

JAPS TAKE FENG WANG CHENG, THE RUSSIANS FALLING BACK

Mikado's Men Press the Retreating Troops, But Losses Were Light—Japs Destroying Railroad Bridges.

TOGO SAYS "CORKED" BUT ADMITS LOSING MANY

St. Petersburg, May 7. — 6:10 p.m. — The Russian retreat from Feng Wang Cheng is confirmed. The Japanese press, the retreating troops, though with few losses to either side. The Japanese destroyed the railway at Port Adams, blowing up the bridges.

TOGO SUCCEEDED.
Says He Blocked the Entrance But Lost Many Men.

Tokio, May 7. — Vice-Admiral Togo reports that the entrance to Port Arthur is blocked completely. He adds that the Japanese have not lost a single war vessel, although the attack resulted in considerable loss of life.

COMPLETELY OUT OFF.
St. Petersburg, May 7. 1:02 p.m. — The Russian capital has now been without news from Port Arthur almost 24 hours. The last telegram received was filed at 6 o'clock last night. It is believed that the spot where the Japanese cut the railroad and telegraph line is near Port Adams, opposite Pitsewo.

PARADE AT PORT ARTHUR.
Port Arthur, May 6, 3 p.m. — Six of the enemy's cruisers are continually in sight of Port Arthur.

A parade of the garrison here was held in honor of the Empress' name day. Lieut.-General Stoessel, in a speech to the troops alluded to the latest phase of the war by which Port Arthur is threatened from the land side, and expressed his firm confidence in the endurance of the defenders of the peninsula.

CELEBRATING VICTORY.
Seoul, Korea, May 6, 2:30 p.m. — The Japanese residents of this city held services today both in celebration of the victory on the Yalu, and in commemoration of those of their countrymen who fell in the defense of Port Arthur.

RUSS SOLDIERS CHEERFUL.
Mukden, May 6. — Still no foreign newspaper correspondents are allowed at Liao Yang, where all the foreign at-

taches are detained. The men on the troop trains passing through Mukden on their way to the front are in excellent spirits and express confidence in Russia's eventual success. They ask their officers when they may expect to reach Japan and already want to know the Japanese names for tobacco, tea and other articles.

Picturesque scenes are often witnessed at the wayside stations, where the troops frequently remain over night. The soldiers are drawn up on the platforms, the bugles sound and the trooper as the priest utters the evening prayer. The men in each car, led by a tenor voice, break out into folk songs. The Chinese villagers, who are quickly made friends, gather about, listening to the songs, which are mostly plaintive airs. The men, many of whom have been forty days on trains on their way from the interior of Russia, are always cheerful and join heartily in the songs.

The same good humor is shown by the troops after the tiring marches through blinding dust storms and in the heat, which is daily becoming more intense.

STOESSEL TO HIS MEN
Port Arthur Commander Tells Garrison Big Fighting Is Ahead.

Port Arthur, Friday, May 6. — Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel has issued an order to the troops of his command as follows:

"On April 30 and May 1 the enemy crossed the Yalu River in great force and our troops fell back to positions which had been previously selected. Yesterday the enemy effected an important landing on the Liao Tung Peninsula, south of Pitsewo, and in the vicinity of Kin Chou. Now the work is beginning. Naturally, the enemy will destroy railroad communication, and endeavor to drive our troops back to Port Arthur, and besiege this fortress, Russia's bulwark in the far east. We will defend it until the arrival of the troops which are coming to relieve us."

"I consider it my duty to call upon you to display increasing vigilance and caution, and you must be ready at all times to demean yourselves towards your general with the dignity and order befitting the glorious troops of Russia. No matter what happens you must not lose your heads, but remember that victory is possible in war, and that we shall be able, with God's help, to cope with the arduous task imposed upon us."

TRAGEDY OF THE WESTERN PLAINS

Brothers Perish From Illness and Live Stock Starves to Death.

