

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.

Two British destroyers were reported lost in a collision.

Only one arrest was made in Hamilton during Christmas day.

Contributions to the Belgian Relief Fund are coming in freely.

Mr. John A. Knox, a wholesale jeweller, died suddenly in Toronto.

Rigid economy was the watchword for the observance of Christmas in Great Britain.

Captain John Trethewey, a widely-known mining engineer, died, aged 77 years, at Toronto.

The Envelopes of Mercy brought in about \$300 more to the Belgian Relief Committee.

The 25th (Tigers) Battalion will recruit machine gunners, a new departure in Canada.

Premier Borden has been invited to participate in an Imperial Conference, likely in February.

Mrs. Annie Bell, Toronto, may die from burns received when a gas stove set fire to her clothing.

Messages were exchanged between Sir Robert Borden and Canadian commanding officers overseas.

The crew and sixty passengers of the Swedish steamer Skiffen were drowned when the vessel was sunk by a mine.

WEDNESDAY.

Navigation on the St. Lawrence is officially closed.

A large Turk force was smashed by the British in the El Arish fight.

The German papers have been instructed to say that the Somme battle is ended.

Wounded French-Canadian soldiers in England were visited by the Royal family.

The last of the late navigating freighters on the Great Lakes is safely in port.

In an address at Lindsay Sir Sam Hughes favored compulsory service at home and overseas.

One hundred and fifty Toronto ladies waited on 750 soldiers at a Christmas dinner served by the Y. M. C. A. at Exhibition Camp.

The first Roman Catholic Archbishop of Winnipeg, Most Rev. Alfred Sennott, D.D., was installed by the Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

The Royal North-West Mounted Police is to be recruited to full strength and come under the Federal authorities for military duty.

Thomas McIntosh, sixteen years of age, was instantly killed by a piano falling over on him as he was trying to lift it out of a wagon, at Vancouver.

H. F. Tuck, munitions worker in Toronto, put home Saturday night to Orangeville for Christmas, contracted acute pneumonia, and died yesterday morning.

Miss M. A. Storey, eighty years old, jumped from a moving train at Uxbridge, was drawn under the car and fatally injured, on returning from a Christmas visit.

Auditor-General Fraser, who went to England to examine the books and accounts of the Canadian overseas forces, on his return by the Metagama reported: "They are about as good as you could expect."

The Frankfurter Zeitung reports that the Bundesrat has forbidden the sale abroad of German shipping shares, the object being to prevent an undesirable foreign influence in German shipping.

THURSDAY.

More changes have been made in the French army.

F. Robertson, the noted travelogue man, died suddenly in Colorado.

Greece is reported to be fulfilling her promises to the Entente allies.

News reached Washington of a reign of terror in the creek capital.

Three ladies are among the Public School trustees elected by acclamation in Niagara Falls.

It is twenty-seven years since a poll was required for the Separate School Board in Stratford.

Guelp coal dealers and many of the factories have not more than three days' supply on hand.

Ontario farmers appealed to Sir Harry Drayton to have the embargo on feed corn removed at once.

Twelve persons were killed and 23 injured in the tornado which swept over Central Arkansas late yesterday.

The Trappist monastery and chapel at Oka, completed at a cost of \$100,000 in 1912, were destroyed by fire.

Several arrests were made in connection with the theft of electrical supplies from the Canadian General Electric Company, Toronto.

Seven men have been arrested at Quebec by Federal police, charged with stealing several tons of copper-nickel from the Dominion Arsenal.

General Logie is in Ottawa taking counsel with Hon. A. E. Kemp, Minister of Militia, on matters relating to the Toronto Military District.

A new battalion of railway construction men is to be organized in Toronto, with Lieut.-Colonel McConnell, Montreal, as commanding officer.

W. E. McDonald, a Hamilton man who was reported killed in the South African war and not heard from by his family since, returned home Christmas Eve.

The Labor Executive members who have been conferring with Premier Borden and Mr. R. B. Bennett on National Service have advised union members to fill out the registration cards.

Confirmation was received in Mexico City of the report that General Luis Herrera, in command of a Government force, had been killed in battle with Villa bandits near Torreón.

Police S. Bickley of Toronto resigned his position.

thus escaping the necessity of defending himself against a charge of being incapable while on duty, preferred by Market Clerk Stewart.

FRIDAY.

A new taxation scheme for the Hungarians is now proposed.

Allied airmen carried out effective raids on German positions in France.

The British national debt is estimated to be now over £2,500,000,000.

About \$150,000,000 worth of oil was destroyed by the Entente Allies in Roumania.

Calcutt's Brewery, established in 1855, has closed down at Peterboro, owing to the Ontario Temperance Act.

Prof. W. H. Fraser, for 40 years connected with the University of Toronto, died at his home, "Highfields," York Mills.

A destructive fire at the Toronto Railway Company's King street car barns caused a loss estimated at half a million dollars.

