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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.

Manitoba grain-growers have raised \$20,000 by the patriotic acre scheme.

Sergt. Guynemer, a young French aviator, got four enemy airmen in nine days.

Oliver Daurals, a pioneer gold and silver mining man, died at Kenora at the age of 80 years.

Prince Oscar of Prussia, the Kaiser's fifth son, was wounded by a shell in the eastern theatre of war.

Lieut.-Col. Hagarty of Toronto will command a battalion composed exclusively of temperance men.

The Imperial Munitions Board is to erect a factory at Verdun, Montreal, for the manufacture of fuses.

Ninety of the Six Nations Indians on the reserve near Brantford have joined the 114th Haldimand Battalion.

An official decree has been issued confiscating the entire stocks of leather in Austria and Hungary for military purposes.

The Ottawa French teachers on strike filed garnishments against the city and the Separate School Commission for \$65,000 claimed in salaries.

Mr. J. O. Lavallee, M.P. for Belchasse, reported missing after the Parliament Buildings fire, is safe at his home, not having been in Ottawa at that time.

Archibald Fitzroy George Hay, twelfth Earl of Kinnoull, died at Hove, Eng. He was born in 1855, and served with the staff of Baker Pasha in Egypt.

The Plowmen's Association in convention in Toronto yesterday passed a resolution urging the Minister of Militia to arrange with the military authorities to leave one capable farm hand on every hundred acres.

The International Nickel Co. of New York has covenanted with the Dominion Government to establish on the Atlantic seaboard as soon as possible a plant to refine in Canada all the nickel necessary for the requirements of Great Britain and Canada.

WEDNESDAY.

H. Bernette was found frozen to death on the street in Montreal.

Germany tried vainly to effect a separate peace with Russia and Japan.

The Ontario mace is loaned to the House of Commons, and will be used to-day.

The great French Rhone Canal has been completed, at a cost of \$18,000,000.

The Canadian Produce Association opened its fourth annual convention in Belleville.

The Senate met in a new "Red Chamber" in the new temporary "House of Parliament."

A noted French manufacturer stated that only by a great loss of men can Germany be beaten.

Parliament unanimously resolved to ask the Imperial Government to extend its life for one year.

Mayor Martin and ex-Controller, Hebert of Montreal were fined \$1,000 each for contempt of court.

Teutonic diplomats continue to threaten Roumania with reprisals if she joins the Entente allies.

Lieut.-Col. T. Herb, Lennox, M.P., has been authorized to form a battalion, to be known as the Canadian Irish Fusiliers.

Mr. Joseph Chisholm, K.C., of Halifax, has been appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, succeeding Judge Meagher, who recently resigned.

Military guards have been placed around the plant of the Algoma Steel Corporation at Sault Ste. Marie, which was threatened Monday by an incendiary fire.

Mary Ann Ford, who rode in an automobile and spoke on the telephone for the first time on her hundredth birthday, is dead at Montreal, aged one hundred and two.

Walter Meyer pleaded guilty at Berlin to seditious utterance, the Grand Jury found him guilty, and Mr. Justice Clute, binding him over in \$500 to keep the peace, discharged him.

THURSDAY.

Ex-Mayor F. W. Harrison of Owen Sound is dead.

Over 12,000 men have enlisted in the last three months in the Toronto military district.

The machinery for the enforcement of conscription in Britain has been set in motion.

A heavy truck with eight motors slipped off a ferry and sank in the Detroit River, the loss totalling about \$7,000.

Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, former President of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, died last night in London.

Legislation will be introduced in the Ontario House involving the development of another 100,000 horsepower at Niagara.

W. J. Lowe of Sneigrove was nominated by the Liberals of Peel to oppose J. R. Fallis, ex-M.P.P., as candidate for the Legislature.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Mitylene reports that a French aeroplane squadron dropped bombs on Smyrna on Tuesday. It is not known what damage was done.

The death occurred in Ottawa of Lieut.-Col. J. Pennington MacPherson, former Commanding Officer of the Governor-General's Foot Guards. Fenian Raid veteran, and retired member of the civil service.

Mr. Samuel Edward Dawson, C.M.G., Litt.D., and LL.D., a former Queen's Printer under the late Sir Adolphe Chapleau, Secretary of State, and a well-known literary man

and authority on international copyright, died in Montreal yesterday.

FRIDAY.

The total Prussian casualties were estimated to be 2,377,378.

Two hundred Turkish soldiers were reported killed in the French aerial raid on Smyrna.

