

## NEWS TOPICS OF WEEK

Important Events Which Have Occurred During the Week.

**The Day World's Happenings Carefully Compiled and Put Into Handy and Attractive Shape for the Readers of Our Paper — A Solid Hour's Enjoyment.**

**WEDNESDAY.**

Major-General Leonard inspected the Irish-Canadian Rangers at Montreal.

The Stratford Court of Revision topped \$7,150 off the assessments of nine hotels.

St. Thomas District Methodists declared in favor of conscription under proposed amendments.

Brant County Council decided to make a registration of men throughout the county.

The Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario met in fifth annual conference at Hamilton.

General Joffre sent a message of congratulation to the allied troops on the Macedonian front.

The Fourth Battalion Association, Toronto, was organized to secure positions for returned soldiers.

Charges of theft of Base Hospital supplies before a court-martial will be investigated Friday in Toronto.

Simcoe Municipal Association determined on an organization to cover Norfolk county to assist in recruiting.

The Duke of Devonshire made his first public appearance in the 50th (Edmonton) Battalion in Ottawa.

Belleville Y.M.C.A. campaign to raise \$15,000, attained its aim except about \$200, which the directors have guaranteed.

Lieut. Guy Butcher told Red Cross workers at Toronto that German trenches were constructed for permanent shelter.

C. P. R. freight handlers in Toronto go back to work this morning, after which the company will consider their demands.

The Explosives Department of the Imperial Munitions Board requires workmen at once, and will give preference to returned soldiers.

The Police Board, Toronto, is investigating reports that money is being collected for soldiers overseas which does not reach them.

Mr. W. B. Graham, defeated candidate for the Presidency of Ward Five Conservatives, Toronto, said outspoken Conservatives were worse than enemies.

John Lodge, a treasurer, of Dutton, was fatally injured when his coat caught in a cog wheel of the engine and his body was drawn through a set of gears.

Seven young West Zorra farmers were fined in all \$51 and costs for carrying a neighbor in the presence of his bride, whom they also tied to a post in the barn.

**THURSDAY.**

A new battalion for the county of Grey was authorized.

Jack London, the famous author and traveler, died suddenly.

Germany is sinking of \$32,000 tons of ships since the war began.

British troops inflicted heavy losses on the enemy in German East Africa.

Charles Evans Hughes admitted defeat by congratulating President Wilson.

W. O. Fraser, of Oxford, was chosen Conservative candidate for the Legislature in Souris, Sask.

Quebec Provincial Government has ordered that no stamp fees shall be charged for probating soldiers' wills.

The Independent Telephone Association protested against tolls imposed by the Bell Telephone Company.

The Ontario Hydro-electric Commission decided to proceed forthwith on the Chippewa Canal power scheme.

The Manitoba Municipalities Convention endorsed the rural credits bill of Hon. E. Brown, Provincial Treasurer.

John Sebbin, a Derham township pioneer, and late resident of Ingersoll, died at London in his ninety-seventh year.

Canada's exportable surplus of wheat this year is estimated at 493,700 bushels; last year it was 264,175,000 bushels.

St. Catharines City Council will arrange for a series of lectures and demonstrations for housewives who are unable to bake bread.

The Montreal Board of Control will get statistics from produce houses as to cost of potatoes, stocks on hand, and selling prices.

Norman Hawkin, lumberman, of Parry Sound, was nominated by the Liberals of Parry Sound as Federal candidate, at a convention at Emsdale.

The Dominion Railway Board has issued a statement respecting car shortage in the prairie provinces, urging shippers and transportation companies to co-operate as far as possible.

**FRIDAY.**

Dr. Marshall Sutton, of Cookville, was found dead in bed from apoplexy.

The British Red Cross Fund in Ontario has now reached a total of \$1,600,000.

Lieut. Guyremer, the French aviator, brought down his 22nd German machine.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier paid a high tribute to the Canadian Engineers, whose guest he was at a banquet in Ottawa.

The Independent Telephone Association decided to seek legislation fixing the tolls for interchange of service.

The last quarterly dividend from the Guelph Junction Railway is \$11.25, or 6 1/2 per cent. on the company's investment.

Hon. Arthur Meighen, addressing Ward Six Conservatives, Toronto, defended the Borden Government's nickel policy.

A conference decided to ask the Department of Health to undertake

all medical inspection outside of the city schools.

Prof. Prince, speaking at the Empire Club, Toronto, made a plea to members of Parliament to stop the criminal waste in connection with Canada's fisheries.

Hamilton Controllers sent eight by-laws to the City Council for consideration as to submission to the ratepayers in January, involving expenditures totalling \$1,223,000.

Premier Sir Lomer Gouin of Quebec said his Government had not been asked to make a grant for the French-Canadian mission in Ontario, and did not intend to make one.

An Oxford farmer is said to have found the key in his barn sprayed with a peculiar chemical and intensely moist; suspicion is aroused also by the actions of a German farmer.

**SATURDAY.**

Mr. J. M. Walton of Aurora was elected head of the Sons of Temperance.

