

## Victory For the Coalition Government is Forecast

### :: After War Problems Chief Issues in British General Elections ::

## PREMIER'S PROGRAM CALLS FOR PUNISHMENT OF KAISER

### Germany Must be Made to Pay—Soldiers Returned Home as Soon as Possible and Given Fair Treatment—Election Nearing its End

By Courier Leased Wire.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Canadian Press dispatch from Reuters Limited.—Coalition government headquarters states that the five points of the Premier's program are:

Punish the Kaiser.

Make Germany pay.

Let the soldiers come home as soon as possible.

Fair treatment for ex-soldiers and ex-sailors, and better housing and better social conditions.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—In the appeals now being made to the British electors there is to a degree unknown in previous general elections, a disinclination to exploit supposed "colonial" opinion, or at least a failure to do so. Apart from the speeches about the policy of preference there is an almost total absence of reference to the possible bearing which the issue of the elections may have upon the relations between the British government and those of the overseas dominions.

The preference policy has little bearing upon Canada. It simply amounts to a promise that if Great Britain imposes protection upon any articles, it will make a preferential rate to overseas dominions. There is, however, a further pledge that duties will not be levied upon foodstuffs, so that tariff remissions would not affect Canada to any great extent.

Little attention in fact is being paid to tariff and taxation, and the battle is being waged on the issues arising from the war. Audiences began demanding, as soon as the campaign opened, that assurances be given that severe punishment would be meted out to Germany, and under pressure of public opinion, which has hardened steadily, various ministers, including the premier, have made declarations which appear to commit government to support at the peace conference, a program calling for indemnity from Germany, covering the full cost of the war, together with the trial of the Kaiser for his left before some tribunal to be constituted. Attorney-General Smith has also declared for annexations.

In the last few days the question of conscription has emerged into prominence. The view that conscription should be abolished is apparently strongly supported, and is being vigorously advocated by the Liberals and Labor. The government has met this with the semi-official statement that it will propose abolition of compulsory military service throughout Europe. Critics of the government say this is not sufficiently specific, as it makes Great Britain's conscription policy contingent on the action of the continental governments. The Liberals and Laborites are demanding that conscription will be abolished in Britain in any event. The government has also been called upon to deny that it intends to keep an army of two millions of men on the continent for four years. The Westminster Gazette urges the view that if large indemnities are to be demanded from Germany, conscription will have to be continued in Britain, since an army of occupation will have to be kept indefinitely in Germany.

These issues and the vigor of attacks on Lloyd George, with the constant interchanges between Asquith and the Premier, who are speaking daily, are living final days of the campaign, but there is no expectation that they will affect the result of substantial victory for the coalition government.

## ASSESSOR LUDLOW DOES NOT FAVOR EXTENSION

### Says That Additional Expenditure Would be Entailed on City if Proposed Suburban Districts Were Taken in.

In view of the fact that the board of Trade were advocating extension of the city, Eagle Place, Grandview, Bellevue, Assessor Ludlow has prepared a list of the number of houses in the City of Brantford, including apartments and flats also the number of available vacant buildings lots within the present city boundaries. In Ward one there are 1,306 dwellings and 2,102 vacant lots, Ward two, 1,106 dwellings, 609 lots, in Ward three, 853 dwellings and 137 lots, Ward four, 1,320 dwellings and 1270 lots, in Ward 5, 1,537 dwellings 656 lots. These lots do not include a number of suitable factory sites.

## WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Dec. 11.—The disturbance from the Mississippi valley now covers the Great Lakes, causing snow and rain and milder weather over Ontario. The weather has been fair and cold in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces and in Manitoba, it has been comparatively mild with light snow.

Forecasts. Fresh south and southwest winds, rain, Thursday—Fair and mild at first, followed by strong northwest winds and colder, not yet to see any snow.

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On this account, the assessor does not think it is wise to extend our present boundary as the extension would make additional expenditure for the city.

NO CHESTNUT COAL. The chestnut coal which was expected to arrive in the city to-day did not come, and as a result many people were doomed to disappointment.

## WILHELM IS NOT SAYING MUCH NOW

### Reserves His Defense Until He is Formally Placed on Trial

#### RETICENT FOR ONCE

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 11.—William Hohenzollern will not make any statement as to his efforts to prevent the outbreak of war in 1914, according to the Amstrongen correspondent of The Express. The correspondent has finally succeeded in having submitted to Herr Hohenzollern questions as to his pacific attitude before the war and his steps to prevent hostilities. Count von Berninck, the host of the former emperor, received the correspondent after the questions has been laid before Herr Hohenzollern and is reported to have said: "The Kaiser much appreciates your message and thanks you. He says: 'If there is any possibility of becoming a defendant I prefer not saying anything I have to say'." "I do not see in anyway to compromise the number of the government as it is needed at the time of the outbreak of the war."