Mount Forest, May 7. — The news of a very sad occurrence, which befell John H. and W. J. Norris, sons of J. S. Norris, of Peel township, and cousins of Thos. Norris, Mount Forest, came last week from Regina, Assa, in the vicinity of which place the young men were farmers. The Winnipeg Telegram gives a report as follows:

Regina, March 30. — One of the most ghastly and tragic affairs, with the touch of mysterious in it, which has ever occurred in the Northwest Territories, has just been brought to light sixteen miles from here. For some weeks past the surprise of the neighbors has been more or less aroused by the deserted appearance of a farm at the Boyle settlement, belonging to two brothers, named Norris. The surprise was not of a curious character, and no investigation was made for some time. At last, however, someone more curious than the rest found a dead dog tied to a chain, having died of starvation. A glance through a window of the house showed a sight, gruesome enough to chill the stoutest heart. Face downwards on the floor, with arms outstretched, one brother was lying near by, lying on a bed, was the other, both beyond question sleeping their last sleep.

An examination of the stable showed a picture even more pathetic, perhaps, than that in the house. Stretched on the ground, with protruding eyeballs and ribs sticking through their tight-stretched hides, were the carcasses of four horses. The awful agony that they had undergone until death relieved them, the brothers were proved by the fact that the boarding had been gnawed and in some places eaten right through by the brooding beasts. The inquest before Coroner Lowe into the cause of the deaths revealed the fact that they were last seen alive about March 16, and were discovered dead, as already stated, on March 27. Coroner Lowe and the police visited the scene. They found that the men lying on the bed had died suffering the severest agony. A post-mortem disclosed that the former had died of pneumonia, and the latter of inflammation of the bowels. The former had died first and his brother had tended him and finally spread the quilt on the floor for him to lie on. He had evidently been ill for some time. The coroner stated that medical attendance could never have been of any use, either from sudden illness or the severity of the weather. The brothers were sent east and the double funeral took place in Arthur village last week.

WALDECK-ROUSSEAU BETTER.
Paris, May 7. — The latest reports regarding the condition of M. Waldeck-Rousseau are very favorable. The patient is beginning to take nourishment.

DISAPPOINTMENTS THERE WILL BE

Several Applicants Said to Have Promise of City Hall Job—Foreman Resigns.

The Conservative aldermen and the members of the water commission are still being besieged by applicants for the position of water engineer by the resignation of Mr. Frank Cooke. The Conservative Club executive is taking a hand in the game is evident from the visits of prominent members of the party to the city hall. That a large number of applicants will be bitterly disappointed there is no room to doubt, for fully half a dozen of them claim they already have promises from those in authority. Today the mayor said he did not as yet know who would secure the position. He appears to be of the opinion that if anyone in the city hall wants the office and is capable of filling it he should be given first chance. Owing to the huge list of applicants, it is said the Conservative party managers would leave a city hall man placed in the position, so as to avoid making enemies by selecting one of the outside applicants.

Fred Crossley has taken out a building permit for a story and a half brick house on Adelaide street, south of Hill.

