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Important Events Which Have Occurred During the Week.

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TUESDAY.

The Allies won another victory in German East Africa. A total of nine Allied vessels, large and small, were reported sunk. Violent engagements were reported to have occurred on the Greek frontier. Wm. Ross, for fifty years Town Clerk and Treasurer of Fergus, died in his 85th year. Sir Ernest Shackleton's efforts to rescue his comrades on Elephant Island ended in failure. It was announced in the British Commons that British prisoners were now getting half rations in Germany. Percy Black, 117 Penderith avenue, Toronto, was instantly killed when a trestle about which he was working slipped.

Oxford County Council appointed three patrolmen to look after roads, taking advantage of the Highways Act amendment. Theodore Roosevelt by letter and the Progressive Committee by resolution endorsed C. E. Hughes as Presidential candidate. The United States Government declined yesterday to entertain proposals of Latin-American Governments for mediation with Mexico. The railroad workers of Canada have decided, owing to the war conditions, to defer their effort to secure an eight-hour working day. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is suffering from a slight return of his old malady of facial neuralgia, and in consequence has cancelled his engagement to address a public meeting at Hull to-night.

A largely attended meeting of Hamilton women urged the Government to adopt registration, and pledged their utmost assistance in releasing eligible men for military service. By a vote of 469 for and 295 against, the property owners in Brantford yesterday endorsed a by-law to grant \$58,000 to the Brantford General Hospital.

WEDNESDAY.

Guelph City Council decided to revert to standard time on Friday night. Heavy German attacks in the village of Fleury were repulsed by the French. Belleville citizens decided that another battalion could be raised in that city. Little Jack Ward of Mimico died of injuries received when a heavy pipe fell on him. Several Austrian submarines are reported to have been trapped by Italian nets. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught reviewed the artillery division at Petawawa. South Perth Liberals nominated Peter Smith, Township Clerk of Downie, for the Legislature. Lillian Smith, aged thirteen, daughter of a soldier now in France, was drowned in a canoeing accident at Peterboro. Mrs. Louis O. Breithaupt, formerly Miss Mabel White of Milton, died suddenly after a few hours' illness at her home in Berlin. The body of Mrs. Herbert Hall, wife of a prosperous farmer near Newmarket, was found in the cistern of their home yesterday. John Weatherall, more than 70 years of age, died following a blow on the head with a cane inflicted by another inmate of the Huron House of Refuge at Clinton. Alfred Nunn, a market gardener, just outside St. Thomas, was jolted off his wagon going down a hill, and the wheels passed over him, fracturing his skull, causing his death. Confident that Congress soon will be confronted with information that will force a break with Mexico, House leaders yesterday began work on resolutions which would authorize the President to prosecute a vigorous war.

THURSDAY.

The town of Medina has been occupied by the Arab tribesmen. Sir Roger Casement submitted a long statement in self-defence at his trial in London. Hon. Rupert Guinness is in the Dominion on a mission to raise 5,000 men in Canada for the British navy. Germany has presented to Switzerland a demand for an exchange of commodities, which is virtually an ultimatum. Mrs. Vincent Collett, Port Hope, died of shock after receiving news on Friday last of her husband having been killed in action. John Gorman of Richmond Hill was killed on Yonge street by an automobile owned and driven by A. W. Godson of 85 Ontario street, Toronto. Governor-General von Bissing at Brussels has issued an official denial of reports circulated abroad that the German Government intends calling the Belgians for military service. The Minister of Finance conferred with representatives of the Canadian Bankers' Association regarding another large credit to the Imperial Government, possibly of \$50,000,000. "Kitchener" is the new name chosen by the electors of Berlin, Ont. The City Council has still to pass a by-law, which will then require the sanction of the Lieut.-Governor in Council. The Canadian Hospitals Commission has been organized as a branch of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces to secure more strict military control of military hospitals and convalescent homes. Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the German Socialist leader, was sentenced to

thirty months' penal servitude and dismissal from the army for attempted high treason, gross insubordination, and resistance to the authorities.

FRIDAY.

