

# CHRISTMAS OVERCOATS

## LIBERALS DRAW UP PROGRAM TO STUDY AFFAIRS

## ASQUITH MAKES PLEA FOR A MILLION MEN

Criticism of Conduct of War Springs Up Again in Commons

### OPPOSE CONSCRIPTION

Irish Party Serves Notice it Will be Firm in Hostility.

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List of Principles Decided on for Discussion at Party Conference.

### TO BE LOYAL IN WAR

Control of Corporations and Rural Credit Among Subjects Adhered to.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The Liberal conference was concluded this afternoon after being in session for two days. The extensive and preliminary term was discussed, and while the attitude is understood to have been on the whole, more or less conciliatory, the decision was to have a Liberal caucus after the opening of parliament. An official statement issued tonight would seem to indicate that the newly formed national advisory committee is to keep the Liberal members of parliament in touch with thinking Liberals outside. A list of "studies" is also announced.

There is to be a special committee to report on each. They include some new problems created by the war, and some old problems, such as control of corporations and rural credit. Free Wheat Omitted. The list of subjects does not include the tariff nor free wheat. They are not emphasized at any rate, if they are intended to be included under some of the general heads. Judging from the statement given out the coming session, one may predict that the house will see some keen discussions in methods of taxation, to meet the country's increased burdens, the need for economy, and the treatment of returning soldiers. Reference is made to the need of an "adequate pension." The proposal to devote attention to "questions of social reform and health legislation" looks like the voice of an element of Canadian Liberalism outside of parliament. It is an indication of a tendency which may develop rapidly in the next few years.

The following is the official statement issued this evening, summarizing the aims and work of the Liberal conference. "The conference of Liberals, representing all parts of the Dominion and the leaders of Liberal thought both in and out of parliament, was called together on the invitation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Its aim was to consider the state of the country, from the standpoint of the national interest, the problems of citizenship, and the subjects which are largely still in the reconstruction period of the war.

To Lay Down Principles. "The object was not to adopt policies designed for immediate party advantage, but to lay down as clearly as possible the principles which should guide Liberalism in dealing with such vital questions as national finance, agricultural settlement, immigration, transportation, social legislation, fiscal problems, technical education, etc. "The first principle laid down and unanimously adopted by the conference was that, in so far as the prosecution of the war, namely, that the interests of the empire and of the cause for which the empire is fighting.

Committees Appointed. "With a view to defining as concretely as possible Liberal policies on the more important subjects of public policy, resolutions were passed embodying a few clear-cut principles of progressive Liberalism. To work out further the application of these principles along definite legislative lines sub-committees were appointed to make special study of the subjects given to their respective care, and to report later to the committee as a whole at a future meeting. The members of the conference who were here yesterday and today, together with some additional members who were unable to attend on this occasion, will act as a permanent national advisory council, representative of all parts of the Dominion, and in consultation with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in dealing with the problems of government as they come up from time to time.

Clearing House of Ideas. "The conference just concluded and the council just constituted is, in brief, designed to form a clearing house of the best ideas of progressive Liberalism, thought, fitting the party either for the function of constructive criticism in parliament, or for the function of progressive legislation when called again to assume the responsibilities of office. "The questions embodied in the subjoined resolutions took practically the whole time of the conference. The subject of the extension of the term of parliament was not recognized as a conference, and was only incidentally discussed. That will be left for parliament itself to decide.

"The resolutions passed by the conference, embodying the main principles unanimously adopted as a groundwork for concrete legislative proposals were as follows: "The National Liberal committee is of opinion that so long as the war lasts the Liberal party should continue, as it has from the first, to give its chief attention to the tremendous struggle in which the country is engaged; that to that end it should continue to give loyal support to all necessary war measures whilst exercising a vigilant supervision of the conduct of the government in military and civil matters; and that in the meantime the members of the committee should actively apply themselves to the study of the important questions which are before the country, and which will have to be faced when peace is restored.

