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## NEWS TOPICS OF WEEK

Important Events Which Have Occurred During the Week.

**The Busy World's Happenings Carefully Compiled and Put into Handy and Attractive Shape for the Readers of Our Paper — A Solid Hour's Enjoyment.**

**TUESDAY.**  
The C. P. R. has lifted the embargo on the Intercolonial Railway. Many people are reported killed in a railway wreck at Bradford, R.I. Thomas Farrow, ex-M.P. for Huron, died at Collingwood at the age of 83. The Allies have established a naval base at Suda Bay, on the Isle of Crete. Malcolm McEachren, one of the oldest business men of Stayner, Ont., is dead, aged 75. Rev. Duncan Cameron, a pioneer Presbyterian minister, died at Oakville in his 95th year. The British Admiralty wants recruits in Canada for the navy and the auxiliary patrol service. Dr. C. M. Sanford, for many years Coroner of Northumberland County, and G. T. R. surgeon, died at Brighton. Premier Asquith read to the House of Commons a reply from General Toynshend to the King's message of cheer. Kelly, the Winnipeg contractor, lost his fight in the United States against extradition, and is returning to Canada. Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell is to return to Labrador this month from France, where he has been on war service since last fall with the Harvard University surgical unit. Tons of old paper and rags were collected by school children and others in Hamilton under the direction of the Rotary Club, bringing in more than \$2,000 for the Red Cross. Charles Galipolia of Montreal was killed and Robert Darrouch of Hamilton injured when their shack at the end of the railroad bridge crossing the Trent River at Trenton was swept into the river by cars derailed in a freight wreck.

**WEDNESDAY.**  
Military authorities throughout Ontario are endeavoring to make the duties of soldiers as light as possible at Easter. Halifax has adopted the daylight-saving scheme. Navigation is practically open on all the Great Lakes now. The Mat-gama brought 114 wounded and sick Canadian soldiers to St. John, N.B. Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared foundationless the statements by a Winnipeg paper alleging his sympathy with Senator Choquette's anti-recruiting views. A minor British reverse on the Tigris River was reported. Richard Harding Davis, the American author, left an estate of \$250,000. Sir Edward Grey in the House of Commons defended the action of the allies in regard to the use of Greek territory. S. S. McClure, the American writer, after a visit to Germany, says the babies there are not starving from lack of milk. Since the outbreak of the war 3,117 non-combatants have lost their lives in maritime disasters due to mines or to submarines of the Teutonic allies. The Daily Mail's Lisbon correspondent telegraphed yesterday that a violent fire had broken out in the group of buildings of the naval arsenal. Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the large plant of the Erie Tobacco Company at Kingsville, Ont. The loss is \$60,000, partly covered by insurance. Dr. A. D. W. Kay, chief resident physician of Victoria Hospital, London, Ont., has been appointed Medical Superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital, Ottawa.

**THURSDAY.**  
Lieut. Fikentscher, commander of a German sub, is now prisoner in Sicily. The commander of the destroyer of the Sussex was decorated by the Kaiser. Germans henceforth must show their bread cards to obtain their supply of soap. The prohibition bill was given its third reading in the Ontario Legislature yesterday. Disgraced by his arrest, Louis Kaplan hanged himself in the police cells in Toronto. Ontario school children have presented a motor ambulance to the Canadian Red Cross Society. Berlin young women are to cooperate in the effort to fill up the ranks of the 118th Battalion. The Meredith-Duff Commission to investigate the Kite charges held an organization meeting in Ottawa. A special act of the Ontario Legislature will enable Berlin, Ont., to vote on the question of changing its name. The Brown-Elwood Commission at Regina issued a warrant for the arrest of Clayton Peterson of Guelph on a charge of perjury. Hon. James R. Stratton, ex-M.P. and ex-M.P.P. for West Peterboro, and former Provincial Secretary for Ontario, died at Hot Springs, Arkansas. South and north of Regina, and between that city and Winnipeg, floods from melting snow have been the worst experienced in Saskatchewan and Manitoba since 1904. Canada's enlistments from the outbreak of the war to the 15th of this month have been 309,616. Of these 134,838 were in England and France at the end of March, and more than 10,000 have gone overseas since. On motion of Sir Robert Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the House of Commons enthusiastically decided that the flag should fly from every public building in the Dominion, and the public were asked to co-operate

in celebration of the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of April, the anniversary of Langemarch.

**FRIDAY.**  
Because the controllers and aldermen are in a deadlock, the streets of Montreal have not had a broom put on them yet this spring. Lieut. James Murray Hazen, younger son of Hon. J. Douglas Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has been killed at the front. General Joseph Simeon Gallieni, French ex-Minister of War, underwent an operation yesterday at Versailles for an affection of the kidneys. Heinrich Lange, a Hamburg multimillionaire, has committed suicide in order to escape prosecution for selling grain for the feeding of live stock. Eleven persons were reported dead yesterday and scores injured, several seriously, in a succession of tornadoes which swept through Kansas and Missouri. The Ontario Legislature disposed of the last order of business early yesterday morning and wound up its seven weeks' session by singing the National Anthem. Plans for the organization of a twenty million dollar corporation to operate a steamship line under the Spanish flag, between Vigo, Spain, and New York, are announced. Robert Godfrey, of the Yorkton (Sask.) Ice, Coal, and Wood Company, was arrested yesterday on a charge of conspiring to defraud the Saskatchewan Government on a road contract.

