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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.

About 400 wounded Canadians left England for this country. The Italians captured a strong Austrian position in the Trentino. Seven men of Stefansson's Arctic expedition arrived at Seattle on their way to Ottawa. L. L. McFaul, for 28 years principal of Seaford Public school, died at the age of 79. Wm. Tryon of Tamworth, a farmer, died of blood-poisoning from a fish-fin piercing his finger. Longshoremen at Buffalo threaten to strike unless non-union labor is done away with at upper lake ports. Chairman Flavell of the Ontario License Board warns liquor license-holders that last-minute lawbreakers before prohibition will be severely punished. A Reuter despatch from Athens says a Ministerial crisis is imminent. Premier Zalmis, the despatch adds, is believed to have tendered his resignation. The British steamer Lexie is reported sunk, says a Lloyd's Shipping Agency announcement yesterday afternoon. The Lexie was a steamer of 3,778 tons gross, built in 1911, and owned in London. The British Government, according to The Daily News, is preparing a huge scheme of national reorganization after the war. The premises of the National Liberal Club is being used for the purpose. Major-General Logie has issued an order, after consultation with Rev. W. M. Rochester, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, permitting the sale on Sunday until 9 a.m. in the canteens of papers delivered in the camp Saturday evening.

WEDNESDAY.

Russian forces scored new successes in the Carpathian campaign. The Italian troops make important progress on the Trentino front. His Majesty King George cabled a message of concern on the Quebec Bridge disaster. Two daily papers in Brantford have raised their subscription price from \$3 to \$4. The United States has charged Great Britain with violating her neutrality in the Philippines. The Anglican Synod of the Province of Ontario opened its third annual session at Hamilton. Vendors' licenses were granted by the Ontario License Board to Toronto, Hamilton, and London men. The writ issued against the Hydro and the Attorney-General by the Electrical Development Company was set aside. The largest application yet to the Dominion war loan is by the Mackey Companies of New York, for \$2,000,000 of bonds. The Rocky Mountain Sanitarium, near Frank, B.C., has been acquired at a nominal rental by the Military Hospitals Commission. Lieut. Poiner, a young Danish military aviator, according to a Copenhagen despatch, is planning to cross the Atlantic in an aeroplane of 350 horse-power. Two men were killed by the explosion of some mines they were laying in the lake off Toronto, for the purpose of getting moving pictures to aid recruiting. The Ontario Federation of Liberal Clubs is to meet at London on October 11, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., and Premier T. C. Norris of Manitoba are to speak. Hon. George P. Graham, at the organization meeting of Liberals for the new federal constituency of North Grey, held at Meaford, stated that an election would be held within a year. The giant French liner Paris was launched at St. Nazaire yesterday. The liner is destined for New York service. She displaces 37,000 tons and is 233 metres long and 29 metres beam. Her horsepower is 45,000, and she can carry 3,000 passengers.

THURSDAY.

"Hurry On" won the St. Leger Stake of £6,500. The mas Nelson Page, U.S.A. Ambassador, is visiting the Italian front. Fourteen hundred strike-breakers are to man the New York surface cars. Construction of a new central span for the Quebec Bridge will be begun at once.

General Korniloff, a Russian who was captured in April, 1915, has reached Kieff after escaping from Austria. Stratford Y. M. C. A. offers a month's membership free to every local returned soldier. Premier Hearst and Hon. Dr. Pyne left London, Eng., yesterday to visit the fleet, returning in time for the Agent-General's luncheon. James Hood, of Woodstock, passed away at his home last night. He was seventy years old and had been a resident of Woodstock for 29 years. The Provincial Anglican Synod of Ontario endorsed the revised Book of Common Prayer, except the form of recitation of the Athanasian Creed. Pe. Loll Kingsbury, from Campbellville, of the 164th Battalion, was fatally injured when he jumped off a train as it was arriving at Camp Borden. Mrs. H. L. Milligan, wife of Lieut.-Colonel Milligan, in command of the 18th Battalion at the front, died at Victoria Hospital, London, Ont., following an operation. Arthur Stirling, the twenty-year-old son of Wm. Stirling, manager of the County House of Refuge here, was drowned yesterday afternoon in the St. Lawrence. The Wellington Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Guelph received through a priest in Buffalo a parcel containing \$1,530, restitution made by a man who confessed to him; the affair remains a mystery.