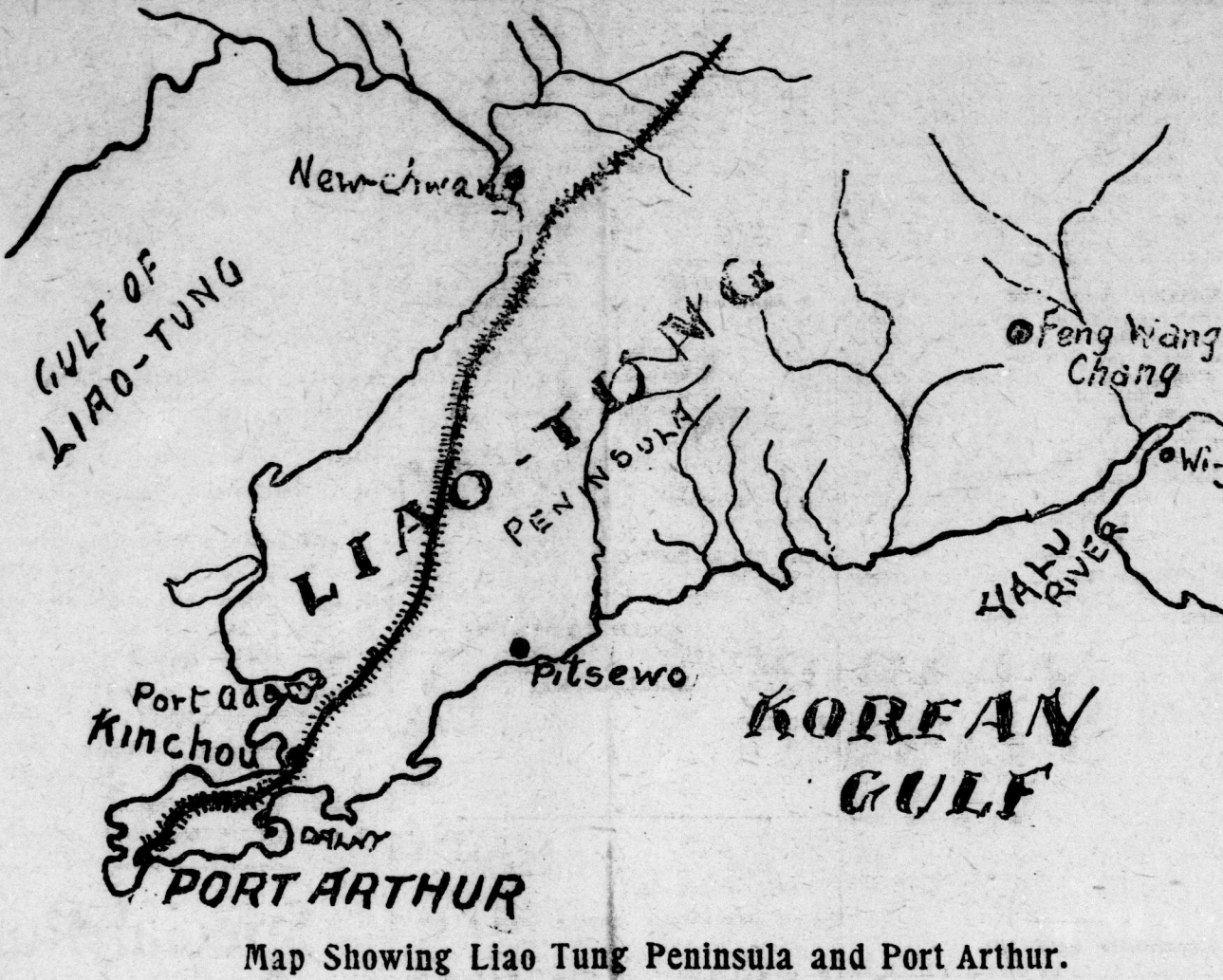
Ald. Matthews, who is looking after the advertising end of the bi-centenary celebration, which is to be held in this city next year, has prepared a design for a pictorial postcard, which it is his intention to send all over America to the London Old Boys. The card will bear the picture of some building of London well known to the Old Boys—perhaps that portion of the Union school which is still standing on Colborne street, or it may be the card will be illuminated with a picture of Mr. Nicholas Wilson. The card will also bear the words: "You may stay away this year, but you must come next. London will be 50 years a city in 1965."

Foreman William Evans, who, according to City Engineer Graydon, was one of the best foremen the city ever had, has resigned, and severs his connection with the city tonight. Mr. Evans, it appears, was drawing but \$10 a week, and he can make half as much again working for other people. Consequently the city loses a good man.

FRANCE AND VATICAN

Republi: Announces Consider Pope's Protest Null and Void.

Paris, May 7. — The French Government has decided to reject both in substance and form the note of protest against President Loubet's visit to the quinal at Rome sent by the Vatican to all the Catholic powers. The French ambassador to the Holy See has been instructed by Foreign Minister Delcasse to notify the papal secretary of state to this effect and to declare that France considers the protest to be null and void.



Map Showing Liao Tung Peninsula and Port Arthur.

JAPS HAVE LANDED TROOPS AT KIN CHOU AND PITSEWO, CLOSE TO THE FORTRESS.

BRAZIL MAY YET WAR WITH PERU

The Acre Dispute Has Again Grown Serious—Peru Ordered Out.

Washington, May 7. — The Acre dispute, supposed to have been adjusted, has broken out again and a crisis is threatened. Originally a controversy between three nations, Brazil, Peru and Bolivia, for the ownership of a large triangular tract of rubber lands situated where the three countries adjoin, Bolivia was eliminated by an agreement satisfactory to her and it was supposed that Peru's claim also had been met. It appears, however, that Peruvian troops remain in the territory claimed by Brazil and yesterday Minister Thompson called the state department from Rio as follows: "If Peru refuses to withdraw troops from the disputed territory inhabited by Brazilians pending negotiations which are to be followed, if necessary, by arbitration, Brazil will immediately resort to force to expel the Peruvians, and will proceed to reprisals."

