Spectacular Blaze Practically Destroys Hamilton G. T. R. Yards.

### LASTED MANY HOURS

Superintendent Estimates the Damage at Ninety Thousand Dollars.

Hamilton, Monday, Jan. 8 .-- Fanned by a strong west wind and fed by tons of inflammable merchandise, fire yesterday morning swept thru the yards of the Grand Trunk Railway at Ferguson avenue, gutted the offices, conrumed six hundred feet of the 1,200 toot freight shed, destroyed thirteen box cars, and ruined thousands of dol-bus' worth of merchandise of every decription. It was the most spectacular fire for many years, and was witnessed by thousands of citizens, who remained in the vicinity of the fire from morning until late at night.

It was impossible to estimate the loss, owing to the fact that a great quantity of the merchandise will be tecovered, but Superintendent Gordon of the Grand Trunk Railway informed reporter for The World that the loss would be about \$90,000. Of the thirteen cars burned, eight were filled with goods. Some of the cars were entirely destroyed, nothing remaining but the trucks, while the frames of others were eft standing. Where the fire did not reach the goods the water did, with the result that the contents of the loaded cars were ruined. The freight shed was of a wooden construc-tion. Half of it was completely detroyed, nothing remaining but a mass of charred debris. The office was of brick construction, and was gutted.

General Alarm A general alarm was sent in by Constable Sullivan, who noticed smoke oming from between the brick wall of the office and wooden wall of the freight shed. The cause could not be scertained and a bookkeeper who was

had made great headway and forced on the wind was rapidly spreading thru the freight sheds. The office was already in flames. All the hose lines available, about fifteen in number, were laid and the flames were got under control. For a time it was thought that it would spread, but the excellent work of the firemen confined it to the yards. The Conneil coal sheds just to the east of the fire, were bombarded with sparks, but the tin sheet-

ng on the sides saved them.

The wires of the Bell Telephone Co. wires hold to be cut and a number of the because of extensive purshases of telephone roles in the vicitity of the office caught fire and were pulled

in the Alps or the Trentino.

by the British patrols.

\* WAR SUMMARY \*

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

(Continued From Page 1.)

The remarkable measure of success which is attending the new

The proceedings on the Rumanian front were changed to Russian

down or jacked up so that they would not injure anyone in failing. The Barton street car service was put out of commission owing to the hose lines

across the street.

Many Hose Lines. Hose lines were run in from all sides and hundreds of tons of water poured into the smo dering rui is, causing huge clouds of steam to arise. A number of cars were on a switch close to the o fice, but a T., H. and B. engine ran in and hauled them outsid-

Following the first short flerce rush of the fire, which I veled the office and shed, the firemen had a tremendous task before them in stopping th numerous fires that constantly broke out among the piles of merchandis. Bales of cloth, woolen goods, tobacco furniture and merchandise of every description littered the ground or were piled among the debris of the buildings. All these burned fiercely, and it was only after tons of water had been poured over them that the last blaze was put under control.

Superintendent Gordon stand that no one would be thrown out of employment and that the freight service the company would not be interfered

# **WAR PROFITS DISDAINED**

(Continued From Page One) say that if the services of our general manager, Col. H. E. Gooderham, and his son, Capt. Gooderham, are of any

his son, Capt. Gooderham, are of the use to the board in the operation of the company's plant thereafter, they are offered on the same terms."

Services Given Free.

The alternative offer of the Gooderham & Worts Company came as a delightful surprise to Chairman Flavelle and the members of the imperial munitions board. It was promptly accepted, and the board is now operating the Gooderham & Worts plant, with Col. Gooderham as general manager, and Captain Gooderham as assistant general manager, paying nothing for either plant or managers. The rental originally offered by the imperial munitions board, but refused by the company, would amount to from three hundred thousand to five hundred thousand dollars per annum. The commercial profits from accetene would probably have been as large as have been the profits from the manufacture of whiskey.

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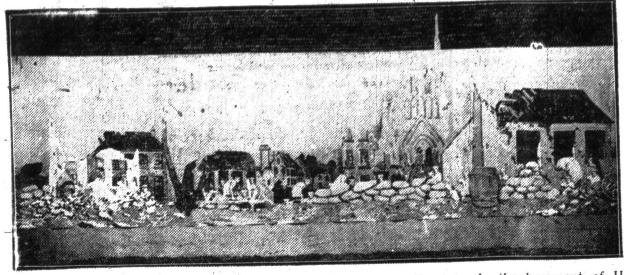
#### SKILLED LABOR NOT SCARCE.

