

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 Hours' Enjoyment.

WEDNESDAY.

The Austrians claimed the destruction of five British patrol boats in the Adriatic. The Earl of Crawford succeeded the Earl of Selborne as President of the Board of Agriculture.

The Provincial License Commission cut off the license of Fred J. Kirsch of Ford, Ont., for Sunday selling.

The consumption of cigarettes in Canada has increased during the war, reaching in the past fiscal year a total of 1,168,097,845.

Captain Holm of Copenhagen was in Toronto making arrangements for the purchase of five lake freighters for transatlantic service.

J. J. Bowness, fireman on a G.T.R. yard engine at Stratford, but lately from Kitchener, was fatally injured while at work in the early morning.

This year 182 teachers of public, separate, and high schools are taking the summer course at the Ontario Agricultural College, as compared with 107 last year.

Pte. John Campbell of the 204th Battalion died at Camp Borden from heat stroke, following the big parade, and there were 35 heat prostrations through the day.

The Dominion Government's contribution of \$5,000 towards a Canadian ward in the Seamen's Hospital at Greenwich has been acknowledged with gratitude by Lord Davenport.

A scheme to develop two million horse-power of electric energy below Niagara Falls, at a cost of \$100,000,000, has been submitted to the Dominion Government, which will appoint a commission of engineers to look into the proposal.

The Dominion Government states that the German merchant submarine Deutschland cannot carry back nickel refined in the United States from Canadian mines, and that the British Government is satisfied that the precautions taken are sufficient.

THURSDAY.

Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain is engaged to be married a second time. A German submarine shelled an English seaport and killed a woman.

The Hungarians estimate their Empire's losses during two months at 600,000.

Hydro-electric power may be used in a prospective method of refining Ontario nickel in this Province.

Fred Wrigley, operator at Caledonia, was drowned while bathing in the Grand River.

The resolutions passed at the Paris Economic Conference have been approved by Great Britain.

Evelyn Elridge, of Whitley, and Clara Nevin of Windsor were drowned at a Sunday school picnic near Whitley.

A carboy of sulphuric acid on the G.T.R. station platform at Hensall exploded, three men being badly burned.

A report submitted to the Provincial Resources Committee shows shortage of labor in munition plants in Toronto.

The 19th Battalion is to be held at London camp for a couple of weeks as the camping ground at Camp Borden is not ready for it.

An official statement issued in Berlin yesterday says: "In the month of June sixty per cent of the enemy's merchantmen, measuring about 400,000 tons, were sunk by German and Austrian submarines or by mines."

John Arsenault and James Byard were killed and Ernest Malette was seriously injured last night in St. John, N.B., when about fifteen tons of sugar slid upon them while they were working in the hold of a West India steamer.

The death and many prostrations from heat were reported in New York. While the mercury in street thermometers soared as high as 101, the official record of the Weather Bureau last night showed that the temperature reached 89.

FRIDAY.

Two deaths were caused by the heat in Hamilton. Cases suspected to be infantile paralysis have been discovered at Windsor and near Hamilton.

In battalion inspection at Valcartier the 19th of Victoria county came first and the 139th, Northumberland, second.

The National Liberal Advisory Committee is called by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to meet at Ottawa next Tuesday and following days.

Fire, believed to have been started by someone in a boat, damaged a trestle of the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Railway over Martindale Creek.

Silas Dell, a workman on the Niagara Falls-Port Erie Boulevard, was seriously injured, and Foreman Wm. Sibbett less seriously hurt by a lightning shock.

Jos. L. Mallett, St. John, N.B., died from injuries received when overwhelmed by a slide of sugar in the hold of a steamer, being the third to die from that cause.

Rev. Dr. S. Banks Nelson at a meeting of the Hamilton Recruiting League's deputation with the Board of Control, strongly protested against the city's "Jack pot" scheme of soldier insurance.

London was confronted with a serious shortage of water, due to extra consumption caused by the heat, and the commission ordered extra pumps and opened negotiations for well property.

A deputation from the Royal Canadian Flying Corps School of Aviation asked the Provincial Government for financial assistance for the school and the students during their course of training.

