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## HON. T. CHASE CASGRAIN, POSTMASTER GENERAL, IS DEAD

### Entente's Reply to President Wilson's Peace Note is Ready to Be Sent

#### AUSTRIA HUNGARY SAID TO BE SEEKING IMMEDIATE PEACE Reply of Entente to Wilson Will be Sent This Week BANKRUPTCY AND RUIN THREATEN AUSTRIA HUNGARY

##### Believed That Dual Monarchy Will Make Separate Overtures to Italy

London, Dec. 29.—Dispatches received here to-day from Geneva that Austro-Hungary is seeking peace indicate developments which have been expected for some time here. It is an open secret here that Emperor Charles is desirous of concluding a peace at the earliest possible moment. It was stated last night that in official circles the belief held that as a first move Vienna is likely to make separate overtures to Italy for the conclusion of hostilities between these two countries. Since his accession to the throne, the new emperor has shown a spirit of independence anything but pleasing to Count Tisza and the other members of the "Fascism party" in the cabinet of the dual empire. His country has had to bear the brunt of the economic hardships of the central powers, and is now on the brink of starvation. His readiness to strike a separate bargain with Italy, looking toward the eventual retirement of Austria from the entire war, is therefore evident.

Of Great Interest The part to be played by Austria in the next stages of the peace negotiations is the most significant feature of the situation to-day. Of all the belligerents Austria has suffered most from war casualties, and economically and financially. No matter how soon peace is made, Emperor Charles will rule over a country almost on the brink of ruin. Economically Austria's plight could hardly be worse. Under the tutelage of Count Berchtold, former foreign secretary, the emperor is trying to clean out Von Burian and other tools of Count Tisza. In his short reign he has shown clear-sightedness, determination and a sincere desire to break away from the grip of Germany.

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### \$500,000 FIRE IN TORONTO

#### Barns of Toronto Railway Company Completely Destroyed

#### CAUSE UNKNOWN Building Was Filled With Combustible Materials

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The King St. car barns of the Toronto Railway Company were completely destroyed by fire last night. While an accurate estimate of the damage could

#### Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Dec. 29.—A pronounced area of high pressure is centered over Manitoba and the northwest states and fair, cold weather now prevails in nearly all parts of the Dominion. Forecasts. Fair and decidedly cold to-night and on Saturday, local snow flurries.



### Liquor Trade to be Controlled by State

#### Great Britain Plans to Purchase Entire Drink Trade of the Country; A Step Towards Prohibition

By Courier Leased Wire London, Dec. 29.—The purchase of the drink trade in Great Britain by the state is believed to be imminent, says The Daily Express to-day.

"The matter has been closely considered by the liquor control board during the past fortnight," continues the newspaper. "Several members of the board have long advocated the purchase, and the change in the government has brought a renewal of their argument."

The Express quotes Sir Thomas Whittaker, member of parliament, as saying that David Lloyd George, the prime minister, is known to favor the step, while several of the Unionist ministers are understood to agree with him. Sir Thomas says he believes a bill calling for the purchase would pass the House of Commons without difficulty.

Sir Thomas Whittaker was chairman of the committee which advocated purchase in 1915, when the cost of the plan was estimated at between 250,000,000 and 300,000,000 pounds. Since then, however, the government has interfered drastically with the production of spirits.

The Daily Express asserts that further great restrictions in the manufacture and sale of alcoholics are certain in the immediate future, whether or not the purchase is put into effect.

It is known from other sources that the liquor question has lately become an urgent one for the government in consequence of renewed complaints of the hindrance of munition work and other industries due to excessive drinking. Also due to the fact that much freightage and vast quantities of food material are absorbed in the liquor industry. Memorials from such centres as Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, and Glasgow have reached the government warning of delays in munition, ship-building and similar industries and urging total prohibition.

LITTLE PETERKIN WILSON



"Tell me all about the war. And what they fought each other for."

not be made at a late hour by the railway officials, the loss is variously estimated at between half a million and one million dollars. One hundred palace cars and about 200 cars of other types were burned. Shortly before midnight it was officially stated by the railway company that the loss of rolling stock would in no way interfere with the public service, as enough cars had been saved to provide a adequate service.

Many combustibles were in the building.

Leslie Reed, a young engineer, fell out of the cab about Poplar Point, Man., and was killed.

Alex. MacQueen, principal of Ry. Alex. MacQueen, principal of Ry. celebrated his fiftieth anniversary as a school teacher.

The cabinet refused to interfere with the death sentence on John Waukope, an Indian, condemned to die at Kenora on Dec. 27.

