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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Meets on Thursday.
 The Public school board meets this Thursday evening.

Not Same Man.
 Fred Holt, 220 Chatham street, wishes it clearly understood that he is not the person mentioned in the police court yesterday.

Sergeants to Meet.
 A meeting of the Sergeants of the 25th Brant Dragoons will be held in their headquarters, George street to-night.

Many Alter Licenses.
 On the approach of old home week there are numerous vendors of toy balloons an dother street features applying for licenses at the city hall.

Realty Transfers.
 City Assessor Ludlow reported this morning that there were 56 real estate transfers in the city during the month of July. Last year for the same month there were 76 transfers.

Picnic at Homestead.
 The choir of Wesley Methodist church will hold an outing and picnic at the Bell homestead to-morrow afternoon. A good line of sports has been arranged for and several hand-some prizes will be given.

Car of Oil Arrived.
 Another car of oil has arrived in the city and is now being laid on the following streets Terrace Hill St., Jarvis street, Rose Ave. and on St. Paul's Ave. from Dufferin to brow of the hill.

Building Permits.
 George Heyd was granted a building permit this morning for the brick veneering of a frame cottage on Elgin street, at an estimated cost of \$600. M. J. Kew was granted a permit for the erection of a frame shed on Mohawk St. to cost \$500.

Dog Days.
 According to the City Assessor's department there are now a total of 531 dogs in the city and 64 bitches. Divided up into the wards it works out as follows: Ward One, 137 dogs, 24 bitches; Ward Two, 130 dogs, five bitches; Ward Three, 48 dogs, 17 bitches; Ward Four, 103 dogs, 12 bitches; Ward Five, 113 dogs, 16 bitches.

Efficient Service.
 Fire Chief D. J. Lewis to-day received a letter from Secretary Asford of the local branch of the Children's Aid Society expressing the hearty appreciation of the officers and members of the society for the efficient manner in which the firemen handled the fire that occurred at the Home here on the eleventh of last month.

Poor Honey Crop.
 The honey crop in Western Ontario has proved this season to be a very poor one, while that in the Eastern section gives promise of being a pretty fair one, but nothing in comparison to what might have been had weather conditions favored honey gathering. This was reported at the annual meeting of the Honey Crop Committee of Ontario, held in Toronto yesterday at which W. J. Craig, of Ham and Notts, was present as a representative of Brantford.

Walked Out.
 Owing to some grievance between the contractor and the men, the laborers employed on clearance work at the Canada glue factory quit work to-day. It is alleged that the men had been engaged for 17½ cents per hour, and a proposal to reduce it to 15 cents had caused the trouble. The contractor proposes to replace the men. Some 25 walked out to-day.

Alerts Defeat Maples.
 The Terrace Hill Alerts prove to be a pretty strong bunch of ball players to their roll. They defeated the Maple Leafs by 9 to 3 in a fast game giving the Leafs no quarter. Many friends of the winners watched the game. Batteries were: MacKay and Myers for the Alerts and O'Connell and Johnson for the Maples.

Enjoyable Camp Visit.
 A very pleasant time was spent on Saturday afternoon and evening last when the L. A. L. Club and friends numbering about 30, visited the campers at Hickory Lodge, Echo Place. Games and races were entered into with great zeal. The lucky winner of the lemon pie contest was Jas. Gibson, while J. Lloyd Tomlinson captured first prize in the watermelon contest. After music and singing by all present, around the large bon-fire, the party returned to the city on a late car, thanking their hostesses for a very enjoyable outing.

Lusitania Not Sailing.
 T. J. Nelson, city ticket agent, G. T. R., received official word that morning that the steamer, "Lusitania" would not sail from New York City to-day. Her sailing has been cancelled, on account of the war situation in Europe. Lieutenant Patrick Booth of Brantford, who was to have sailed on the Lusitania to report for duty in England, had to change his plans and left on the 8.19 G. T. R. express last night for Montreal where he will endeavor to secure transportation possibly on the Victoria, which according to despatches, is the only boat that will be allowed to leave Montreal during the next three days.

Township Rate.
 A rate of 9 mills on the dollar was passed yesterday's meeting of the Township Council, which was held in the County Court House yesterday. The by-law No. 680, authorizing the rate in the usual way and the rate declared. All taxes to be due and payable on Dec. 1st. The estimates showed that \$40,269.27 would be required, while the township was assessed for \$54,743.03.

The engine of the road is restricted to take the level of the by-roads near the Mt. Pleasant road where the L. E. & N. railway crosses the highway. He is to report at once to the council. The communication of F. S. Spence J. Riley and the Canadian Inspection and Testing Laboratory were ordered filed. A meeting will be called of the ratepayers of Echo Place, Parkdale and Grand View to address them on the cost of hydro electric, to the township and to them. The meeting will probably take place on August 7th.

NO WORRY
Local Banks Were Never in Better Shape—Is No Emergency.

Several of the local banks were besieged by their foreign depositors, excited by the news of war and demanding their deposits. The war bulletins to the effect that depositors in Germany and France had rushed the banks made the local foreigners nervous, and in some cases it took a lot of pacifying on the part of the managers to quiet them. Several of the local managers, when seen this morning regarding the Minister of Finance's order authorizing the chartered banks to make payments in bank notes instead of in gold or Dominion notes, stated that it would have the effect of greatly increasing the circulation. All the managers seen also said that Canadian banks were never in better shape than they are at the present moment.