The Ontario Cabinet was urged to postpone the changing of the name of Berlin until the next municipal election, so that the Council can open negotiations with Waterloo for amalgamation.

Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, Provincial Chief Officer of Health, has issued a warning bulletin regarding infantile paralysis. It is stated that in Ontario town several cases have been reported.

SATURDAY.

Paris solemnly celebrated France's great national holiday. Over \$25,000 was raised for French refugees on Toronto's French Flag Day.

Geo. Mathews of Lindsay, well-known packer, died in his eighty-second year.

Wm. Bothwell, employed in a munition factory, was drowned in the Magog River.

Rev. Father O'Donnell has been appointed President of the Catholic Oshawa Extension Society.

The official returns of the North Perth election show Mr. F. W. Hay's majority to be 667.

All of the German observation balloons on the Somme front have been burst by the Allies.

King Constantine of Greece had a narrow escape when his summer chalet was destroyed by fire.

Four more suspected cases of infantile paralysis have been discovered—three in Ford and one in Windsor.

A thousand Sinn Feiners, chagrined at the non-arrival of released prisoners, wrecked a recruiting office in Cork.

A. E. Boyle was appointed Secretary of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, in succession to Dr. C. N. Bell, resigned.

George Storey, ten years old, crawled for a block through a London sewer to recover a twenty-five-cent piece.

Wm. C. Gale, an American traveler, while repairing his own automobile near Hatley, Que., was struck and instantly killed by another car.

Leon Lessard, aged sixteen, just graduated from Laval University, was drowned in the Chaudiere at St. Victor, while teaching a class to swim.

Pte. Wm. J. O'Flaherty, a deserter from the 148th Battalion at Valcartier, was instantly killed by striking a bridge while making his way to Boston on top of a train.

MONDAY.

Ottawa says that western grain crops have excellent prospects. Premier Hearst addressed Conservatives at Sault Ste. Marie yesterday.

Four of the Entente allies have arranged a new financial agreement. Vania was occupied by Italian troops, despite very unfavorable weather.

There are now over 1,000 men absent without leave from Camp Borden.

Welland Canal boat Gisla has been approved by Norwegian interests for ocean traffic.

The British Admiralty denied that a German sub. had sunk a big auxiliary cruiser.

A former Socialist member of the Austrian Parliament was executed for treason.

Kani Latif, a Macedonian, of 263 Maria street, was drowned in the Humber.

Mr. D. W. Jameson of the law firm of J. G. & McHugh died at the General Hospital.

Mr. John Forsyth, well-known business man of Berlin, died unexpectedly yesterday.

Sir Sam Hughes laid the foundation stone of the new Dominion Arsenal at Lindsay yesterday.

Capt. Fred Howarth, who caught German spies at Vancouver, was promoted from the ranks, is in Toronto on leave from the front.

Grants for a machine gun and to aid Red Cross work were made at the 33rd annual meeting of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario.

TUESDAY.

A Kingston battery arrived in France. Sir Roger Casement's appeal was argued in London.

Another Russian contingent disembarked at Brest, France.

Mr. Robert Gill was appointed to the Canadian Hospitals Commission. Heavy Austrian attacks were repulsed by the Italians in the Tyrol.

Citizens of Hamilton and London dislike the daylight-saving measures. Workers on the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa have struck for more pay.

Lieut.-Colonel Bickford lectured the officers at Camp Borden on discipline.

Guelph aviator fought eight aeroplanes, but died from injuries received.

It is stated that the Hon. Robert Rogers wants to retire from Federal politics.

Mayor Alex. Stewart of Victoria was sworn in as Finance Minister for British Columbia yesterday.

Premier Asquith announced that the Irish bill would be introduced before adjournment.

Reports to the Masonic Grand Lodge, meeting at London to-day, show that 18,000 Masons have enlisted.

The Ontario License Board suspended the license of the Station Hotel at Gravenhurst for a week because of sales to invalid soldiers.