Five destroyed Lincolnton parish church, at Quebec, valued at \$150,000.

Another British hospital ship was sunk in the Aegean Sea, this time without loss of life.

Robert Simpson, a former Alderman and President of the Board of Trade, is dead.

Mr. J. C. Allan, the new President of Ward One Liberals, Toronto, made a plea for more independence of action by ward associations.

Deborah Leppin, alias Renald, was hanged at St. Paul's, Que., for the murder of a farmer of St. Luc, Albert Wing, an infuriated crank, having to be kept back by soldiers with fixed bayonets.

A leading physician in Barbados has offered to entertain for two or three months three or four invalided Canadian officers, and the Royal Mail Packet Company offers free passage to the back.

The writs issued by Mr. Speaker Seavoy for the by-election in East Toronto, made necessary by Hon. A. E. Kemp's appointment as Minister of Militia, for nomination December 14 and polling December 15.

Brant Recruiting League is to conduct a complete registration of Brantford and Simcoe County Recruiting League is putting into operation a new plan, dividing the county into districts to be asked to furnish from 10 to 75 men each.

It became known that reports had reached the offices of the British, French, and Italian steamship lines in New York that two German submarines had eluded the patrols on the other side of the Atlantic and slipped at any time.

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**MONDAY.**

Mrs. Bollesvahn, the noted American suffragist, is dead.

Five Buffalo newspapers have doubled the price of their issues.

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**TUESDAY.**

A large party of returned soldiers arrived on the Corsican at St. John, N.E.

The Ontario Government authorized an expenditure to double the capacity of Oryington Hospital.

Captain Ian Hay Beth, before the Canadian Club, said the Germans are chasing under their broken war machine.

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, their daughters and suite arrived on their first visit to Toronto last night.

Gaspard Picard, a former Grand Chief of the Hurons, and one of their last descendants, died at Lorette, Que., aged 85 years.

At the closing session of the Christian Endeavor convention a resolution was passed asking the Dominion Government to pass a Dominion prohibition measure.

President Campbell Humphrey, addressing the Harvard Club of Toronto, said 400 Harvard men are fighting on the side of the Allies and more were with the ambulance corps.

The Dominion Government rulings that postal and customs positions be given to returned soldiers is being lived up to, and it has been suggested that the Toronto City Council take similar action.

The Manitoba Court of Appeals ruled that Mr. Justice Haggart exceeded his jurisdiction in quashing Edward Beck's commitment for alleged contempt after having ordered his release on habeas corpus proceedings.

Sir Herbert Tree, the knight actor, gave a delightful talk before the Canadian Club at Toronto.

## GERMANS AT ALT RIVER

Roumanians Admit That Their Troops Have Retired.

Situation for King Ferdinand's Country Grows More Serious, the Tenthons Being Within Fifty Miles of Bucharest—Oscar Nicholas Will Hold Conference With Roumanian Monarch.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—In Roumania the Germans have reached the line of the Alt River, and they hold it in its entirety. Von Mackensen is prosecuting his advance from the Danube, and he has occupied Alexandria in the River Vede sector. The Roumanians admit that their troops have retired from the Alt.

The newspaper says its informant declares that the Americans in the past few weeks have reported to Washington that their ration tickets are useless, as there is little or no food to ration the nation, and that the action of the American Government in hastening supplies of food to the Central Powers is interpreted in the light of showing that the American embassies and consulates now regard the food situation in Austria and Germany with the greatest possible alarm.

In an editorial dealing with this story, The Daily Mail says it explains the "peace intrigues which the Germans are fomenting in the United States," and it is to be expected that the British Government will exert every possible pressure, especially the tightening of the blockade, to prevent Germany from taking advantage of the seizure of the corn lands of Roumania.

**PICKED TROOPS BEATEN.**

Serbian Score Brilliant Victory Over the Tenthons.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—An important strategic success has been won by the Serbians and French in the capture of Hill 1050, north-east of Monastir, and its retention against repeated German attacks.

The attack was led by French troops, who were co-operating with the Serbians. It consisted of a series of partial onsets, and it led to the carrying of this hill, which is of great strategic importance, by assault.

The position was defended by German troops, the Chasseurs of the Guard, with orders to hold out at all costs. When the Germans were ousted by the brilliant tactics of the Allies, the Germans brought up more troops and they launched a counter-attack to regain the position.

No consideration for the losses incurred was shown by the Germans, but their losses were large and they were beaten.

On the allied left wing Italian troops are continuing their advance into the mountainous region of Di-hovo, four miles north-west of Monastir. In the centre on the Cerna front, a Bulgarian counter-attack upon the Serbians, launched Sunday night, was repulsed with great losses to the enemy.

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OTTAWA, Nov. 28.—His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire has accepted the office of chief scout of the Boy Scouts' Association in Canada, and is the third Governor-General to occupy the position. The Duke has expressed a desire to ally himself with the movement to the fullest extent.