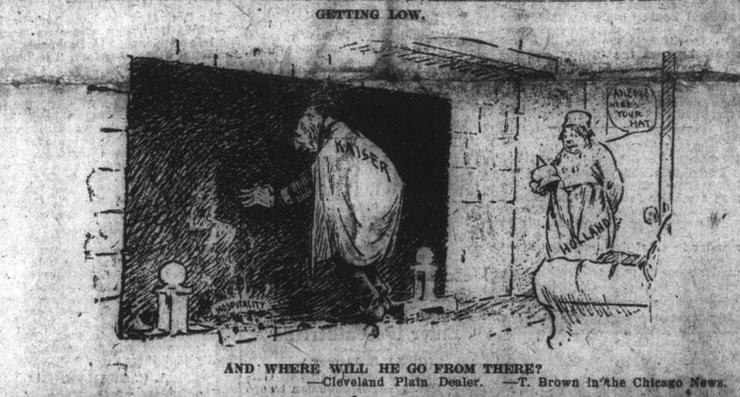
By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 11.—Belgian advanced infantry marching toward the Rhine has reached the line Virseus-Dulken, southeast of Crefeld. Light elements are at Kampenmitten, northwest of Crefeld.

## POINCARÉ INSPECTED MUELHOUSE

### French President and Premier Reviewed Troops Garrisoning the Town

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Tuesday, Dec. 10.—(Glasgow Agency).—President Poincaré and Premier Clemenceau reviewed the French troops garrisoning Muelhouse to-day. Great enthusiasm was shown by the people during the visit of the French officials. The splendid Moroccan colonial infantry was honored by having its colors decorated by President Poincaré. The demobilization of the military classes for the year 1918 to 1919, constituting the territorial army reserve, has been ordered. It will begin on Christmas Day.

To Prolong Armistice. Amsterdam, Dec. 11.—Discussions over the prolongation of the armistice between the Allies and Germany will begin at Treves on December 12, according to the North German Gazette. All shipping on the Rhine is now under the control of an inter-Allied committee.



## AUSTRIA STROVE TO WITHDRAW FROM WAR IN 1917 SAYS CZERNIN

### Former Foreign Minister of Dual Empire, Tells of His Country's Unavailing Efforts For Peace—Germany Threatened Her Ally With War if She Succeeded From Her Alliance.

By Courier Leased Wire. Vienna, Monday, Dec. 9.—(By the Associated Press).—Austria's desperate efforts in 1917 to withdraw from the war were described in a statement made to the Associated Press to-day by Count Czernin, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister. General Ludendorff, the German quartermaster-general, was the great stumbling block and Austria feared if she was undertaking a separate peace with Entente that Germany would declare war on her. I never thought it possible to beat the Entente, particularly after America entered the war," said Count Czernin. "There were two ways to arrange peace. One was separate peace with the Entente, the other a peace together with Germany. I have explained how both ways were impossible. 'A separate peace would have meant war with Germany, since thereby we, because of our geographical position, would have cut off from Germany, her Turkish, Bulgarian allies and it would have been impossible for Germany with her Allies interests in Turkey and Bulgaria, to allow us to pull out of the war. I have proof that Germany at once would have made war on us.'"

Recounting the desperate efforts on the part of Austria to reach some sort of peace before the final and absolute collapse of both the Austrian and German Empires, Count Czernin said: "The German people wanted peace long ago and even Emperor William wanted to see the end of the war, but the attitude England prevented steps being taken. Emperor William said to me on one occasion: 'How can we get peace with England declaring that otherwise we must be destroyed.'"

"Nothing is more dangerous in politics than to see things as you wish to see them, not as they are. We understood that the only way to arrange matters was to get England and Germany together. 'With the knowledge of Emperor Charles I proposed to Emperor William that Austria would give Germany the province of Galicia and permit her to have her way in Russian Poland, provided Alsace and Lorraine were ceded back to France. I presented the plan to Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg, then German imperial chancellor. Later he informed me that he was forced to decline to enter into the scheme. I do not know whether or not Ludendorff had a hand in the matter, but I was informed that it was impossible to give up Alsace and Lorraine because the German people never would understand the giving up of land which had cost so much blood. The situation of Germany was dangerous, but nothing could be done. Our conversations were pleasant and friendly, and our sacrifices were appreciated by the officials. I saw, however, that I could not arrange the matter because Germany was obliged to obey the military party. I then tried another way. Unknown to the Germans, I sent Herr Vassilko, a Socialist member of Parliament, to talk with Matthias Erberstein, the Clerical leader, and Dr. Albert O. W. Suederkrum, a Socialist member of the Reichstag. He was to tell them why the war must end and give them both to understand that another peace resolution should be introduced in the Reichstag, directed against both the military party and the pan-Germans.'"

