire for this life and death struggle in which we DOLLS, TOYS AND CANDLES are engaged. "The Imperial Conference was call-

ed into being for the express purpose of discussing and considering questions of common interest between 'His Majesty's Government and his Governments of the Self-Governing Dominions beyond the Seas.' When in the history of our Empire has a question arisen of such common and vital interest and of such commanding importance as the one we are now facing? If there ever was a time in our history when such consideration appears both desirable and necessary it is now.

free nations of the Empire. And what a splendid illustration and demof the solidarity as well as of the overcast again before dark. flexibility of our free institutions and erty. What a demonstration it Empire's task and to maintain for democracy and free government their right to a place in the earth."

PLANS TO CONTROL BRITISH SHIPPING

White Star and Cunard Liners to Run From Liverpool to Halifax.

New York, Dec. 27 .- The Times Christmas and an early victory. be provided with special signals to there were no chimneys. Mobilizing the Resources of the enable them to call for assistance if

Death Struggle—There Should be New York and Boston in small ships crease in artiflery fire on the German a Glad Response From All Parts of to Halifax, where the freight will be line north of the bank of the Somme trans-shipped on board the big river. British infantry are attacking (Special to the Whig.)

Toronto, Dec. 27.—One of the Liverpool or London, Passengers There is sharp fighting in Dobrupromised acts of the Lloyd George will travel by train. The expense of dja. The Russians took several huntrans-shipping the freight and con- dred Teuton prisoners, also three veying it to Halifax will be very guns and some stores. heavy, but it will have to be done in The Allies will definitely decline t order to make certain that the Gov. negotiate peace on the basis of "as Imperial Conference. There have ernment will get sufficient provisions you-were-before-the-war." for the army of two million men in France. France and Flanders."

Decreased Wheat Yield of 25 Per Cent.

Rome, Dec. 27.-The Internation ments for the calling of such a con- al Institute of Agriculture harvest esference, and repeatedly since then, timates continue to indicate the poor U-Boat Captain Sent to Switzerland. at meeting after meeting, he has world crops. It is now able for the Berlin, Dec. 27 .- Lieut. Cromp- urged the course. The arguments first time, through new reports just ton, commander of the German sub- may be summed up in Mr. Rowell's received, to forecast the wheat promarine U-41, has been exchanged speech in Toronto at the third and duction of Argentina. The Argennual-dinner of the Liberal Club Fed- tine wheat crop is estimated at 70,-He was one of the two survivors eration of Ontario on May 21st, 1915: 000,000 bushels, one-half that of last of the U-41, which was sunk by the "The very life and future of our year.

Australia's wheat crop is estimated at 135,000,000 bushels, which is four per cent. better than the yearly average.

For the world's eighteen most important countries, including the United States, Canada, British India, Japan and all Europe the estimated total wheat crop is placed by the institute at 2,500,000,000 bushels, which is 25 per cent less than last

NEW YORK STOCKS. The Prices Which Were Made on

Stock Exchange. New York, Dec. 27.—Prices to-day were firm and in quite a few cases

advances were reached. New York Stocks. Open, 2.30 p.m.

	All plane 100		н
ı	Atchison 104 1/2	194%	I
B	Baltimore & Ohio 83 %	84 1/4	3
đ	C. P. R	F122	ŀ
86	C. P. R	105 %	l
3	Erie 3514		Ì
8	Erie, pfd 49 1/6	49%	į
88	Pennysivania	56%	į
8	Reading 103%	104%	I
90	Union Pacific 147%	148%	į
	Beth. Steel 510	>505	į
83	Ren Steel 784	78%	Ĭ
83	Rep. Steel 78 ½ U. S. Steel 107 %	108%	Į
8	Anne da 8274	83 %	I
50	Amer. Locomotive 78 1/2	79	l
9	Inter. Nickel 43 1/2	42%	Ł
28	Intes. 141cket 40 /2	Silver State	į
	Canadian, Stocks.	100	i
9	Steamers 371/4	- 27 2	h
8	Steamers at 74	0774	ĝ
	Steel of Canada 64 1/2	07.74	þ
8	Dominion Steel 67 1/2 Cement 44	61%	þ
胡	Cement	. 65	į
6	General Electric 172 1/4	Bid	į
	N. S. Steel	117	1
93	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE	DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON OF T	ı

tuebec and the sea. This is one day fail her now. later than last year.