**SATURDAY.**  
Twenty people were killed by an explosion at Bordeaux, France. Japan has renewed her objections to the United States immigration bill. The scarcity of sugar is causing the German Government serious concern. Thomas Heasman, an old resident of Cobourg, died suddenly Friday night. The carrying of matches into any place where explosives are being manufactured is prohibited. Hon. Col. J. Wesley Allison arrived at Ogdensburg, N.Y., and visited Prescott for a few minutes. W. T. Shannon, manager of the Chatham branch of the Standard Bank, died last night, after an illness of one week. Dr. B. E. McKenzie died in Toronto following an operation. He was the founder and head of the Orthopaedic Hospital. Australia, with 200,000 men at the front, at an annual cost to the country of \$50,000,000, is drilling another 100,000 soldiers. Germany has begun the enrollment of her 1919 class—boys of 17. Notices ordering them to inscribe their names on the Landstrum register have been posted at Aix-la-Chapelle. In the New Brunswick Legislature Attorney-General J. B. M. Baxter introduced the Intoxicating Liquor Act, under which prohibition will go into effect on May 1 of next year. The bill is modelled after that of Manitoba.

**MONDAY.**  
Five steamers were reported sunk, two of the victims being British. Wm. F. King, C.M.G., LL.D., Chief Astronomer of Canada, is dead after protracted illness. President Yuan Shi Kai authorized the organization of a Cabinet Government for China. Mr. Clemens Bernath, one of the oldest residents of Wallace Township, died on Friday near Palmerston, aged 85 years. Jerry West, a well-known farmer near Thomasburg, drove to Belleville Thursday morning and has not been seen since that evening. Celebrations of the battle of St. Julien were held in various ways in a number of cities throughout Canada Saturday and Sunday. W. E. Basset, formerly a prominent farmer of Whitechurch Township, dropped dead at his home in Newmarket, aged 70 years. The barn on the premises occupied by Stephen Burton, near Belleville, was on Saturday morning destroyed by fire. Incendiarism is suspected. Crown Prince Humbert of Italy made a flight yesterday in an aeroplane attached to the fleet at Tarento. The Crown Prince is 11 years old. John Reynolds, a farmer, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the farmhouse of his brother, Nathaniel Reynolds, near Virden, Man. Mr. E. H. Sothern, the noted actor, gave \$1,548 to the Canadian Red Cross, the profits of his company's week's engagement in Toronto. Colonel A. D. Davidson, Land Commissioner for the Canadian Northern Railway, died yesterday at Rochester, Minn., whither he had gone for an operation.

**GERMANY WILL BACK DOWN.**  
Delay in Answering Wilson's Ultimatum Points to Accession.  
BERLIN, April 24.—Germany's answer to President Wilson's virtual ultimatum will be despatched to Washington at the earliest in the middle, possibly not before the end, of the ensuing week. Of all the signs and hints and omens with regard to the outcome of the crisis between the two countries this very delay of Germany's answer is the most significant; it points clearly to a backdown on the part of the German Government, and a dignified and gradual, but none the less complete, accession to America's demand that the lives of American citizens must be safeguarded. What is really coming to pass in Germany at this moment is a feverish preparation for a submission to American demands; not, to be sure, for a complete abandonment of the submarine warfare, but of that which is asked in Mr. Wilson's closing paragraph: a declaration and a putting into effect of an abandonment of its present methods of submarine warfare against passenger and freight-carrying vessels.

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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE BASED ON REPORTS CONTAINED IN "THE AGRICULTURAL WAR BOOK, 1916," PUBLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OTTAWA, ONT.

**LIVE STOCK**—The herds and flocks of Europe have been greatly reduced. When the war is over there will be a great demand for breeding stock. Canadian farmers should keep this in mind.

**MEATS**—In 1915 Great Britain imported 664,508 tons of beef, mutton and lamb, of which 364,245 tons came from without the Empire. Out of 430,420 tons of beef only 104,967 tons came from within the Empire. The demands of the Allies for frozen beef, canned beef, bacon and hams will increase rather than diminish. Orders are coming to Canada. The decreasing tonnage space available will give Canada an advantage if we have the supplies.

**DAIRYING**—Home consumption of milk, butter and cheese has increased of late years. The war demands for cheese have been unlimited. The Canadian cheese exports from Montreal in 1916 were nearly \$6,500,000 over 1914. Prices at Montreal—Cheese: January 1916, 15½ to 17 cents; January 1916, 18½ to 18¾ cents; Butter: January 1916, 24 to 28¾ cents; January 1916, 32 to 33 cents.

**EGGS**—Canada produced \$30,000,000 worth of eggs in 1915 and helped out Great Britain in the shortage. Shippers as well as producers have a duty and an opportunity in holding a place in that market.

WRITE TO THE DOMINION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TO YOUR PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT FOR BULLETINS ON THESE SUBJECTS

Tens of thousands of Canada's food producers have enlisted and gone to the front. It is only fair to them that their home work shall be kept up as far as possible. The Empire needs all the food that we can produce in 1916.

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