BRITAIN WILL REPLY TO FOE PEACE NOTE

Official Answer Will Be Sent Along With Those of Allies.

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Great Britain's official reply to Germany as prominent officials, preferred to term it, will be despatched simultaneously with that of her allies. Ever since the German note was handed to the foreign office by the American ambassador it has been the subject of discussions between Premier Lloyd George and his cabinet council, which meets daily. The mote and the

It would therefore not be surprising if the allies' replies were ready by the end of the week. Especially, it is said, would this be true in the case of Great Britain's note, which the prime minister is declared to be anxious to despatch without delay.

When the terms of the note are definitely agreed upon and the document is signed by Lord Robert Cecil, who is acting as foreign secretary in the absence of Mr. Balfour, it may be handed to Ambassador Page with the request that he forward it to the state department at Washington for transmission to Germany. This is said to be the most likely method, inasmuch as the United States represents the allies' interests in Germany. It is just possible, however, that Great Britain may decide to despatch the reply distance of the same decided to despatch the reply distance of the same decided to despatch the reply distance of the same decided to despatch the reply distance of the same decided to despatch the reply distance of the same decided to despatch the reply distance of the same decided to despatch the reply distance of the same decided to despatch the reply distance of the same decided to despatch the reply distance of the same decided to despatch the reply distance of the same decided to despatch the reply distance of the same decided to despatch the reply distance of the same decided to despatch the report of the same decided to des may decide to despatch the reply di-rect to the British ambassador at Washington, with instructions to turn it over to the state department.

PATROL FIGHTS IN MACEDONIA.

Paris, Dec. 20 .- Fog in Macedonie continues to prevent military action beyond patrol fighting. The Russians however, engaged in intense combats about the villages of Cerna, Centrak,

YORK COUNTY

WEST TORONTO

OFFICERS' INSTALLATION IS HELD BY ORANGEMEN

Lodges of the District.

Preliminary Drafts of Document Have Already
Been Made.

London, Dec. 20.—There is a strong probability that Great Britain's note in reply to the German peace proposal will be made before Christmas. This was the opiniom in well informed government circles today where it is also believed the reply will be brief and will likely follow the lines of Mr. Lloyd George's maiden speech as prime minister insofar as it will leave the door open for Germany to make concrete peace proposals.

Great Britain's official reply to Germany as prominent officials, preferred his home. 162 Mavety street, yesterday morning. He was in his 58th year

The annual installation meeting of The annual installation meeting of Sandy Row Volunteers, L.O.L., No. 2442. was conducted last night in St. Lloyd George and his cabinet council, which meets daily. The note and the nature of the reply also have been discussed with Great Britain's allies and it is stated that these conversations have progressed so rapidly that preliminary drafts have already been made.

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WHITBY TOWNSHIP Every Debt is Paid and

The last meeting of the Whitby Township Council, which dealt with the financial situation, and began early in the morning, was continued carry in the morning, was continued owing to the presence of several large deputations until after midnight. The report of the treasurer showed the township to be in a sound financial position, every debt having been paid and more than \$500 remaining in the treasury. Nearly \$3000 has been spent on roads and bridges, wire fence bonus \$145, printing and stationery \$150, patriotic grant \$575 and war tax \$1875. The assets are in gravel pits \$1600, road material \$400 and road machinery \$500.

Big Balance in Treasury

Liquor Advertising

Beyond completing less than a dozen accepted contracts for comparatively small amounts of space,

The Toronto World and The Toronto Sunday World will carry no more liquor advertising.

DOVERCOURT

RATEPAYERS SATISFIED WITH REPRESENTATIVES

Ceremonies Are Conducted in Two Endorse Candidature of Ald, Gibbons, MacGregor and Mc-Brien.

> "Extravagance is a word unknown on the school board" said Trustee Hunter at a poorly attended meeting of ratepayers of Dovercourt, in Pyne school-room, Bartlett avenue, last evening, notwithof Dovercourt, in Pyne school-room, Bartlett avenue, last evening, notwithstanding the expenditure was enormous, he stated, and the situation was looking serious. He outlined the works of the board for the past ten years and in conclusion stated that a handsome memoral school would be erected in Earlscourt in the near future, in remembrance of the patriotism of the people of the district. Professor Shaw, a candidate for the board of control, stated his opinion that candidates should not make promises, and would ask the electors to let him proove himself. He said he would be able to eject some new ideas and business methods, which he ventured to think will be helpful to the city. He pointed to his twelve years' record on the board of education and asked for the vote and support of his audlence.
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> "Toronto has been suffering for years from an overdose of prosperity," stid Alderman Fred McBrien, who was well received by the meeting. "We have tried to be as economical as possible and none of the larger works will be proceeded with during the coming year, and we will see that the board of education will toe the line also." He said he and his fellow aldermen in Ward Six had given their full support to Chairman J. R. MacNicol and and the committee of the citizens' express and freight campaign and was certain that free delivery would be granted to the outer districts of the city.
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> Alderman Donald C. MacGregor, who was also well received, spoke on the work of the Lansdowne avenue line and gave it as his opinion that proceedings had better be stopped until the line was straights ende. He touched briefly in other matters affecting the district. Ald. Joe Gibbons, Ald. Sam McBride and others also spoke.
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> A resolution was passed endorsing the condidators of the present representa-

Christmas Tree Entertainment

road material \$400 and road machinery \$500.