### HONORED FOR VALOR ON FIELD

#### Pte. R. Radcliffe, 19th Battalion, Wins Military Cross

Word has been received in the city that Pte. R. Radcliffe, of the 19th battalion, has been awarded the Military Cross for valor. He is unmarried and previous to enlistment served three years in the Second Dragoons. He was wounded in June last.

At a meeting of the Guelph Radial Railway Board the annual dividend was declared of four and a half per cent., amounting to \$7,680.39.

John MacKenzie, Peterboro, foreman in the Canadian General Electric works, went to work at seven o'clock and at 8 o'clock was stricken dead.

### Assurance Given That Italy Will Conclude No Separate Peace With Austria

New York, Dec. 29.—The London correspondent of The Tribune cabled last night as follows:

The joint reply of the Entente Allies to the peace note of Germany and the United States is expected to go to President Wilson tomorrow or Saturday.

M. Ribot and M. Thomas, the French ministers of finance and munitions, respectively, are still here in consultation with the British Government. Although their mission is not primarily connected with the peace reply, it is likely that the reply has received the fullest discussion.

The wording of the answer practically has been completed, both Rumania and Russia now having added their endorsements. The Czar's message has created the greatest satisfaction here. Reports of separate overtures to Italy from Austria are premature. It is undoubtedly true that Emperor Charles has high hopes of a speedy ending of the war, and is willing to make large sacrifices of territory to Italy rather than to see the disintegration of his kingdom. But Italian statesmen have a keen appreciation of the whole situation, and realize the advantages to be gained by continuing to the end.

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Italy has played the game skillfully and fairly, and is still very much in the ring, but shipping difficulties have brought about an embarrassing economic situation. Recent conditions have improved considerably, but they are still not enough to cause a certain amount of unrest. Italy's aims in this war have been clearly defined, and she intends to stick until they are realized.

### ARBITRATION COURT

#### Deals With the Cost of Administration of Justice As Between the City and County

An arbitration court with regard to matters between the city and county dealing with the cost of the administration of justice has been in progress since yesterday at the Court House, with A. E. Watts, K. C., representing the county; A. K. Bunnell, the city and Judge Colter of Elgin as third arbitrator. The latter was appointed chairman.

As the outcome an agreement has been signed for five years under which the city pay to the county the portion of the expenditure for feed, clothing and hospital supplies on the basis of the prison days of prisoners sent by the city. The balance of the expenses including the cost of the county buildings as placed on a yearly valuation of \$4,250 is divided between the city and county on the basis of population.

The county gets more than under the previous award but not the full amount claimed. In short the conclusion is a compromise.

### Absolute Neutrality Only For Switzerland

#### President of Swiss Republic Sounds a Warning Against Breach of Her Neutrality; Speaks on Peace Note

By Courier Leased Wire Bolzoug, via Paris, Dec. 29.—President Schulthess, of Switzerland, has explained the part played by his country in the recent steps in favor of peace in an interview with Signor Qualicini, editor of The Resto del Carlino. President Schulthess is quoted as saying:

Switzerland had nothing whatever to do with President Wilson's note. The Federal Council got into communication with the American in order to learn if the latter intended to do anything in favor of peace and simply received a copy of the note at the same time as the belligerents. The council has decided to support the note, inspired by an ardent desire to see a term rapidly put to the suffering caused by this terrible war of which the Swiss people have daily evidence in the shape of interned invalids and civilians from places ordered evacuated.

"I do not know what will be the fate of the neutral proposals and in any case Switzerland has no intention of interfering with the affairs of the belligerents. But she considers it her duty to make known to them that she is ready to help for the cause of peace."

The President said he was astonished at the rumors of fears of the violation of Swiss neutrality.

"I cannot conceive," he said, "that any of the belligerents harbor the idea of passing through our country. It would not be to their advantage. In addition to the great difficulties of terrain they would be confronted with the vigorous resistance of the Swiss army and the whole people. My country knows only one form of neutrality—absolute neutrality. Let there be no mistake. In the presence of external danger, no matter what side it comes from, Switzerland will be united notwithstanding differences in race and language."

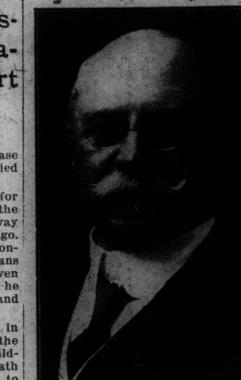
### POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE DOMINION HAS PASSED AWAY

#### Hon. T. Chase Casgrain Dies in Ottawa After a Short Illness

By Courier Leased Wire. Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, Postmaster-General, died this morning of pneumonia.