The Electric Wiring and Fixture Co., 261 College street, announce that they are able to get all the electricians they require, and that they are now handling more contracts than before.

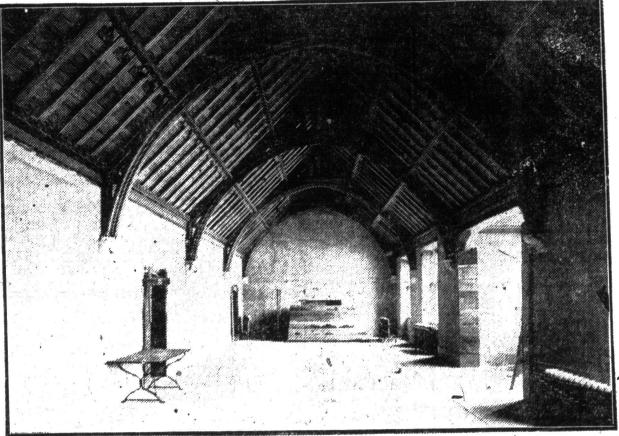
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### THIS LOOKS LIKE THE WESTERN FRONT, BUT IT ISN'T



Photograph of the targets at which soldiers have been shooting all winter in the basement of Hart House, University of Toronto. The stage of the theatre will be built where this target is now.



Music room of Hart House, University of Toronto, The interior of this handsome students' buildi is nearly finished, and will be visited by the members of the bonne entente delegation today.

## WITHOUT AN EQUAL

cupied houses for electric light, with- Hart House an Institution of Which Toronto Will Be Proud.

Architecture of Dining Hall and Library is Beyond

Remarkable progress had been made in the last decade in scientific research by Toronto and it is fast becoming one of the first seats of learning on the continent. This very proud record is in a large way due to the splendid munificence of a few of its cliizens, whose generos ty has almost reached a sacrifice in the interest of education and advancement. The latest gift to the university, that of Hart Heuse, from the Massey estate, has new taken tangible form and is one that Toronto vill look upon with pardonable pride, for in no place clse in the world does such a building exist. In architectural beauty, in appointment and in dimensions Hart the enemy has been making manifestations of a coming offensive ystem of large scale British trench raids was exemplified south of Arras on Saturday, when on a wide front the British raiding parties penetrated as deeply into the defences of the Germans as to reach their third line. Great destruction was done to the hostile dugouts and trenches before the retirement was sounded, and many prisoners were carried back. The British building exist. In architectural ocality, in appointment and in dimensions Hart House is the greatest students' club ever undertaken. It is not a club in the generally accepted meaning, but is planned and devoted solely to the mental and physical development of the students of the university. Simplicity will be orces were extremely active in the past two days in skirmishing, bombardng and raiding. They captured two German posts in the region of Beaumont-Hamel, taking 56 prisoners. The Germans, who counter-attacked them, were beaten off after losing heavily. On Sunday a successful raid was also perpetrated in the region of Armentieres. It was demonstrated physical development of the students of the university. Simplicity will be the keynote of the furnishings, and luxury has been sacrificed for practical utility. In the words of Col. Vincent Massey, the building is austere and practical and none of its sections will tend to divert the mind of the student frem his studies. Every accommodation and innovation that has been found of use thru presearch in the many universities of the world will be provided to fit himmentally and elevations. that the Germans have not learned the secret of the British raiding successes, for their two attempted raids resterday were fizzles. The enemy soldiers fell back to their dugouts when met and were severely punished In the past few days, and more frequently of late, the French have been recording the repulse of many German attacks, especially in the regions of Champagne, Verdun and the Vosges. In the absence of explicit of the world will be provided to fit him mentally and hysically to take his pince in the progress of Canada. In drama, literature, art and allied sports the convenences are generous and well applied. The only attempt at luxury is to be found in the large-dining hall and the library, which are magnificent samples of the art of the builder and architect. In these special attention has been given to decoration and elaborate wood-carving. details it cannot be said whether these are mere trench raids in imitation of the British exploits, or whether they are of more serious import; in fact, foreboding as they did last year the launching of another German offensive against France. For early action, such as would forestall a renewal of the Somme fighting, the region most favorable is the region between the Champagne and the Vosges. It is evident that if the Germans intend such action they cannot plan or expect to proceed much further in

