# BRITISH LABOR CONFERENCE FACING CONSCRIPTION ISSUE

## More Than Two Million Workers Will Be Represented at Gathering in Bristol Today—General War Problem To Be Discussed.

BRISTOL, Jan. 25.—British labor will define its position towards the war and military compulsion at the most momentous conference ever held in Great Britain, opening here tomorrow under the presidency of William Crawford Anderson, member of parliament for the Attercliffe division of Sheffield. More than 2,000,000 Laborites will be represented, among them about 30,000 Socialists, whose anti-war sentiments have been very strong, assisted by an extensive propaganda.

The position to be taken by the miners is considered one of the most interesting features of the conference, a large number of these workers being opposed to compulsion. But their delegates tonight declined to discuss their intentions.

**Series of Resolutions.**

Everything also connected with labor yields place to the war resolutions the first of which probably will be moved by the dock laborers tomorrow, dealing with the labor members and the recruiting campaign, and it is expected that the fate of this resolution will give an idea of the tendency of the delegates. The other resolutions refer to the general conduct of the war, the labor party's co-operation with the government, a direct motion respecting the compulsory bill which will be debated Thursday and taken up as the principal business of the conference, and a final motion Friday on the munitions' tribunals.

All these resolutions will provide opportunities for the liveliest discussion. Virtually all the labor members and the leaders of the Socialists will be present.

The Women's Labor League conferred today and adopted resolutions against the military service bill, welcoming peace mediation and favoring the establishment of an international arbitration court.

## POPE CANNOT GOVERN LAVERGNE IN POLITICS

### Nationalist is Angered by Efforts of Bishop to Raise Recruits

QUEBEC, Jan. 25.—Armand Lavergne, M.L.A., gave his idea on the duty of Canadian bishops in this war at the session of the legislature.

J. M. Tellier had repeated that Mr. Lavergne in a previous speech said that a certain high ecclesiastical dignitary, whom everybody recognized as the Archbishop of Montreal, was encouraging recruiting because he had not received the red cap from the Pope. Mr. Lavergne then said:

"It is not for bishops to say what we are to do regarding the wars of the empire. I take my dogmas from the church, but regarding my politics, the bishops and even the Pope cannot tell me what opinions I am to hold regarding the wars of the empire.'

## SHIPMASTERS GATHER HERE FOR CONVENTION

At the Shipmasters' Association convention, which opened at the Carls-Rite Hotel yesterday, the oldest living shipmaster on the lakes was in attendance in the person of Captain Holmes of Cleveland. From 1850 he has been engaged in the merchant trade on the lakes until 1900, when he retired from active life. He obtained his master's certificate in 1865 and navigated under both sail and steam until the time of his retirement. The association is open only to those who hold master mariner's certificates and is for the purpose of looking after the insurance of the members. It was organized 28 years ago, and this is the first time the convention has met in Canada. Captain James E. Mann is the president of the Toronto lodge, which was organized last year, and Captain A. E. Stinson is the secretary.

# : WAR SUMMARY :

## Today's Events Reviewed

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that, owing to the floods in the Tigris valley, the forces have fallen back to higher ground until the waters abate.

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The house of lords passed the second reading of the compulsory service bill without opposition. The only fault found with the measure was that its provisions weer not drastic enough. It was asserted thata compulsion was instituted to shorten the war.

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It is computed at Petrograd that the Russian troops of the Caucasus took 4000 Turks prisoner in their victory. The survivors of the Moslem force, numbering 120,000 men, have taken refuge in Erzerum. The unanimity with which the Turks betook themselves to the shelter of the walls of this fortress is remarkable. The rapidity of their flight left only a comparatively small number of laggards to be gathered in by their pursuers. The deduction to be drawn from the battle is that the Asiatic Turks, when caught in the open field or dislodged from strong natural positions, are of poor fighting value. They became a terrified mob when the Grand Duke attacked them, and they abandoned everything likely to encumber their flight in their demoralization. The wounded ran till exhausted and were frozen where they fell in the intense cold of the lofty mountain range.

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It has become a commonplace maxim of modern warfare that once an army allows itself to be shut up in a fortress it is lost. One hundred and twenty thousand men is six to ten times the number required as a normal garrison of Erzerum, and the corresponding drain on the food supplies and stores will the more quickly reduce the place by starvation. It may be expected that the Russians will begin a resolute siege of Erzerum, and it is on this point that the Turkish strength will converge in an attempt to relieve this beleaguered place, instead of marching upon Egypt, Persia or Mesopotamia. The situation at Kut-el-Amara is altogether different, for that post is held as an advanced position to permit a descent of Turks into lower Mesopotamia, while an army can be collected for despatching northward as a relief expedition.

