

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 Hours' Enjoyment.

TUESDAY.

Robert P. Leeder, a pioneer settler and railway employe, aged 80, died quite suddenly at Palmerston.
Marquis de Segur, the historian, and member of the French Academy, died yesterday. He was elected to the Academy in 1907.
Mrs. Isabella Jones, wife of John R. Jones, of Toronto, was instantly killed by a London and Lake Erie car near London yesterday.
Hon. Valentine Winkler, Minister of Agriculture in Manitoba, says that Manitoba's wheat crop will be smaller than the lowest estimates made early in the season.
The Treasury has given notice that the capital and interest of any treasury bills and war expenditure certificates issued henceforth will be free from the British income tax.
A report is current in Athens that a Turkish personage sojourning at Geneva is authorized to negotiate a separate peace provided that Turkey is to retain possession of Constantinople and the Dardanelles.
The Daily Telegraph to-day says that the opinion is freely expressed in the London wheat market that the rise in wheat prices was the result of a conspiracy on the part of German-Americans in Chicago.
After a four-days' search for Chas. T. Wright, a rafterman, who was supposed to have wandered off the tug Ruth while in a drunken stupor, his body was discovered in about nine feet of water at Silver Islet, near Port Arthur.

WEDNESDAY.

Bread has gone up in Brantford to seven cents a loaf retail.
The total cost of the war to France up to August 1 was 39,000,000,000 francs.
James Alcroft, aged 6, of 36 Poucher street, Toronto, was fatally injured by a train yesterday.
The Italian Dreadnought Leonardo da Vinci was blown up, following a fire, and 300 were drowned.
The name of "Kaiser" in Saskatchewan has been changed by the Post-Office Department to "Peebles."
The Topoka, a small coal boat, was rammed and sunk in the Detroit River, off Sandwich, by the Christopher. Her crew were saved.
Hon. Edward S. Montagu said yesterday that Great Britain would soon be independent of the United States in the matter of all munitions.
Persons sending parcels to prisoners of war in Germany are notified not to wrap them in linen, calico, canvas, or other textile materials.
Mrs. Daisy Bastable, 135 Highfield road, Toronto, was fatally injured by an automobile in High Park and two children who were with her were injured.
Increased taxes on the nickel industry to be retroactive were foreshadowed by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Minister of Mines, at a South-West Toronto election meeting.
The fall of the Persian Ministry was announced yesterday. Former Foreign Minister Wossough-El-Daulah has been ordered to organize a new Ministry.
Theophile Dorion, a former employe of the Department of External Affairs, was committed for trial at Montreal on a charge of offering secret information to an Austrian firm in that city.

THURSDAY.

The mother of Hussein Kemal, Sultan of Egypt, died at Alexandria Tuesday.
Two thousand five hundred tons of Canadian Club whiskey from Walkerville, Ont., is being shipped to England.
Count de Salis has been appointed to succeed Sir Henry Howard as British Minister on special mission to the Pope.
The barn on Ezra Weber's farm, near Conestogo, about nine miles north of Berlin, was totally destroyed by fire with contents.
Eleven surgeons and eleven nurses, comprising another detachment of the Harvard surgical unit, left yesterday for England.
One man is known to have been drowned and four others of a party who left Gimli, on Lake Winnipeg, last Thursday, are believed to have met a like fate.
An encounter between English and German warships off the Belgian port of Zeebrugge, where the Germans have established a naval base, is reported by The Daily Telegraph.
Persons other than British subjects and who desire to go to India to undertake missionary or educational work must in the future obtain permission from the Indian authorities.
An agreement has been reached between Great Britain and Australia, under which Great Britain contracts to purchase 100,000 tons of zinc concentrates and 45,000 tons of spelter annually from Australia during the period of the war, and for ten years afterward.

FRIDAY.

Retail prices of gasoline in Pittsburgh have been cut two cents per gallon within the last four days.
Algernon Bertram Freeman-Mitford, first Baron Redesdale, of Redesdale, died in London Wednesday.
The French wine output of 1916 is estimated by the Montieur Veticole as 900,000,000 gallons, or double that of 1915.
Premier Asquith announced yesterday that Parliament would adjourn on Tuesday or Wednesday next until October 10.
M. Letendre, of Rimouski, a junior clerk at the Montreal Bank in Quebec, was drowned Wednesday evening while bathing in the St. Lawrence at Lapzon.
The Roumanian state railroads

have contracted with the German steel works union for from 25,000 to 30,000 tons of rails.
Dr. Steinhil, rabbi of Charlottenburg, Germany, has been awarded the Iron Cross. He is the first Jewish priest to be decorated during the war.
Another Austrian air raid on Venice is reported in the official statement issued by the War Office last night. Only slight damage was done, and there were no casualties.
"The British steamer Whitgift, previously reported missing, is now understood to have been torpedoed and sunk April 20," says Lloyd's. "The sole survivor was a Japanese."

SATURDAY.

