

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 Chicago Grand Opera Co. filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy yesterday, scheduling liabilities of \$264,000 and assets of \$61,500.

The Indiana State Legislature yesterday killed the bill which would compel all press associations to furnish news reports to any newspapers desiring service.

Turkish destroyers are reported, in a despatch from Tenedos, to have attacked Anglo-French mine-sweepers in the Dardanelles Sunday night, sinking two of them.

Passengers on the C.P.R. liner Gramplan, which arrived in Halifax on Saturday, state that while coming through the Irish Channel she was chased by a German submarine.

Djemal Pasha, leader of the Turkish expeditionary force against the Suez Canal, has been recalled from the Egyptian campaign to take charge of the defenses of Constantinople.

The Chilean steamer Ramcagna, bound for Venice, Italy, with a cargo of salt-peter has been seized by French warships, the official German news agency announced yesterday.

The Guelph bakers yesterday put into operation a new schedule of prices. They advanced the price of bread from 12 to 14 cents for a three-pound loaf, and their pastry in proportion.

A militia order issued yesterday announces that the period of tenure of appointment of Col. Sir H. M. Pellet, C.V.A., A.D.C., as brigadier commander of the Sixth Infantry Brigade, has been extended to Feb. 20, 1916.

WEDNESDAY.

The ship building strike in the great ship yards on the Clyde suddenly ended yesterday afternoon. The men are returning to work.

The name of Thomas A. Edison was connected yesterday with the new submarine gun, experimental tests on which have been going on at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

A serum said to have both preventive and curative properties in the treatment of gaseous gangrene has been discovered by Dr. Weinberg of the Pasteur Institute, Paris.

American Consul Foe, at Bremen, reports all members of the crew of the American steamer Evelyn, sunk by a mine in the North Sea, are safe except one fireman, who died from exposure.

A bulletin issued yesterday says that Madame Bernhardt is suffering from an attack of an indisposition to which she has long been subject, and not connected with the operation she recently underwent.

The death occurred in Edinburgh yesterday of Prof. James Geikie, a distinguished geologist. Prof. Geikie was born in 1839. He was emeritus professor of geology and mineralogy at Edinburgh University.

So far, no less than 22 Italians have enrolled in the second Canadian Expeditionary Force in Quebec. They say hundreds of their compatriots throughout the country, are applying for admission to the contingent.

THURSDAY.

Emperor William has given 50,000 marks (\$12,500) to the German Red Cross for the benefit of German soldiers and civilians held prisoners in France.

A Central News despatch from Rome yesterday said it had been learned there that England has purchased the entire Argentine crop surplus for 1916.

Official despatches to the U. S. State Department from Vera Cruz now place the number killed in the blowing up of the Mexican gunboat Progreso at forty.

The annual attempt of the German Socialists to secure action in the Prussian Diet looking to the reformation of the Prussian franchise system, again has failed.

The New York State Assembly yesterday re-committed by a vote of 69-31 the Thorne Bill which permits Christian Scientists to practice. This kills the bill for the session.

The Metagama, the new ship for the Canadian Pacific Atlantic service reached Liverpool yesterday from Glasgow. The vessel attained a speed of seventeen and a half knots.

Maj.-Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the U. S. army, left Washington yesterday for Bluff, Utah, to take charge of the Government operations in connection with the Plute Indian uprising there.

The Brockville presbytery has nominated Rev. Hugh Cameron of Morrisburg as moderator of the Ottawa and Montreal Synod, and Rev. Dr. Scribner of the Montreal Presbyterian College as moderator of the general assembly.

FRIDAY.

Mrs. Helen Lee, aged 60, a widow, fell down her cellar steps yesterday and broke her neck. She was dead when picked up.

Phillip Geister and Mrs. Amella Lovery were married in Lyons, N.Y., Thursday afternoon. The groom is 32 and the bride 60.

