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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.

Several German torpedo boats were sunk in a raid in the Gulf of Finland.

Three more British steamers were reported destroyed by Teuton torpedoes.

Last year the United States Department of Labor settled 275 labor disputes.

The Toronto Property Committee ordered that the jail be closed on January 1.

The York county authorities are taking steps to compel the attendance of all children at schools.

Ali Dinar of the Egyptian Sudan was killed and his army of rebels smashed by British troops.

Peter Gesse, of the Walpole Island Reserve, died at the age of one hundred and fourteen years.

The funeral of Dr. Alexander Beith, oldest practising physician in the town, took place at Bowmanville.

A statement as to the benefit of prohibition to soldiers at Exhibition Camp was made by the Provost Marshal.

Several more Canadian battalions and drafts of medical, engineer, and naval forces have safely reached England.

Windsor City Council voted \$10,000 to the British Sailors' Relief, following an appeal by W. T. Fennell of Montreal.

Counsel for the city informed the Ontario Railway Board that cars, not more tracks, are needed to lessen overcrowding.

Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P., in an address before the Canadian Club, favored Government ownership of all the railways in Canada.

Wm. Stokes, a former patient in the Eastern Hospital at Brockville, murdered his wife and committed suicide in the home of her employer.

A. St. George Hawkins, Dominion Immigration Officer for Northern Ontario, and a prominent resident of Listowel, died suddenly in Cochrane.

Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and their daughters, Lady Maud Louise Emma Cavendish and Lady Blanche Katherine Cavendish, arrived in Ottawa and took up their residence in Rideau Hall.

WEDNESDAY.

General Rouques of France confers with King Constantine of Greece.

Viscount Bryce again urged a league for the maintenance of peace.

Thirty-five drivers for the Canadian Express Co. went on strike at Toronto.

Toronto military men look for important duties to be assigned to Major General F. L. Lessard.

Thomas Stevenson, Canadian delegate to the A. F. of L., opposed the industrial disputes Act.

A second mysterious barn fire in sixteen hours has caused intense excitement among Dereham township farmers.

Mr. T. Buchanan, for more than thirty years a manufacturer of haying tools at Ingersoll, died at the age of sixty-four.

It is proposed to erect a new departmental store costing \$15,000,000 at the corner of Yonge and College streets, Toronto.

The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario is to receive the last block of power from the Canadian Niagara Power Company.

The sugar beet factory at Kitchener has had to close owing to shortage of coal; the Chatham and Wallaceburg plants use natural gas.

The 112nd (Muskoka) Battalion marched from Galt to Kitchener over slippery roads in four and a half hours, stopping at Freecport for dinner.

Colonel J. L. Youngs of Stratford, now O. C. 110th Battalion, formerly commander of a company in the 1st Battalion, and his son, Lieut. J. L. Youngs, have both received the Military Cross.

German prisoners at Fort Henry internment camp have sent a testimonial to Lieut.-Colonel P. G. C. Campbell, now to be O. C., 253rd Battalion, appreciative of his fair treatment of them as commandant of the camp.

THURSDAY.

Sir Sam Hughes said adieu to his office staff at Ottawa.

German aviators deliberately shot civilians working in the fields of Roumania.

A bill was passed in the Dutch Parliament making manhood suffrage the law in Holland.

HEAVY GAINS IN ANCRE

British and Canadian Troops Advance in Snowstorm.

The German Opposition Was Feeble, Except South of Grandcourt and the New Line Was Established on Both Sides of the River—Many Prisoners Were Captured.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—British and Canadian troops won a battle in a snowstorm Sunday. Advancing on both sides of the river in easterly and northerly directions, they took about 500 prisoners (the British report of later gives the figures at over 800), and established a new line on both sides and at the edge of the village of Grandcourt, for the possession of which severe fighting continued throughout the day.

The attacks from the south were made before daybreak while a stiff wind sent furies of snow into the faces of the British soldiers as they pushed down the slope towards the marshes along the Ancre. It was the first snow of the season, following two days and nights of intense dry cold, which hardened the swamp of No Man's Land after nearly three months of constant rainfall, thus giving the attacking infantry a firm foothold on the frozen ground. They advanced nearly a quarter of a mile on a three-mile front of the villages of Grandcourt, Petit Miraumont, and Pys, and occupied the trench without great loss south of Grandcourt, where the batteries and machine guns holding the sunken Pozieres road checked the British. Elsewhere the German trench was virtually destroyed by the preparatory bombardment, the surviving Germans, including Saxons, formally surrendering through their officers, who met the British as they came over the ruined parapet.

FRIDAY.

A Jewish Liberal Association was organized in Toronto.

The Italian troops reoccupied the ground lost east of Goritz.

An Irish Nationalist was elected to the British Commons for West Cork.

The British Sailors' Relief Fund has received nearly \$100,000 in Toronto.

Seven thousand more recruits are wanted from the Toronto Military District.

Henry K. Sienkiewicz, the polish author who wrote "Quo Vadis," died in Switzerland.

The contributions to the British Red Cross Fund in Canada now exceed the amount given last year.

Civic officials favored the concessions asked by the promoters of the new departmental store at College and Yonge streets.

Liberals from Eastern Ontario met at Ottawa in the first of a series of district conferences to be held throughout the Dominion.

The weekly budget of food for an average workingman's family has increased 33 cents since September, being now placed at \$9.30.

Seven well-known young West Zorra farmers are charged with tarring a neighbor, Edward Tracey, and bidding him and his wife to posts in the barn.

A party of ten Mennonites from the United States who planned holding "revival" meetings in Huron county to discourage young men from enlisting, was turned back from Windsor.