Owing to the many thefts of poultry thruout Whitby Township, a vigilance committee has been formed, and the council has offered a reward of \$25 for the convertible. lance committee has been formed, and with an address, commenting upon front. The It the council has offered a reward of the support given him by the staff. Austrian troops for the conviction of the thieves. was later presented with a library eral localities.

reading lamp as an expression of appreciation for his services.

The program consisted of five cherus songs by the school, a chorus by Miss Norton's class, recitations by Grace Teck, Kathleen and John Murhot, Dorothy Carter, Nora Riley, Olive Hirow, Doris Smart and Orville Ducker; an exercise, entitled "A Christmas Story," a quartet song by teachers and solos by Olive Collins and a duet by Ruth Rowe and Maud Legrow.

KESWICK

Honor Compelled Britain To Enter War With Germany

Four hundred people were present at a patriotic meeting held last night at Christian Church, Keswick, under the auspices of the 220th York County Battalion, Rev. W. P. Fletcher was chairman, Mrs. A. W Parsons spoke on "A War of Ideals." She said honor



THE ONTAKIO RAILWAY AND MUNICIPAL BOAKD

NOTICE OF HEARING.

TAKE NOTICE that the Onterio Rail-TAKE NOTICE that the Ontrolo Railway and Municipal Board has appointed Friday, the 12th day of January, 1917, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at its chambers, Legislative Bidgs, Toronto, to hear ratepayers and other persons interested in and supporting or opposing the passing, by the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of York, of the following bylaws relating to the construction of water systems in the said township, viz.;

BYLAW NUMBER 4372.

tenance and Operation of a System of Waterworks in Defined Sections or Areas of the Township of York Adjacent to Egiinton avenue and Weston Road.

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street to Dutferin street, of which the estimated cost is \$148,679.40%.

2. A 12-inch main on Weston road running but the state of the

of the Chy of construction is \$17.870.40.
6. A 12-inch main on Roach street.
Strathearn road and Connaught avenue from Egiinton avenue to the corner of Veughan road and Wychwood avenue of which the estimated cost of construction is \$18,085.10.

And whereas it appears from the said report that as the said section develops it may be necessary from time to time to construct mains.

And whereas it appears from the said report that the house services on all streets on which the 12-inch mains are laid will be connected direct to the said will be connected direct to the said will be connected direct to the said mains, and that the property abutting on same should be charged under Section 1 (c) of the said Act on a Local Improvement basis at the same rate perfoot frontage as other property within the section for branch water mains, and that the excess of the cost of the construction of the said 12-inch mains, as well as the entire cost of the 16-inch and 24-inch mains, should be raised by a special rate on all the rateable property in the said section or area according to the last revised assessment roll.

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of York enacts as follows:

1. That a system of waterworks be

Corporation of the Township of York enacts as follows:

1. That a system of waterworks be constructed, maintained and operated for said Section "A."

2. That the portions of the water system consisting of the following, namely:
(a) The 24-inch trunk main on Eglinton evenue commencing at Duplex street and running westerly to Dufferin street.

to and consisting of:

(1) A 24-inch trunk main on Eglinton avenue running westerly from Dufferin street to Keele street.

(2) A 16-inch trunk main on Eglinton avenue running westerly from Keele street to Weston road.

(3) A 12-inch main on Spadina road running southerly from Eglinton avenue to the northerly limits of the City of Toronto.

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(4) A 12-inch main on Oakwood ave-ue running southerly from Eglinton venue to the northerly limits of the City

nue running southerly from Eglinton avenue to the northerly limits of the City of Toronto.

(5) A 12-inch main on Vaughan road running southeasterly from Oakwood avenue to Wychwood avenue, thence southerly on Wychwood avenue to the limits of the City of Toronto.

(6) A 12-inch main on Roach street, Strathearn road and Connaught avenue, if from Eglinton avenue to the corner of Vaughan road and Wychwood avenue, be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications to be prepared by the Township Engineer, subject to the approval of this Council, to be declared by resolution, and to the approval of the Provincial Board of Health.