Followers of Manuel Zapata have looted the town of Coyocuan, in the State of Mexico. Some women and children were killed.

Deeslaw Gaczevski, 20 years old, a student at Lima (N.Y.) Seminary, was arraigned yesterday accused of the robbery at the bank of Lima, when nearly \$10,000 was stolen by a masked man.

Tom Shivan, president of the Chinese Merchants' Association of New York, and known as the Mayor of New York's Chinatown, was sentenced yesterday to five years for manufacturing opium.

A copy of the North German Gazette received in Berne, Switzerland, contains seven different rationals for feeding horses to aid the people in

finding a satisfactory feed that does not contain oats.

As the result of being bitten by a dog, which it is claimed was suffering from hydrophobia, A. Cook, J. Glogrich and Cyrus Christner, of Berlin, Ont., are taking the Pasteur treatment in Toronto.

With full military honors, the bodies of the two soldier victims of Thursday night's deplorable accident in Galt were conveyed to the Grand Trunk station last evening, for their journey to Dundas and Galt.

MONDAY.

The reserve non-commissioned officers of four classes were called to join the Italian colors Saturday.

Gen. Antonio Xavier Correa Barreto has been proclaimed President of the Republic of Northern Portugal by a congress of Democrats, who have been in session at Lamego.

A despatch from Constantinople says that a British cruiser appeared Friday before Dikell, off Mytilen (off the coast of Asia Minor) and fired eight shots without result.

William Maund, traveling auditor for the T. & N. O. Railway, has received the appointment of secretary and treasurer of the T. & N. O. Commission, succeeding the late A. J. McGee.

A herd of prize cattle valued at \$40,000, which had been hopelessly infected with the foot and mouth disease, was shot Saturday on the farm of Ephraim T. Gill, at Haddonfield, New Jersey.

Frederick Little, aged 40, while working in the Beaverfoot flour mill, met with an accident from which he died Saturday. He was removing the belt from the elevator and was caught in one of the large wheels.

Four men were shot and killed and five others seriously wounded in Brunswick Ga., Saturday by Monroe Phillips, a lumberman, who fired at random on the street. Phillips himself was killed by a policeman.

An order-in-council has been passed to extend till six months after the close of the war, the time within which Chinese who have left the country, or who may leave up to Aug. 1 next, may re-enter freely, according to the Immigration Act.

FIGHT WITH TRIBESMEN.

British Troops On Persian Gulf Had a Hard Encounter.

LONDON, March 8.—British troops occupying the head of the Persian Gulf located two Turkish forces accompanied by hostile tribesmen during the past week and in the fighting which followed heavy casualties were inflicted on the Turks and their allies, while the British also suffered considerably, according to a report on the fighting issued last night by the Marquis of Crewe, Secretary of State for India. The statement says, in part:

"For some time it had been known that about two or three regiments of Turkish troops together with Turkish and Persian tribesmen from Amara (on the Tigris river) with contingents of Persian Ben Lamm, Turfeh and other disaffected tribesmen held title to the Sheik of Mohammerah had been collecting west of Ahwaz (in Khuzistan). The Ahwaz garrison was despatched on a reconnaissance in force to ascertain their numbers and disposition.

"On March 3, the enemy, who had been located at Ghadir, and who apparently had been further reinforced the previous day, turned out in great strength. Their number was estimated at about 12,000. In the course of our withdrawal the enemy made repeated and determined efforts to cut off a reconnoitering party.

"Several hand-to-hand encounters took place, in which the attackers were held successfully at bay, while our party made good its retirement.

"On the same day a cavalry reconnaissance was made in the direction of Nakala, about 25 miles northwest of Basra (on the Persian Gulf). The reconnoiterers, on returning to camp, were followed by a body of some 1,500 hostile horsemen. This enemy force was skillfully drawn on to a concealed position occupied by infantry with machine guns and field artillery. The enemy died back to Nakala after having suffered heavily."

