

STORM DAMAGES IN MANY PLACES

Lightning Causes Bad Fire in
Front Street Factory
Building.

BLAZE AT MARKHAM

Woolen Mills There Completely
Destroyed as Result of
Conflagration.

Fire caused by lightning striking an electric wire leading into the premises did \$25,000 damage to the three-story building at 106 East Front street, occupied by the Turner Wine Company, and the Dale Wax Figure Company. The fire was discovered by William Ryan, manager of the wine company, shortly after 8 o'clock. The flames were shooting up the side of the wall, and when the firemen arrived the building was practically gutted. A general alarm was rung in and the firemen were successful in keeping the fire from spreading to the adjoining buildings.

The basement and ground floor is occupied by the Turner Company, and several thousand dollars' worth of fermented and unfermented wines were in stock. Mr. Ryan would not estimate the damage last night other than to say that it would run up to thousands of dollars. When the flames reached the second story they were fed by a quantity of wax used by the Dale Company for making figures. Thomas Dale, manager of the firm, was unable to state the damage. The building is owned by the Crown Steel Cork Company of Baltimore, and is covered by insurance.

Chief Smith arrived on the scene soon after the first alarm. The flames and dense clouds of smoke made it almost impossible for the men to enter the building. Six lines of hose were laid and the high pressure was put on by the waterworks. The fire was fought from the front and rear of the building, and was extinguished by 8 o'clock. The Peterson Aerated Water Company at 104 Front street suffered by smoke and water.

The Markham Mills, one of the largest industrial enterprises in York County, employing between 75 and 100 hands, a large four-story brick building used for the manufacture of blankets and gingery yarn, was struck by lightning about seven o'clock on Saturday night, and, together with the contents, was completely destroyed. The lightning struck the flag pole and ran around the building for some time, before being directed to a place being enveloped in flames in a few minutes. The local fire brigade was soon on the scene but they were powerless to save the building, which they kept the fire from spreading.

The firm had been engaged in contracts on British army work for some time, but were on a four-months' contract on Canadian orders. The Markham Woolen Mills were established 20 years ago but several additions to the building have since been made. The damage to the building, machinery and contents, including heavy stock of manufactured goods and wool, is variously estimated between \$100,000 and \$125,000. The mills had been under George Morison, the same superintendent, practically since the inception of the works. Several tons of coal stored close to the building were saved by the efforts of the firemen. The building and contents are said to be fairly well insured, but little will be known as to whether the mills will be rebuilt until the arrival of S. C. Yap, one of the owners, from Hamilton this morning. The fire was a spectacular one and could be seen for miles.

TWO MEN DROWN IN SATURDAY'S STORM

Harry Smith and Harold
Mawson Lose Their Lives
in Hamilton Bay.

Hamilton, Monday, May 21.—Hamilton bay claimed two more victims during the severe rain and wind storm that swept over this city Saturday night. Harry Smith, 22 years, and Harold Mawson, 17 years, occupants of a sailing boat, which was capsized by the wind, were drowned. The boat was on the water for about one hour on the upturned tender, the owner of the boat, a Mr. J. J. Smith, was rescued. The victims were saved by the efforts of the firemen, who were called to the scene by the Hamilton fire department.

The men noticed the storm coming when opposite station 9, but in running for shelter were capsized. They climbed into the tender, but the force of the waves turned it over. They managed to get astride the tender, but cold water soon numbed them and in a few minutes Mawson gave up the struggle and disappeared into the water. Smith made a frantic effort to maintain his grip on the slippery keel, but his hands became chilled and refused to retain their grip, so that he followed Smith into a watery death. The bodies were recovered one hour later in an unconscious condition.

Smith was a bookkeeper in a local hardware concern, and is survived by a mother in London. Mawson was an only son, and was employed by the Canadian Cotton Company.

TWO BARN BURNED.

Special to The Toronto World.
St. Thomas, May 20.—A terrific rain and electric storm visited this district last evening. The lightning did much damage throughout the country. The hydro service was suspended for about one hour and a half, the city being in darkness and all cars stopped on the city street railway and the two lines to London. Lightning struck the barns of Isaac Weller at Middlemarch, west of St. Thomas, and Duncan Sommerville, at Sparta, and both were totally destroyed by fire which followed.