4. That the Township Engineer do forthwith furnish such information as may be necessary for the making of a contract or contracts for the execution of the said works and each of them.

5. That the said works shall be carried on and executed under the superintendence and according to the direction and orders of such engineer.

6. That the Reeve and Clerk of the Township are authorized to cause a contract or contracts for the construction of the works or any part of them, to be made and entered into with some person or persons, firm or corporation, subject to the approval of this Council to be declared by resolution.

7. That the Treasurer may (subject to the approval of the Council) agree with any bank or person for temporary advances of money to meet the construction of the is inches and distinct to the construction of the is inches and distinct to the construction of the is inches and distinct to the construction of the is inches and distinct to the construction of the is inches and distinct to the construction of the is inches and distinct to the construction of the is inches and distinct to the construction of the is inches and distinct to the construction of the is inches and distinct to the construction of the is inches and distinct to the construction of the is inches and distinct the construction of the is inches and distinct the construction of the is inches and distinct the

Chy of Toronto to Jane Street, of which the estimated cost of construction is \$9,102.00.

(c) A 12-inch main on Dundas Street running northwesterly from Gilmour Avenue to St. Clair Avenue, of which the estimated cost is \$21,115.00.

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And whereas it appears from the sale report that for the supply of the district known as "Swansea" it will be necessary to acquire from the City of Toronto the existing 12-inch main on Ellis Avenue, or to construct a new main on Windermere Avenue, running southerly from the limits of the City of Toronto to Queen Avenue, running southerly from the sale report that, as the said district develops it may be necessary from time to time to construct other mains:

And whereas it appears from the said report that, as the said district develops it may be necessary from time to time to construct other mains:

And whereas it appears from the said report that the house services on all streets on which the 12-inch mains are laid will be connected direct to the said mains, and that the property abutting on same should be charged under Section 1 (c) of the said act on a local improvement basis at the same rate per foot frontage as other property within the section, for branch water mains, and that the excess of the cost of the construction of the said twelve-inch mains should be raised by a special rate on all the rateable property in said Section "B" according to the last revised Assessment Roll;

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orders of such engineer.

6. That the Rever and Clerk of the Township are authorized to cause a contract or contracts for the construction made and entered by part of them, to be made and entered by part of them, to be made and entered by part of them, to be made and entered by part of them, to be made and entered by part of them, to be made and entered by part of them, to be made and entered by part of them, to be made and entered by part of them, to be made and entered by part of them, to be made and entered by part of the part of the approval of this Council to be declared by expectation of the Sale works, pending the completion of the sale works, pending the completion of the sale.

So that the entire cost of the construction of the 18-inch and 2 sold trumb mass on Egitaton avenue and the unit mass of the 13-inch mains mentioned herein, and the country of the last revised assessment should be raised by a special set on all the part of the sale works of the 18-inch mains shall be raised on a local improvement basis in accordance with Section 1 (c) of the above upon and the cost of the works.

9. That the balance, namely, forty-five par cert, (45 per cent.) of the sale entire cost of the trumb in the part of the cost of the works.

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10. That the cost of the work or injuriously affected by it, and the expenses incurred by the Companion of the Sale works of th

vances of money to meet the cost of the said works, pending the completion of the same.

9. That fifty-five per cent. of the entire cost of the construction of the 12-inch mains mentioned herein, and also the entire cost of meters, recorders, meter houses and all necessary appliances, apparatus and structures for measuring and recording the-amount of water passing from the City of Toronto into the Township of York (including any claim for compensation for damages arising out of or incidental to the same), shall be raised by a special rate on all the rateable property in the said Section "B," according to the last revised Assessment Roll.

10. That the balance, namely, forty-five per cent. (45 p.c.) of the said entire cost of the 12-inch mains shall be raised on a local improvement basis, in accordance with Section 1 (c) of the abovementioned Act, and shall be specially assessed on lots fronting and abutting directly on the work, according to their respective frontages thereon, by an equal special rate per foot of such frontages sufficient to defray such cost.

11. That the following may be included in the cost of the work:

(a) Engineering expenses.

(b) Cost of advertising and services of (a) Engineering expenses.
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transce and Operation of a System of Waterworks in the Township of York.

WHEREAS, by Statutes of Ontario, a George V. Chapter 100, the Municipal Comportation of the Township of York is to construct, maintain and operate a system of waterworks for any defined sections or areas of the said Township; portation of the Swald Municipal Corporation of the swald Township; portation of the swald Township; of York which lies west of the City of Toronto and south of Section A. as defined in Water System Number 472, here-and the Swald Municipal Corporation of the swald township of York adopted by the Council of this Municipal that for the construction of the Swald Swal

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