FIRE IS CONTROLLED.

La Touraine Is Saved From Disaster on High Seas.

PARIS, March 8.—Fire which threatened the French steamship La Touraine has been brought under control, and all her passengers are safe on board, according to a formal announcement issued at noon yesterday by the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, owners of the liner.

La Touraine is proceeding under her own steam to Havre, her destination, and is expected to arrive there to-night. Only the Rotterdam and the feet which responded to Capt. Causin's wireless call for aid is standing by as a measure of precaution to give assistance, should any be required. Commanders of other vessels which speeded to the rescue have been informed that their services will not be required.

Officials of the company assert that the flames were confined to one of the compartments in the hold. It was feared for a time that it might be necessary to transfer the passengers to another ship to avoid danger, but this plan evidently was abandoned when it was seen the blaze was being mastered.

Company Calls For Help.

WINDSOR, March 8.—A Walker-ville clothing company, which has a contract for making 200,000 pairs of trousers for British soldiers has sent out an appeal to any woman or girl who can sew by hand to come to the factory and assist in getting out the work, which calls for 5,000 pairs a day.

Many married women of the border municipalities have given their services, deeming it an act of patriotism, as the sooner the trousers are made the sooner the men can get to the firing line.

FRENCH GAIN GROUND

Notable Victories Are Won in Vosges and Alsace.

Drive For the Rhine Is Gaining in Force and Several Advances Are Recorded — Two Peaks of Great Reich Ackerkopf and Hill 856 Are Captured — Germans Repulsed Near Arras.

LONDON, March 8.—The most important news from the battle front this week comes from the Vosges and Alsace, where the French armies are gaining the victory. Advances were recorded at four or five points. First two peaks of the little and great Reich Ackerkopf were carried in succession. Two counter attacks of the Germans from Muhlhausen in the south, and St. Ollivier, to the north, were repulsed. On the right bank of the Meuse river French troops seized Imberg, two-thirds of a mile south-west of Fultzzen. Further north hill 856 was captured. It lies south of Hauteschutes and its possession enables the French soldiers to hold Imberg. At Hartmanns-Wellerkopf a counter-attack of a German battalion was repulsed with the capture of many prisoners and the destruction of about 325 yards of German trenches at Hartmanns-Wellerkopf Saturday. They also repulsed a German counter attack opposite Uffholtz and blew up an ammunition depot at Cernay. They prevented the enemy from establishing himself on the Sillakerkopf, east of Honneck. They made progress on the flanks of the Reich-Ackerkopf and repulsed five counter attacks at Hartmanns-Wellerkopf.

The Germans suffered a serious check at Notre Dame de Lorette, north of Arras. They made a counter attack on the French, in which they used large effectives and suffered a serious reverse. Several of the German trenches were captured in the rout and important losses were inflicted.

The allied artillery has begun the bombardment of Westende, a town about seven miles south of Ostend. Owing to heavy rains and unfavorable weather in the Champagne country fighting was impeded Sunday and but slight progress was made north of Perthes and northwest of Beausejour, and a German attack in the ravine northwest of Beausejour was repulsed. West of Perthes a footing was gained in a strongly fortified wood on Sunday and some prisoners were captured. Another trench was carried north of Beausejour.

Although the news from the eastern front is somewhat meagre, it records continued progress of the Russian armies in Poland and Galicia. The defeat of the Austrians before Stanislaw was overwhelming, thousands of the enemy being captured. On the left bank of the Niemen the Germans were driven back, and a great battle is being fought farther south, in the region of the Pilica. Austrian troops who tried to reach the right bank of the San, in Galicia, were wiped out.

SEVEN BATTALIONS BUSY.

Casualty Lists Reveal Increase of Canadians in Action.

OTTAWA, March 8.—That seven battalions of the first Canadian contingent, as well as the Princess Patricia Regiment, were in action in the trenches last week is shown by the official list of casualties issued from Ottawa last night. It is as follows:

Second Battalion—Wounded, March 3, Lieut. William John Doxsee, Campbellford, Ont.

