

Active building program, to replace merchantmen sunk by the enemy, will be begun.

A food controller is needed, because the harvests of Canada and the United States have been failures and that of Britain DOOT.

Appeal is made to the nation to assist the government in distributing its resources equably. The people as a whole must shoulder part of the burden of victory.

London, Dec. 19 .- The announce- | Crewe affirmed the approval of the ment in the house of commons loday members of the late government.

by David Lloyd George, the new prime minister, that the first act of his ad-ministration was the rejection of the premier unfolded his program for proposal of the central powers for a wide reaching war measures, and Mr. peace conference constituted one of Asquith closed the last chapter of his the most momentous scenes which the nine years of leadership with an ac-counting of his war stewardship. oldest parliamentary veteran had ever

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witnessed. The new premier declared that be-fore the allies could give favorable they must know that Germany was they must know that Germany was they must know that Germany was the principal feature of Mr. Lloyu George's program is a measure for national service matching Germany's latest scheme, whereby every citizen will be liable for enrolment, to perform with best equipped the principal feature of Mr. Lloyu (George's program is a measure for national service matching Germany's will be liable for enrolment, to perform with best equipped the principal feature of Mr. Lloyu (George's program is a measure for national service matching Germany's will be liable for enrolment, to perform work for which the authorities con-sider him best equipped they must know that Germany was prepared to accede to the allies' terms, giving "complete restitution, full reparation and effectual guarantees." and famous family whose energy and busi-ness capacity are rated high, will be

"to enter a conference upon the in- director of the national service, with To enter a conference upon the in-vitation of Germany, proclaiming her-self victorious withhout any knowle-edge of her proposals would be put-ting our heads into a noose with the end of the rope in Germany's hands." To Present Joint Reply. Mr. Lldyd George asserted that at the moment Germany was penning the

the moment Germany was penning the note, asserting her convictions as to the rights of other nations, she was Constructions as to the outlook. Venizelos Recognized. Says Ministry Does Not Lack Energy in Prosecut-

the rights of other nations, she was dragging Belgians into slavery. He dragging Belgians into slavery. He announced that the note presented thru Washington contained no pro-posals of terms, but was a paraphrase of Chemcellon was Bethmann Hall of Chancellor von Bethmann-Holl-weg's speech, and that the allies had separately concluded to reject it, al-tho they had informally exchanged views, and would within a few days provers had the great advantages of provers had the great advantages of

present a joint reply. Mr. Asquith, the former premier, seconded Lloyd George's decision with even stronger words; and almost at the same moment Earl Curzon was the same moment Earl Curzon was internal communication and working

did not guarantee for Europe the free Britain by weather which prevented and independent existence of nations great and small. The Marquis of (Continued on Page 10, Column 1).

* WAR SUMMARY *

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

N his historic speech in the British House of Commons yesterday

brief, the allies have not altered their program of the war, and it is the same as they drew up when hostilities began. They are still

unbeaten. To receive consideration, any offer of Germany must be-

gin by guaranteeing reparation for the wrongs done to northern France, Belgium, Serbia and Poland by Teuton invasion. Germany

will also have to give ample security for her future good behavior.

allies also will not permit their future safety to depend upon a pre-

carious treaty, liable to be torn up whenever it suited German con-

venience. The suggestion made in German quarters at Washington

that the speech of Lloyd George left open a loophole for negotia-

To understand the terms laid down as a minimum by Lloyd George they have to be studied. Adequate reparation for the districts ravaged by war will require more than a simple evacuation. It will require the restoration

of their stolen machinery, rehabilitation of their destroyed industries, pay-

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tions at the present time is, therefore, obviously false.

Lloyd George made it clear that no peace would be signed until the allies had gained their objects, military and political. In

National Service Plan.

received some so-called peace pro-posals from Germany. True, these proposals are wrapped up with the familiar dialect of Prussian arrogance. But how comes it after two years of The day was a doubly important one war that a power, which professes it-self conscious of military superiority and ultimate victory begins to whispe

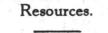
and ultimate victory begins to whisper --nay, even to shout so that all the world can hear--the word 'peace?' No Shame-Faced Peace. "Is this from a sudden access of chivalry? When did the German chan-cellor become so sensitive to the dic-tates of humanity? The principal feature of Mr. Lloyd

"We must look elsewhere for the origin of these proposals. They are born of military and economic neces-(Continued on Page 11, Column 2).

