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SAYS THERE IS NO HALF

WAY HIST

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Speech by Premier Lloyd Important George---Read Lord Lansdowne's Letter With Painful Amazement---A Precise Statement of Policy

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

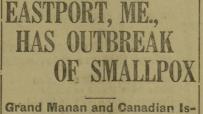
LONDON, Dec. 14 .- David Lloyd George, British Prime Minister, tonight before the benches of the Grey's Inn, prosion which was launched by the Marquis of Lansdowne's letter. Former Premier Asquith had followed the Marquis of Lansdowne with an utterance which coupled the policy of the Marquis with that of President Wilson, and found agreement between the two.

The Premier's statement of his platform had been awaited with great expectation and heralded by eager discussion. His speech was pointed as all his words are. He also endorsed President Wilson, but found no common ground in the paths of President Wilson and the Marquis of Lansdowne toward peace. It was with "painful amazement," the Premier said, that he had read the Marquis of Lansdowne's letter.

He declared that the danger to the country was not from the very active minority of exfreme pacifists, but from "men] who think there is a half-way house betwen victory and de- pital. feat." The Premier gave warning against making terms with Prussia at the very moment when the Prussian military spirit MESSAGE is drunk with boastfulness " is drunk with boastfulness."

DESTINY OF THE WORLD DEPENDS ON WHAT BRITAIN AND U. S. CAN DO IN SHIPBUILDING

Mr. Lloyd George said he saw no prospect for world safety in a league of peace in which lawlessness was stronger than the law. The critical stage of the war, at the time when Germany is straining to strike between the withdrawal of the Rus-sians and the entrance of the American democracy, and said and suffering " that the destiny of the world depended on what Great Britain and America could accomplish in shipbuilding during the next year. "Great Britain's will is as tempered steel, and will bear all right to the end," the Premier said. "There must be a further drain upon our man power in order to sustain the additional burden until the American army arrives. There is no ground for panic. Even now, after we have sent troops to Italy, the Allies have a marked superiority in numbers in Flan-



lands in Danger of Infection -General Situation in N. B. Favorable.

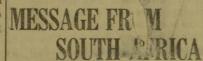
The Provincial Board of Health has een notified that Eastport, Me., con-ins a number of cases of smallpox the type which has been prevalent the type which has been prevalent, in the state of Maine 10: 50:56 months. The situation makes Grand Manan nd other Canadian islands adjacent othe American town liable to infec-ion. The authorities are taking steps o guard against the introduction of the diverse. (Canadian Press direct wire.) Montreal, Dec. 14.—Hon. Sydney Fisher declared at a Liberal meeting in Victoria Hall, Westmount, tonight, that the British government had con-

the disease. Throughout New Brunswick the dis-ease is under control. At Minto the condition is not dangerous. Four sec-ondary cases resulted from the origi-nal case. Two new cases are report-ed in Carelton county one of them be-ing at Bristol. At Rogersville, Northumberland county, three houses are under quarantine. that the British government had con-demned the Ross rifle more than a year before the Borden government put it aside. "During the year," he said, "thousands of young Canadians were slaughtered in the trenches be-cause they could not fire against the attacking Germans." Senator Dandurand, in refutation of the Unionist charge that Sir Wilfrid are under quarantine.

IN ACCIDENT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

ter, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Unionst candidate in North Tor-onto, was reported "improving" this morning at the Toronto General Hos-pital, where he was taken last night after being struck by a locomotive and narrowly escaped death while Toronto union station. It was stated that Sir George passed a good night, but no intimation was received as to when he will be able to leave the hos-pital. Canadian soldiers after the United States had entered the war. RELIEF FUND GROWING. (Canadian Press direct wire.) London, Dec. 15—The Mayor's Fund for the relief of Halifax sufferers is now over quarter of a million pounds. Among subscribers yesterday were Lady Strathcona, \$10,000; Lord Mount Stephen, \$5,000; Lord Rosebery, 100 guineas.



(Canadian Press direct wire.) Halifax, Dec. 15.—Lieut. Governor Grant has received the following mes-sage from the Mayor of Pretoria, South Africa:

"Citizens deeply grieved at your deand suffering.



Canadian Soldiers Greatly Interested in the Election

GOVT. SLOW IN CONDEMNING **ROSS RIFLE**

Senator Dandurand, in refutation of the Unionist charge that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had not done what he could Laurier had not done what he could in encouraging recruiting in Quebec province, said Sir Wilfrid's speech at Sohmer Park alone had resulted in 4,000 or 5,000 men coming forward, and out of these the 22nd Battalion was formed. He said an honest gov-ernment would not have kept 118,000 men kicking their heels in England for the past six months. Senator Dan-durand also found fault with Sir Roht (Canadian Press direct wire.) Toronto, Dec. 15.—Sir George Fos-r, Minister of Trade and Commerce, United Commerce, Canadian soldiers after the United

guineas.

Building Party Left Today.

and other artisans selected to assist in the erection of buildings in Halifax to afford temporary accommodations for the homeless people, left this morning. Mr. W. J. R. Carten is in

Mr. I. Archibald of Boston, is in the

a guest at the Queen

Voting is Being Carried on Right up in the Firing Line---Wounded Men Are Exercising the Franchise---One Poli Clerk Seriously Wounded.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

(W. A. Willison, Canadian Press correspondent.)

Canadian Army Headquarters in the Field, via London, Dec. 15.—No less than 37 per cent. of the total vote of the Canadian Corps had been polled by 8 o'clock last night. Some units have already polled 100 per cent. of the ballots, while the general experience to date is that the number of men refusing to exercise the franchise is almost negligible in specific units, though the aggregate may be appreciable.

