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The Week's News

For the Week Ending August 5th, 1916.

Monday.—The fierce forest fires which have been
raging in Northern Ontario are at last extinguished
by heavy rains. The death toll cannot yet be ac-
curately estimated.

Sir Douglas Haig, commander-in-chief of the Bri-
tish armies in France, states that next summer will
see British forces in France at their full strength.
"England", he says, "will continue to deliver blow
after blow until she has won that victory by force
of arms that will ensure a lasting peace."

The Russians have begun a strong offensive to-
wards Kovel, on the Stokhod river.

Another Zeppelin raid, the first in many weeks
has been made on the east coast of England, no loss
of life and little damage resulting.

Tuesday.—The German merchant submarine
Deutschland leaves Baltimore harbour, on her peril-
ous return journey to Bremen. Allies cruisers are
on the look-out just outside the three-mile limit.

British estimates of German losses place them at
5,000,000 men killed, wounded, or made prisoners.
Austrian losses aggregate 3,500,000, thus placing
casualties of the Central Powers at approximately
8,500,000.

Premier Asquith in conversation with reporters,
hints at Cabinet reconstruction.

The infantile paralysis epidemic in New York
shows no signs of abating, deaths during the twenty-
four hours ending at ten a. m. today being 55 while
157 new cases are reported.

Owing to the critical newsprint situation, the
newspapers of Greater New York will decrease the
number of pages issued during the week by 121.

The search for bodies of Ontario fire victims con-
tinues, 318 having been found so far.

Wednesday.—The giant submersible Deutschland is
reported to have slipped past the ring of Allied
cruisers on guard off the Virginia Capes and to have
made its escape under cover of darkness.

Minor advances are made by French and English
in the Somme region, and by the French in the
Meuse district.

The Russians are rapidly closing in on Kovel and
Lemberg, and the fall of these points is regarded as
imminent.

Deaths from the forest fires of Northern Ontario
are now found to be greater in number than at first
anticipated, 450 being already identified.

The Allies, it is announced, will waive right to
seize international securities and will permit the
passage of certain securities bound for neutral
countries.

Thursday.—The Russians are continuing a suc-
cessful engagement on the Stokhod River. The
fighting in the region is of a most desperate char-
acter. The Western front was comparatively quiet.

Rt. Hon. Arthur Balfour, First Lord of the Ad-
miralty, states that the Jutland naval battle was the
turning point of the war's tide.

Joseph Reinach, writing in the Figaro, declares
that "away with the Hohenzollerns!" would be a
good slogan for the Allies. The Kaiser, he says,
is the arch-criminal responsible for the war.

Considerable uneasiness in Holland is manifest
by the comments of the Dutch press on the way
Zeppelins are using Dutch territory as a "short cut"
home after raids on England, thus violating Hol-
land's neutrality.

Friday.—Desperate counter-attacks by the Rus-
sians in the Stokhod River district result in the cap-
ture of 1,900 Germans. The battle is continuing.

Sir Ernest Shackleton has returned to Port Stan-
ley, and reports failure in his attempt to reach his
beleaguered comrades at Elephant Island. A further
attempt will be made when weather conditions are
more propitious.

Verdun is again the "storm centre of the Western
front." Fleury has changed hands three times dur-
ing the week, being now in the hands of the French,
who have also taken the Thiaumont work.

Saturday.—British capture German trenches along
a 2,000 front in the region of Porzleres.

Turkish attack on the Suez Canal is repulsed, con-
siderable losses being inflicted on the enemy.

The Russians are meeting with a more active re-
sistance in the East, but they continue to be vic-
torious, taking 5,500 men and six villages.

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THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

Recently a life assurance company received a no-
tice of claim from a Hindoo in respect of his mother.
It was written in English "as she is spoke," and
commenced as follows: "Honoured Sir,—I have to
inform you that the hand which rocked the cradle
has kicked the bucket."—The Policyholder, Man-
chester.

THE VALUE OF A MAN.

According to Professor Irving T. Fisher of Yale,
the value of a baby is \$90, while he estimates the
value of an adult to be \$4,000. "The value of an
aged person," says Professor Fisher, "becomes a
negative quantity."

"THEIR FAMILIES ARE."

"The uninsured are no more in peril than the
insured, but their families are."

FIFTY YEARS IN HARNESS.

On August 30 United States Manager Henry W.
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surance Company, Ltd., will celebrate his fiftieth
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