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Brtiish monitors have again bombarded the German positions on the coast of Belgium with terrific violence, smothering the defences of the enemy under a rain of bursting shells. The possession of this narrow belt of coast, about 25 miles in all, has been a source of anxiety to the Germans, who are apprehensive of an attempted landing in force by an army from the coast of England. They know that under the cover of guns of warships such an operation is feasible.

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The Austrians vehemently protest that no fighting is proceeding in Montenegro, that it is of comparatively small importance in whose hands the Montenegrin Government has fallen since King Nicholas has left, and that they are disarming the army of his majesty. Having announced some days ago that they were negotiating a peace with King Nicholas, thereby having created joy in Austria and Germany, they are attempting to cover their failure to detach even the smallest of the allies from the absolute war compact, and do therefore protest too much.


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# RUSSIANS' OFFENSIVE ROLLS NEAR TO PINSK

### Germans Strengthen Positions Along Oginski Canal to Meet Expected Attack.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 25.—Russian troops, pressing down from the northeast, have approached to within three miles of the City of Pinsk, according to despatches received here today.

The Germans are strengthening their positions along the Oginski Canal, north of Pinsk, to meet the expected Slav attack. The movement against Pinsk is an extension of the offensive launched against the Austro-Germans in the Kovel-Sarney railroad region a few weeks ago.

Pinsk was occupied by German troops under Field Marshal von Mackensen in the Teuton drive following the capture of Warsaw. The Germans were checked at Pinsk and Mackensen was then moved to the Balkans.

There have been no previous reports of a Russian advance on Pinsk.

# FOUR THOUSAND TURKS CAPTURED IN CAUCASUS

### Force of Hundred and Twenty Thousand Speedily Sought Refuge in Erzerum.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Four thousand Turks, including 50 officers, were captured by the Russians in the recent battle in the neighborhood of Erzerum, according to a despatch from Petrograd to Reuter's Telegram Co. The Russians are also said to have captured scores of machine guns and enormous quantities of munitions.

The Reuter despatch says: "The rout of the Turks in the battle which resulted in their being wriven into Erzerum appears from later accounts to have been even more decisive than shown in the first reports. Apart from the Ottoman losses in actual battle, the Russians captured during the pursuit 50 officers and 4000 men. They also took scores of machine guns and enormous quantities of munitions.

"The influx of 120,000 Turks in Erzerum is considered to reduce the defensive power of the fortress."

# CANADIAN CASUALTIES

**Second Battalion.**
Wounded—George H. Ross.

**Third Battalion.**
Wounded—Sergt. Stephen G. Hobday, England; E. W. Woolerson, England.

**Fifth Battalaion.**
Died of wounds—Harold E. Powell, England.
Wounded—Thomas Nicholson, England; Corp. James R. Martin, Scotland; Wilfrid Musto, Quebec.
Previously reported missing, now killed in action—Horace Howlett, England.

**Tenth Battaalion.**
Wounded—Charles E. Shepherd, England.

**Sixteenth Battalion.**
Wounded—Thomas Hickmott, England.

**Nineteenth Battalion.**
Wounded—Joseph Clayton, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Hewtit Bowman, Hamilton, Ont.

**Twenty-Fourth Battalion.**
Killed in action—Bernard O'Brine; Corp. A. E. Ecclestone, Egypt.

**Twenty-Fifth Battalion.**
Killed in action—Edward Jack, Sydney, N.S.; G. R. Holmes, England.
Wounded—John Carney, England.

**Twenty-Sixth Battalion.**
Killed in action—Leonard Kane, St. John, N.B.

**Twenty-Seventh Battalion.**
Wounded—Thomas H. Black, Winnipeg.

**Thirty-First Battalion.**
Died of wounds—Russell S. Pearce, London, Ont.

**Forty-Second Battalion.**
Died of wounds—Wm. B. Wells, Iroquois, Ont.
Killed in action—George R. Turner, 39 Erie avenue, Hamilton.

**Forty-Ninth Battalion.**
Killed in action—James J. Stokes, England.

**Royal Canadian Regiment.**
Wounded—James D. Anderson, England; Walker Elwood, England; Vincent Gibson, England; Thomas Griffin, Halifax, N.S.; Ralph Mills, Montreal.
Suffering from shock—Stanley Frederick Ashwell, England.
Killed in action—Richard Davis, Stellarton, N.S.