As I cabled some days ago, voting has been extended right into the firing trenches, while the gunners have voted beside their guns. The most dramatic of all the incidents of the war. election to date has been the securing of votes of men wounded in action, while fighting for the Dominion, the Empire and the great cause which has brought them voluntarily to this most bitter and tragic struggle in the world's history.

WOUNDED MEN IN ADVANCED DRESSING STATIONS **VOTED AS THEY LAY IN BED WEAK AND SUFFERING**

The deputy presiding officers, scrutineers and poll clerks have brought their ballot boxes with them to the advanced dressing stations and voted men as they lay in bed, men so weak from suffering that it was all they could do to mark their ballots. In one station alone ninety men were voted and they welcomed the opportunity to east their ballots in what they The party of carpenters, glaziers regarded as the most critical political contest in the history of the Dominion.

> The election officers have taken their boxes with them on the tramways behind the lines and have voted men as they worked. In the same way they have gone through the front line trenches, giving men in the firing line their opportunity to exercse the franchise.

OFFICIALS HAVE RISKED THEIR LIVES AND ONE POLL CLERK HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Officials have worked all day and far into the night, have risked their lives in order to secure to every possible man adequate opportunity to exercise the franchise. One poll clerk has been seriously wounded, a presiding officer has been sent down to the base as a casualty, while one gunner, voting beside his gun, was hit by shrapnel.

But there has been no serious interruption to the election work and above all no interference with actual war operations.

ders and in France, and considerable reserves at home.

"Much greater progress has been made in man power in the last few months than either our friends or foes realize, but One Gathering was Composed Exclusively it is not enough to enable us to face new contingencies without anxiety. The problem of man power, however, does not end with the army.

ADVENT OF THE UNITED STATES INTO WAR HAS ENORMOUSLY INCREASED TONNAGE PROBLEM

"Victory now is a question of ton-fore be it; an eye for an eye, and a

compel us to increase our responsi-bilities in assisting France and Italy with the transportation of essential commodities to their shore.

"In order to obtain the necessary men for this object, we must inter-fere to even a greater extent than heretofore with the industries not absolutely essential to the prosecution of the war."

Must Strip Even Barer.

Premier Lloyd George, in conclud-ing, emphasized how the country could add by further economizing and in the of home production must strip even barer for the fight," he declared.

declared. The speech generally was more re-strained than Mr. Lloyd George's ut-terances usually are. The premier was silent as regards a new and spe-cific statement of war aims, which the Marquis of Lansdowne had urged, and for which pacifiets are making de

Baron Rothermere's statement was loudly cheered.

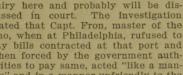
LOST IN STORM

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Boston, Dec. 15. - The loss of one steamer and four sailing vessels during a week of exceptional storms which culminated last night in a 75 mile blizzard was reported tonight. Ten men were reported in imminent danger on the wreck of the four mast ed schooner Horace A. Stone, pound-ing to pieces on Stone Horse Shoal, three miles off Cape Cod, with the sea too rough for a rescue to be attempt-ed. From an Atlantic port came word that the British steamer Knight of the Thirdle had foundered to account that

of Women---Denies an Alliance With Bourassa---Sifton the Temptor.

|There is no alliance with Bourassa (Canadian Press direct wire.)

and longest address. From there he went to several theatres, all filled to the limit of seating capacity. He spoke in all to about 8,000 people, it is esti-mated. He was received everywhere

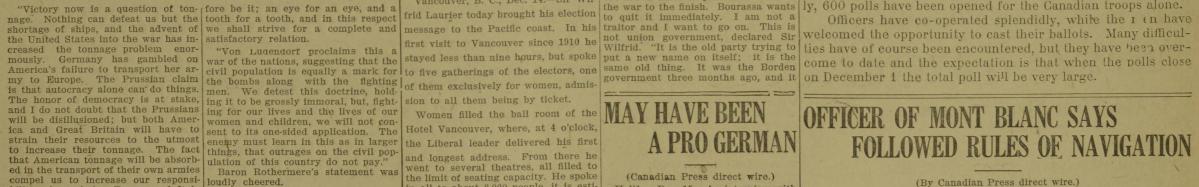


MANY DIFFICULTIES HAVE BEEN OVERCOME

SUCCESSFULLY IN GETTING THE VOTE POLLED

As far as your correspondent can learn, the elections have been conducted with surprising smoothness. The representative of the deputy clerk of the crown in chancery and his fourteen assistants have worked steadily and successfully to insure an adequate vvoting opportunity to every soldier. Rough-Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 14.—Sir Wil-frid Laurier today brought his election frid Laurier today brought his election

Officers have co-operated splendidly, while the I in have welcomed the opportunity to cast their ballots. Many difficulties have of course been encountered, but they have been overcome to date and the expectation is that when the polls close



(Canadian Press direct wire.) Halifax, Dec. 15.—An interview with a lawyer of Philadelphia, sent out from that city and published in New York

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

in all to about 3,000 paper mated. He was received everywhere with very hearty cheers, and he was heard with close attention. At eight o'clock tonight he and his party left for the east. They reach Winnipeg on Monday and will receive the elec-tion returns in that city. Sin Wilfrid devoted the greater part stated that Capt. Fron, master of the may bills contracted at that port and pay bills contracted that port and pay bills contracted that the spin pay bills contracted bills contracted pay bills cont

He declared his belief that, by persual sion and not by coercion, he could bring the province of Quebec into line with the other provinces. In the matter of enlistment. He held the Bordem's government responsible for Quebec's showing, and charged that there had been an alliance between the Conservative money in teaching Quebec not to fight the Empire's wars. Will Stay in War.

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