the Imperial Conference, represent- In Ruined French Villages and Made the

WERE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE DESTITUTE CHILDREN,

Who Shricked With Joy Over the Unexpected Gifts-Santa Claus Made His Appearance Through Trap

Doors. With the British Armies in the Field, Dec. 26 .- A howling wind and a driving rain ushered in the third Christmas of the war along the British front. The promise of a beaut!-"I am sure every portion of the ful day in the starlit night of Christ-Empire would cheerfully and gladly mas eve was not fulfilled. All day respond to the united appeal of the long scudding clouds flew before the wind until late in the afternoon, onstration it would be at this hour when it suddenly cleared. It grew

Christmas was a day of comparathe loyalty which springs from lib- tive quiet on the front. There was a good deal of artillery firing in cerwould be of the determination of the tain sectors and trench mortar activfree democracies of the Empire to ity—the fire, as one Tommy punningcombine in the performance of the ly expressed it, "in order to make pieces on the earth."

Unheedful of the weather and the firing, the Tommies carried out their Christmas programme. There were lunches and dinners and suppers and masquerade parties, phonograph concerts, theatrical programmes and band music progammes smokers and customs of that part of England and her colonies from which they came. Commanding officers, for the most part, attended the meases of their men, wishing them a happy

says: "It is understood that under There was a real holiday spirit dethe new Lloyd George plan for con- spite the war time, the "Tommies" trolling British shipping the White especially taking particular delight Star and Cunard liners will operate in playing Santa Claus to children of between Liverpool and Halifax in- the ruined villages. Their shrieks stead of coming on to New York, of joy over unexpected dolls and toys and will be armed with six-inch guns and candies resounded through the fore and aft. In addition to the villages. In cities like Arras, where protection afforded by the guns there | the remaining inhabitants live in the will be fast cruisers in certain pos- cellars, there was a splendid opporitions which will be known to the tunity for Santa Claus to make his commanders of the liners, who will appearance through trap doors, since

War Tidings

No more Canadian recruits are required at present for the naval air service.

The war conference of Britain and FOR THE PAST YEAR her dominions is to be held in Febru-

DAILY MEMORA VIII M

See top of page 2, right hand corner for probabilities.

LATURNEY-On Dec. 25th. 1916. to Mr. and Mrs. E. Laturner, 520 Princess street a daughter. MARRIED

Street, Kingston, on Tuesday, Dec. 26th, 1916, by Rev. Geo. 3. Clendinnen, William John Albertson, of Kingston, to Laura Amelia Brown, of Sydenham, Ont. MacDONALD-FAIRLIE-On December

cDONALD-FAIRLIE—On December 26th, 1916, at the residence of the bride's parents, Brock street. Kingston, by the father of the bride, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Stephen, St. Andrew's church, Anna Ballantyne, daughter of the Rev. John and Mrs. Fälrlie, to Rev. J. th. MacDonald, Gore Bay, Ont.

LAWSON-flu Kingston, on Tuesday, December 26th, 1916, Serena Stage, wife of Henry M. Lawson. Funeral on Thursday, 28th inst, at 2.36 p.m. from Sydenham Street Meth-odist church, to Cataraqui ceme-MILLS in Chicago, on Christmas morning. Ann Mills, widow of the late John Mills of Kingston, aged

84 years.

Funeral, Friday morning, at 10.30 p'clock from her son's recidence, 128 University Avenue. Service at MARRISON-In Kingston, Wednesday, Dec. 27th, 1916, William James Marrison, 369 Alfred street, aged

72 years. Funeral notice later. JAMES REID The Old Firm of Undertakers and 256 PRINCESS STREET hone 147 for Ambulan

All that our forefathers fough and achieved, all that we have inherited and accomplished, our in-stitutions and liberties, our destiny as a nation, the existence of our Empire, are all at stake in this conflict. And I am confident that the resolu-tion, the determination, the self-reliance, the resourcefulness, which Navigation was on Sunday officially never failed Canada in the stress and ed on the St. Lawrence between trials of the past, will assuredly not

-SIR ROBERT L. BORDEN.

