

SPECTACULAR FIRE BURNS OIL PLANT

Two Hundred Thousand Gallons Destroyed in Blaze.

DAMAGE IS HEAVY

Second \$300,000 Fire in Toronto Within Week.

Jets of liquid fire, pouring 75 feet in the air, and explosions of barrels of oil, that sounded like the cannonading on the western front, made one of the most spectacular daylight fires in many years, when the Galena-Signal Oil Company's plant at 120 Royce avenue, Toronto Junction, was destroyed by fire Saturday. Two hundred thousand gallons of oil, much of it the finest lubricating oil on the market, went up in smoke. The entire main building of the plant was destroyed, but the office and seven large oil tanks near the building were saved thru the efforts of the firemen.

Many Narrow Escapes.
The firemen had many narrow escapes. When the Ossington avenue section arrived they took up the task of preventing the blaze from crossing the C.P.R. tracks to the plant of the Bateman-Wilkinson Company Limited. No sooner had they laid their hose than a series of terrific explosions occurred. Barrels and barrel-tops flew in every direction, one of them striking District Chief Charles Dunn on the head. He escaped miraculously without injury. A few minutes later the north wall caved in, the bricks falling on both sides of the firemen.

Deputy Chief William Russell also had a narrow escape when the east wall collapsed burying him beneath a shower of bricks. He came thru without a scratch.

Caught From Tank Car.
The fire is believed to have caught from a hot journal-box one of six tank cars on the Grand Trunk siding. Employees of the company noticed the fire in the box, and fearing lest the building should catch fire they tried to find an engine to move the row of cars. The only engine in sight was a "dummy" engine, belonging to the Canadian Allis-Chalmers Company. It was on the C.P.R. tracks which cross the G.T.R. tracks at this point. A man who was in the vicinity at the time said that the employees of the two railways had an argument, the result of which was that the G.T.R. refused to allow the "dummy" engine on its tracks. The fire quickly spread to the main building. Later the six tank cars were removed to safety, and the fire in the journal-box was extinguished.

Main Building Total Loss.
The main building was soon a total loss, and the firemen directed their efforts to prevent the fire spreading to the seven large tanks about 150 feet away. Eighteen of the twenty-five lines of hose were put in action at this point. The oil from the tanks in the building had flooded outside and the men were standing in oil to their hips. They had to watch carefully to see that the fire did not ignite the oil in which they were standing.

There were five pumping engines on the spot and a high pressure was maintained all thru. A nearby residence at 172 Royce avenue caught fire from a spark from one of the engines, but speedy work by the firemen put out the blaze before it had done any damage.

Benzine Tank Under Furnace.
An 8,000 gallon tank of benzine was stored underneath the main building, but it was prevented from exploding by firemen who kept three lines of hose playing on the ground immediately above it. The fire was not able to spread to the neighboring tanks because the stop-cocks had been turned off.

The first alarm was rung in at 12:10. No one was in the building at the time, although rumors spread thru the crowd of 50,000 people that gathered to watch the spectacle that it had been set by three foreigners who had been taken on for work in the morning. When District Chief Dunn arrived he sent in the second alarm, and shortly afterwards the third and last alarm was sent in. It was not found necessary to send in a general alarm. The fire was still burning in the late afternoon, and Deputy Chief Russell expressed the opinion that it would burn all night.

Railway Traffic Tied Up.
Railway traffic on both the C. P. R. and G. T. R. lines was tied up for four hours, after which the lines of hose were strung underneath the tracks. Telegraph wires on both lines were down, but within an hour electricians were stringing them again. They had to work under difficulties. Dark clouds of smoke carried by the strong southwesterly wind blew into their faces, while the flames had scorched the telegraph poles until they were almost breaking.

Officials of the company refused to discuss the fire, or to give any details of the insurance.

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NEWS OF LABOR

TOO MANY SOCIALISTS IS GIBBONS' OPINION

Joseph Gibbons, business agent for Local 113 of the International Union of Street Railwaymen of America, stated on Saturday that he was not over sanguine as to the future of the newly-formed Canadian Labor Party. The trouble with the Ontario section, at any rate, is that it is composed of too many diverse elements, and the chief among the disturbing elements is the socialist faction, which, in his estimation, is likely to be the organization for the furtherance of Utopian aims. The ordinary socialist may be all right, but the trouble with the faction is that it has within its ranks too many fire-eaters and class-

bating enthusiasts. These people are always on the job, and are never at a loss to make themselves heard no matter what opposition may be lined up against them.

"In the course of time these fire-eaters will so upset the meetings that they will make the moderates disgusted with things generally and they will refuse to attend the meetings. With what result? Why, the haters of the bourgeoisie will take time by the forelock; they will hold caucuses of their own, and when the conventions are held they will outnumber the moderates already disgusted with the result, will elect officials and representatives from their own number. Finally the party will become controlled by the impulsive element of the socialists, whose views will conflict with every aim of the moderates, and the party will evolve into a socialist organization."

G. N. W. TELEGRAPHERS AWAIT TRIAL RESULTS

C. E. Hill, general agent for the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, stated Saturday that the case of the operators charged by the G. N. W. with refusing to attend the meetings, having been remanded until that day. He stated that the men in the union generally were far from satisfied with the present situation. The investigation was being held. It was true, but it was equally true that the four accused men had not been reinstated in the result of the investigation. "It is all I can do to hold the men in," said Mr. Hill. "My impression is that the company has a very weak case against the men," continued Mr. Hill. "One thing is certain, and that is that the

company itself will be involved in the course of the investigation. We have all kinds of evidence against it. The company will be dragged into the investigation. We have succeeded in having the investigation held, and for the present this will be enough."

SOLDIERS AT FRONT CULTIVATING FARMS

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