Mayor Church, the executive of the Toronto Recruiting League, and Major Le Grand, the executive of the Toronto Recruiting League, were present yesterday at the National Club, when it was decided to commence a gigantic recruiting campaign for the New Year. It is hoped that the campaign will be the means of raising 1000 more men, two battalions from which will be units of the Queen's Own Rifles and the 48th Highlanders.



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the speech of Mr. Lloyd George, minister of munitions, yesterday, saying: "I agree with the minister of munitions that while at this or that moment the superficial facts of the campaign seem to favor the enemy, really in the long run matters are steadily and growingly on our side. There has been in this war, as in other wars, an abundance of error and miscalculation on both sides, but our will has never wavered for a moment and our fighting resources, both in men and material, are becoming more ample, better organized, and better mobilized for the purposes of victory."

John Dillon, Irish Party leader, opposed the granting of Mr. Asquith's million men. The premier's speech is deplorably lacking in any attempt to justify the adding of the fourth million. We place no reasonable limit on the size of the army. We are traveling the financial ruin and loss of the war. The whole principle, on which Lord Derby's groups are arranged is indefensible. So far as Ireland is concerned the people have been prepared to share the burden of the war, but they are free people, and they should be treated as such.

Mr. Tennant deplored the language of Sir Edward Carson and declared that the representations of the government as dilly-dallying in Gallipoli was not a truthful representation of the facts. He replied to various members, who had expressed the fear that the government was taking into account the economic needs of the country. Mr. Tennant said: "The reason the government is asking for this additional million men is that they are necessary to fill the gaps and have a large enough army in the theatre of operations. The government is fully alive to the importance of maintaining our industries and safeguarding our financial position. The premier has indicated how we would like to see the government relative to recruiting, the government is forced to ask for additional powers."

In conclusion, he appealed to the Irish and Labor members to join the debate, endeavoring to show that however the additional men were raised, the important industries of the country would be spared serious derangement. He pointed out that the war which is so vital to the maintenance of exchange with foreign countries. John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, who followed the prime minister, said that the situation had been handled by General Monro, and the admiral in charge, Lord D'Almeida. He complained, however, that he did not see the reports of the operations which had yet been received from General Hamilton (formerly in command), and he said that, unfortunately, he was in possession of information which pointed to the fact that the government had not been as frank as it should have been in the past.

Mr. Redmond, continuing, said he believed that the figures in connection with the Premier's recruiting scheme show an extraordinary demonstration of enthusiasm and determination on the part of the Irish people. He pointed out that the moral effect of which might be felt throughout the world, he believed to be due entirely to the voluntary character of the outbreak of patriotism, and he hoped that it would, therefore, be a pitiable result if that moral effect was destroyed by any form of compulsion. "I will stick at nothing calculated to bring the war to a successful conclusion, and the admiral in charge, Lord D'Almeida, said: "and I am certain that that is the view of the Irish people. That view has been emphasized on the battlefield by her sons in every theatre of the war. But I am not convinced that compulsion is necessary or calculated to lead to that result, and if it is proposed, under the present conditions and circumstances, I, for one, will oppose it by every means in my power. I am convinced that it would break up the unity of the country, and that it would be fiercely resented and opposed while in point of numbers its results would be ridiculously small."

Mr. Redmond, turning in the direction of Premier Asquith, said: "I am certain that the Irish party, under existing circumstances, was opposed to anything of the kind, and he strongly hoped that the interest of the country and of the war, the government would make no such proposal."

Miners' Leader Outspoken. Who succeeded to the late James Keir Hardie's seat for Merthyr Tydfil, introducing himself to the house in a breezy, unceremonious, but pointed speech, in which he expressed his sympathy for the war, and saying that the people were afraid of conscription. If the men would not volunteer, he continued, they must be fetched; if the country was to be saved, they must be fetched. He said: "I am not a pacifist, but I am not a militarist either. I am a realist. I am a man who stands on the ground, and I am a man who is not afraid of doing infinitely more than it had done."

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