BANKERS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY IN GOLD

Government Authorizes Payments in Dominion Notes.
 OTTAWA, Aug. 4.—The Canadian government has authorized the banks to make payment in Dominion notes instead of in gold. It announces that it will allow banks to issue notes against securities approved of by the government and deposited with the government, and to issue extra circulation to the amount of fifteen per cent of their paid-up capital and revenue. The official announcement by the Government is as follows: "Having regard to the financial crisis which has developed upon the outbreak of hostilities in Europe, and in view of the action of the Imperial Government for conserving the financial and commercial interests of the United Kingdom, the minister of finance announces on behalf of the Dominion Government, that while it is probable that such action on its part will be required, it stands ready to issue Dominion notes to such amount as may be necessary against securities deposited by the banks and approved by the minister of finance."

So Conserve Gold.
 The minister of finance further announces that the Government has authorized the chartered banks of Canada to make payments in bank notes until further official announcement in that behalf. This action will tend to conserve the Canadian gold supply against demands from foreign sources, a course now being followed by all the leading nations of the world. The minister further announces that the Government has authorized the chartered banks of Canada, to issue excess circulation to an amount not exceeding fifteen per cent of their combined unimpaired paid-up capital and reserve fund from this date until further official announcement. Any necessary special legislation will be obtained at the next session of parliament. The minister further announces that the Government is prepared if necessary should arise, to give every other possible assistance in order to prevent any avoidable interruption of stable business conditions, and for this purpose it will not hesitate to use to the fullest extent all existing powers, and to obtain further power from Parliament, if that course should seem necessary or expedient.

AUSTRIANS HAD VERY HEAVY LOSSES
 Servians Beat Them in Battle in Which 10,000 Took Part

Paris, Aug. 4.—A despatch from Nish, Servia, to The Matin says the Austrian troops were defeated with heavy loss in a battle against the Servians on Sunday near Semendria. Three regiments of Austrian infantry comprising nearly 10,000 men, supported by heavy artillery, advanced against the Servians, but were repulsed, leaving many of their number dead and wounded on the field. A large force of Austrian troops, aided by a flotilla of monitors composed of 20 vessels, has been trying for the last six days to cross the river Save into Servian territory, but has not succeeded in landing.

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Other styles show quite broad brims, faced with black velvet—sometimes rolling away from the face—and long-tailed white birds seem a favorite finish.

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Exodus Of Men From Brantford, War Will Have Other Effects Here

Should the worst happen, which in the present instance seems inevitable, Brantford is going to feel the pinch of hard times to a perhaps greater degree than ever before. News of yesterday spoke of the bombardment of Liban, on the Baltic, and the employees of the local agricultural machinery concerns know just how much the winter of 1914 was relieved by the large shipments to this port. The firms who are at present engaged in stationery and magazine line will be hard hit—their supplies from Continent and Germany in particular, being their greatest selling commodities, one little point that will show just how, is the Christmas card trade—they will be dearer this December.

The talk around the boards outside the Courier was not otherwise than is the consistent temper of the British people; a wide, untrifled, calm outlook on the main issues, and among the men, a quietly expressed desire that should the motherland need aid they would go to-morrow. There was none of the hectic jingoism, which seems for the time being to have swayed the mobs in St. Petersburg and Paris. To account for this might be easy if one realizes that throughout the crowd a very large percentage had seen service in some way or another in the forces of the Crown. Many held medals for more than one campaign and were insistent when enquired as to their plans that if the reserves went up, they would try and get back to the colors, although they had been altogether clear and discharged for some years.

Up till the time this edition went to press, there had been no papers served on army reserve men to return Of course, should a public proclamation be made that they do so, every man is already provided for such a contingency by the passport given to him at the hour of his discharge from the colors, which entitles him to travel on British owned ships, trains and any other convenience used throughout the Empire to his mobilization depot in Britain.

Local Men Leave For Front
 Brantford felt the first drain of the war early this morning, when a detachment of first class naval reserves left the city by the one-thirty a.m. train for Montreal. The men mostly young, numbered about forty, and were notified two days ago to prepare for instant departure. They, last night, about nine o'clock received word that they were to leave the city by night train for Montreal and thence to Halifax, where they will be shipped to the place of activity. Among those who left were Charles Wiley and Charles I. Dobson.

These Events Caused Great Britain's Action

LONDON, Aug. 4.—A second ultimatum sent by Germany to Belgium declared that Germany was prepared to carry through by force of arms if necessary any measures she considers essential. Germany's second ultimatum was delivered by the German Minister in Brussels late last night as the reply of Germany to the refusal of Belgium to accede to Germany's first ultimatum. **HOLLAND INVADED.** BRUSSELS, Aug. 4.—The burgomaster of Antwerp announced last night that the Germans had invaded Limburg, Holland, and that the province had been placed under martial law. Limburg has a population of nearly a quarter of a million. **IN BELGIUM AGAIN.** LONDON, Aug. 4.—German troops to-day made a further invasion of Belgian territory near Verriers to the east of Liege, according to a despatch to the French embassy here from the French legation at Brussels.

ACTUAL DECLARATION
 BRUSSELS, Aug. 4.—Rumors were in circulation to-day that Germany had actually declared war on Belgium. German troops crossed the frontier at Gemmenie, near the junction of the Dutch, Belgian and German frontiers. **MORLEY NOT THERE.** LONDON, Aug. 4.—Viscount Morley of Blackburn did not attend to-day's meeting of the British Cabinet council, and this was taken as an indication that he had resigned office as Lord President of the Council. **A BOMBARDMENT.** LONDON, Aug. 4.—The German cruiser Breslau bombarded the French naval station of Pona, Algeria, at four o'clock this morning, afterwards steaming off at full speed in a westerly direction, according to a despatch received at the French embassy here.

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