In official circles here apprehension is felt as to the outcome of the sharp clash between Brazil and Peru growing out of the dispute over the territories lying in the valleys of the Alto, Jurua and Alto Purus.

THE VAN GORDON MURDER

Four Italians Arrested by the Buffalo Police On Suspicion.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 7. — The four Italians arrested Thursday night on suspicion of having been connected with the murder of John Van Gorder and his half sister, Miss Farnham, near Angelo, on Wednesday, are still being held at police headquarters awaiting the Allegheny County authorities. A watch found on one of the men is being examined by the police. The watch worn by Van Gorder and which is missing. The prisoners were persistently questioned, and finally admitted that they had been near the scene of the murder together, boarding the train at 5 o'clock that morning. Carrying the description of one of the men are similar to those found on the floor of the room where the murders were committed. Chief Detective Taylor said the men under arrest are undoubtedly the men who murdered Van Gorder and his sister. They cannot get away from it now, even if they will not admit it.

CONDUCTOR DISMEMBERED

M. C. R. Employee of Bridgeburg, Ont., Killed at Buffalo.

Buffalo, May 7. — Ground to death under the wheels of his own train was the fate of Frank Beam, a Michigan Central freight conductor, in the yards near the Dearborn street crossing, yesterday morning. Beam was about 37 years old, married and lived at Bridgeburg, Ont.

Beam was the conductor and Alfred A. Henry, engineer, of a string of 42 cars, which were being hauled through the Black Rock yards to Bridgeburg. At the Niagara street crossing of the railroad Henry brought the train to a stop to allow Beam to go to the station at Parish and Niagara streets and receive his "bridge orders." A few minutes later Henry heard Beam yell all right, Al, and the train pulled out.

When it arrived in Bridgeburg Beam was missed. The crew returned to Dearborn street, where the body was found. Both legs were severed at the hips, both arms were cut off and also the head.

PASTOR FATALLY SHOT

One Minister Accidentally Kills Another While Duck Shooting.

Strathcona, Man., May 7. — Rev. Gustave Poensgen, the German-Lutheran minister here, was accidentally shot yesterday afternoon while out duck-shooting with Rev. Mr. Henson, of Edlersville. The gun was in the hands of the latter and was accidentally discharged. Mr. Poensgen, who was struck in the abdomen, was less than three feet away from the muzzle of the gun. Rev. Mr. Poensgen died while on his way to town, a distance of six miles. He was a single man and resided with his mother.

THE RUSSIANS ARE PHILOSOPHIC IN RECIPROCITY

Isolation of Port Arthur Is Taken With Calmness. Republicans Come Out Flat-Footed Against It.

SAY FORTRESS IS IMPREGNABLE

Garrison Likely to Fight Until the Last Man Dies—Force Placed at 22,000.

St. Petersburg, May 7. — 2:20 p.m. — The calmness with which the Russians accept the isolation of what always has been regarded as the Russian Gibraltar in the far east, is remarkable. In military circles it had been considered inevitable from the first. No attempt is made to belittle the energy shown by the enemy, but from the strategic point of investment of the fortress is regarded as relieving the military situation on the mainland, which had been much embarrassed by the necessity for maintaining the seagirt stronghold at the extremity of the Liao Tung Peninsula. Besides, the utmost confidence is expressed in the ability of the fortress to withstand a siege. The whole of the lower end of the peninsula, from Kin Chou (30 miles above Port Arthur), south, is an entrenched camp commanded by a chain of most formidable fortifications which surmount the crest of every hill.

Millions of roubles and years of work have been devoted to rendering the place impregnable by land or sea. The railroad circling within this camp will permit of the easy transportation of the defending troops.

According to the Russian view the Japanese have a herculean task before them in the event of their attempting the reduction of the fortress. Successful lines of defense must be carried, and the Japanese operations cannot begin at the advanced position, Kin Chou, until their huge guns are landed.