Police Magistrate Andrews at Clinton decided that the 320 gallons of whiskey bought by Jacob Weber of Seaforth to last him his lifetime cannot be possessed by one man under the Canada Temperance Act and confiscated it.

SATURDAY.

The Turks have sentenced to death the Sultan of Egypt.

The Allies will establish a neutral zone around ancient Greece.

The Provincial authorities agreed to co-operate with the Toronto effort to cut the cost of living.

The German Chancellor admitted that Germany would force the Poles to fight against their own country.

South Oxford Liberals chose Dr. J. M. Rogers of Ingersoll as their candidate at the next Provincial election.

Hon. James S. Duff, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, dropped dead in the home of a friend at Alliston.

Major H. S. Ralph, who served with the 9th Battalion and the Princess Pats, has been appointed to have charge of soldiers' estates.

A proposal has been made to Canadian banks to finance the purchase of grain by the Imperial Government in Canada up to \$30,000,000.

One hundred and seventy-five freight handlers of the C. P. R. made a demand for a 20 per cent. advance, and went out on strike in Toronto.

Miss Winifred Harvey and Miss E. C. Weaver have been appointed to the staff of the Provincial Employment Bureau, to be opened in Toronto.

The Liberal conference at Ottawa recommended equality of pensions as regards rank, and special compensation for soldiers totally deprived of sight.

Enlistments in Canada in the past two weeks were 2,873, not counting Alberta. Toronto district led with 552, and the total enrolment now is 374,507.

Ven. Archdeacon Cody, of Toronto, at Oakwood Collegiate Institute commencement, said it would be a mistake to abandon higher university education in war time.

MONDAY.

Heavy Austrian attacks were repulsed by the Italians.

Portuguese troops scored a triumph in German East Africa.

A big Mohmand army was beaten by British on the Indian frontier.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and party will visit Toronto next week.

A meeting at Massey Hall, Toronto, was the first gun in a campaign for Dominion-wide prohibition.

Mayor Church, Toronto, will make an effort this morning to settle the strike of the C. P. R. freight handlers.

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AUSTRIANS MET DEFEAT.

An Attempted Offensive Was Stopped by the Italians.

ROME, Nov. 20.—The War Office communication issued Sunday says: "In the Adige Valley during the night of November 17-18 the enemy bombarded our position on the slopes of Mount Giovo, south of the Cameras Valley, and then attacked the village of Sano, which we had occupied October 26. Counter-attacks, however, drove him off."

In the Upper Briançonnais on the evening of November 17, after intense artillery preparation, enemy forces attacked the sector between Val Piccolo and Val Grande. Their main efforts were directed against our position on the Chapot summit, north of Val Piccolo. After stubborn hand-to-hand fighting the enemy was decisively repulsed along the whole front.

Small detachments which had succeeded in breaking into our trenches on the Chapot summit were wiped out. We made prisoners and captured arms and ammunition abandoned by the enemy."

Rigid Food Economy Urged.

ROME, Nov. 20.—Rigid economy throughout the world in the consumption of food, in view of the deficient crops and the extraordinary requirements of the European armies, is urged by the International Institute of Agriculture, which has made the most extensive report it has issued since the war began. The institute says all nations are confronted with a grave situation. It is estimated that at least 2,300,000,000 bushels of wheat will be consumed in the year ending July 31, 1917, and that at the end of this period the world's surplus supplies of wheat will have decreased to 46,000,000 bushels. The report says it is only on account of the fact that last year's harvest was abundant, leaving a balance of 350,000,000 bushels, that there is available sufficient wheat for the year ending with next July.

Caused Boelke's Death.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—In a letter received here Saturday from the front it was learned that Eddie McKay, a prominent young local athlete, now in the British Flying Corps, was responsible for the death of the famous Captain Boelke. McKay and another aviator had routed a squadron of twelve Germans by clever manoeuvring. The last two machines collided, and one of them, it was learned later, carried Captain Boelke.

Want Greek Munitions.

ATHENS, Nov. 20.—Vice-Admiral Fournet, commander of the Anglo-French fleet in the Mediterranean, Saturday night presented to the Greek Government a note demanding the surrender to the Entente Allies of all arms, munitions, and artillery of some 50,000 rifles now in actual use by the forces remaining after the last step of demobilization.

Russians Bag a Zeppelin.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 20.—Russians, who shot down a zeppelin in the Pinsk region, took, with the crew, two machine guns, three other guns, and 600 pounds of bombs.

WHERE DRUGGISTS FLOURISH.

How the Business is Run in the South American Republics.

Latin Americans are great believers in medicines and, due to the scarcity of physicians, are obliged to "doctor" themselves. Pharmacy is consequently profitable. With the exception of modern Europe, Canada and the United States pharmacy is practiced in other lands of the world much as it was in the United States seventy-five or a hundred years ago, and this is particularly true of the republics to the south of us.

The individual druggist makes his own pills, extracts, tinctures, infusions and pulverizes his own crude drugs. Soda water fountains are few. The usual rubber goods, toilet articles, soaps, perfumes, instruments and sundries are carried.

Each druggist makes a line of his own specialties which he pushes. In addition to the standard drugs and medicines, he also carries remedies and medicaments known only in his immediate vicinity. They are mostly of Indian origin, compounded from roots, herbs or other ingredients, produced only in the country where he lives. These find a ready sale among all classes.

Superstitious ideas are prevalent, and these are frequently taken advantage of by the unscrupulous. One pharmacist made a fortune selling Indians, half castes, and whites, for that matter, too, "pink love powders" and "white love powders." The white love powder was pulverized sugar, while the pink love powder was made of the same material colored.

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