Berlin Free Public Library is to be opened on Sunday afternoons, trustees taking charge in turn.

John Tolmie, ex-M.P., of Kincardine, died as the result of an accident which befell him on Wednesday.

Austria was asked by the United States for an explanation of the submarine attack on the tanker Petrolite.

Augustus Prager, an Austrian, is in custody at Kingston, charged with proposing to Teuton friends to strike a blow at the city.

The Lake Erie Fishermen's Association was organized at St. Thomas at a convention of some 250 license holders from points along the north shore.

The British Empire Association of Illinois presented to the British Red Cross Society through the Duke of Connaught a large ambulance named after Edith Cavell.

Sergt. John Mott, who was recruiting for the American Legion in Windsor, was arrested in Detroit on a charge of desertion and embezzlement, and brought to Toronto for court-martial.

An order-in-Council has been passed renewing the agreement of the Dominion Government with the Province of Alberta and Saskatchewan regarding maintenance of the Northwest Mounted Police.

Pte. Bob Cook of the Wellington Battalion at Guelph, a paroled prisoner from Kingston and a notorious Orangeville desperado, broke away from the battalion on a route march, having, it is said, pulled a knife on the Lieutenant.

SATURDAY.

The deficit of the Turkish Empire has grown to 14,000,000 Turkish pounds.

Two thousand soldiers in Calgary raided the Riverside Hotel, owned by a German, John Kaiser.

Howard Lindsay, late of Calais, N. B., killed his wife with an axe at Kossuth, a lumber camp.

Adam Ballentine, one of the founders of the Retail Grocers' Association in Hamilton, is dead.

Rev. Bernard Murphy, chaplain of Hotel Dieu, Kingston seventeen years and a priest for fifty years, died at the age of seventy-four.

Ottawa Board of Control decided that the city has to obey the court order to pay into court the money raised by taxes for separate school purposes.

Captain George Richardson, of the firm of James Richardson & Sons, Kingston, Toronto, and Winnipeg, and a noted hockey player, has been killed at the front.

The Municipal Finance Committee of Liverpool, Eng., has recommended insuring the city's public buildings to the extent of \$3,000,000 against damage by aircraft.

A Brantford Collegiate Institute master, Mr. Runnings, who is disqualified from enlisting, has subscribed to the Patriotic Fund fifty per cent. of his salary, \$50 a month.

The New South Wales Cabinet has decided, in the purchasing of supplies for public service, that a ten per cent. preference be extended to local, British, or Empire manufactures.

The Belgian Embassy in London denied that separate peace overtures had been made by Germany. It was found that the people of Belgium had organized to "punish" those who were spying for the Germans.

MONDAY.

A brigade of men of American birth or parentage has been authorized in Toronto.

Perth, Ont., aimed at \$10,000 for the Patriotic Fund in two days, and raised nearly \$17,000.

Canadian horse breeders will give a horse ambulance and 24 horses, costing between \$7,000 and \$8,000, to the Canadian army.

Car ferries from Cobourg arrived in Kingston harbor, breaking through ten inches of ice, and making a record for early navigation there.

August Kastella, mechanical superintendent of Dominion Dredges, has been dismissed from the service of the Department of Public Works.

General Logie authorized the statement that all precautions were being taken to deal with any emergency in connection with reports of threatened invasion.

The late J. B. R. Laplante, Assistant Clerk of the Commons, who lost his life in the fire, will likely be succeeded by Arthur Beauchessne, K.C., of the Department of Justice.

There has been a large influx of German troops into Turkey, according to a Bucharest despatch to The Times. About 25,000 Germans arrived last week at Rustchuk, Bulgaria.

Shipping was greatly disorganized yesterday as a result of the storm along the Atlantic seaboard. The liner Kroonland was forced to remain outside New York harbor owing to the blinding snow.

After a long debate in the Saskatchewan Legislature, the Speaker declared the charges by J. E. Bradshaw, a Conservative, against unnamed Liberal members, out of order, and automatically therefore withdrawn from consideration.

All Single Men Called to Colors.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The Central News is authority for a report that all single men are to be called on to enlist next week. A Royal proclamation shortly to be issued notifying all single men to attest, the Central News states, attributes the unexpected speedy summons to the many recent consultations between the Minister of Munitions and the War Office.

Zeppelin Visits Rouen and Havre.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—A Zeppelin visited Rouen and Havre Saturday evening, and the alarm was given, but the dirigible, after hovering over the cities, sailed away toward the German lines without dropping any bombs.