> **BRIAND DEFENDS FRENCH CABINET**

ing War. FOE'S ATTACK FAILS

France Does Duty in Permitting Allies to Organize



Paris. Dec. 19 .-- Henry Berenger, Paris, Dec. 19.--Henry Bereuger, German barracks near Azannes. In senator for Gaudeloupe, today in the senate, accused the cabinet of weakness the Germans admit that the French enate, accused the cabinet of weakness and dilatoriness. The senator said the new ministry had brought about only a change in personnel. This was shown in the way in which the war was heing directed—the French had been unable to drive the Germans beyond the frontier. The speaker then reproached the ministry with defects in the organization of the economic life

of the country and charged that there had been a lack of organization in the production of war material. He then attacked French diplomacy, to

record," said M. Berenger, addressing Fremier Briand, "gives us sufficient assurance for the future!" M. Briand, in replying, deprecated m. Briand, in terring, dependent at reproaches against the government at this grave moment, "because the man in power must be able to work with the necessary freedom of mind, have uninterrupted confidence at home and For submarine depredations Germany will also have to atone. The for their actions abroad, and our alone government is under suspicion and the menace of interpellation." Deprecates Reproaches. "I am ready," M. Briand continued

"to make way at any time for him who may be judged more worthy than I. But I ask you, with the system em-ployed up to this time, what government could resist? As for me. I have

gone more than 44 times before the committees, (each committee com-

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to extend congratulations, which he did with all his heart to Mr. Lloyd George, upon his accession to the highest and most important office in the service of the crown, made a brief but pointed reference to the question of peace. "The country," he sold to



Heavy Firing Proceeds Along French Front Line

Allied Raiding Squadrons Deposit Explosives on Teuton Railway Stations.

The German infantry, south of the

Somme, attempted a surprise attack on the French positions north of Chilly last night, but did not succeed. altho one detachment penetrate French advanced positions and had to

be driven out. In aerial fighting French pilota brought down two German machines on the Verdun front, one falling at Herbebois and the other falling at a

point near Ornes. French raiding squadrons also were active under cover of last night, when they threw 1,300 pounds of explosives on the railway stations at Dun-sur-Meuse and Montmedy, and also on

captured Chambrettes Wood. The Berlin report also says that

during the afternoon the artillery fir-ing increased in intensity.

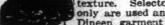
TO FINANCE MUNITIONS

Ottawa Government Will Ask Banks Help in Raising \$75,000,000.

Montreal, Dec. 19 .- It is pretty wel had been a luck of organization in the production of war material. He then attacked French diplomacy, to which he imputed as a result the re-cent events in Athens. "Do not think that your past war record." said M. Berenger, addressing in particular in the same that the Ottawa gov-ernment intends to assist in putting out \$75,-000,000 to Canadian investors for pur-poses of financing munitions to that amount, made here in Canada, by the

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open evenings this week,

Call Imperial Conterence to Consult With Dominions Lloyd George Will Summon Representatives of Overseas Dominions to London for Formal War Conference.

dian Associated Press Cable. London, Dec. 19.—Premier Lloyd George announced tonight that an imperial conference will be summoned at an early date. The govern ment, he said, felt that the dominions might be more formally consulted as to the progress and course of the war, as to the steps to be taken to secure victory and as to the methods of garnering those fruits.

It was proposed, therefore, at an early date, to summon an imperial conference (loud cheers) and to place the whole position before the do-minions and to take counsel with them as to what further action must be taken in order to achieve an early and complete triumph of the ideals which they cherish.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. Paris, Dec. 18.—Spirited artillery fighting continued on the Verdun front thruout last night and today. The heaviest firing was in the regions of Bezonvaux, the Caurieres Wood. Louvemont and Chambrettes. No in-IF NEEDED TO WIN WAR

Lord Curzon and Marquis of Crewe Declare Fight Will Be Waged Most Vigorously-Daily Evidence of Germany's Desperate Straits.



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"Owing to press of private business the Hon. W. J. Hanna has been com-pelled to relinquish the portfolio of provincial secretary and registrar-general, and his registration has been accepted by the prime minister. "Mr. Hanna in quitting this depart-ment leaves bahind him a geoord of accomplishments during his twelve years of service unexcelled by that of any public man in Ontario. His work in connection with prison reform and for the welfare of the feeble-minded and unfortunates in the province has made a reputation for him not only ou this continent but in Europe, and will stand as an enduring monument of his ability and energy as a public man.

ability and energy as a public man. Remains in Cabinet. "Mr. Hanna will still continue as a member of the government without portfolio. The cabinet will therefore have the advantage of his mature advice and assistance in public matters and particularly in connection with

take the greatest possible interest. W. D. McPherson, K.C., M.L.A., has W. D. McPherson, K.C., M.L.A., has been offered and accepted the port-folio rendered vacant by the resigna-tion of Mr. Hanna. Mr. McPherson, by his ability, experience and qualifi-cations generally is eminently fitted for this work, and the close study he has made of the mean architectury he has made of the many problems pre-sented by the returned soldier, as chairman of the soldiers' aid com-mittee, has specially fitted him to give advice to the government on all phases of this most important subject.

Agricultural Changes. "The prime minister has decided that for the present he will personally take charge of the portfolio of agri-culture rendered vacant by the death of the Hon J. S. Duff.

London, Dec. 19.—In presenting the policy of the government in the house of lords Earl Curzon, who is a mem-ber of the new war council. said: "The policy of the government is that the war must be conducted with the utmost prosecution; that there must be an ample return for all sa-crifices; that full reparation must be made by the enemy for his counties crimes, and security given that thost crimes will not be repeated, and that the sacrifices made shall not have been in vain. "The government's purpose is that the peace of Europe shall be re-established on the basis of the free must be conducted static to approved in general terms the the sacrifices made that here made by the enemy for his counties the sacrifices made shall not have been in vain.

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