IN MEMORY OF CANADIANS.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.
London, May 20.—Princess Patricia planted a laurel near the Calvary in Hampton Gardens, which is in memory of the fallen Canadians.

BRITISH SOLDIERS ENTERING PERONNE



This picture represents one of the outstanding incidents in this year's advance against the German lines. It is one of the dramatic scenes of the fighting so far, and it is one of many similar views that will be shown here in the new war films that are soon to be shown in this city under the auspices of The Toronto World.

AUSTRIA MAY BE FIELD OF GREAT OPERATIONS

To Win War Allies Must Impose Barrier Between
Berlin and Constantinople, Washington
Believes—To Foil German Plans.

Washington, May 20.—Germany's success in 1918 in opening for next peace declaration, expected to suggest a program of territorial re-annexation on the east and west, is regarded here as largely answered beforehand by information revealing for the first time the full scope of the imperial government's aspirations for conquest in the south.

This information discloses as one of the primary aims of the war, a plan for consolidation of an impregnable military and economical unit stretching from the North Sea to the Mediterranean, cutting Europe permanently in half, controlling the Dardanelles, the Aegean and the Baltic, and eventually forming the backbone of a Prussian world empire.

Disguise War Moves.
A full realization of this situation, which will form a sinister background for consideration of whatever renunciation proposals the imperial chancellery may make, adds a new force to the repeated declarations of allied statesmen that the German peace manoeuvres are in reality war moves and that a premature truce only would give Germany a resting period in which to further Prussianize and prepare for a greater world war, the territory to the southeast which she has conquered, under the guise of a friendly alliance.

To Fight Till World's Safe.
Although officials have refrained from definite public expression of what the United States might demand as a peace guarantee these possibilities inspired President Wilson's declaration that America will fight "until the world is made safe for democracy."

Information gathered by alert American agents abroad, who have been watching the various peace moves and studying the motives behind them, have supplied the explanation of many hitherto obscure features of the German policy.

In her southeastern conquests it is now apparent that Germany has followed almost to the long-abolished plan of the pan-German league, whose policy has been regarded as the policy of extremists.

Pathway to Southeast.
As early as 1911 the pan-German league is said to have circulated a definite propaganda with printed appeals containing many of the ideas of Germany, whose way southeastward thru Asiatic Turkey was marked out by boundaries virtually coincident with the military lines held today under German officers, by the troops of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey.

How closely the German Government did adhere to the plan in reality has been demonstrated clearly by the course of the war.

Following the policy of Bismarck, Emperor William has done his utmost of establishing the broad pathway to the southeast, which was essential for realization of the dream of a great Germany.

The subjugation of Austria-Hungary, which would have presented a difficult task under ordinary conditions, became in these circumstances comparatively simple. A polyglot combination of states, having little in common, and apparently held together only by the decaying genius of the emperor, was torn apart by the war, and the monarchy was regarded everywhere as on the verge of dissolution. Her helplessness before Russia's armies, became apparent early in the war, and the eagerness with which Germany seized the opportunity thus presented is pointed to as emphasizing the far-sightedness of the German plans.

Dreams of Empire.
Austria-Hungary's submission now is declared to be complete both in a military and economic sense.

Bulgaria's declaration of war on the side of Germany was actuated by a German diplomatic coup which in it is regarded now as a further evidence that a clear road thru to the Dardanelles was considered in Berlin as a primary and imperative purpose of the war.

In the case of Turkey, German domination is believed here to be even more complete than in Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria.

These developments throw a new light on many events before the war. Among them is the long unexplained declaration of Emperor William at Damascus in 1898 that all Mohammedans might confidently regard the German emperor as "their friend forever." There is also a complete understanding now of Germany's eager-

NO SUDDEN RUSH TO BE VOLUNTEERS

Eligible Men in Toronto Waiting for Further
Information.

FORTY MEN EXAMINED

Seven Hundred Attended
Grenadiers' Church
Parade.

Premier Borden's announcement regarding the enforcement of selective conscription, did not precipitate a rush to the recruiting office on Saturday as anticipated. Military officials hold the opinion that eligible men in Toronto are waiting for further information as to the plans being formulated for selecting men.

