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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.

WEDNESDAY.

Convocation exercises were held at Knox College, Toronto.

Hydro rates are to be reduced in fifty municipalities.

The forces commanded by Gen. Pettura are said to be menacing Kiev.

The cut in Hydro power rates will save London consumers \$20,000 a year.

Demonstrations have occurred in Munich against the new Soviet Government.

The Diamond Sculls will not be contested at the interim regatta at Royal Henley this year.

Hon. Dr. Cody told the Legislature his plans for the reform of the educational system of Ontario.

Federal Ministers have intimated that they realize that the Hudson Bay Railway must be completed.

The Canadian Pacific Ocean services will resume in May a service of freight steamers to Antwerp.

Galt is to plant a memorial avenue and memorial trees elsewhere throughout the city on Arbor Day.

President Wilson has sent a second message, ordering the despatch of the steamer George Washington to take him home.

Mrs. A. Hamilton Gault has obtained in a French court a divorce from Lt.-Col. A. Hamilton Gault, organizer of the P.P.C.L.I.

The Walker-Malone Sunday baseball bill has passed both branches of the New York State Assembly and awaits the signature of the governor.

The Orange Order in Hamilton has decided to allow no more public dances in the Orange Hall, on the ground that the order is a religious institution.

The mayor and an ex-alderman of Kitchener have been served with summons for contempt of court in alleged failure to carry out an order to abate a nuisance.

THURSDAY.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Hazlewood, of Toronto, died suddenly.

Impressive funeral service were held in Toronto for Rev. Dr. Law.

The royal commission investigating license matters began its sessions.

Frankie Bull last night knocked out Fred Crompton in their bout at Kingston.

The steamship Megantic arrived at Halifax bringing 2,000 returning Canadian troops.

The Bavarian Peasants' Union has published a manifesto against the Soviet Government.

No official visit to the United States of any portion of the British fleet is contemplated at present.

Transfers of ministers to other conferences were arranged by the committee of the Methodist Church.

Seventy-eight Canadian officers and men of the Siberian Force have arrived at Vancouver, invalided home.

Heads of civic departments in Winnipeg have practically all received increases in salary, ranging from 2 to 16 per cent.

The British Columbia Electric Railway Co. has put \$50,000 at the disposal of its employees to help them build or acquire homes.

Angus Fraser and his wife of Woodstock, aged respectively 79 and 67, died within twelve hours of each other from pneumonia.

The British House of Commons decided that Britain wanted no negotiations with Lenin and Bolshevism, and wired Premier Lloyd George its decision.

The preliminary peace treaty will require Germany to make an immediate indemnity payment on account of 25,000,000,000 francs in cash and raw material.

Milk producers of Ingersoll and Putnam districts oppose delivery of milk on Sundays, claiming Sabbath privileges and that the war-time conditions have ceased.

A deadlock seems to have occurred in the Quebec Police Court proceedings in the case of two men accused of conspiring to defraud in the matter of military exemptions.

FRIDAY.

The Toronto employees of the Canadian Express Co. went on strike last night.

Hon. Dr. Cody's new school bill roused an animated debate in the Legislature.

The Allied armies that evacuated Odessa were outnumbered by six or seven to one.

A farmer in Hamilton township reports having sown a field of spring wheat on Monday.

Arrangements are being made for the removal of the body of Edith Cavell to Britain.

Maj.-Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice declared that a renewal of the war was an impossibility.

James Giovannozzo was named by a coroner's jury at Guelph as the murderer of Alex. Dutki.

Canadian Express Co. employees went on a general strike throughout the country at 6 P.M. yesterday.

Governor Herkimer of Thore Island yesterday signed the bill legalizing Sunday ball in that state.

By the end of the present fiscal year Canada's war bill will have amounted to one and a half billion dollars.

Toronto Masonic lodges entertained 4,000 returned soldiers and their friends at a banquet in the Armories last night.

A tornado did extensive damage about midnight Wednesday at Fargo and Ridgetown and in the surrounding district.

Provision has been made in the settlement of the Saar problem that the League of Nations will exercise supervision in the district for fifteen years.

Dr. George Wetherell, of Burlington, was found criminally responsible by a coroner's jury at Burlington for the death of Miss Teresa Kew as the result of a criminal operation in Burlington on March 23.

The Independent Labor party of

London has read out of the party Aid. John Colbert, the only Labor candidate elected at the last municipal election, for seconding a motion allowing increased fares on the street railway.

SATURDAY.

Premier Hearst introduced the O. T. A. measure in the Legislature.