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The proceedings on the Rumanian front were changed to Russian In the Computer offensives on fronts both northwest and southwest of Fokshani. The one to the northwest recovered some positions lost in a previous day's battle in the Kapatuno region, between fine and ten miles northwest of Fokshani. The one southwest of Fokshani gained the line of Raspitza Lake. Midway between these positions and at Peceshi, about four miles southwest of Fokshani, the Germans attacked the Russians in dense formation and they were repelled by the Russian fire. The Russian detachments modeling the lower regches of the Buzeu River repulsed attacks from Merkenesoni and Odeneski. On the Suchitáa River the Russian detachments on the Russians seem intended to gain time for the evacuation of Fokshani, a fown west of the Scretch lines.

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## GREAT BATTLES PROCEED SOUTH OF RIGA'S GULF

FINE ACCOMMODATION sians report that the Germans af- continued their attacks against the

Five hundred more prisoners have number of prisoners taken, to 1800.

### KIBAMBAWE YIELDS TO BRITISH IN EAST AFRICA

London, Jan. 7, 8.36 p.m .- The British official statement on the campaign in German East Africa, issued tonight, says: "Our columns pursuing the enemy in the Rufiji Valley occupied German camp on the Tshogowali River and reached Kibambawe, on the north bank of the Rufiji, on the morning of Jan. 5. The enemy still holds the south bank."

directly over the theatre is a large quadrangle or courtyard, which will be sodded lawn parties or similar functions.

Splendid Gymnastic Equipment. Entering the main door to the east of the ounding the visitor is in the princ par corruor which encircles the hous On each side are semi-corruors, fro been installed in connection with this branch of sport. The other part of the basement provides in different compartments for fencing, boxing, wresting and the many forms of athletics, and the fit-

to capture the remaining German forces in East Africa and to occupy the country completely, so as to release troops and war materials for service lesswhere. His latest exploit has been the sending forward of columns in the Ruffiji Valley as far as Kibambawe, on its northern bank. The British also occupied a German camp on Tshogowali River. The enemy still holds the southern bank of the Ruffiji.

In an important raid British seaplanes destroyed a span of the bridge where the Maritza bridge in the Constantinople-Adrianople section of the model Constantinople. It is probable that this and other raids precede the model Constantinople. It is probable that this and other raids precede the model of the shoulding and is about eight the committee of the model of the mode

the exact centre of the building and is the indoor running track, which is the finest in North America, being twelve

Fine Oak Carvings. section which stands out above all The section which stands out above all others is the dining-hall, with its high, arched ceiling in oak carving, open Gothle fireplac, with a backgroundof herringbone brick. Its great arched, colored windows, which surround it to the east of the building, lends to it a cathedral effect. On the main window, facing the south of the house are in golors the courts of arms. the house, are in colors the coats-of-arms of men who were the pioneers of learning in Toronto. They are: Sir C. Bagot, chancellor of King's College; Hon. Ed. Blake, chancellor of the university from 1876 to 1900; Bishop Strachan, first president of King's College and founder of Trinity College: Robert Baldwin, author of the act which established the university; Lord Elgin, chancellor of King's College; Sir Peregrine Maitland, first chancellor of King's College; Dr. Egerton Ryerson, first president of Victoria College; Sir John Colborne, chancellor of the house, are in colors the coats-of-arms King's College, and Sir John Graves Sim-The various faculties, including litera-ure, music, medicine, surgery, divinity ind the allied-sports, are represented in emblems on the other windows, also in

The coats-of-arms of the many dominions and dependencies of the empire and the allied nations are being collected and the allied nations are being collected and will be distributed, with regard to their importance, around the fireplace and on the paneling surrounding the hall. Above the mantel will be placed those of the empire, fifty-one in all, and on the panels fifty-six of the allies will be used, making a total of 107. The hall will have a seating capacity of from 350 to 500, according to requirements. To the right of the hall is a large balcony or semi-private dining-room, which is reached from vate dining-room, which is reached from the kitchen by a steel spiral stairway, When opened, a large staff of chefs, waiters and kitchen help will be employ-

Hart House will not be a residence. The Hart House will not be a residence. The students will dine, study, exercise, attend lectures, musical recitals and dramatic presentations only, and no sleeping ac-commodation will be provided. The build-ing was started in 1911, and will not be ot be opened until after the declaration