Gen. Stoessel, who will have supreme command of the defense of Port Arthur, is considered to be able and resourceful, and to have an indomitable will. His orders of the day have breathed a spirit of unyielding defiance. One of them declared that the last man must die in the defense of Port Arthur.

A dispatch from Goldswaithe, Texas, says: A tornado, accompanied by severe rainfall, resulted in the death of Mrs. Allen Dennis, George W. Mason, and a child of S. E. Harper, of this vicinity. Luther Reed, Allen Dennis, Mrs. S. Harper, Joe Griffith and a child of S. F. Harper were seriously injured. Twelve or more homes were totally destroyed. Full particulars not obtainable.

WILL TOUR CANADA

Ben Greet and Company to Present Shakespeare in London.

Toronto, Ont., May 7. — Ben Greet, the well-known English actor and producer of Elizabethan dramas will make a tour of Canada with his pastoral plays and his English company in June, beginning at Toronto on June 8, where the company appears in connection with commemoration week at Queen's University.

The newspapers accept the news stoically, adjuring the people not to be discouraged, as the cutting off of Port Arthur was a foregone conclusion from the first.

The Novoe Vremya says: The fortress and its defenders must now shift for themselves until our army in sufficient strength can come down from the north and rescue them. In the meantime the people must accept of the situation without direct news from Port Arthur.

CHAMPOUX HANGED

The Alaskan Murderer of Actress Executed at Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, Wash., May 7. — James Champoux was hanged here yesterday for the murder of Lottie Brace, a variety theater performer, at a theater at Seattle in November, 1902. He had met the woman in Alaska, and became infatuated with her. After he had spent most of his money on her, she threw him aside. Champoux went to the theater where she was employed with the intention of killing her. He stabbed her in the brain with a hunting knife as she was leaving the theater, and she died the next day from the wound. Champoux's first trial was dramatic. He feigned insanity, fought his jailers, and acted in every way like a madman, but a jury declared him sane. His case was appealed to every possible court, but the convicted man's attorney at last gave up hope of staying the execution. Champoux stated before leaving for the state prison that he wished to die, and cursed his attorney for trying to save his neck. Champoux's wealthy relatives in Eastern Canada, however, made a hard fight to save him from the scaffold.

A BATTLE IN TIBET

Native Repulsed With Heavy Loss—Two Britishers Wounded.

London, Saturday, May 7. — The Daily Mail's Simla correspondent says that 800 Tibetans, coming from the direction of Shigatse, attacked the British mission at Gyantse at dawn on April 5. The Tibetans were repulsed with heavy loss and fled. The British had only two sepoy wounded.

THE IRISH TOAST LIST

The toast list for the Irish Benevolent Society's banquet on Monday evening has been completed and is as follows: Canada, Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Solicitor-General; "Our Legislators," Hon. Charles S. Hyman, and Hon. Senator Coffey; "Irish Progress," Mr. George Arch Stanton, K. C. of Ireland; "Ireland," Rev. Canon Dunn; "The Empire," Sir John Carling; "The Militia," Lieut.-Col. Peters; "The President of the United States," Col. Culver, United States consul; "The City of London," Mayor Adam Beck; "The Legal Profession," Messrs. Edmund Meredith, K. C., and George C. Gibbons, K. C. Everything points to a banquet being the greatest success of any events of its kind ever held in London.

NOTHING DOING IN RECIPROCITY

Republicans Come Out Flat-Footed Against It. Were Scared by "IOWA IDEA"

Washington, May 6. — The issue which the Democrats so industriously labored to create at the last session for use in the Northwest, Canadian reciprocity, has been tried by the Republican leaders a while ago, because of the strength of the sentiment on that subject in those states. They adopted a non-committal attitude on the subject in Congress until they could feel sure of their ground. But now, however, the session having ended and the opportunity for gauging sentiment in the Northwest having been had, Senator Burrows, spoke out on the subject, and footed opposition to any such policy. Minority Leader Williams kept the Canadian reciprocity issue at the fore at every possible opportunity, and Ex-Gov. Lind, of Minnesota, seconded him in speeches that were widely circulated through the Northwest. Mr. Williams endeavored to secure the convening of the high joint commission and introduced a constant succession of bills and resolutions aimed at the question. At one time the Republicans particularly from the northwest, were scared stiff about the issue, and representatives from that section are not afraid to meet the issue squarely. It will undoubtedly be in the Democratic platform if the house leaders of the minority have any share in the construction of that document.

