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FUL COMEDY

ical Production  
Success at the  
Opera House.

AND SONGS

Company of Prim  
Chorus Seen in  
Ensemble.

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Grand last night and  
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k particularly well in  
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sing "Tippie" which  
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and is pleasing to  
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P. Coleman, M.A.,  
University of Toronto,  
consented to give  
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man A. Somerville.  
"A Month's Expe-  
and Germany After  
the War," at a meet-  
last night. Prom-  
s, such as Col-  
him that Germany  
France, handling  
a possession of the  
countries. A war  
00 would be taken  
the interest on the  
yearly. Germany  
a navy powerful  
the British.

REGIMENT

WANTED.

Best Hotel

ROYAL

EUROPEAN PLANS

DOMS IN CANADA

## WITNESS' STORY OF FIRE INQUIRY

Former Deputy Chief Will  
Take Stand This  
Morning.

DEFENDS HIS ACTION

Chief Thompson Questioned  
Regarding Acceptance of  
Assistant's Resignation.

Chief Thompson was on the stand  
nearly all day yesterday at the re-  
sumed session of the fire department  
investigation being held in the city  
hall by Judge Denton. The inquiry  
was ordered by council, resulting from  
certain irregularities that occurred at  
Portland Fire Hall, which were ex-  
posed at an inquiry into the methods  
of maintaining discipline at that sta-  
tion, under the direction of Deputy  
Chief Noble, who resigned immediately  
prior to the probe.

The question of pensions was gone  
into, and Chief Thompson said that he  
thought it was a very unfair method  
of pensioning men at the age of  
55, and thought that the present meth-  
od of getting pensioned on half pay  
for 30 years' service was very satis-  
fying.

I. S. Fairly, of the city legal de-  
partment, who is conducting the exam-  
ining, asked the chief why he had stated  
that he should get 1250 pension, being  
half of his salary. He replied that he  
had heard that salaries were prob-  
ably to be reduced, and thought that  
as he was about to retire he should be  
settled on full pension.

Q. You use your own discretion re-  
garding time in making promotion, do  
you not, chief?  
A. Yes.  
Q. Has any influence been brought  
to bear upon you in any appointments  
or promotions?  
A. None whatever.

Q. Any religious, political or lodge  
influence?  
A. None at all.  
Q. Do you ever discriminate against  
or favor a man from a standpoint of  
nationality, religion or politics?  
A. No. I have always had the best  
interests of the department at heart.

Q. What do you say about competi-  
tive examinations?  
A. I think that mental physical  
and moral examination would be a  
splendid idea, and would no doubt  
cause a better efficiency, and I think  
it is a training school were estab-  
lished the men would be brought up to  
a better and higher standard.

Q. What do you think of a board of  
examiners?  
A. I think that this might prove to  
be an advantage.

Q. You think it was a prudent  
action on your part to accept the  
resignation of Deputy Chief Noble?  
A. I did not think anything of it.  
I have never left no matter what  
action I took. He and I had worked  
side by side, and I did not see any need  
to get ugly.

Q. Do you know you let him out of the  
department?  
A. Why, his honor said he could be  
called.  
Q. He could not be forced?  
A. He was not called.

Noble Was There Then.  
Mr. Fairly then said Noble could  
have been called, and Chief Thomp-  
son told him if he would turn around  
he would see Noble sitting behind him.  
Judge Denton then asked Noble if  
he would testify at 10.30 this morn-  
ing, and Noble replied that he would.

When asked by The World where he  
was spending his time Noble said  
that he had never left Toronto, and  
that he was anxious to give his testi-  
mony today, and that he had come  
from MacKay's after seeing the  
reports in the papers.

Thomas Willis, 625 Lansdowne ave-  
nue, testified that at the Parkdale  
Came Clubhouse fire on March 12, 1915,  
until 11.50 to get pressure up in the  
engine, as the fire went out.

Mr. George, engineer-in-  
charge, said that he had got such a  
hold on the building that he didn't  
think the engine would be needed. The  
hose disconnected to let the cars go  
by, and the engine was ready after  
they had passed.

Fireman Emmet said that Brown  
was in the engine, and that the blame  
should rest upon his shoulders, as he  
was in charge. Brown had volunteered  
to fire up while he was busy, and he  
was able to do so.

Mrs. D. McCall, owner of five fac-  
tories that were burned during the  
time the car barns at Don Esplanade  
were destroyed, March 25, 1912, gave  
evidence and brought several witnesses  
to testify that the fire department  
did not do all in its power to save  
her property.

## IDEAL HOME SHOW OFFICIALLY OPENED

Premier Hearst Performed the  
Ceremony at Arena Last  
Night.

BRILLIANT DISPLAY

Unique Event in Industrial  
History of Canada Shows  
Duty.

Everyone interested in painting, music,  
electrical display, decorating, china or  
indeed any branch included in this com-  
prehensive phrase "the fine arts" is cer-  
tain to be enthusiastic over the "Ideal  
Home and Electric Show," which was  
opened at the Arena last night by  
Premier Hearst. Those who were in-  
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Warship Eight Hundred Feet  
Long Will Be Greatest  
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Continuing, the writer says: "Look-  
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weakening of the German resistance  
on our front. Formerly any offensive  
action on our part was met with an  
immediate counter-stroke. This is the  
first occasion on which an enemy has  
made no reply at all. This does not  
mean, of course, that their resistance  
is collapsing, but the Germans have  
none the less admitted that they are  
unable to avenge their defeat.