Germany has withdrawn the threat to hold up shipments of coal and iron to Switzerland.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier is unable to make definite engagements for several weeks, being in the care of his dentist.
In recognition of his sinking one hundred vessels of the Entente allies, Walter Forstmann, commander of a German submarine, has been given the order of Pour le Merite.
J. F. Hodgans, a guard at the Ontario Reformatory, is lying at the Guelph General Hospital in a generally battered condition as the result of being hit by an auto.
Donald McDonald, district passenger agent of the Canadian Government railways, died at Montreal last evening after an illness of three months, from heart trouble.
It is expected that between Sept. 14 and 16 the great centre span of the Quebec bridge will be floated into position. This will pave the way for the opening of the structure early next year.
The eighteen-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reinhardt, of the fourth concession of Howard, near Ridgeway, was kicked in the head and killed yesterday morning by a horse.
Germany and Austria have reached an agreement providing for the recognition of autonomy of Poland. The despatches add that an announcement to this effect has been made in Warsaw.
According to the elaborate calculations of Colonel Gablonsky, the Russian military critics, the Austrian losses in June and July reached the enormous total of 830,000 men. Of this number he figures 400,000 were casualties.

MONDAY.

The premises of the Berlin Socialist Clubs were raided on Saturday.
About two hundred farm laborers went west to-day from Owen Sound and vicinity.
A large area of new land will be cleared on the Provincial Government farm at Monteth this summer.
Premier Hearst of Ontario and Hon. Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education, arrived at Falmouth, Eng., on the Neordam Saturday.
Professor Thos. Gregor Brodie, of Toronto University, died in London, Eng., suddenly Saturday night. Mr. Brodie was professor of physiology.
Conclusion of the evidence in the trial of the ex-Ministers will probably be reached this week, depending, however, upon the number the defence will offer.
Word was received in Cobalt yesterday afternoon of a drowning accident at Iroquois Falls in which a young French-Canadian of Montreal, named Henri Falisee was the victim.
Recent subscriptions to the Northern Ontario Fire Relief Committee's funds, bring the total received to date, up to \$248,261. Of this, \$236,188 was previously acknowledged.
The barns of Richard Findlay, farmer of Southwold Township, two miles west of St. Thomas, were struck by lightning Saturday and totally destroyed by fire with contents. The loss is about \$6,000, covered by insurance.

Visitor From Brazil.

OTTAWA, Aug. 21.—Senor Lauro Muller, Provisional Minister of Foreign Affairs and representative of the Brazilian Government at Washington, is visiting in Ottawa. He will pay a visit to members of the Canadian Government, and a programme of entertainment has been mapped out for him which includes a lunch by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and a dinner at which the Government will play host.
While Senor Muller's visit is said to be social in character it is not unlikely that matters affecting trade between Canada and Brazil will be discussed.

Chinaman Drowned.

TORONTO, Aug. 21.—The waters of Lake Ontario claimed another victim Sunday evening, when Tong Duck Lem, a young Chinese laundryman, was drowned while bathing off the island, opposite the filtration plant. Although the body was recovered within eight minutes by a canoeist, who leaped from his craft into the water to rescue the man, it was impossible to revive him, and after working over the body for more than an hour the remains were removed to the City Morgue, where an inquest will be held.

Woodstock Ice Famine.

WOODSTOCK, Aug. 21.—This city faces an ice famine. There is only another month's supply in the local ice houses. The ice crop last winter was as large as usual, but there was a large wastage through the building caving in when struck by lightning a short while ago. Mr. McIntosh, the proprietor of the ice business here, says there is very poor prospects of securing ice from outside points as the extremely hot spell has caused such a heavy demand on all the dealers.

Bodies Recovered.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 21.—The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peterson, of the party of five who were drowned in Lake Winnipeg, while on a berry-picking trip from Gimli to Elk Island, have been washed ashore and laid to rest. Herbert Bristow's body was found by a search party on Wednesday. Alfred Bristow and Mrs. D. Einerson were the others of the party.

MUSIC IN THE BALKANS.

A Player Who Startled His Hearers and Unnerved Himself.

People will tell you in the Balkans that a gypsy camp is to be avoided, yet I used to halt them with pleasure. They added to the wildness and savagery of the nature about us. One day several miles from Uskup our horses raised their heads and listened to something we could not hear. At first we thought they were smelling human blood, but we came to the conclusion that something different caused their interest since no tremors of fear were passing through them. Relining them in, we listened, but hearing nothing, started to ride on. After awhile a sound like a faint moaning of a torment came to us. The effect on our horses was very peculiar. They seemed to have forgotten their fatigue and were sidling along in a way that made me nervous.
Finally we made out that it was weird strains of music that reached us. "We are nearing a gypsy camp," my brother said, with relief. "Some one is playing with more fire than usual."
Within sight of the camp the music came to us in its full beauty or its full horror, I do not know which. Since then I have heard many great masters play, but such music as that I have never heard. It was heavenly; it was hellish. Our horses were as much affected as we. They pranced as if they were steeds of great mettle instead of poor, scrawny Balkan ponies. As for me, I began to dream of things unheard, unknown, only dreamable.
Sitting on a wagon, a youth was hanging over his violin, playing—playing like mad. Presently, without interrupting his music, he sprang from the wagon and paced back and forth, still playing torrentially. We sat fascinated both by the player and his playing, trying all the time to quiet our horses.
At last the music seemed spent. The boy let his violin fall to the ground, where he, too, threw himself, and the music was succeeded by heart breaking sobbing. His weeping, like his music, was as torrential as a storm. Like it, it ceased when it had reached its climax.