Sproatt and Rolph were the architects

### GASOLINE IGNITED.

C. Dealfn, 29 Sackville street, an employe of the John Inglis Co., Strachan avenue, was badly burned about the hands, arms and face on Saturday night, when a quantity of gasoline with which he was cleaning some machinery ignited. He was removed to the Western Hospital in the police

### YORK COUNT

### WYCHWOOD

Want Council to State Its

The North York branch of the war auxiliary held a well-attended meeting in the town hall on Saturday afternoon, when addresses were given by Rev. Lawrence Skey. Capt. Aubrey Davis and Lieut.-Col. Brown, 220th York Rangers Overseas Battellon. All the speakers made a strong appeal for recruits, and it is believed that good results will follow the meeting.

the meeting. Waiter Shaffer, aged 77 years, and carrying on business in Whitchurch as a former and carpenter, died at his home there yesterday after a long illness. The late Mr. Shaffer was born in Vaughan, where some of the members of his family restide.

### OAKWOOD

WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT DEAD.

Much sorrow was expressed in the Oakwood o'tstrict at the untimely deathof Mrs. J. Cameron, 387 Oakwood avenue, who pessed away from the effects of a stroke on Thursday last at the age of 58 years, and was inferred at Prospect Cemetery Saturday afternoon. Rev. Archer Wallace, B.A., officiated.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Pte. J. Cameron, C.E.F., and five sons, at present in the trenches in France, and three daughters living at home. The late Mrs. Cameron, who was a native of Scotland, was a member of the Oakwoou Meti odist Church.

### NORTH TORONTO

OFFICIALLY CLOSED AND BOOKS REMOVED

North Toronto Citizens Object to Closing of Library Branch in Their Neighborhood.

North Toronto citizens were greatly dis-sectisfied over the action of the public library board in ordering the closing of the local branch for nearly two weeks, December 23 to January 2nd, but this London, Jan. 7.—Great battles are proceeding on the Russian front, south of Lake Babit and of Lake Babit and south of Russian front, south of Lake Babit and south of Russian front, south of the Dwina River, in which both sides have taken prisoners. The Russians report that the Germans aftecked them on the sector between the Tirul Mursh and the River Aa, and south of the Village of Kalnzem and that they drove off the attackers by their fire.

Five hundred more prisoners have

### **DISASTROUS FIRE** IN PRESTON PLANT

Third of Car and Coach Company's Factory Completely Destroyed.

destruction of buildings and equipment valued at \$60,000, a fire which occurred at the Preston Car and Coach Co.'s factory this morning, was reponsible for the loss of three steel railroad sleeping coaches, valued at \$88,000; two electric street cars, \$30,-000, and a gas-electric car costing

\$15,000 The blaze started in the main erecting shop, about 9 a.m., and before the firemen arrived on the scene shops four and six were a mass of fizmes. The men were handicapped thru poor water pressure, and a call was immediately sent to Galt for help, which was responded to by Fire Chief Keyes and a dozen men. It is thought that the explosion of a water main confirst cause of the poor pressure The flames soon spread to the blacksmith and up-holstering shops, in all about a third f the plant being destroyed.

Manager D. M. Campbell estimated he total loss at \$200,000. The three sleeping coaches were built for the Intercolonial Railway, and the electric cars for the Toronto Suburban Rail-They were completed and ready for shipment. The loss is partly covered by insur-

### ECLIPSE OF THE MOON IS NOT SEEN BY MANY

Too Late at Night and Too Early This Morning, But It Took Place O. K.

People abroad early this morning—that s, between the hours of two and threeall gazed heavenwards at the moon, which was totally eclipsed between 2.04 and 3.28. During that time the whole globe of the moon was immersed in the earth's shadow, and its entire face either vanished or could be only obscurely seen. The eclipse started at 11.35, and it was not until 5.50 a.m. that the orb shone with its accustomed brightness.

The moon's orbit being inclined to that of the earth by an angle of five degree of twice a month, it crosses the plane of the earth's orbit, and thus crosses the apparent path of the sun in the sky, once downward and once upward. These points are technically termed the moon's nodes. If the moon is at a node at the time of passing the sun, then it gets directly between the earth and that body, and gives an eclipse of the sun. But if the moon is at a node when full, or opposite the sun, then it encounters the arth's conical shadow and plunges into a, thus getting behind the earth, where the sun cannot get at it. Thus, receiving

VEGETABLE GROWERS TALK ORGANIZATION

At a meeting of the Ward Five Ratepayers' Association committee was held on Saturday evening at the residence of the Chairman, Geo. R. Ellis, 299 Crawford street, when the matter of the Sydw street bridge and the filling in of Scully crescent was decided to obtain from the city council a statement of its intention regarding the removal of Shaw street bridge and the filling in of the crescent, and also any information as to the appropriation of the properties, and the proportion of the cost to levied on those living in the locality.

