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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.

Italians make much progress in their latest offensive.

Mrs. William Hill of Toronto died in her 99th year, leaving 89 living descendants.

Russian haul in Galicia now totals 175,000 men and vast quantities of guns, munitions, and stores.

The latest developments in Mexico point to the fact that war with the United States is inevitable.

Colonel Herbert J. Bowman, County Clerk and Treasurer of Waterloo, died in Berlin in his 52nd year.

George Patterson, a well-known farmer and stock raiser of North Oxford, died after a brief illness at the age of 71.

Berlin City Council refused Waterloo's proposal to consider amalgamation with Waterloo as the name of the united municipalities.

Rev. H. H. Allen, for five years pastor of Aurora Presbyterian Church, who enlisted as a private in the 81st Battalion, died in hospital at Shorncliffe.

The trial of Thomas Kelly, contractor, on charges of theft, perjury, and false pretences in connection with the Manitoba Parliament Buildings, is going on without defence counsel.

A German air squadron dropped numerous projectiles on a village south of Verdun where a camp of German prisoners was located. Several of these prisoners were killed or wounded.

Rev. Charles E. Stafford, Fred Hunt, and Mrs. Leonard Scott of Elora were seriously injured in a C. P. R. train accident, and Mrs. John Muir of Fergus and her young son were also hurt.

The Allan liner Scandinavian brought to Quebec fifty returned officers and men of the Canadian forces, three officers and eleven men of the 1st Newfoundland Battalion, and about a hundred men from the navy.

WEDNESDAY.

After 110 days fighting the Verdun battle has subsided.

Mexico and the United States are nearing the brink of war.

Hon. Dr. Beland was freed from Germany and allowed to enter Holland on the 24th May.

The Militia Department confirms the report that Major-General M. S. Mercer of Toronto was killed in action.

Rev. C. E. Stafford, retired Methodist minister, of Elora, died as a result of injuries received in a train accident on Monday.

Premier Scott of Saskatchewan has returned from the south improved in health, and passed through Toronto yesterday on his way home.

Major-General Sir Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, was cross-examined before the Davidson Commission regarding the sale of small arms ammunition.

Some two hundred and fifty members of the Toronto Board of Trade visited the Ontario Prison Farm and the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph.

Israel Schafer, a Montreal ticket agent, a naturalized Austrian, was found guilty of treason in supplying Austrians with railway and steamship tickets to Bulgaria.

The King of England, the first to learn of the victories, has telegraphed the Czar congratulations couched in exceptionally warm and cordial terms, says Petrograd bulletin.

The Nova Scotia provincial elections yesterday resulted in the Murray Government being sustained, the parties standing 30 Liberals to 13 Conservatives.

Lady Dorothy Walpole, who is going to marry Captain Arthur Mills is having her wedding ring made, not of gold, but of lead from a piece of shrapnel which struck Mills' foot, permanently laming him.

THURSDAY.

The Allies continued their advance in German East Africa.

Five Swedish steamers were reported seized by the British.

Lieut. Immelman, the daring German aviator, was reported killed.

The British Chancellor announced a reduction in the duty on coffee and cocoa.

The British Commons approved the scheme to erect a national memorial to Lord Kitchener.

The Resources Organization Committee of Ontario will form branches throughout the Province.

ed when a Michigan Central train struck their rig on a level crossing at Hagersville; the horse was killed.

Berlin City Council yesterday selected six names from which the electors are to choose one for the city. The names are Brock, Kitchener, Corona, Adanae, Kevvanna, and Benton.

FRIDAY.

The Germans were routed by the Belgians in East Africa.

Richard Byers died at Hamilton from the kick of a horse he was cleaning.

A German submarine carried a message from the Kaiser to the King of Spain.

Greece, under pressure, agreed to the proposals made by the Entente Allies.

The British Government increased the tax on incomes from foreign investments.

Mabel Clark, 398 King street west, Toronto, aged two years, was killed by a runaway horse.

Lieut.-Col. Levesconte of the 166th Battalion sustained a broken ankle when his horse shied yesterday.

John A. Makins, Reeve of North Easthope, was nominated for the Legislature by North Perth Conservatives.

Phillip Taylor of Peterboro, seventeen years of age, collided violently with another player in a Church League baseball game, and died of internal injuries.

Twenty freight-handlers and car-checkers on the G. T. R. at Windsor struck for higher pay, and in three hours the company granted their demand of an increase from \$1.80 to \$2.20 a day.

A County Board of Agriculture was formed by Lambton County Farmers' Clubs, Corn and Fruit Growers' Associations, Live Stock Breeders' Association, Women's Institutes, and other agricultural organizations.

The Hydro-electric Power Commission threatens to cancel the license of the Canadian Niagara Power Company to export power unless that company agrees to sell to the Hydro on reasonable terms.

Mr. MacNamara in the British Commons yesterday, referring to the naval battle of the Skager Rack, declared that in view of later information the Admiralty had no reason to revise or modify its official estimate of German losses.

SATURDAY.

The Italians made more progress in the Arsa Valley.

Of the civil service in Canada, inside and out, 3,424 men have enlisted.

W. S. Middlebro, M.P., was nominated for the Commons by North Grey Conservatives.

Returned soldiers took steps in Toronto yesterday to form a Dominion-wide association.

Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., M.P.P., Liberal leader in Ontario, is leaving shortly for England.

A London paper said that people in Frankfurt, Germany, were getting American lard.