**Fourth Artillery Brigade.**
Killed in action—Bombardier Ross M. Taylor, St. Catharines, Ont.

**Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.**
Died of wounds—Corp. George H. Twitt, England.

**First Canadian Field Co. Engineers.**
Wounded — Sapper Herbert Young, England.

**First Canadian Division Engineers.**
Killed in action—Sapper Frank McGuiness, Montreal.

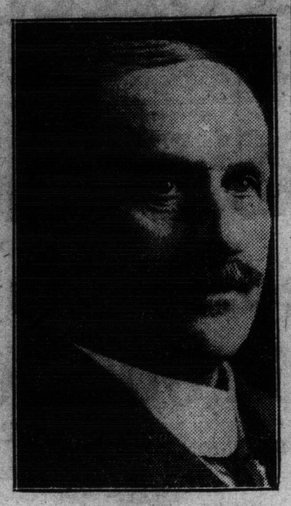
## Wardens Elected Yesterday

**Hastings**—Wm. H. Nugent.
**Prince Edward**—Edward Purtelle.
**Huron**—Robt. Livingston.
**Carleton**—W. J. Armitage.
**Lanark**—W. E. Scott.
**Perth**—McCausland Irvine.
**Grey**—A. E. Cordingly.
**Lincoln**—T. O. Johnstone.
**Elgin**—Frank Pinee.
**Welland**—Geo. Rysdale.
**Ontario**—Wm. J. Jackson.
**Simcoe**—James Martin.
**Bruce**—A. E. McNab.
**Lennox and Addington**—T. J. Cook.
**Victoria**—Jas. Robertson.
**Brant**—Morgan Harris.
**Haldimand**—Ivan W. Holmes.
**Waterloo**—Paul Snyder.
**Leeds**—Andrew M. Ferguson.
**Dufferin**—Josias Marshall.
**Wellington**—C. G. Stickney.
**Oxford**—James Pullin.
**Frontenac**—James Halliday.
**York**—W. J. Knowles.
**Renfrew**—D. J. Kelly.
**Wentworth**—Herbert Dickinson.

## The Rowell One Hundred

Taking advantage of Ontario when engaged in war with Germany, the Rowell One Hundred are trying in effect to destroy millions of dollars' worth of property involved in the liquor trade and to throw thousands of workers out of employment and to disable those engaged in it from paying their debts. The liquor trade is as old as the Province of Ontario, and has improved under legislation until it has reached the perfect regulation now seen in the Hotel Teck.

## YORK COUNTY WARDEN



W. J. KNOWLES.
The new warden of York County, elected yesterday by a avote of 21 to 13.

## OFFICIAL INTERFERENCE RESENTED BY WOMEN

### Branch of British Imperial Association, Earlscourt, Disbanded Yesterday Afternoon.

Owing to the reported friction from outside the organization the Women's Branch of the British Imperial Association practically disbanded at a gathering of the members in Little's Hall, Ascot avenue, Earlscourt, yesterday afternoon.

President Mrs. Frank Powell, at the commencement of the proceedings, which were of a social nature, tendered her resignation, giving as her reason the unwarranted dictation and intrusion into the affairs of the women's branch by an official of the Men's B.I.A. The resignation of the vice-president, Mrs. Adelaide Russ, and the secretary, Mrs. W. Hawkins, quickly followed together with the members of the executive committee and the women members present.

It was decided to hold another meeting at an early date when an association under a new title would be organized.

**BOY FRACTURED LEG.**

Hugh Ross, 11 years of age, residing at Fairbank, while returning from Vaughan Road Public School yesterday afternoon, slipped on the sidewalk and sustained a fractured leg. He was removed to the Hospital for Sick Children.

# YORK COUNTY ...AND... SUBURBS

## YORK COUNTY DONATES QUARTER OF MILLION

### Noble Response to Appeal for Funds on Behalf of Soldiers' Dependents.

### KNOWLES WAS ELECTED

### Reeve of Aurora Chosen to Fill Highest Position in Gift of Council.

With practically no discussion and with a spirit of unanimity never before eqQualed, the York County Council yesterday in session granted to the Toronto and York Patriotic Fund and Red Cross Society the sum of $250,000, the full amount agreed upon as between the executives of the joint organizations. Never in the history of the council has so much interest been attached to any inaugural meeting and the result, when shown by a standing vote, was the signal for a great demonstration.

No decision was reached as to the manner in which the amount voted will be raised over the county, the adoption of the principle that the full amount asked for would be contributed being the chief point urged by Sir William Mulock and E. R. Wood, representing the patriotic society. Practically every municipality from York to Georgina on the north, and from Scarboro to Mimico on the east and west, has already adopted resolutions favoring the imposition of a levy as against voluntary contribution. The question will be dealt with at today's session of the county council.

**Covered With Glory.**

"The County of York has covered itself with honor and I was never so proud of being a taxpayer in the Township of King as today," declared Sir William Mulock. "The action of this council will have a stimulating effect on the city campaign and over the Dominion. It represents infinitely more than the money involved and will bring big interest."