THIS WASP HATES SPIDERS.

He Kills and Buries Them and Lays an Egg in Each Grave.

Just to show that he's sanitary, also that he's looking out for the future generation, the South African wasp always buries his prey after he kills it. He stabs a spider with his poisonous dart, digs a hole in the sand and buries the dead spider with an egg.
When the egg hatches the young wasp has a dead spider to nibble at until he gets big enough to hunt food for himself. Thus the wasp looks out for his children before they're hatched. He's a member of the family which scientists have named the pompilus.
Spiders are his favorite victims. He will pursue the spiders which live on the ground and paralyze them with his poisonous sting. Even the spiders which build webs are not safe from his attack. He will fight his way through the web until he reaches the center, where he will grab the spider and hurry away to bury it.
The pompilus is so dreaded and feared that the spider has learned to distinguish him by the hum of his wings. If it's a fly buzzing around the spider waits in his web until he has caught his prey. But if he hears the hum of the wasp's wings the spider will drop from his web and scot away to any hiding place he can find.

Pure Logic.

Bad men cannot exist without good men. Goodness and badness being relative terms, if there were no good men there could not possibly be any one with whom to compare the bad men. Consequently the bad men would be to all intents and purposes nonexistent. Or, in other words, if all men were bad there would be no good men to look down upon them, and as they would not look down upon themselves and consider themselves bad they would be, for all practical and logical purposes, good.

Sarcastic.

In a New Zealand town one of the municipal candidates, a Scotsman, had received a present of a huge Scottish thistle, which at the moment happened to be lying on the table of his committee room.
A friend entering withdrew suddenly, with the remark: "I beg your pardon. I did not know that you were at luncheon."—London Tit-Bits.

The Judge's White Gloves.

In the olden days judges were forbidden to wear gloves on the bench for fear of bribes being dropped into them. If there were no cases to be tried, however, there was no opportunity for bribing, and the sheriffs might give the judge a pair of gloves; hence the custom of presenting a judge with a pair of white gloves when he has no cases to try at an assizes.

His Remarks.

"Mr. Jiggs never opened his mouth while his wife was entertaining her guests the other night."
"Oh, yes, he did—several times!"
"What did he say?"
"Nothing. He yawned."

Not So Deep.

"His book is said to be rather deep."
"Can't be very deep. That little bit of a girl over yonder told me she managed to wade through it."—Kansas City Journal.

Junior Matriculation Results

The following students of the Athens High School have been successful in whole or in part of the pass junior matriculation examinations.

In group I, pupils were successful in the twelve subjects.
In group III, pupils have not obtained their full matriculation. They will be required to write again on the subjects in which they failed.

GROUP I.

- M. E. Dwyre
- B. H. Johnston
- H. M. Murphy
- B. Willis
- T. N. Willis
- F. Willson

GROUP III.

- N. E. Barlow
- G. E. Brown
- M. L. Carl
- O. L. Dunham
- E. M. Jones
- B. Maudo
- L. McConnell
- O. B. Russell
- L. M. Whitmore
- J. Carty

Dates of the Autumn Fairs

A bulletin of the Ontario Department of Agriculture gives details of the dates of various fall fairs which will be in this vicinity, including the following:

- Alexandria—Sept. 12 and 13.
- Almonte—Sept. 19-21.
- Arnprior—Sept. 6-8.
- Avonmore—Sept. 20.
- Beachburg—Oct. 4-6.
- Belleville—Sept. 14-15.
- Brockville—Sept. 4-6.
- Carp—Oct. 4-5.
- Casselman—Sept. 6.
- Cobden—Sept. 26-27.
- Cornwall—Sept. 7-9.
- Delta—Sept. 18-20.
- Frankville—Sept. 28-29.
- Kemptville—Sept. 23-24.
- Kingston—Sept. 26-28.
- Lanark—Sept. 7-8.
- Lansdowne—Sept. 21-22.
- Lombardy—Sept. 9.
- Materly—Sept. 26-27.
- Merrickville—Sept. 14-15.
- Metcalfe—Sept. 19-20.
- Midville—Oct. 6.
- Napanee—Sept. 12-13.
- Ottawa—Sept. 8-16.
- Pakenham—Sept. 25-26.
- Perth—Sept. 1, 2, 3.
- Prescott—Sept. 5-6.
- Reefrow—Sept. 20-22.
- Spencerville—Sept. 26-27.
- Williamstown—Sept. 21-22.
- Wolfe Island—Sept. 19-20.

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