Forty men were examined at the recruiting depot at the armories on Friday evening, when the physical examination. They were attached to the following units: A.M.S.C. 3; 71st Battery, 3; No. 7 Forestry Draft, 3; 70th Battery, 3; C.M.R. 2; and 6th Battery, No. 2 Forestry Draft, No. 6 Forestry Draft, No. 2 A.M.C. R.C.D., Q.O.R., Signaling Co. No. 1 and No. 2 Ammunition Company.

A report that the entrance to the recruiting depot at the armories on Friday evening was thronged with young men proved to be unfounded. The crowd which had gathered there for the purpose of attending the weekly drill of one of the local militia regiments.

Need Twenty Men.
The 70th Battery, which is leaving for Petawawa on Monday, May 28, for summer training, is in need of twenty men to bring the unit up to strength. Prospective recruits may join at the mobilization centre.

Camp orders for Military District No. 2 issued Saturday announce that the following officers have been struck off the strength of the C.E.F. units: Major J. G. Snyman (10th Regiment), strength of the C.E.F. from May 20; Lieut. T. D. Leonard, late 5th Battalion, is struck off the strength of the C.E.F. from May 31; Lieut. M. S. Elliott (6th Regiment), late 27th Battalion, C.E.F., is struck off the strength of the C.E.F. from April 11.

May Enlistments.
During the first half of the month of May the total number of recruits secured in Military District No. 2 was 700, of which 202 enlisted with the military forces, the navy and the Royal Flying Corps, leaving 498 for the Canadian expeditionary forces. This number is below the average for the past few months, when the number was about 2,000 for each month.

Under the command of Lieut.-Col. Cooper Mason, the 10th Royal Grenadiers held their semi-annual church service yesterday afternoon at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Huron street. Nearly 700 men attended and the service was conducted by Rev. Thomas' Anglican Church, Huron street. Nearly 700 men attended and the service was conducted by Rev. Thomas' Anglican Church, Huron street.

Under the auspices of the Q.O.R., a military concert was held Saturday evening at the armories, when the brass band of the regiment, under the conductorship of Bandmaster B. H. Barrow, and the bugle band, under Lieut. C. Swift, rendered an excellent program, assisted by the following artists: Miss Birdie Clark, soprano; J. Doughton, tenor; Frank Oldfield, baritone and Fred Shuttleworth, of the Q.O.R. at the piano. The proceeds which will be devoted to buying comforts for the Q.O.R. prisoners of war in Germany, amounted to \$1500.

I. O. O. F. ANNIVERSARY.
Hamilton, May 21.—The 98th anniversary of the founding of the I. O. O. F. was celebrated by the local members yesterday by attending divine service in James street Baptist Church. Rev. J. J. Ross conducted the service.

SARAH BERNHARDT CONVALESCENT.
New York, May 20.—Madame Sarah Bernhardt had recovered sufficiently from her recent serious illness to take a short automobile ride with her physician. She appeared to be much improved, and it was said she would probably be able to leave the hospital permanently within a week or so.

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WOULD WELCOME DONATIONS OF SEED

Have Not Enough for All
Soldiers' Wives Making
Application.

PLANTING FEVER GROWS

Tractors at Work in Upper
Canada College
Grounds.

Over one thousand soldiers' wives have garden plots and were promised seed potatoes by the War Production Club, but the demand is exceeding the supply, according to information received from E. F. Trimble last night. One peck of seed potatoes is required by each soldier's wife, and donations of single pecks or any number of pecks or bags will be gratefully received by the War Production Club.

That the people are awakening to the food shortage evidenced by the number of acres of land within cities and towns that have been plowed this spring for the first time in years. A traveler arriving in Toronto last night said that in one small town there were 150 acres, under cultivation within the town limits in acre and half-acre plots that for years back had been under lawns or not used. Other towns are cultivating in the same intensive manner this year.

In Toronto almost wherever you go, the same condition is observable. On High Park boulevard there are at least seven acres of plowed land that were previously covered with lawns or unused, weed grown building lots. The seed merchants also bear testimony to the way the cry, "Produce more," has taken root. One merchant reports that his previous banner year has been exceeded four times this year, and he is unable to meet the demands for garden seed. Machinery manufacturers also report greatly increased business. One firm which makes potato planters and similar implements has done seven times as much business this spring as it ever did before, and has not a single potato planter in the place.