Referring to the condition bordering  
on panic which prevailed at Lille dur-  
ing the fighting at Neuve Chapelle,  
this writer goes on to say:  
"Both officers and men have openly  
expressed their uneasiness. Apparently  
they do not believe that this temporary  
increase in the tariff will discourage  
foreign trade with Russia. In fact,  
Russia looks for a tremendous in-  
crease in her trade with the United  
States and her allies, to replace the  
German trade existing before the war.  
It is not an authority as to what kind  
of trade will be done, but I run sur-  
e everything will be done to open the  
Russian market to these countries and  
not permit it to slip back to Germany.  
There is now a particular oppor-  
tunity for the United States, for she, of  
all the countries to which we look for  
trade, is not crippled by the war."  
M. Barak was the first to be employ-  
ed to replace the revenue formerly  
derived from vodka.

The duties of this revenue ex-  
ceeded 900,000,000 rubles (\$400,000,000),  
he replied. "This is being replaced in  
a diversity of ways, including a spe-  
cial war tax on railroad transporta-  
tion, matches, sugar and most ordi-  
nary commodities."

AVIATOR-INVENTOR  
FELL TO DEATH

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Cecil  
Molson Peell, an aviator, was killed  
at College Park, Md., here today  
while making a test flight in an ap-  
proach of his own invention and in  
which he had planned flights from  
Washington to New York and from  
New York to St. Louis. The machine  
fell 300 feet, and Peell's skull was  
fractured.

Peell was the first man to fly across  
the Andes Mountains in South Amer-  
ica. The machine is said to have been  
the largest in this country.

The dead aviator was 22 years of  
age and came here from Los Angeles,  
where his mother lives.

Dunning's, Limited

GUELPH MAN FACES  
TRIAL FOR MURDER

Special to The Toronto World.

GUELPH, April 12.—The spring  
sittings of the supreme court for trial  
County of Wellington opened at the  
courthouse today before Chief Justice  
Sir Glenholme Falconbridge. The  
charge of murder against Gladstone  
Ray, resulting from the death of John  
Barry, an Italian, on June 21 last, was  
transferred from the fall session, and  
when it was called today the crown  
was not ready to proceed owing to the  
absence of a material witness. An  
agreement was reached, however,  
whereby the trial would proceed on  
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made no reply at all. This does not  
mean, of course, that their resistance  
is collapsing, but the Germans have  
none the less admitted that they are  
unable to avenge their defeat.

Referring to the condition bordering  
on panic which prevailed at Lille dur-  
ing the fighting at Neuve Chapelle,  
this writer goes on to say:  
"Both officers and men have openly  
expressed their uneasiness. Apparently  
they do not believe that this temporary  
increase in the tariff will discourage  
foreign trade with Russia. In fact,  
Russia looks for a tremendous in-  
crease in her trade with the United  
States and her allies, to replace the  
German trade existing before the war.  
It is not an authority as to what kind  
of trade will be done, but I run sur-  
e everything will be done to open the  
Russian market to these countries and  
not permit it to slip back to Germany.  
There is now a particular oppor-  
tunity for the United States, for she, of  
all the countries to which we look for  
trade, is not crippled by the war."  
M. Barak was the first to be employ-  
ed to replace the revenue formerly  
derived from vodka.

The duties of this revenue ex-  
ceeded 900,000,000 rubles (\$400,000,000),  
he replied. "This is being replaced in  
a diversity of ways, including a spe-  
cial war tax on railroad transporta-  
tion, matches, sugar and most ordi-  
nary commodities."

AVIATOR-INVENTOR  
FELL TO DEATH

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Cecil  
Molson Peell, an aviator, was killed  
at College Park, Md., here today  
while making a test flight in an ap-  
proach of his own invention and in  
which he had planned flights from  
Washington to New York and from  
New York to St. Louis. The machine  
fell 300 feet, and Peell's skull was  
fractured.

Peell was the first man to fly across  
the Andes Mountains in South Amer-  
ica. The machine is said to have been  
the largest in this country.

The dead aviator was 22 years of  
age and came here from Los Angeles,  
where his mother lives.

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GUELPH MAN FACES  
TRIAL FOR MURDER

Special to The Toronto World.

GUELPH, April 12.—The spring  
sittings of the supreme court for trial  
County of Wellington opened at the  
courthouse today before Chief Justice  
Sir Glenholme Falconbridge. The  
charge of murder against Gladstone  
Ray, resulting from the death of John  
Barry, an Italian, on June 21 last, was  
transferred from the fall session, and  
when it was called today the crown  
was not ready to proceed owing to the  
absence of a material witness. An  
agreement was reached, however,  
whereby the trial would proceed on  
Friday morning.

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Warship Eight Hundred Feet  
Long Will Be Greatest  
Known.

WAR HAS BROUGHT  
RUSSIA PROSPERITY

Government Allowances to  
Families and Vodka Prohi-  
bition Chief Factors.

GRAIN CREDIT BASIS

Allies' Financial Arrange-  
ments Highly Satisfactory  
to All Concerned.

PETROGRAD, April 12.—According  
to a report from London received by  
The Tribune, England has laid down  
a new battleship of amazing propor-  
tions, which will be by far the most  
powerful craft afloat. It will mark a  
new epoch in battleship construction, ex-  
ceeding that which came when the  
first dreadnought was built. It will  
necessitate the adoption of new meth-  
ods of battleship construction by all  
nations, and will halt the construction  
program of the United States.

At present the Queen Elizabeth,  
the most wonderful engine of war afloat,  
is, however, only 650 ft. in length, but  
carries 815-inch guns. She is oil-  
fired, as the new ship will be. In  
the draft now planned armament is  
sacrificed for increased speed. The  
increased length gives the great boiler  
and engine-room