Port Hope's new \$30,000 hospital was formally opened yesterday. Premier Asquith denied that any amnesty had been promised to Irish rebels. Sir Roger Casement was found guilty yesterday of high treason and sentenced to be hanged. It is the only munitions factory in Roumania was reported destroyed yesterday by German and Bulgarian agents. Mrs. Guillot, M. Jobin and his sixteen-year-old son were drowned out of a canoe near Ste. Catherine, Quebec, yesterday. The Ontario Government may appoint a commission to regulate motorists, so numerous are the complaints of careless and reckless driving. The first year's electric operation of the London & Port Stanley Railway shows a satisfactory surplus over fixed charges and operating expenses. The Minister of Finance announces a further credit by Canadian banks of \$25,000,000 for the purchase of war munitions by the Imperial Munitions Board. Committees composed of members of the House of Commons and members of the Associated Chambers of Commerce in Great Britain are to hold a conference with a view to establishing a Ministry of Commerce. One of the bandits who dynamited the Quebec Bank Branch at Ville Marie, Que., and burnt it to the ground, has been taken in a hand-to-hand fight at Sutton Bay, and died last night at New Liskeard Hospital without revealing his identity. Thomas Kelly, contractor for the Manitoba Parliament Buildings, was found guilty of theft of money, property, etc., to the value of about \$1,250,000, of receiving property knowing it to be obtained by false pretences, and of obtaining by false pretences. Sentence was reserved.

SATURDAY.

Lord Kitchener left an estate estimated at about \$850,000. Dougal McNaughtan, a Harwich farmer, hanged himself in a fit of despondency. Edward Meredith, a Mimico Asylum guard, has been dismissed for abuse of an escaped patient. Halifax is now under the operation of the prohibition act passed at the last session of the Legislature. The citizens of Collingwood contributed \$20,000 for patriotic purposes in a two-days' campaign. James Torrance, ex-M.P.P. for North Perth, was sworn in as Collector of Customs at Stratford. Five returned soldiers were injured, one of them seriously, when their car turned turtle on the Kingston road. Captain Hans Tauscher was found not guilty of complicity in the German plot to blow up the Welland Canal. An eighteen-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Hoy, of Grey Township, was drowned in a watering tank in his father's barnyard. Northumberland county branch of the Dominion Alliance decided to divide, organizing separately for East and West Northumberland. Alberta is dry to-day, making the three Prairie Provinces now barless, and only Saskatchewan having liquor stores, operated by the Government. Dr. Thomas W. Vandon, an ex-Mayor of Galt, and prominent in various activities there, was stricken with heart failure while playing golf. He was seventy-three years of age. Captain James Hahn of Stratford, about whose appointment to the Canadian Intelligence Staff headquarters in France there was criticism on account of his nationality, has been decorated by the King at Buckingham Palace with the Military Cross, being twice mentioned in despatches by Sir John French for gallantry.

MONDAY.

Dominion Day was celebrated in England by the King reviewing the Canadian division at Hakeley Common, Surrey. Announcement was made Saturday night that a fleet of British aeroplanes had bombarded the railway station at Lille. West Huntingdon cheese factory was destroyed Friday night by fire of unknown origin. It was a frame building, erected about fifty years ago. The most severe hailstorm in many years passed over Orillia between 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday. Rain fell in torrents, accompanied by a great electrical display. The War Office announced that the necessary passenger traffic between Great Britain and the Continent would be regulated closely and reduced as far as possible. Herbert L. Glover, aged twenty-one, was drowned in the Humber River near Toronto last night. He was a son of William Joseph Glover of Bernice Crescent, Lambton Mills. The morning papers predict that Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for War, will be appointed to succeed the Earl of Selborne as President of the Board of Agriculture. The roof of the boiler house of Kreiner & Co.'s furniture factory in Berlin was discovered ablaze Saturday morning at 2 o'clock, but the speedy arrival of the firemen prevented the fire from spreading to the main building. Greece Again Yields to Allies. ATHENS, July 3.—The National Bank of Greece has authorized an increase in its paper currency of 50,000,000 drachmas, without further gold cover than exists at present. The Government has again yielded to the demands of the Allies, and has agreed that the complete demobilization of the army will be effected by the end of July.

A CITY OF PALACES.

Havana Looks as Though It Had Been Taken Seditiously From Spain.