"We believe the time has arrived when business methods should be introduced in dealing with this matter," said the chairman, "and the taxpayers made acquainted with all the particulars concernquing same, and consulted before proceeding with the work," he said.

NEWMARKET

Made Strong Appeal for Recruits at Big Local Rally

The North York branch of the war auxiliary held a well-attended meeting in the town hall on Saturday afternoon, when hall on Saturday afternoon, when addressess were given by Rev. Law-

### **EARLSCOURT**

Committee Are Anxious to Have Decision Made Public

The secretary of the Citizens' Express and Freight Campaign, acting upon instructions from the committee, has written to Secretary A. D. Cartwright of the Dominion Railway Board, ask ng when the decision of the board is likely to be the decision of the board is likely to be made known, as numerous enquiries from merchants and interested residents in the "outside-the-limits" districts of the city are being made.

The case of the Citizens' Express and Freight Campaign against the express companies was heard in Toronto over six resolutions.

Independent Women Workers Will Hold Tobacco Shower

At a meeting of the Independent Women Workers' Association, held at the residence of Vice-President Mrs. Preece, Nairn avenue. Saturday, a committee was appointed to make arrangements for a tobacco shower and dance in aid of the Earlscourt boys in the trenches, to be held at an early date, and also a supper and entertainment to 100 returned soldiers in Little's Hall, Ascot avenue. Fifteen parcels of comforts were forwarded to France at the close of the proceedings. President Mrs. A. Harland occupied the chair.

BANK OFFICIAL PROMOTED.

E. Rodney Cameron, teller at the Earlscourt branch of the Dominion Bank, corner of St. Clair avenue west and Dufferin street, has been promoted to the head office, Kipg street, within the last few days. The vacent code ed o the head ofnee, hip street. While in the last few days. The vacant position is being filled by A. M. Bishop from the Marmora, Ont., branch. Mr. Cameron. who was very popular with the residents and patrons of the lank the residents and patrons of the lank. in Earlscourt, hus done h empire, having served with distinction with the Canadian overseas forces, and was wounded at the battle of 4t. Julien. He carries us a souvenir the bullet with which he was wounded in

the shoulder. If. Dickinson of Eim Street Methodist Church delivered an interesting New Year's address at the meeting of the Earlscourt Central Men's Own Brotherhood in the auditorium. Ascot avenue, yesterday afternoon. There was a good attendance of the membership. Rev. Archer Wallace, B.A., presided.

no more illumination from the sun, the moon's light fails and it is in eclipse.

This is the first of three eclipses of the moon scheduled for this year. The sun will be in eclipse four times. Visits to South America, the Philippines, the Southern Ocean, northern Asia, Africa or the Arctic or Antarctic regions are necessary for the person who is anxious to witness some of these.

BRIDGEWATER OLD BOYS MEET.

Bridgewater and District Old Boys' Association held a successful smoking concert at the Albert Hall, Broadview avenue, on Jan. 5. Several songs were Preston, Jan. 7.-In addition to the rendered, and B. Bradfield ably presided at the piano. During the ing J. and G. Bell and Ald. Robbins addressed the meeting. The association having outgrown its present quarters owing to increased membership, it has decided to remove to Arnistrong's Hall, Pape avenue, where all future meetings will be held.

MUNITION WORKER HURT.

While working at Wagner & Chambers' muniticn factory Saturday after-noon, Miss Gertrude Bruell, 1 Seaton street, had her right hand caught in rome machinery. Both hand and shoulder were found to have sustained slight 'njury when she was admitted to the Western Hospital later.

MR. GEORGE LEE OF 117 SACKVILLE MR. GEORGE LEE OF 117 SACKVILLE.

STREET left home on Friday last at 6.30 p.m. and has not been seen since. He was about 5 feet 6 inches tall and wore a dark sweater and a fawn raincoat, and had on black peak cap. He was about 65 years of age, thin, and fair heir and moustache. Any person knowing his whereabouts, kindly notify the above address, or phone Main 4858. dress, or phone Main 4858.

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