Destroyer Sunk by Submarine. ROME, July 18.—It is officially announced that the Italian destroyer Impetuosa was torpedoed and sunk in the lower Adriatic July 10 by an enemy submarine. Most of the crew were saved.

St. Thomas Man Fell Dead. LONDON, Ont., July 18.—James Webster, Curtis street, St. Thomas, 64 years of age, dropped dead Saturday at the plant of the McCormick Manufacturing Company, where he had been employed for six weeks.

GERMANY IS DEPRESSED.

Amazement at Success of Second Blow Gives Way to Anxiety. ROTTERDAM, July 18.—The British army's new blow has caused the deepest anxiety in German hearts when the forward movement, perhaps, is only in its first stages. It is fully realized that this success is not only of importance itself, but has infinitely a greater significance than the assault on the first line.

Whist German headquarters were prepared for the necessity of giving offensive was first launched they believed that the second line would be able to withstand all pressure.

The positions just captured were defended with great strength. After taking of the first line by the tremendous British attack, efforts were made to reinforce the second line with men and guns and troops brought up, not from other fronts, but large drafts of even fresh formations from depots behind the front and also in Germany.

The Germans reckoned on a repetition of the Neuve Chapelle-Loos-Champagne, when, by concentrating troops at the points threatened, they prevented any further advance.

That the second British blow succeeded is recognized as the most significant fact associated with any of the Allies' military operations since the beginning of the war. It is possible that the Germans did not realize in time the magnitude of the blow, and they did not abandon the offensive against Verdun.

Although a certain number of troops were hastened away to some districts, they were quickly replaced with drafts from depots.

The German Government, through the press, is represented the fighting on the Meuse as of real importance. On the successful British offensive the military critics are silent with unanimity which cannot be accidental, whilst all the newspapers give prominence to trivial German successes in the Verdun district.

A neutral trust from Berlin states when the report came that the English offensive had really commenced the people were amazed, and for two days did not believe it. The amazement now, however, has given way to dismay, the moral effect of the British success is even of greater importance than the results achieved on the field. The British effort is a military equivalent to an invasion of Germany.

TO HELP SIR SAM.

F. B. McCurdy is Parliamentary Secretary for Militia Department. OTTAWA, Ont., July 18.—A big development in administrative circles in Ottawa, to which much importance is attached, is the announcement made Monday afternoon that F. B. McCurdy, M.P. for Queen's University, has been appointed "parliamentary secretary for the Department of Militia and Defence." It is a new position somewhat analogous to that of the under secretaryship in the British Parliament, and similar to the solicitor-general before Hon. Arthur Meighen was raised to Cabinet rank.

Gen. Sir Sam Hughes is expected to leave shortly for a trip to the Old Country. During his absence Sir Robert Borden will be acting minister, but Mr. McCurdy will, it is understood, administer the departmental work.

Fight in Sydenham.

OWEN SOUND, July 18.—Saturday morning's fighting yesterday posed a line of \$30 and costs upon Robert Artley, of Sydenham Township, on information laid by Albert Gillesby, a neighboring farmer, who charged Artley with assault. The case arose out of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario. Artley struck Gillesby in the face, smashing his cheek bone so seriously that he had to go to the hospital for an operation. Artley laid a counter-charge against Gillesby and his son, but the charge was dismissed with costs. The feud has caused a lot of sensational talk as the Artleys are heavy land owners in the section. In addition the accused, the police magistrate severely reprimanded Artley, and his brothers, all of whom are unmarried, and said that they should be serving their country instead of fomenting trouble.

Paper No Longer Barred.

LONDON, July 18.—Abbe Lemire, of Hazebroeck, priest deputy in the French Chamber, has been permitted to resume his ecclesiastical duties, and the ban has been removed from his paper, Le Cri de Flandre. Abbe Lemire fell under the displeasure of the Catholic Church owing to his attitude in the dispute between Church and State over the Separation Law. Having made an apology and rendered special services as Mayor of Hazebroeck, which is an important town for military purposes, the Abbe has been restored to the favor of the Pope.

Famous Frenchman Dead.