Third Battalion—Wounded, Feb. 21, Lieut. H. R. Alley, of Toronto.

Fifth Battalion—Wounded, Pte. G. H. Slaughter, next of kin, Mrs. E. V. Slaughter, Norwich, Eng. Pte. E. S. Cooper, next of kin, Mrs. Mary Cooper, Bolton, Eng.

Seventh Battalion—Wounded, Pte. Daniel Roderick McQueen, Mt. Vernon, P.E.I.

Eighth Battalion—Wounded, Pte. Chas. Ronald Swaffer; next of kin, Mrs. S. J. Swaffer Hastings, Eng.; Severely wounded, Lt.-Corpl. B. Y. Williamson, Ludington, Mich. Corpl. Chas. Smith; next of kin, Mrs. C. Smith, Langside, Glasgow. Corpl. G. S. Le Mesurier, Toronto.

Tenth Battalion—Wounded, Pte. W. L. Challinor; next of kin, E. Challinor, Manchester, Eng. Sergt. W. G. Couchman; next of kin, Chas. Couchman, Canterbury, Eng. Pte. C. Bryan; next of kin, Miss Annie Bryan, Tottenham, Eng. Seriously ill, Pte. John Smith; next of kin, John Smith, Campbellton, Scotland.

Twelfth Battalion—Seriously ill, Lieut. Cuthbert J. Morgan, St. John, N.B.

Princess Patricia's—Wounded, Pte. W. G. Joyner, Moosejaw, Sask. Lt.-Corpl. Alex. Griswold Viets, Digby, N.S.

EARL OF CADOGAN DEAD.

Former Lord Lieutenant of Ireland Was a Wealthy Landlord.

LONDON, March 8.—The Earl of Cadogan died here Saturday at the age of 75 years. He was one of the wealthiest London ground landlords and a great entertainer of royalty. Three heirs to the title died during his lifetime.

Earl Cadogan was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland from 1855 to 1892. He also had been Lord of the Privy Seal; Under Secretary of War for the Colonies, and member of Parliament for Bath.

Five years ago the aged Earl caused considerable surprise in London by his marriage to Florence, the Countess Palagi at Florence. His first wife, a daughter of the second Earl of Craven, died in 1907. She was the leader of the Cadogan regime at Dublin Castle, which was one of the most brilliant on record.

Earl Cadogan's son, Viscount Chelsea, will succeed to the title.

GERMANS IN CONTROL

Gen. Von Sanders Prepares to Defend Constantinople.

Sultan and Government Are Still In Turkish Capital, But Officials Are Ready to Get Away at Any Moment—Queen Elizabeth In Gulf of Saros Bombarded Strong Positions—Good Progress Is Made.

LONDON, March 8.—"According to the latest advice received here," says a Reuter despatch from Sofia, "the Sultan and the Government are still in Constantinople. The Government is prepared to cross to Asia Minor at any moment, but the Sultan is in favor of remaining in the capital.

"It is understood that it has been decided to entrust the defence of Constantinople exclusively to the Germans, under command of Gen. Liman von Sanders, the instructor of the Turkish army, while Bedri Bey, the prefect of police, will be invested with the general control of the city, with powers equivalent to those of a viceroy.

"Measures of precaution already have been adopted to prevent the capture of the city. It is reported that all the troops at Adrianople and Demotica have been hurriedly despatched to the Gallipoli Peninsula."

The bombardment of the Dardanelles was continued Saturday by an allied fleet, according to an official statement issued in Paris last night. The communication says:

"The British battleship Queen Elizabeth, posted in the Gulf of Saros, bombarded by indirect fire two big works on the Asiatic side, alongside of Chanak, and defending the straits (forts Hamidieh and Hamidieh 3 Sultanieh).