## FOOD CRISIS ACUTE.

Conditions in the Central Empires Become Desperate.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The Daily Mail makes a feature story of what it describes as highly authentic information that the food situation in both Germany and Austria-Hungary is more desperate than had hitherto been generally believed. This information is based on what is claimed to be the only trustworthy American officials in both countries, who send urgent demands home for supplies of food.

The food supplies, it is said, are now arriving and are being placed in depots under the strict supervision of American officials.

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## GREEKS ARE DIVIDED.

Declaration of War Has Angered the Royalists.

Provisional Government Takes Action Against Germany and Bulgaria, While the Allies Have Delivered an Ultimatum to the Army Demanding Surrender of Guns and Munitions.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The correspondent of The Daily Chronicle at Athens sends the following, under Saturday's date:

"How far the period of grace granted to Greece by Admiral Durnford for handing over its war material to the Allies will affect the situation remains to be seen. There is at the week-end, however, a distinct undercurrent of unrest, as no one knows what follow may be planned by the Reservist League and the more reckless section of the army. In most quarters it is believed they will attempt some sort of resistance to the carrying out of the ultimatum demands. Suspicious activity is evident in some quarters of the city which reservists frequent."

Anti-entente newspapers are indulging in quite a lot of talk. The Hesperin, the court organ par excellence, declares:

"The army awaits with unbreakable resolution the course of events, ready to support all costs, the rights and dignity of the state. Such is the final decision of the officers."

Venizelist circles assert that the provisional government declared war against Bulgaria to prevent the entry of the Venizelist forces into the campaign from being interpreted as a political manoeuvre. In view of the fact that the Allies consider the Salonica front as the government de facto, Greece is now virtually at war with Bulgaria.

The provisional government has also declared war on Germany because it torpedoes ships carrying national forces and partisans of the provisional government.

The Entente Allies have delivered an ultimatum to Greece requiring delivery of Greek arms and guns, which was demanded recently.

The ultimatum, which comes from Vice-Admiral Du Fournet, commander of the allied squadron, while allowing only a short period in which the arms were in Athens are to be surrendered, declares willingness to grant a longer time for delivery of war materials in Thessaly and Macedonia. The shortest time allotted is 48 hours, and longest one week. Unless the demand is complied with, Admiral declares, he will take measures calculated to induce compliance with it, progressing in severity if the delay increases.

The first delivery of arms demanded of the Greek Government by Vice-Admiral Du Fournet consists of ten batteries of mountain guns. The demand declares that failure to comply with it before December 1 as the date for the surrender of the artillery required and December 13 as the date for the surrender of rifles.

According to the diplomatic press, the time allowed would enable the Greek Government to reflect with mature deliberation before making its decision.

**New Railroad Line.**

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Nov. 28.—Engineer Stanley, of the Hydro Commission has announced that when the Hydro-Railroad line is built this line will enter this city at a point between Stamford and Southend. It will be four miles shorter than the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto line, now operated between the two cities, and 1 1/2 miles shorter than the Grand Trunk. The line will take in Merriton, Thorold and Stamford. No by-law will be submitted here at the coming elections, the plan being to merely submit by-law to the municipalities between St. Catharines and Port Credit. This move is looked upon here as an evidence that the Hydro will make an effort to buy the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto line, which project has been spoken of. Niagara Falls with an assessment of \$9,000,000 will not be called upon to guarantee as much to the Hydro-Railroad as St. Catharines, with its \$13,000,000, the share of that city being placed at \$633,000.

**Hope to Settle Strike at Fernie.**

OTTAWA, Nov. 28.—The conference Monday between the representatives of the Fernie coal miners and two members of the Government, Hon. T. W. Crothers and Hon. Robert Rogers, did not result in any progress towards an agreement and the conference will be continued to-day.

The most demand a 25 per cent. increase in wages or an investigation into the increase in the cost of living and a rise in wages based upon this.

Mr. Crothers has hopes that an agreement will be reached to-day and believes that it will be upon the acceptance by the operators of the alternative proposal, that is the increase based upon the cost of living.

**Sir Sam on Holiday.**

OTTAWA, Nov. 28.—Lieutenant-General Sir Sam Hughes, M.P., left Sunday night for Lindsay, and in a few days will proceed to the southern States on a motor trip, accompanied by members of his family. The ex-Minister, he has been occupied since his leaving the department in attending to personal business, and now feels free for a holiday. Sir Sam will be away from Ottawa for a couple of weeks.

## THE MARKETS.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Nov. 28.—The Board of Trade official market quotations for yesterday:

Manitoba Wheat (New). No. 1 northern, \$1.25 1/2; No. 2 northern, \$1.25; No. 3 northern, \$1.25 1/2; No. 4 northern, \$1.25 1/2; No. 5 northern, \$1.25 1/2; No. 6 northern, \$1.25 1/2; No. 7 northern, \$1.25 1/2; No. 8 northern, \$1.25 1/2; No. 9 northern, \$1.25 1/2; No. 10 northern, \$1.25 1/2.

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