C.N.R. EARNINGS. Toronto, Dec. 11.—The gross earnings of the Canadian Northern Railway system for the week ending December 7, were \$1,192,100, which was an increase of \$117,100 over the corresponding period of last year. The increase in gross earnings from July 1 to date, as compared with last year is \$3,217,600.

## BOLSHEVIK DELEGATES NOT WANTED

### Germany Asks Russia Not to Send Envoys to Conference

By Courier Leased Wire. Berlin, Monday, Dec. 9.—The German cabinet has sent a wireless message to the Russian Government asking it not to send a delegation to Berlin for a conference planned for December 16. The reason given was the "present situation in Germany." The Russian Bolshevik delegates were invited by the executive committee of the Soldiers' and Workers' Council against the wishes of the cabinet. The opposition of the cabinet has been strengthened, beyond doubt, by accusations made by Adolph Joffe, the Bolshevik ambassador to Germany, who has made a statement saying that Ministers Hassa, Barth and others were friendly toward him and actively seconded his plan to introduce Russian methods into Germany. In spite of their denials, M. Joffe's accusations have created a painful impression in many quarters.

## IMPOSSIBLE TO COERCE ULSTER

### Minister of Munitions Hopes For Settlement of Home Rule Question; Urges Irish Leaders to Win Ulster by Spontaneous Feeling of Comradeship

By Courier Leased Wire.

DUNDEE, Scotland, Tuesday, Dec. 10.—Col. Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of munitions, speaking here today, emphasized the impossibility of coercing Ulster in the matter of home rule for Ireland, and said that the present government is anxious that the problem be solved as soon as possible. In discussing this feature of the election campaign, Col. Churchill said:

"Before the war we had reached a definite agreement with the leaders of the Nationalist party that Ulster was not to be coerced. It never was the policy of the late Liberal government to take coercive steps in Ireland. Why do not the Irish leaders come forward now and take up the burden of responsibility of government with the British Empire? Why do not they by a spontaneous feeling of comradeship win Ulster? The government is most anxious that the Irish question be pressed forward vigorously to a solution. Great Britain goes to the peace conference ready to bestow self government upon Ireland. It is only the quarrels and disputes of the Irishmen themselves that prevent a solution of this great question. Let us earnestly hope they will endeavor by every means, even of practising patience, to embark upon the proper road."

Speaking of fiscal matters, Col. Churchill said:

"The financial question is becoming increasingly grave. We are burdened with an enormous debt, but about six-sevenths of our debt is due to ourselves. The difficulties connected with that portion can be adjusted within our own borders, but the external debt is a far greater source of pre-occupation. We are heavily in debt to the United States. We have sent to America \$400,000,000 in bullion, and from \$800,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 in securities which had been gathered as a result of two generations of prosperous trade. The payment of interest on that debt and the loss of interest on securities previously held will impose a very serious burden in coming years. We incurred that burden, not for our own benefit, but for the Allies and Russia. As a result of these overseas liabilities we will have burdens such as we have never had before."

## BOUNDARY EXTENSION FAVORED BY COMMITTEE

### Would Include Bellview, Parkdale and Grandview Districts in the City—Meeting of Committee in Board of Trade Rooms Last Night

City Boundaries Extension. A joint meeting of the committee of the City Council, Board of Education, and Board of Trade appointed to consider the question of City Boundaries was held in the Board of Trade Chamber yesterday.

Mr. W. B. Preston acted as chairman and Capt. Geo. A. Ward as secretary. The three committees were resolved into one committee and organized by the re-election of the chairman and secretary.

After full consideration of the questions of boundary extension in various parts of the city and expressions of the views of the representatives obtained, it was moved by W. T. Henderson, seconded by Ald. F. C. Harp.

"That this committee is in favor of proceeding with the extension of City boundaries by the addition of the Bellview and Parkdale sections, and the Grandview section;

That the determination of boundaries of these sections, to be included, be left to the members of this committee from these respective sections who shall have power to form themselves into sub-committees and to add to their members, and that they be authorized to proceed with the circulation of petitions for annexations and that this committee render their every assistance required."

(Carried unanimously.) After further discussion the meeting adjourned until further notice. There were present: Ald. F. C. Harp, Ald. H. J. Symons, J. W. Shepperson, T. H. Jones, W. B. Henderson, A. G. Ludlow, W. B. Preston, Geo. A. Ward, Geo. Harris, Fred Bilo, Geo. Alderson, Dr. J. W. Robinson, Hugh Atwell and G. Hately.

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