FRIDAY.

Serious food riots have occurred in Hamburg. Sir Sam Hughes is visiting Scotland and Ireland. The University of Toronto is facing a deficit of \$130,000. Austrian aviators dropped explosive bombs on a Venice church. Five tons of high explosives were dropped by Italian airmen on a railway establishment and the shipyards near Trieste. The colors of the 139th Battalion were solemnly deposited by the officers in St. Peter's Anglican Church at Cobourg. Rev. Thos. G. Smith, who served thirty-two years in the Methodist ministry, died at Listowel, in the fifty-ninth year of his age. Returns show a sweeping Liberal victory in the British Columbia elections, prohibition and woman suffrage also carrying the day. Joseph B. Thompson, 148 Ontario street, Toronto, was struck by a street car while driving in Queen street east, and died of his injuries. Paul E. Lamarche, Nationalist M. P. for Nicolet, intends to resign his seat on September 21, having opposed the measure extending the life of Parliament. Fire yesterday practically destroyed West Park, formerly the country home of Whitelaw Reid, and now a soldiers' hospital. More than 100 wounded soldiers were taken out safely. Ingersoll has its first case of infantile paralysis, the patient being a three-year-old child in a home on King Hiram street, who has been ill since Friday last. The Provincial Anglican Synod of Ontario urged the Government to organize the resources of the Dominion so as to furnish at least half a million men and the munitions required for them in time to be of service.

SATURDAY.

The French Government sent a firm note to Sweden regarding submarines. Niagara Falls Liberals chose D. Budd White, LL.D., as candidate in the next Provincial election. Liquor men state that 11,000 new customers in Toronto bought liquor to "lay in" for the prohibition era. Billy Sunday, in a characteristic letter, congratulated the people of Ontario upon the advent of prohibition. Brigadier-General Lord Brooke, commanding the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade, has been wounded at the front. The Levant is starving, according to an American woman who recently returned from Syria by way of enemy countries. Pte. Gordon Mason Suddaby of the 216th (Bantam) Battalion, was instantly killed by a motor car at Camp Borden. The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada will apply for an allotment of \$5,000,000 of the new Canadian war loan. The appointment of his Grace the Duke of Devonshire as Governor-General of Canada by his Majesty the King has been formally gazetted. A new Papal Nuncio is on his way to Vienna with an important autograph letter from the Pope to Emperor Francis Joseph, according to The Messagero. Emperor William, attended by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Field Marshal von Hindenburg, Chief of Staff, will open in person the session of the Reichstag, which convenes on September 28. The British Columbia elections may likely return forty or forty-one Liberals and six or seven Conservatives. Prohibition is carried so far by over 6,000 majority, and woman suffrage by more than 8,500.

MONDAY.

In the recent registration in Regina of the prohibition plebiscite the names of 3,532 women and 4,169 men were secured. Militia orders just published gazette Sir John C. Eaton of Toronto as Honorary Colonel of the 110th (Irish) Regiment. Delphis Drouillard, 35 years old, brother of Patsy Drouillard, pugilist, was killed in Windsor yesterday while driving a taxicab. David Smith, aged 54, died at his home at Belmont, near London, Saturday as a result of injuries received when his team of horses ran away. Brig.-General Lord Brooke, of the 10th Canadian Brigade, who recently went to France and was wounded, is not in a dangerous condition. Major Cecil Critchley of the Strathcona Horse has been received by the King at Windsor and invested with the insignia of the Distinguished Service Order. Hon. Walter Scott, Premier of Saskatchewan, who has been suffering

for the past two weeks from asthma, is reported much better and is improving daily. Seth Low, former mayor of New York, died yesterday on his model farm at Bedford Hills, N. Y., where in recent years he had been giving close attention to scientific agriculture. Thomas Gaffney, wanted for the last three years by the police of both this city and Hamilton, on charges of horse-stealing and assaulting a wounded man, was arrested in Brantford Saturday.