ATTACKING WHOLE LINE

Germans on West Front Are Striving to Confuse Allies.

Most Vigorous of Teuton Assaults Are in the Champagne Region and North of Arras—Greatest Gain Has Been Made Between St. Souplet and Somme-Py—Other German Gains Lost Again in Counter-attacks.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—German attacks of varying intensity on various parts of the French and British lines from Belgium to the Vosges have made the past two days of great activity on the western front. The attacks ranged from minor encounters between reconnoitring parties armed with hand-grenades to assaults preceded by extensive artillery preparations and carried out by considerable bodies of troops. The most vigorous of these offensives were in Champagne and in the region north of Arras, where there has been almost constant fighting for days.

The greatest gain claimed by the Germans, they say, was made between St. Souplet and Somme-Py. Here the German official statement claims the capture by storm of 700 yards of French positions, with 206 prisoners. The French communiqué issued last night says that the Germans gained a foothold in some advanced trench elements east of the road from Tahure to Somme-Py. These two references may refer to the same action.

Five separate assaults were made yesterday on the Vimy sector north of Arras. Four of the attacks failed, the Germans succeeding in the fifth attempt in penetrating the French positions west of Hill 140, but were driven out against by a counter-attack, so that the series of assaults resulted in no gain.

The German offensive extended as far north as Boesinghe, north of Ypres, where the Germans announce the capture of 40 British prisoners.

The French also made a gain in the sector to the north-east of the Butte-du-Mesnil, in Champagne, Saturday afternoon, occupying the German trenches on a front given by the French as about 300 metres (328 yards) and by the Germans as not quite 200 yards.

The attack was preceded by a heavy artillery fire, after which the French infantry column advanced, using hand grenades. The Germans made a counter-attack Saturday night, but were completely repulsed, leaving one officer and 64 men in the hands of the French.

The Germans, after artillery preparation, made several attempts to cross the Yser canal, near Steensstraete and Heitsa, but were repulsed. The Germans renewing their counter-attack in Champagne, penetrated a small salient between the Navarin and St. Souplet Roads, but were repulsed in attempts to retake the trenches occupied by the French Friday.

A German infantry attack was made also in the Vosges, north of Wissembach. This failed to reach the first line of the French positions.

A German attack on the British trenches near Plickem, in Belgium, Saturday morning gave the attackers a footing in the trenches but bombing parties soon drove them out again.

Two more German attacks made in the afternoon on the Plickem Road were repulsed.

The German activity on the western front the last week has been more or less confusing. A week ago it seemed certain an offensive of great proportions would develop in the course of a few days. The intensity of the artillery fire increased rather than diminished, but it wavered little all the week. The Belgian, French, and British fronts were deluged under a rain of shells, which continued even last night. In one twenty-four hours the Belgians blocking the Yser passage between Dixmude and Nieupoort withstood the effect of 20,000 high explosive shells. The bombardment of the fronts to the south was maintained in almost the same proportions.

FRENCH CRUISER SUNK.

Fears Expressed for Safety of the Amiral Charner.

PARIS, Feb. 14.—The following official statement was given out here yesterday:

"The Ministry of Marine fears for the fate of the cruiser Amiral Charner, which has been patrolling the Syrian coast. No news has been received from the cruiser since Feb. 8, when, according to a German telegram, a submarine sank a French warship."

The Amiral Charner under normal conditions carried a crew of 370. She was 347 feet long, 46 feet beam, and displaced 4,680 tons. She was armed with two 7.6-inch guns in turrets forward and aft, six 5.5-inch guns, four 9-pounders, four 3-pounders, six 1-pounders, and four torpedo tubes. She was laid down in 1889.

German Gunboat Sunk in the Congo.

HAVRE, Feb. 14.—The Belgian War Office announced last night that the German gunboat Hedwig von Wissmann was sunk in Lake Tanganyika. Two officers and 19 sailors were taken prisoner. The Belgian and British flotillas suffered no loss.

Lake Tanganyika forms the western border of German East Africa.

Fire at Campbellford.

CAMPBELLFORD, Feb. 14.—Fire broke out at 6.30 yesterday morning in the Northumberland Paper and Electric Co. building here, practically destroying the whole plant. The weather being six below zero, it was hard to fight the flames successfully, and the blaze spread with amazing rapidity. It is impossible as yet to arrive at the amount of damage done, but it is supposed to be pretty well covered by insurance.

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