CIAL WAR STATEMENTS ...

British.

London, Dec. 26 .- "Practical de-

The text of the statement reads: "The following probably are the final details regarding Maghdabah: The total captures were 1,350 prison-ers, including 45 officers, four rounds of small ammunition, some where else the cannonade was intergun ammunition, a number of horses mittent. and camels, and transports and other

The total enemy engaged number- | night with the exception of rather ed 1,300 to 2,000, so practically the lively artillery fighting in the region whole force was destroyed.

"Further south one of our mobile yesterday bombarded the railroad

WHIG CONTENTS 1-iWar Conference in Febru-ary; Stole Nickel for Ger-

nany: British as Santa laus: Calling Conference. nal Service Plans; Local News.
3 Peak of Prosperity; Social
Events: Darlingside News.
4 Editorial Notes; Random

5-Letters to the Editor; A Sober Christmes.
6-Eastern Ontario News.
7-Amusements; Announcements;

The Forum.

Military Matters; Theatrical.

Fun on New Year's Eve;
Budgets from Wellington
and Wolfe Island.

Confessions of Roxane;
Menus; Social News; Township Councils. 11-Pashions Ellustrated; Market Reports.

columns advanced through Mitla Pass, destroying the enemy defences at the eastern end thereof. It burn-

Paris, Dec. 26 .- The War Office bulletin issued Tuesday night reads: "There was great activity by both mountain guns, three Krupp guns, a artilleries in the sectors of Belloy-enarge number of rifles, 100,000 Santerre and Fouquescourt. Every-

> An earlier report said:
> "There was nothing to report last station and barracks at Nesle and

enemy encampments in the Chapitre wood and at Ourscamp." GERMAN.

Berlin, Dec. 26 .- Tuesday's War Office statement read: "Western front: In some sectors of the Ypres front, on both sides of La Bassee Canal and west of Lens, the activity of the artillery increused. Advances by strong British patrols

were repeatedly repulsed "Front of Prince Leopold: On the lower Stokhod the Russian artillery was more active than usual. Northwest of Lutsk an enterprise conducted by German detachments resulted

ed his camps at Sunderheitman and where there is an important Britishthe engagement Saturday at Magh-dabah (Egypt) was announced by the War Office to-day.

ed his camps at Sunderheitman and American colony, mostly interested in thoroughbred racing stables.

Who was arrived in the United States in the bringing in of 16 prisoners.

"Macedonian front: Successful patrol advances were made by Bulgarian infantry northwest of Monastir. In the hend of the Cerna there has been artillery firing of varying violence."

Who has arrived in the United States to tell of the death of her husband. Sheehy Skeffington, who was shot without trial in Dublin during the rebellion. Mrs. Skeffington escaped from Ireland under an assumed name and well disguised. She purposes to visit Canadian cities if permitted to do so by the authorities.

Note Writing to Germany It is Said is Now At An End

(Special to the Whig.)

Washington, Dec. 27 .- One of the highest United States officials here told the United Press to-day that the present plans call for no more note writing to Germany. He added, if the Marina, Arabia and other cases develop clear-cut violation of Germany's pledges in the Sussex case, or if Germany starts a new submarine campaign in case peace fails, then a break intrelations can be the only answer. He declared that President Wilson's "peace" note and Secretary Lansing's subsequent "verge of war" statement were, in a measure, educational, so that the country would not wonder what it was all about in the event of matters coming up to the breaking point.



ICENE OF BRITISH ADVANCE TOWARDS PALESTINE Towards the right of the map is shown El Arish and Mahgdah, taken by the British together with 1,130 prisondah is only a few miles from the border of Pales tine and about 100 miles from Jeruslam