Two Factories Burned.

ST. THOMAS, Sept. 18.—Fire late Saturday night completely destroyed the plant of the St. Thomas Dehydration Company, as well as that of the Canadian Wood Products Company. The flames originated in the rehydration plant, and spread with alarming rapidity, threatening for a time the plants of the St. Thomas Packing Company and the St. Thomas Cold Storage Company. The loss to the Dehydration Company will be heavy, \$30,000 being a conservative estimate. The plant has not been in operation for the four summer months, but preparations were being made to re-open in a week's time to fill a Government order for dehydrated potatoes for the Canadian army. The Wood Products Company's loss is \$6,000, with insurance of \$2,500.

DIVISION OF NUMBERS.

Rules That Will Simplify Some Examples in Arithmetic. It is often convenient to know whether a given number is divisible by another without going through the usual process of division. Almost every one knows that however large a number may be, it is divisible by 5 if the last digit is 5 or 0. The following gives the rule for some other numbers: A number is divisible by 2 when the last digit is divisible by 2; by 3 when the sum of the digits is divisible by 3; by 4 when the number represented by the last two digits is divisible by 4; by 5 when the number ends in 5 or 0; by 6 when it is divisible by 2 and also by 3; by 8 when the number represented by the last three digits is divisible by 8; by 9 when the sum of the digits is divisible by 9.

For example, the number 1728 is divisible by 2, because its last digit, 8, is divisible by 2; by 4, because 28 is divisible by 4, and by 8 because 728 is divisible by 8. It is also divisible by 3 and by 9, for the sum of its digits total 18, a number divisible by 3 and by 9. Since it is divisible by 2 and by 3, it is also divisible by 6. To find whether a number is divisible by 7 you must go through the usual process of division.—Youth's Companion.

Coroner's Verdict In India.

For quaintness it would be hard to beat the verdict returned in India on a man whose fate it had been to assuage a tiger's appetite. "That Pandoo died of tiger eating him. There was no other cause of death."—London Chronicle.

SALUTES BY GUNFIRE.

Origin of the Custom and of the 101 Blasts For Monarchs.

There is a good deal more in this most delicate and important matter of salutes by gunfire than is always understood. It has a history of its own, which goes back nearly as far as the use of gunpowder in war, and whether it was adopted as a means of reassuring one's visiting acquaintances that one's guns were empty of cannon balls and one's soul of guile or whether it was begun merely as an organized noise in honor of a guest does not greatly matter.

Toward the end of the fifteenth century a salute of guns was a recognized compliment, though the number to be fired seems to have varied. An accident is said to have settled when to stop firing in the royal salute. The Emperor Maximilian I., returning to the city of Augsburg after an expedition, was received with what should have been a salute of a hundred guns. The officer in charge of the artillery lost count in his nervousness and in order to make sure that the full number was rendered discharged an extra piece.

The city of Nuremberg, which was the next to have the honor of entertaining the emperor, thought that the new number was official and followed the example of Augsburg. Thus the highest honor that was payable by gunfire became 101 rounds. The greatest salute ever fired was that of 1,001 guns, which in 1840 greeted the arrival in France of the ship bearing Napoleon's body from St. Helena, although at the imperial durbar in 1911 the imposing salute of 101 pieces, was no bad second. Of others there was a salute fired some few years ago at the blessing of the waters of the Nera by the present czar that might well have marked an epoch. There was also the salute without which the kaiser on his famous visit to Palestine refused to land at Beirut.—Perceval Landon in London Telegraph.

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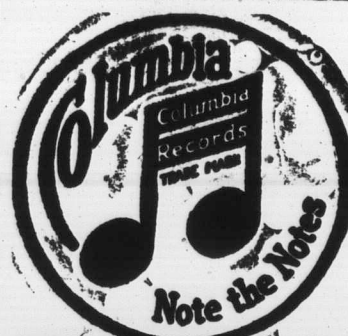
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