Hon. Mr. Casgrain had been ill for several days, having contracted the disease following a chill on his way home from New York ten days ago. His condition, however, was not considered alarming, and his physicians say he passed a good night. At seven o'clock this morning, however, he took a sudden turn for the worse and sank rapidly.

Mr. Casgrain visited Brantford in June, 1915, on the occasion of the opening of the new postoffice building here, and the word of his death came this morning as sad news to many who knew him. Immediately upon receipt of the information, the flag upon the post office building was lowered to half mast.



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### SPANISH NOTE ON SUB QUESTION

#### Destruction of Prizes Is Held Illegal, Also Desertion of Crews of Sunken Ships

By Courier Leased Wire.

Madrid, via Paris, Dec. 29.—A note addressed to Germany on the submarine question by the Spanish Government reviews at length the policy of Madrid from the time the first Spanish ship, the Sidoro, was torpedoed in August, 1915. It declares that the Spanish Government has always maintained that it was illegal to destroy prizes, as is the constant practice of submarines and that the cabinet also demanded the observation of the declaration of London, notably article 59, which it is maintained submarines violate by abandoning the crews of sunken

ships to the mercy of the waves far from land.

The note further recalls the vigor of the representations of the Spanish Government which, it says, sometimes caused the Berlin Government to be surprised at the radical attitude of Spain, whose protests, it is held, have been more energetic than those of any other neutral state.

With regard to the contraband question, the note says:

"What the Spanish Government does not admit is the Central Empire's interpretation of international law, whereby they destroy ships of nations which have always complained against such an interpretation."

The note concludes with an announcement that further steps are being taken to avoid or diminish in future the risks to Spanish shipping.

To get power to the people at the lowest possible cost is the object of the Hydro Electric Commission. If you believe this vote for the by-law, Sir Adam Beck, who was announced to speak at Humberstone in support of the Hydro by-law, was storm bound, and his place was taken by Engineer Gaby.

### And to Avert These She Will Agree to a Humiliating Peace

London, Dec. 29.—Recent reports received here from Switzerland have represented the internal conditions in Austria-Hungary as so serious that those governments are prepared to negotiate direct with Great Britain and France, preferring a humiliating peace to what has been termed inevitable bankruptcy and ruin. The Morning Post's Budapest correspondent, writing December 22, records opinions to the foregoing effect as being prevalent in some quarters in Austria-Hungary, but does not confirm the view that they are favored by the Austrian and Hungarian governments. On the contrary, the correspondent contends that, however much a separate peace may be desired, it is almost unthinkable, and certainly for the immediate present impossible. He concurs with Swiss reports as far as saying that the young emperor is eager to work for peace. "It is generally recognized," says the correspondent, "that the emperor, after he has been crowned King of Hungary and taken the oath to the constitution in the Austrian Parliament, will try to re-establish peace. Continued on page three."

### ALDERMAN WARD

#### Replies to Some of the Statements by Mayor Bowlby

#### Challenges the Accuracy of His Assertions in Meredith Case

#### Also Convincingly Deals With Other Matters

I entered this campaign hoping I would have no occasion to make a personal reference to any opponent, but Mayor Bowlby having introduced personalities and some of his statements being so glaringly false, I must, in justice to my friends and supporters, if not myself, make some reply.

As to the costs in the Meredith-Slinen case. At the meeting of the committee for the striking of the estimates for the year, held in February, Mayor Bowlby was the only one of those present who fought for the payment of this bill, amounting to over \$1600. Any member of the committee, or the City Treasurer who was also in attendance, can testify to this. During the months following, whenever the matter was mentioned in council, the same thing occurred. I do not ask the people to accept my word for this, but to enquire as to the truth of it, or any of the aldermen. With his connivance the bill was eventually paid. A prominent official of the local Trades and Labor council visited the police office within the last three weeks and inspected for himself, being interested, the minutes of the meeting following that at which the account was ordered to be paid bearing the signature of J. W. Bowlby, as chairman, in endorsement thereof. The two preceding occupants of the Mayor's chair, as members of the police board, were friends of the people. Mayor Bowlby betrays them. So much for the "behind my back and without my knowledge" statement.

Regarding the Clarence street extension matter. I formulated the petition in question, and placed the same, after being extensively signed, in the hands of the clerk, myself.

St. Paul's Avenue subway question. Some months ago, and I think at the meeting of the Council, at which the deputation from Terrace Hill was present, Mayor Bowlby, in the discussion pertaining to the matter, took the position as to the costs in the matter that the city had absolutely no case, that the Grand Trunk people controlled the situation, and as far as the extension of the Street Railway over Terrace Hill was concerned, the construction of the subway was not essential. His late activity in the matter has been

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