

NEWS ITEMS IN 1620-1621 NEWS PUBLICATIONS

1. Datelines of 9 July 1621 include:

From Lyons the 6 of Iune 1621, From Venice the 21 of Iune 1621, From Lentsch in Hungarie the 4. of Iune 1621, From Lentsch the 10 of Iune 1621, From Neis the 13 of Iune 1621, From Neis the 20 of Iune 1621,

For example,

From Prague the 26. Of Iune 1621.

The seuenth of this moneth, as 8. Daies since it was written, old *Srucwin*, one of the imprisoned directors, in the night time threw himselfe headlong out of the white tower into the ditches and there died, his body was yesterday cut in 4. quarters

(*corante, or, newes from Italy, Germanie, 9 July 1621*)

MARGIN CAPTIONS

In the English Civil War what we occasionally find is not a simple dateline but instead topic-focusing margin captions that correspond in syntax to what Turner says of headline syntax: ‘the syntax of ... headlines is analysed on the assumption that a headline is an abbreviated message, summarizing the following text and labelling it’.

Oxford

hast.

I must remember you of his Majesties *hast* from *Oxford* with about foure of 5000. horse and foote, with the *Prince*, and divers *Lords*, and many *Ladies*, who because they were something lighter of carriage then ordinary, did not much clog their train of Artillery ...

A visit.

His Majesty tis thought took horse to *visit* the Queen, and returned as soon, she lies sick it seemes of her disease and affaires at once ; onely the bloody execution and massacre at *Bolton*, on the godly party there, hath little refreshed her ...

London's Sobliety.
New discoveries.
The Lands misery.
By Popish Treacheries.

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Numb. 4.



Mercurius Cronicus.

LONDON

INTELLIGENCER:

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Truth impartially related from thence to
the whole Kingdome, to prevent mis-information.

From *Thursday, May 25.* to *Thursday, June 8.* 1643.

There have been many things after an extraordinary manner discovered and intercepted this weeke tending much to the profit and advantage of this Kingdome, & many passages have hapned of very great consequence therunto as affaires now stand: I shall briefly impart those which (I conceive) are the most remarkable

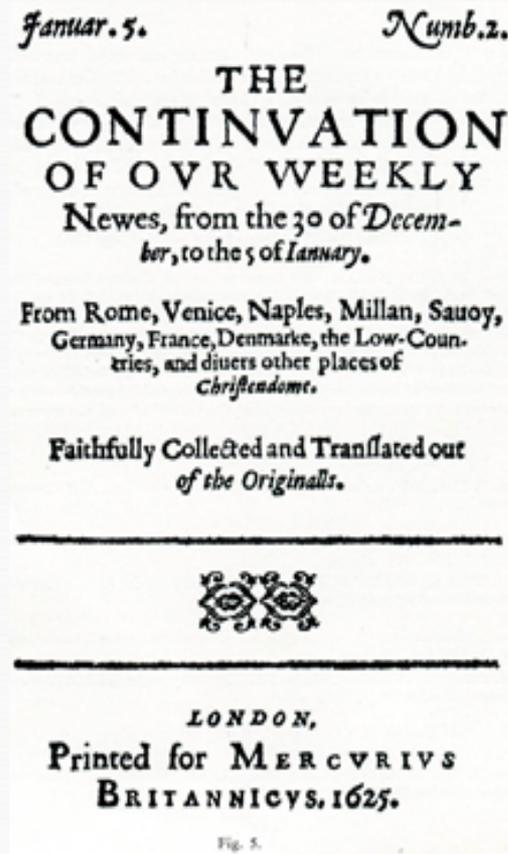
Thursday May, 25.

1. The last night about 10. of the clock there was brought to one *Maister Allen* a Gold-smith in *Fleestree* four sacks full of plate being in all a bout the value of 1500. pounds which were the day before taken at

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**VERY OFTEN FROM 1622-1641 THE NAME
ON THE TITLE-PAGE WAS**



October 30. 1622. No. 4.

A CONTINUATION
OF THE WEEKLY
Newes from *Bohemia, Austria, the Pa-*
latinate, Italy, Spaine, France, the Low-Coun-
tries, and the East-Indies.

Wherein is a full and exact discourse
of the Dyet of *Lindaw*, vpon the losse of the
Valtoline: with the *Grisons* answer for their
libertie, and conscience, to every
Article.

As also the true and last Newes of the
present Estate of *Manheim*, and the
Generall *Yeere.*

Besides the diuers reports concerning the Peace
in *France*, and the continuation of the
Siege of *Mompellier.*

Together with Count *Mansfields* Expedition vp
towards the Bishop of *Cullens* Countrey:
and other occurrences.

LONDON,
Printed for *Nathaniel Butter*, and
Barth. Downes. 1622.

WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT A 'CONTINUATION'?

Is 'continuation' important in modern-day newspapers?

“To many it [periodicity in 17th century] involved a total redefinition of the concept of news” (Pettegree, *Invention of News*, 365).

News as historical process: new epistemological model

“If the reader please to compare them together, you shall find *Henry of the Bergh* his letters and declaration, printed in our *aviso* of *June*, the 30. *numb.* 31. and *July* 6. *Numb.* 32.”

News as valued record and possession and money is made by the publishers

READERS NEEDED TO CONSULT PAST NUMBERS

For the 'continuous' news to be understood, you, the reader, the 'judicious' reader, had to go back to the past, to back numbers.

That is, reading news as history, as events unfolded during the year. There was a temporal, historical framework for the understanding of news. Very different from now where news is consumed on a daily basis.

The serialisation of news had consequences for the reading and cognition process of news.

Editors themselves realised this:

SERIALISATION OF NEWS

**creates desire in readers to buy each
copy of series**

(like cookery etc serialised publications today)

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NEWS AS VALUED RECORD AND MATERIAL POSSESSION