"At the same time cruisers inside the Dardanelles continued a direct fire against the works at Dardanos, on the Asiatic side, and Soudinere, on the European side Saturday."

The British battleships Queen Elizabeth and Prince George and the battle cruiser Indefatigable, with their eight 15-inch guns and an even dozen 12-inch guns, on Friday opened an attack on the principal forts on the European side of the narrows in the Dardanelles. Two of the forts were damaged and the magazine of a third was blown up. These forts which guard the narrowest part of the straits from the European side, are believed to be the strongest along the entire waterway, although those on the opposite side of the narrows almost equal them.

One of these forts, marked on the Admiralty maps as L, is armed with two 14-inch guns that could hardly reach the Queen Elizabeth, which fired 29 rounds from her 15-inch weapons by indirect fire and had the advantage of aeroplanes and direct beam gunners. The other two forts were armed with three 11-inch guns and some smaller cannon.

Meantime lighter cruisers continue attacks on the forts along the coast of Asia Minor, from Besika, which is near the entrance to the Dardanelles, to Smyrna, doubtless with a view of preventing reinforcement already sent to the straits, where there already are a large number of Turkish troops with whom the marines who were landed to complete the destruction of the forts at the entrance to the straits have been in contact. It was in this hand fighting that the allies suffered casualties, according to the British report, of 19 killed, 25 wounded and three missing.

Saturday night's official despatch from the Admiralty disclosed that the East Indies fleet under Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Peirse, who is flying his flag on the Euryalus, has joined the allied fleet and that he undertook the bombardment of the fortifications of Smyrna, which were seriously damaged.

BAD TIME COMING.

Young Turks' Lot Will Not Be an Envious One Presently.

PARIS, March 8.—A Turkish gentleman who belongs to the school of old Turks, and who, though being a resident in Paris for a long number of years, is in close touch with what is happening in Turkey, discussed yesterday the aspect of the situation at the Dardanelles as it appears to be developing. He said: "From what I know of Turkey and the Far East, the fall of Constantinople will mean the complete discrediting of Germany. Hitherto the people in Constantinople and throughout the empire have been lied on, and once they realize the truth, as they will do when Constantinople is forced to capitulate, they will be furious with the Government that misled them. A massacre of Young Turks will be one almost certain result, and I have, for my own part, little doubt that as soon as the first battleship is seen from Constantinople the people will take things into their own hands, and white flags will be seen flying from windows in every house in town."

Bankrupt Banker Ends Life.

CHICAGO, March 8.—While several policemen were struggling to maintain order among hundreds of anxious depositors in the private bank of Meccia and Manno, which closed its doors Saturday, another policeman discovered the body of Ignazio Meccia, senior partner of the firm, on his lot in Mount Carmel cemetery here Saturday. He had committed suicide by shooting probably Friday night.

Victualers Want Bylaw Quashed.

LONDON, Ont., March 8.—Justice Middleton, of Toronto, at the weekly session of the High Court here Saturday, reserved decision in the motion of the London Licensed Victualers' Association to quash the License Reduction bylaw indorsed by the ratepayers in January last. The hotelmen claim that the petition upon which the vote was based was insufficiently signed.

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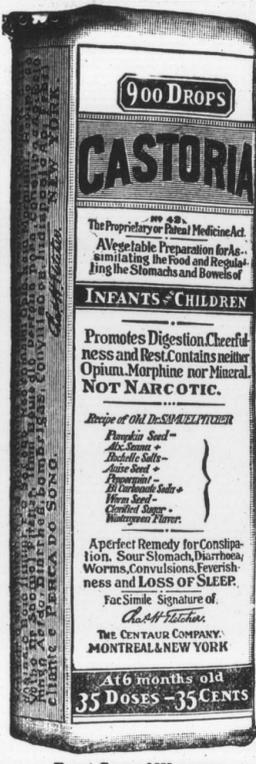
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