PARIS, July 18.—Prof. Elie Metchnikoff, famous bacteriologist, is dead. Prof. Elie Metchnikoff was world-famous as an exponent of theories for the prolongation of human life. He was most popularly known as the great advocate of the "sour milk cure" for old age.

Prof. Metchnikoff was the author of a number of books, and in 1908 received \$20,000 as his share of the Nobel Prize for medical research.

Orpet Acquired.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., July 18.—William H. Orpet, the university student charged with murdering Marion Lambert, a High School girl and his former sweetheart, was found guilty by a jury after five hours' deliberation.

Deutschland Is Merchant Ship.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The State Department formally ruled Saturday that the German submarine Deutschland is a merchant vessel and entitled to treatment as such. In announcing the ruling, Acting Secretary Polk said it was not to be taken as a precedent and that any similar cases arising in the future would be dealt with on their own merits.

PRESSING ON STEADILY

British Forces Go On Capturing Enemy Trenches. Unfavorable Weather is Causing Delay in Progress of Allied Forces, but General Haig Reports Important Gains—British Are Now Holding German Second Line; Have Pierced Third.

LONDON, July 18.—The successes of the Entente Allies are following each other with great rapidity. Monday brought news of further important gains for them on both the western and eastern fronts, arousing enthusiasm among the British public hardly less than that caused by the reception of the first news of the Allied offensive.

Comparative quiet on the British front is reported in Monday night's official communication from Sir Douglas Haig, unfavorable weather having imposed a temporary check on active operations.

The village of Longueval, which Friday night marked the apex of the British salient, has been left behind, while north of Basentin the German third line of defence has been broken by the powerfully fortified Faursey Wood.

To the north, pushing forward from the direction of Ovillers, the British are fighting in the outskirts of Pozieres, junction point of two military roads and main obstacle to an advance on the Heights of Martinpuich, which commands the surrounding battleground.

In the Basentin le Petit sector, extending their gains of the previous day, the British have won control of the entire forest, which takes its name from the village. Here a Bavarian high officer with the whole of his staff fell prisoners.

The advance of the British is marked by fighting unlike anything before seen in western Europe during this war. The romance of other days is being renewed. For instance, against a position strongly held by the Germans armed with portable machine guns, there was a cavalry charge by the famous 1st Dragoon Guards. Not since the German legions first swept down through Belgium had the western front seen a man advancing to the charge.

The charge was put to an end by the British machine gunners, who were dashing over a terrain pocked with shell holes, swept through the German ranks and turning swept back. The Germans fled from the position they were organized to defend. British losses were small.

And, while this picture brought to staring infantrymen a vision of other days, scores of duels were being fought above earth by British and German aviators. Low hanging clouds handicapped the flyers, and the battles were fought within easy sight of the foot soldiers beneath.

General Haig Sunday night announced that seven German machines had been shot down, and that the War Office has given out a statement by the commanding general which shows that the British in the two weeks of fighting have advanced four miles from the German front line, and have captured a powerfully organized position, including field works, redoubts, trench labyrinth, dugouts, underground mazes and supported by a number of fortified villages, have been carried.

Sir Douglas Haig says in his report: "All continues well on the British front, and at one point we forced the enemy back to his third system of defence, more than four miles to the rear of his original front trench at Pozieres and Mametz."

In the past 24 hours we have captured over 2,000 prisoners, including a regimental commander of the Third Guards Division, and the total number of prisoners taken by the British since the battle began now exceeds 10,000.

With the exception of heavy bombardments there were no events of importance on the Somme battle front Sunday. The British admit a withdrawal from the sections of the German third system of defence they penetrated yesterday.

A night attack against the French resulted in the recapture of Biache and La Maissonette. The War Office says that the big guns are both villages had been won back. The Feuton attack in this region was delivered in a fog, the French defenders of the town being taken by surprise. Before the Germans were driven back, they had captured 200 prisoners, but the regular forward reserves, whose counter-attacks forced the Germans to retire.