A Stockholm despatch to the Ekstrabladet says that bread and flour tickets will be issued in Sweden from January 15.

Three children of Roch Labaie, the eldest four years of age, were burned to death at their home in St. Michel de Naperville, Que.

Colonel G. T. Denison, addressing the Empire Club, laid down a list of demands for the Allies to insist upon before they agree to peace.

Reginald John Smith, head of a London Publishing House and editor of the Cornhill Magazine, is dead in London. He was 59 years old.

Within a few minutes two men were killed by engines in the Algoma Steel plant yard at Sault Ste. Marie, George C. Gunyor and Robert Bell.

Miss Pearl Parker, a nurse, while impersonating Santa Claus at a Christmas tree entertainment at Cranbrook, B. C., was fatally burned.

Wentworth milk producers consulted the Attorney-General before taking steps to compel retail milk dealers of Hamilton to pay a new scale of prices.

Epworth Methodist Sunday School, Toronto, dispensed with the Christmas distribution of presents this year and gave the value to the Belgian Relief Fund.

The Camp Borden of 1917 will be a grassy lawn if the present plans are carried out by the officials of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, who have been called in by the militia authorities.

Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, has asked Sir Herbert B. Ames, M.P., and W. F. Nickle, M.P., to assist him in his legislative and other duties during the national savings campaign.

Isaac Scott, a farmer, was chosen by the Liberals of West Simcoe, in convention at Alliston, as their candidate in the Provincial bye-election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. J. S. Duff.

SATURDAY.

Mrs. R. R. Jamieson has been appointed a police magistrate of Calgary.

Germany is now arresting and deporting Belgians engaged in relief work.

Premier Hughes of Australia will be unable to attend the Imperial War Council.

Prof. James Loudon, ex-President of the University of Toronto, died in his 76th year.

Toronto customs receipts for 1916 show an increase of thirteen million dollars over 1915.

The Scandinavian nations sent a note to Washington upholding President Wilson's peace move.

Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, Postmaster-General, died of pneumonia after a few days' illness, at his home in Ottawa.

The Canadian Red Cross Society has received \$2,000,000 in cash and nearly \$8,000,000 in supplies since the war began.

The body of Arustin Church of Auburn, who was found dead in a stall three weeks ago, was exhumed and brought to Goderich for an inquest.

Joseph Marquis, a farmer of Stoke, near Sherbrooke, Que., was frozen to death, being pinned beneath a load of flour when his sleigh overturned.

A number of officers in the 228th Battalion may have to be changed owing to the unit having been changed from infantry to railway construction.

Sir Henry L. Drayton announced that the embargo on corn feed coming from Chicago had been removed as requested by the United Farmers' Association.

John Waploak was hanged at Kemora for the murder of Mrs. Emil and Miss Erma Houbner, at Olympia Minn., near Shoal Lake, last May, to which he confessed.

Sylvester Brown, who only this week settled a heavy fine and costs and a lawyer's bill in the police court, Toronto, was again arrested, charged with selling liquor.

R. B. Bennett, M.P. for Calgary, Director-General of National Service, was the guest of honor at the annual banquet of the Kingston "Knights of the Grip," Kingston, and gave an address on National Service.

The chartered banks of Canada have provided a further credit of \$50,000,000 in co-operation with the Dominion Government, to assist Great Britain in financing munitions orders in Canada, making a total credit so far of \$250,000,000.

Million Turks Fighting.

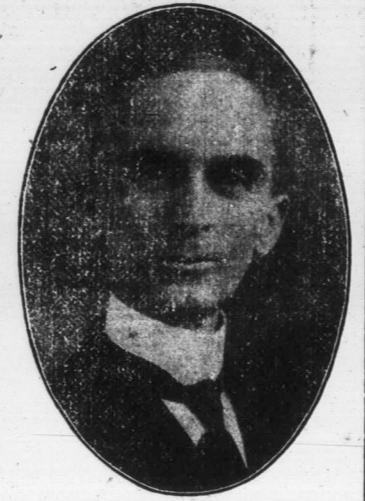
LONDON, Jan. 1.—In the course of an article on operations in the East The Times' military correspondent says:

"Out of 50 to 55 Turkish divisions still in the field there will be, beginning October 22, about 25 on the Caucasus front, 5 to 7 in Arabia, 5 or 6 in Austria and Dubrudja, 5 in Syria, 3 in Mesopotamia, 3 in Persia, 2 each in the Dardanelles, Constantinople, in Smyrna, Silesia, and on the Struma front. The general situation seems that half the Turkish army is engaged in the Caucasus and Armenian theatres, and the rest scattered nowhere in great strength.

Only two divisions are engaged south of Smyrna.

BROCKVILLE'S MAYOR TO SERVE ANOTHER YEARLY TERM

Mr. George A. Wright, of Brockville, has been elected to serve as mayor of the county town for another term, by acclamation. This is an unusual honor; but those who know him congratulate the people on their good judgment. Mr. Wright has been in municipal life for many years, and has shown a most unselfish devotion to the public good. He is secretary-treasurer of the Robt. Wright Co., Limited, which has a large following in this district.