Plowing was started yesterday by one of the large tractors on the ground behind Upper Canada College that has been taken by the police force, and considerable work was done. Another large tractor completed the plowing of the lot to the east of Upper Canada, which has been reserved for the women's organization. Today the women will be at work seeding under the supervision of the parks department, which will continue the supervision with the assistance of several expert women gardeners.

FELL OVER A BOARD.

Alfred Pickett, 123 Sellers avenue, had his right arm broken when he fell over a board near his home yesterday afternoon. He was removed to the Hospital for Sick Children.

ORILLIA MAN BURNED IN PARIS BARN FIRE

Lightning Strikes Building on
Tony Dean's Farm, and Hired
Man Loses Life.

Special to The Toronto World.

Paris, Ont., May 20.—During the severe thunderstorm which raged here Saturday night the large barn of Tony Dean, about two miles west of the town, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground, and a hired man, W. C. Whitney, who happened to be in the barn at the time, lost his life in the fire. The man, who was about 45 years old, came from near Orillia. He leaves a wife and family.

Two horses and three cattle were burned, and the farm implements which were in the barn, and the process of damage is estimated at about two thousand dollars, and is partly covered by insurance.

FREE RUSSIANS TO
ORGANIZE TO WIN

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allied democracies and the consciousness of the duties that these ties imposed on her.

"I note with deep satisfaction," he continued, "that in free Russia, despite our diversity of views, there is no party, no single organization, capable of carrying on propaganda in favor of separate peace. There is one question which still lingers in the minds of the Russian people, namely, the question of the immediate publication of which is demanded. This, I am convinced, is a mistaken demand. New Russia must look forward, not behind."

"There are two great new facts in the war, the Russian revolution and the entry of the United States. A new start must be made from these facts, and new Russia must fulfill the engagements she entered upon with the allies. The army will understand that it is fighting for all it holds most dear, and that defeat will annihilate our new-found liberty and new life."

It is indeed ridiculous to speak at the present time of the annexation of the plans of the allies as a real menace to a just peace, when Russia, Belgium, France and Serbia are themselves either entirely or partially occupied by the enemy."

The war minister, A. F. Kerensky, addressing a meeting of Black Sea delegates, said:

"So long as I am minister of war no attempt at a counter-revolution is possible. Our new regime has for its soul, complete union with the allies."

According to the newspapers, M. Kerensky has appointed as deputy commander of the Petrograd military district Lieut. Kozmin, who in the revolution of 1905, was elected president of "The Republic of Krasnoyarsk" in Siberia. He was subsequently sentenced to a long term of imprisonment at hard labor, which he was still serving at the outbreak of the revolution.

The government has ordered the mobilization of all woman doctors under forty years of age.

MAN'S ASCENSION MUST CONTINUE

Preacher at St. Alban's Says
Human Ideals Cannot Re-
main Stationary.

GERMANY'S DESCENT

Natural Consequence of Be-
lief She Had Reached High-
est Possible Point.

Rev. A. E. Ribourg, D.D., preached yesterday evening at St. Alban's Cathedral on "The Ascension of Christ and the Ascension of Man."

Dr. Ribourg said, in part: "The ascension of Christ was the starting point of the apostles' ascension to new ideals, and the apostles' ascension was the starting point of the church's ascension. We must either climb up or roll down."

"We contemplated today the shameful spectacle of a nation, which by its system of education, has brought its people to a point where they could no longer ascend. The German people have been taught to think that their culture was the 'plus ultra' of civilization and could not be improved, but should be imposed at once as the standard and ideal of the whole world."

"The result has been that having fixed for themselves a limit, they remained suspended for a time in the air, never reaching the heavens, and at last, falling with a crash upon the earth, revealed to the world the corrupt germs and pestilential microbes which their fixed and stagnant theories had produced."

Germany Stopped Climbing.
"Today the world stands aghast at the abominations and crimes committed by these barbarians, whose ascents in civilization, culture and Christianity was only a sham and a mirage."

When men and nations stop climbing from a good ideal to a better one until they reach the sublime and divine, they roll down to the lowest depths of bestiality and degradation, and it is to that state that they are now falling. The world is now in a state of confusion and the degradation of human life and the degradation of human character."

GIRL TAKES POISON.

Hamilton, May 21.—Suffering from bichloride of mercury poisoning, Miss Lucretia Benedict, 47 Walnut street, was taken to the city hospital yesterday. Particulars as to how she came to take the poison could not be obtained from her, as her condition is serious.