F. Wellington Hay, of Listowel, was nominated by North Perth Liberals for the Legislature.

Gerald Flynn, of Kingston, died as a result of the explosion at Nobel, being the sixth victim.

Colin Gregor O'Brian, K.C., L'Original, has been appointed Junior County Judge of Prescott and Russell.

King George has given his sanction for the Duke of Connaught to return to England next October.

C. C. James, Dominion Commissioner of Agriculture, dropped dead on a Niagara-on-the-Lake care at St. Catharines. He was 53 years of age.

Fred Denis, of Hull, a French-Canadian, and his six sons, five of them married, have all joined one of the new battalions.

Mrs. Martha Crosby, aged sixty, was burned to death in a fire that destroyed the home of her brother-in-law, W. Hurst, at Harrow.

Von Batocki, chief of the German Food Regulation Board, admitted that the German potato situation has grown more serious.

Austrian aeroplanes dropped bombs on Venice yesterday morning, killing six persons. The material damage was insignificant.

Malcolm McPherson, eighty-four years of age, a farmer at Unionville, P.E.I., was sentenced yesterday to be hanged on the 7th of September for the murder of his wife.

MONDAY.

Mrs. James Cowan, the oldest pioneer of Minto township, died in her 84th year.

A successful operation for an ulcerated tooth was performed on Hon. T. W. McGarry.

A number of non-commissioned officers and men of the Canadian forces returned to Quebec.

The British steamer Brussels was captured by the Germans and taken into Zebrugge.

THE PILOT SNAKE.

He is a Bold Burglar, and Birds Are His Chief Victims.

Maybe you've been in the woods some day and heard a squawking and fluttering in a tree over your head. You look and see a pair of frightened birds darting this way and that about their nest on a limb. You look closer, and you see a long, black snake creeping along the limb to the nest. In a minute he will have devoured the young birds or eggs in the nest and then stretch out on the limb for his afternoon nap. The name of this robber is the pilot snake.

He's one of the boldest burglars among our snakes, and birds are his principal victims. He can climb trees, clamber over bushes and race over the ground with equal speed. He grows to be from four to six feet long, and in the woods he looks terrible, but he isn't.

He's entirely nonvenomous, and he doesn't "charm" birds, as many people believe. It may be that a bird will become so frightened at seeing one of these reptiles attacking her nest that she will become virtually helpless. But as for charm, that's all a myth. The pilot snake doesn't need to charm his prey. He's too good a climber.

Often the pilot snake is mistaken for the blacksnake. The latter has a white throat and its bluish rather than black. The young pilot snake has white spots. In addition to birds and eggs, it eats insects and even small animals. It will climb a tree and crawl into a squirrels' nest to devour the young squirrels.—Our Dumb Animal.

WEIGHT AND LONG LIFE.

Don't Get Too Heavy After You Pass the Age of Thirty.

Recent investigations show that the longest life and best health are not to be found among those of average build at any particular age. On the contrary, it is discovered that in those at the younger age who are slightly over weight and at the older ages among those who are distinctly under weight the longest life and best health will be found.

Overweight above thirty odd years is a definite disadvantage to health. It means staleness, lack of elasticity, clogged up tissues and lack of the power of adaptability to invading germs.

Men from twenty to twenty-four can be accepted as healthy and for a long life fifty to sixty pounds above normal. Less excess weight is permissible between twenty-five and fifty and increasingly less as you go up. There are one-third more deaths among men between sixty-five and eighty who are fifty pounds to sixty pounds fatter than they should be for a given height.

At the ages of thirty-four to forty-five pounds heavier weight than a man should be doubles his risk of death. For any one above thirty-five who is thirty pounds too obese life insurance companies hereafter will consider poor risks or raise their insurance rates.—London Ideas.

Managing a Child.

"Often a child in the home is regarded as rebellious," says a writer in the Woman's Home Companion, "when it is merely trying to adjust its reason to the demands made by the parent. It argues, objects, finds fault and is difficult to manage, and parents do not understand that the difficulty lies in the fact that the child has an unusually well developed reasoning faculty and probably a vigorous body as well. Such a child needs training, not punishment."

Reverse English.

"I suppose," said the inquisitive visitor, "you don't greatly mind when you are punished."

"You got it wrong," replied young Thomas. "I'm greatly punished when I don't mind."

The Pony Express.

San Francisco's first regular overland mail communication with the east was established by pony express in 1860, the charge for postage being \$5 for half an ounce.

His Weak Reason.

"You sentimental boy, why do you have my picture in your watch case?"

"Because I thought you might learn to love me in time."

WAR NEWS

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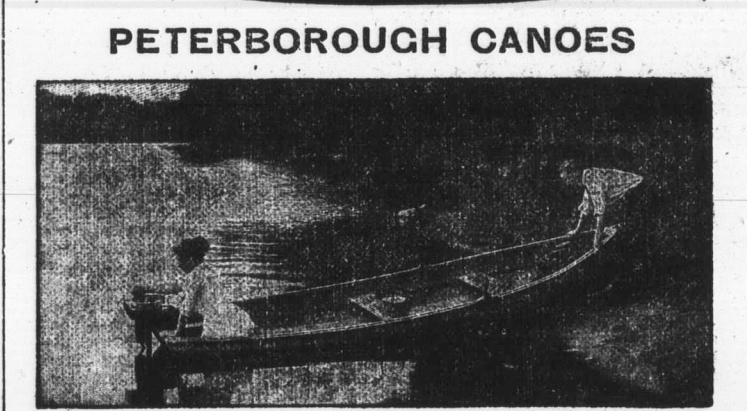
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