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FRANKVILLE

Enos Soper returned Saturday after spending a few days in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Smith's Falls, spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David.

Mr. and Mrs. McGillivray, of Vancouver, arrived at W. D. Livingston's to spend the winter with their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Tallman and Mrs. J. McKee and children, of Ottawa, spent the holidays with Mrs. Clifford Steacy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stratton and daughter, Bessie, of Kars, made a few calls among their friends on Tuesday.

Mrs. Edgers and Joseph Coad are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McEwen and family, of Jasper, spent Christmas with Mrs. McEwen's sister, Mrs. Munroe.

Mr. and Mrs. David went to Brockville yesterday to find a house with the intention of moving there to reside.

Mrs. Rev. Comerford and daughters Ivy and Alma left yesterday to spend holidays at Maynard their former home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leacock and son Ennis, of Jasper, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kilborn and Irene, of Kingston, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Kilborn.

Mrs. (Rev. H. H. Hillis, of Vankleek Hill, is spending the holidays with her mother and sister, Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. A. M. Dixon.

Miss Rhena-Coad of Brockville, is spending the holidays with Mrs. Leslie Soper.

The many friends of Miss Breese Leverette, teacher at Rockport, will be pleased to know she was able to be removed to her home after having an operation performed at Brockville General Hospital.

Mrs. Conner and daughter, Inez, of Brockville, are spending their holidays with the former's son, Webster Conner.

GREENBUSH

Among the Christmas visitors to our neighborhood were the following:

Dr. Roy Kerr and family at the home of his brother, Mr. Fred Kerr and Dr. Morley Smith and family at his father's Mr. Ed Smith's.

Mr. Wm. Connel spent the week end and New Year's day at Mallorytown the guest of Mr. Frank Blanchard.

Mrs. Clifford Hall is very ill at her home here.

Mr. Ford Earl and family spent Christmas at the home of Mr. Jas Hewitt.

Mrs. Ormond Weaver of Smith's Falls spent New Year's day at the home of her daughter Mrs. Morton Moore.

Miss Bernice Taplin of Peterboro Normal school spent the holidays at her home here.

Mr. Ethan Gifford is still on the sick list.

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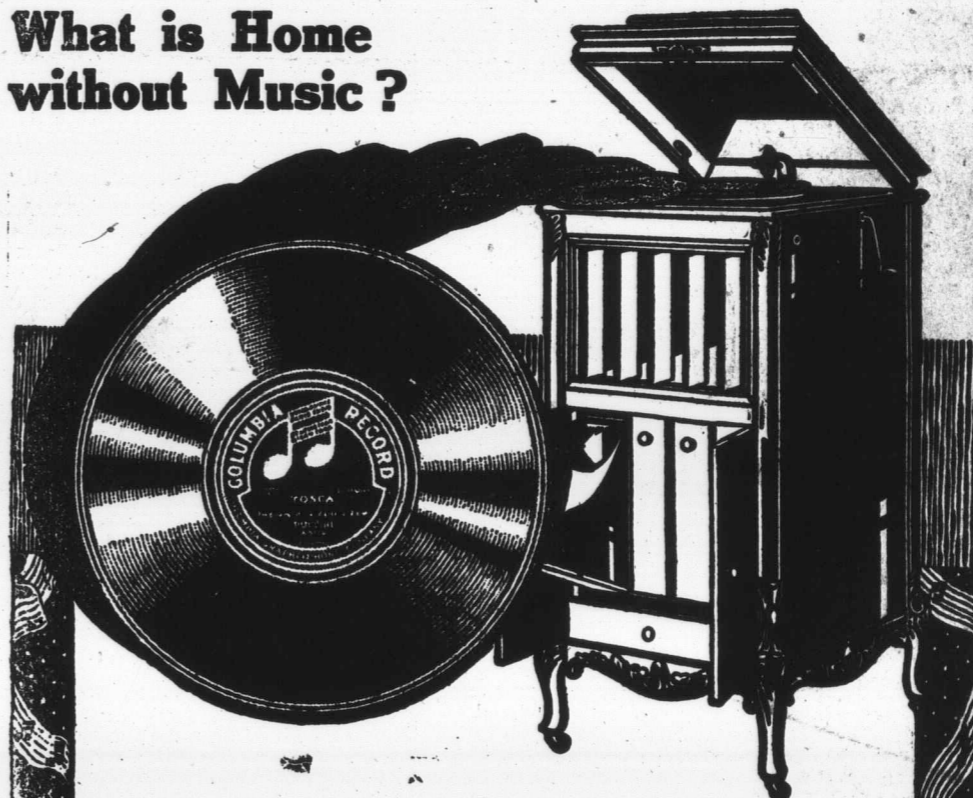
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