A number of officers of Gen. Mackensen's army have joined the Soviet forces in Hungary.

Federal legislation on prohibition will likely be brought down in the House shortly after Easter.

President Ebert is of the opinion that Germany will have to sign any treaty that the Allies present.

A company is to be organized in Winnipeg to furnish aerial transportation, starting with four planes.

The grave-diggers in Stettin, Germany, have gone on strike, and as a consequence many bodies remain unburied.

The Lapland debarked more than 1,900 returned soldiers at Halifax, including 45 nursing sister and about 50 other officers.

Volunteers in Canada enlisted for military service to the 15th November last totalled 465,494, and draftees under the Military Service Act to the same date 83,355.

Fears are expressed that the advance of the Bolsheviki in Southern Russia may force the Allies to evacuate Sebastopol on the Black Sea at southern end of Crimea.

The Railway Board finds that daylight saving is a matter for Parliament. The board, having no jurisdiction, cannot pass upon the merits of the issue one way or the other.

For a flagrant crime against a young girl Wm. Woods was sentenced at the Sault Ste. Marie assizes to thirteen years in the penitentiary, and his two sons to six and four years.

The special Commons' committee on the Consolidated Railway Act approved of a new clause enlarging the powers of the Railway Commission as to control of rates when affected by special conditions.

MONDAY.

The Legislature is expected to progress on Thursday.

A new degree has been created by the University of Toronto.

Fifteen hundred soldiers and their dependents arrived over the weekend.

Premier Lloyd George is expected to return to London during the present week.

James Crowther, of Toronto, was killed by clay falling on him at the Sun Brick Works.

Five battalions of "Original Firsts" are expected on the Carmania at Halifax this week.

Preparations are going forward in Versailles for the reception of the German delegates.

The Stratford Brass Co. has shortened the working day to nine hours, with ten hours' pay.

According to a Constantinople despatch British troops have occupied Trebisond, in Asiatic Turkey.

New Brunswick's referendum will place other questions before the people than the broad "wet or dry."

Brig.-Gen. A. H. Bell has been appointed commander of the Joint Canadian camps of Willey and Bramshot.

The British crew for the inter-allied military regatta on the Seine at Paris has withdrawn. Canada did not enter.

Ontario realized a high price for a \$3,000,000 issue of bonds, the money costing the province only a fraction over 5 per cent.

The Brantford Commercial Travelers' Club made a house to house canvass yesterday to obtain \$3,000 for the Children's Shelter work.

John Palmerston Robertson, for 30 years secretary of the Manitoba Curling Association, and Provincial Librarian for many years, died in Los Angeles, aged 78.

Saskatoon G.W.V.A. branch decided to ask the Government to abandon the scheme of land settlement and pay instead a settled amount to the returned men.

Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader in the United States, has been notified of the Supreme Court's decision that he must serve his sentence of ten years in prison for breach of the espionage act.

TUESDAY.

Premier Lloyd George returned to London from Paris yesterday.

Peter Wright delivered a farewell address in Massey Hall, Toronto.

Liquor advertisements are prohibited by amendments to the O. T. A.

The Communists of Bavaria are still fighting for possession of Munich.

Hamilton City Council voted 13 to 8 against adopting daylight saving for the city.

Mr. Fred E. Pardee virtually announced his intention to return to the Liberal party.

Gen. Griesbach, commander of the First Brigade, addressed the Canadian Club at Toronto.

Sergt. Tommy Holmes, V.C., was given an enthusiastic reception in his home town of Owen Sound.

Eddie Shevlin of the U. S. navy defeated Fred Newberry on points in ten rounds in London, Eng.

The State Council of Switzerland has selected a magnificent site for the buildings which will be the capital of the League of Nations.

The financial statement of the Steel Co. of Canada shows that 15.7 per cent. is available for dividend payment on the common stock of the company, as compared with 10.5 a year ago.

Net profits of the General Motors Corporation, after providing for 6 per cent. on preferred stock and debentures, amounted to \$12,905,063, which is equal to \$7.75 per cent. on outstanding common stock.

Rioting occurred at Lahore, India, and there have been slight uprisings at Allahabad and Amritsar, where telegraph offices had been burnt and other places destroyed. Some loss of life occurred, including a number of Europeans.

The vote of the miners on the report of the Sankey Commission regarding improved conditions of labor, as adopted by the Government, has been completed and shows a very large majority in favor of acceptance. The final vote stood: For acceptance, 499,000; against, 69,490.

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