While the German main headquarters officially tells of spirited fighting on the British front, General Haig Sunday night disposed of the engagements as "of no importance." That the British are preparing for another surge is indicated, however, by the announcement that the big guns are steadily bombarding the German lines. The howitzers, which have enabled the British to batter their way through two systems of defence, have been brought up across the captured terrain and are now battering at the third line.

That the Germans in their retreat from their second line left behind great quantities of war stores, including some powerful guns, was made known Sunday night in the regular report from headquarters in France.

IS IT CASE OF SUICIDE.

Had Bullet Wound in Temple and Revolver Lying Near. WINDSOR, July 18.—With a bullet from a 32-calibre revolver in his right temple, the body of a man, as yet unidentified, was discovered late Sunday afternoon in a few yards from the Detroit River, at the rear of the Girardot Wine Company's factory, Sandwich.

Jos. Bondy, who made the discovery, found a revolver by the side of the man, who had evidently been dead for about an hour, according to Dr. J.S. Labelle, coroner for Essex County. There were no marks on his clothing beyond the name of "Simon Ackerman" on the coat collar.

The dead man was well dressed in a black suit, wearing tan shoes and a white straw hat. He was about 30 years old, five feet nine inches tall, and weighed about 175 pounds. In one of his pockets was 42 cents.

THE MARKETS

GRAIN AND PRODUCE. TORONTO, July 18.—The Board of Trade official market quotations for yesterday:

Wheat (No. 1 feed, 50 1/2c; No. 2 feed, 49 1/2c; No. 3 feed, 48 1/2c; No. 4 feed, 47 1/2c; No. 5 feed, 46 1/2c; No. 6 feed, 45 1/2c; No. 7 feed, 44 1/2c; No. 8 feed, 43 1/2c; No. 9 feed, 42 1/2c; No. 10 feed, 41 1/2c; No. 11 feed, 40 1/2c; No. 12 feed, 39 1/2c; No. 13 feed, 38 1/2c; No. 14 feed, 37 1/2c; No. 15 feed, 36 1/2c; No. 16 feed, 35 1/2c; No. 17 feed, 34 1/2c; No. 18 feed, 33 1/2c; No. 19 feed, 32 1/2c; No. 20 feed, 31 1/2c; No. 21 feed, 30 1/2c; No. 22 feed, 29 1/2c; No. 23 feed, 28 1/2c; No. 24 feed, 27 1/2c; No. 25 feed, 26 1/2c; No. 26 feed, 25 1/2c; No. 27 feed, 24 1/2c; No. 28 feed, 23 1/2c; No. 29 feed, 22 1/2c; No. 30 feed, 21 1/2c; No. 31 feed, 20 1/2c; No. 32 feed, 19 1/2c; No. 33 feed, 18 1/2c; No. 34 feed, 17 1/2c; No. 35 feed, 16 1/2c; No. 36 feed, 15 1/2c; No. 37 feed, 14 1/2c; No. 38 feed, 13 1/2c; No. 39 feed, 12 1/2c; No. 40 feed, 11 1/2c; No. 41 feed, 10 1/2c; No. 42 feed, 9 1/2c; No. 43 feed, 8 1/2c; No. 44 feed, 7 1/2c; No. 45 feed, 6 1/2c; No. 46 feed, 5 1/2c; No. 47 feed, 4 1/2c; No. 48 feed, 3 1/2c; No. 49 feed, 2 1/2c; No. 50 feed, 1 1/2c; No. 51 feed, 1/2c; No. 52 feed, 1/4c; No. 53 feed, 1/8c; No. 54 feed, 1/16c; No. 55 feed, 1/32c; No. 56 feed, 1/64c; No. 57 feed, 1/128c; No. 58 feed, 1/256c; No. 59 feed, 1/512c; No. 60 feed, 1/1024c; No. 61 feed, 1/2048c; No. 62 feed, 1/4096c; No. 63 feed, 1/8192c; No. 64 feed, 1/16384c; No. 65 feed, 1/32768c; No. 66 feed, 1/65536c; No. 67 feed, 1/131072c; No. 68 feed, 1/262144c; No. 69 feed, 1/524288c; No. 70 feed, 1/1048576c; No. 71 feed, 1/2097152c; No. 72 feed, 1/4194304c; No. 73 feed, 1/8388608c; No. 74 feed, 1/16777216c; No. 75 feed, 1/33554432c; No. 76 feed, 1/67108864c; No. 77 feed, 1/134217728c; No. 78 feed, 1/268435456c; No. 79 feed, 1/536870912c; No. 80 feed, 1/1073741824c; No. 81 feed, 1/2147483648c; No. 82 feed, 1/4294967296c; No. 83 feed, 1/8589934592c; No. 84 feed, 1/17179869184c; No. 85 feed, 1/34359738368c; No. 86 feed, 1/68719476736c; No. 87 feed, 1/137438953472c; No. 88 feed, 1/274877906944c; No. 89 feed, 1/549755813888c; No. 90 feed, 1/1099511627776c; No. 91 feed, 1/2199023255552c; No. 92 feed, 1/4398046511104c; No. 93 feed, 1/8796093022208c; No. 94 feed, 1/17592186044416c; No. 95 feed, 1/35184372088832c; No. 96 feed, 1/70368744177664c; No. 97 feed, 1/140737488355328c; No. 98 feed, 1/281474976710656c; No. 99 feed, 1/562949953421312c; No. 100 feed, 1/1125899906842624c; No. 101 feed, 1/2251799813685248c; No. 102 feed, 1/4503599627370496c; No. 103 feed, 1/9007199254740992c; No. 104 feed, 1/18014398509481984c; No. 105 feed, 1/36028797018963968c; No. 106 feed, 1/72057594037927936c; No. 107 feed, 1/144115188075855872c; No. 108 feed, 1/288230376151711744c; No. 109 feed, 1/576460752303423488c; No. 110 feed, 1/1152921504606846976c; No. 111 feed, 1/2305843009213693952c; No. 112 feed, 1/4611686018427387904c; No. 113 feed, 1/9223372036854775808c; No. 114 feed, 1/18446744073709551616c; No. 115 feed, 1/36893488147419103232c; No. 116 feed, 1/73786976294838206464c; No. 117 feed, 1/147573952589676412928c; No. 118 feed, 1/295147905179352825856c; No. 119 feed, 1/590295810358705651712c; No. 120 feed, 1/1180591620717411303424c; No. 121 feed, 1/2361183241434822606848c; No. 122 feed, 1/4722366482869645213696c; No. 123 feed, 1/9444732965739290427392c; No. 124 feed, 1/18889465931478580854784c; No. 125 feed, 1/37778931862957161709568c; No. 126 feed, 1/75557863725914323419136c; No. 127 feed, 1/151115727451828646838272c; No. 128 feed, 1/302231454903657293676544c; No. 129 feed, 1/604462909807314587353088c; No. 130 feed, 1/1208925819614629174706176c; No. 131 feed, 1/2417851639229258349412352c; No. 132 feed, 1/4835703278458516698824704c; No. 133 feed, 1/9671406556917033397649408c; No. 134 feed, 1/19342813113834066795298816c; No. 135 feed, 1/38685626227668133590597632c; No. 136 feed, 1/77371252455336267181195264c; No. 137 feed, 1/154742504910672534362390528c; No. 138 feed, 1/309485009821345068724781156c; No. 139 feed, 1/618970019642690137449562312c; No. 140 feed, 1/1237940039285380274899244624c; No. 141 feed, 1/2475880078570760549798489248c; No. 142 feed, 1/4951760157141521099596978496c; No. 143 feed, 1/9903520314283042199193956992c; No. 144 feed, 1/1980704062856608439838713984c; No. 145 feed, 1/3961408125713216879677427968c; No. 146 feed, 1/7922816251426433759354855936c; No. 147 feed, 1/15845632502852867518709711872c; No. 148 feed, 1/31691265005705735037419423744c; No. 149 feed, 1/63382530011411470074838847488c; No. 150 feed, 1/126765060022822940149677694976c; No. 151 feed, 1/25353012004564588029935538995