Another thing the council did yesterday at their inaugural meeting was to elect their warden for the year, the honor falling upon William J. Knowles, who for the past eight or ten years has occupied the position of reeve of the Town of Aurora. The only serious competitor was C. Leonard Wallace, reeve of Woodbridge, one of the rising young members of the council, who for three years has been chief magistrate of the town. The vote cast was 21 to 13 in favor of Mr. Knowles.

That the vote was a strictly non-political one is shown by the fact that while Mr. Knowles is a Liberal, the political complexion of the county council this year is overwhelmingly Conservative.

The new warden is about 50 years of age and a successful business man in Aurora, where he has resided practically all his life. The other candidates nominated were Charles Willoughby, reeve of Gwillimbury; J. G. Cornell, reeve of Scarboro, and Jonathan Nigh, ex-warden.

**Committees Chosen.**

The keenest interest centred around the selection of the men who will appoint the standing committees for the year, the following being chosen: Messrs. Keith, Silverthorne, Cornell, Pugsley, Spaulding, Ramsden and Wells.

In addition to the raising of the grant to the patriotic fund the York County Council will at this session be called upon to establish a good roads system in North York along the lines of that now adopted in the southern part of the county. An extension of the present system in the southern part is also contemplated and at 2 o'clock this afternoon Sir William Mulock, Mayor Church and Controller Foster will address the county council regarding the question of joint action along this line.

## WOODBRIDGE SOCIETY HAD SPLENDID YEAR

### Directors Donated Balance of Thousand Dollars to Patriotic Fund.

The financial statement submitted at the annual meeting of the Woodbridge Fair Board, held at the Woodbridge House on Monday, was in many respects the most satisfactory ever placed before the directors. The total receipts were ahead of any previous year, and a gratifying feature of the year's operations was that the directors were able to donate $1000, the total amount realized over and above the actual running expenses to the Red Cross and patriotic funds.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Robert K. Johnston, Nashville; first vice-president, John T. Saigeon, Maple; second vice-president, S. McClure; treasurer, Ed. Brown of Woodbridge, and secretary, C. L. Wallace. All the old board of directors were re-elected.

It was decided to donate three prizes of $75 each in the standing field crop competition in fall wheat, fodder corn and potatoes. The retiring president, Fred Miller, deputy reeve of York Township, wac accorded the thanks of the association for his efforts on behalf of the society.

## LATE DR. J. G. MORGAN WAS BURIED YESTERDAY

The funeral services of the late Dr. John G. Morgan, who died at Haileybury on Saturday last, following an attack of gastritis, was held yesterday afternoon to Christie's Cemetery in Scarboro, where he was born. The service at the grave was conducted by Rev. Mr. Anthony, pastor of Knox Church, Agincourt. The floral tributes were sent from Haileybury, where the late Dr. Morgan was engaged as physician in one of the large mining camps. The chief mourners were the aged mother, brothers and sisters.

## MAN AND WIFE NAROWLY ESCAPED ASPHYXIATION

### Visit of Decorator Saved Mr. and Mrs. G. Black From Death Yesterday.

G. Black and his wife of 70 Oakmount road narrowly escaped death by asphyxiation in their home yesterday morning. Being unacquainted with the working of the furnace the drafts were not properly adjusted, which permitted the emission of coal gas. Fortunately Max Jacobs, 52 Quebec avenue, called on business at 9.30. He rapped at the door for some time, but without response. Certain that there was some one in the house he continued knocking until finally he was successful in arousing Mr. Black, who managed to get to the door and immediately he came in contact with the fresh air he collapsed.

Dr. D. W. Clendenan was called. Mr. Black is manager of the Bank of British North America.

**EARLSCOURT RIFLE CLUB.**

A meeting of the Earlscourt Civilian Rifle Association was held last evening, in Earlscourt School, Dufferin street, when Lt.-Col. Thompson was present and inspected the members.

Lt.-Col. Thompson also inspected the targets and rifles and expressed satisfaction with everything connected with the organization. He granted permission to shoot in the basement of the building.

Nine new members were enrolled at the close of the proceedings.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## KAISER NOW LOOKS LIKE A BROKEN MAN

### His Hair is White and He is Racked by Chronic Cough.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Daily Mail correspondent, who arrived at Nish Jan. 18, describes what he saw of the German Emperor at close range on several occasions at Nish and what happened at the royal banquet where the emperor was the guest of King Ferdinand.

He says the kaiser's face is that of a tired and broken man, adding: "His hair is white, tho his moustache is still suspiciously dark. There was an absence of the old activity of gesture. He held in his hand a handkerchief, which he was perpetually using, and I noticed later that he seemed to require it assuage the continual coughing.


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