James Anthony Froude, writing in 1887, said: "Havana is a city of palaces, a city of streets and plazas, of colonnades and towers and churches and monasteries. The Spaniards built as they built in Castile—built with the same material, the white limestone, which they found in the new world. The palaces of the nobles in Havana, the residences of the governor, the convents, the cathedral, are a reproduction of Burgos or Valladolid, as if by some Aladdin's lamp a Castilian city had been taken up and set down unaltered on the shore of the Caribbean sea." "San Cristobal de la Habana," according to Dr. Jose Maria de la Torre, was the last of the seven cities founded in Cuba by the island's conqueror, the Adelantado Diego Velasquez, and it was located originally near the mouth of the Guines, or Mayabeque river, on the south coast across the island from its present site, on St. Christopher's day, July 25, 1515. By special permission of the pope Nov. 16 is celebrated as the city's natal day instead, in order that the festivities may not conflict with those held on the former date in honor of St. James, who shares the 25th with St. Christopher and who is the patron saint of Spain as well as of the island of Cuba. So the village was named St. Christopher and given the surname Habana because Habana was, according to the Spanish rendition of the Indian word, the name by which the aborigines designated all this section of the island. And today Havana is called "the key to the new world." If you have never been in Cuba you have missed something. If you were not there fifteen or twenty years ago you missed having the yellow fever at least. Losing a Situation. In the American Magazine is an article on getting and holding a job by Hugh S. Fullerton, in which he says to men who have been discharged from their positions: "Don't try to tell me, 'Some one had it in for me,' or, 'The boss didn't like me,' or that so-and-so 'had a pull.' If you are an office man it cost the firm from \$200 to \$250 to find out you would not do, and if you are a shop worker it cost about \$60. And it will cost the firm that much more to try out each person until it finds one that fits and can hold the job. No matter whether it likes you or not, no firm or corporation wants to throw away \$60 or \$250 in time and money. 'The firm wanted to hire you and was disappointed because it could not. Every one was 'pulling' for you to 'make good' and was disappointed when you failed. The bosses hoped to find you fit for promotion and were a bit discouraged when they discovered they could not promote you.' Leadership in a Democracy. There was a day when the absolute monarch seemed the ideal of human greatness. The names of such are scattered throughout time. But their age has vanished. The masses below have surged to the surface—they will not be denied. The age before us is the age of the free and aspiring many. In such an age the strong man is the leader of thought. He wins following by the constraint of a powerful mind and a virile character. He appeals to reason and to the higher emotions. He looks far into the future, and his constructive imagination is a lens through which the people may see clearly things as they are and as they are to be. His qualities must be higher than those of a despot. The freely followed leader of a free people is greater far than emperor or king.—Harry Pratt Judson, President of the University of Chicago. Wisdom and Silence. An acquaintance of the late Josh Billings was one day talking with him about the remarkable increase of imitations and substitutes for original articles, as oleomargarine for butter, celluloid for ivory, and so forth. "And," said he, "many of the substitutes go ahead of the real thing. I guess in time there will be a substitute for everything—though I don't know about wisdom." "No," replied the humorist; "up to the present time, at least, there is no really good substitute for wisdom. But silence is the best that has been discovered." Finding Specific Gravity. The specific gravity of oil may be ascertained by taking a glass vessel and weighing it; then weight into it an ounce of water and mark the point where the water reaches; then fill to this mark with oil and weigh it. Express the weight of the oil as a decimal part of an ounce, which will be the specific gravity of the oil. That of grease may be obtained in the same manner, pouring the melted grease into the vessel. Treadmills. Water mills were used in the time of Julius Caesar. In Roman times slaves were condemned to the corn mills, which were propelled by treads. Afterward cattle were used. In the third and fourth centuries there were as many as 300 cattle mills in Rome. Got Excited. "Was her father violent when you asked him for her hand?" "Was he? Great guns! I thought he'd shake my hand off."—Town Topics. Work is the inevitable condition of human life, the true source of human welfare.—Tolstoy.

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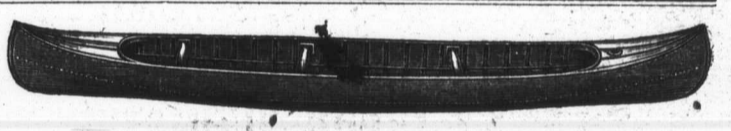
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