Mr. Burrows hinted strongly that the sentiment for Canadian reciprocity in the northwest was confined to the cities and that there was no demand for it among farmers. "Every one," he went on, "is in favor of reciprocity in the other fellow's goods. Almost every man is perfectly willing to admit foreign goods into our market on advantage terms, although it may cripple or destroy a competing industry in the United States, provided the foreign market for the surplus products that he himself produces."

That is not the kind of reciprocity that we have been in favor of. The kind of reciprocity that Blaine spoke for and the Republican party has always supported, is the kind that makes a market for non-competing articles, things we do not produce. I don't believe there is any sentiment in our state or anywhere in the United States, among Republicans, in favor of destroying an American industry by a system of reciprocity in order to make a market for foreign goods."

Mr. Burrows said that he had no fear that the Democratic agitation for Canadian reciprocity would have any injurious effect upon the Republican campaign as an issue in the northwest. He thinks the sentiment in the northwest on the subject has been overestimated.

This first public declaration by a Republican leader of the attitude which will be taken as the campaign view which will be taken of the question during the campaign. The Republicans showed their attitude toward agitation in their own ranks by coming out boldly in opposition to the "Iowa idea" and its Minnesota variant. The only thing left was the question of reciprocity question on which their attitude has never hitherto been declared. It is now to be considered to settle that question.

DENTISTRY WITH A VENGEANCE

H. Garside Elected to Pay for Knocking Out Fred Grayson's Teeth.

In the police court this morning Henry Garside was charged by Fred Grayson with assault, having knocked out some of the complainant's teeth. The court ordered the defendant to pay for new teeth, and the cost of the court, bailing Garside to appear again in a week.

Thomas Schoebottom and Ed Donohue pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly and were fined \$5 each. Wm. Hyer and some boys had been fighting on the street. Two of the boys appeared in the juvenile court, but there were a few others to get together so the whole case was adjourned for a week.

John Armstrong's boy had been away from school 64 half-days this term and was inclined to make the magistrate believe that it was his own business. For this conduct the magistrate gave him a "call" and gave him one week to get the boy back to school and attending regularly. The magistrate wished him to understand he had no right to allow his boy to be his messenger during school hours, as long as the boy was under 14 years of age.

Two boys were playing truant and answered for it in juvenile court. Their case was adjourned a week.

WANTS SON ARRESTED

Henry Bush of London Township, has sworn out a warrant for the arrest of his son, on charges of house-breaking and assault. The warrant was issued by Squires Robinson and Atwood, but the officers have not been able to execute it, as the younger Bush has disappeared. The Bush family has been figuring in the courts for several years, the father invariably taking sides against the mother and children.

LANDMARK DISAPPEARS.
The old frame building, which stood at the southeast corner of Adelaide street and the Hamilton road, has been torn down to make room for a business block. The building was one of the landmarks of the vicinity, having been erected 50 years ago.

THE WAR NEWS.

Something doing once more with the rival armies in the north. The Japs have captured Feng Wang Cheng, and are pressing after the Russians, who apparently, offered little resistance. The losses on both sides are said to be light.

Port Arthur is now completely cut off, the landing of Jap troops at Kin Chou and Pitsewo having severed the one remaining link with the outside world. Togo officially states that only the smallest boats can pass in and out of the harbor. He admits the bottling of the Russians cost him heavily in men.

Russia is taking the isolation of its great fortress philosophically. They claim that the garrison can master 22,000 fighting men, and is provisioned for a year, and impregnable to assault. But little opposition was made to the landing of the Japs on the Liao Tung Peninsula. The invaders have destroyed the railroad and bridges at Port Adams.

BAD BLAZE AT BAPTIST COLLEGE

Flames Caught Students Asleep But All Hands Escaped Uninjured.

Woodstock, Ont., May 7. — Fire broke out at 3 o'clock this morning at Woodstock Baptist College and before being extinguished caused considerable damage. When the fire was discovered the entire building was filled with smoke, and the blaze had reached the dormitories. The 100 sleeping students were hastily aroused, and all escaped in safety with their personal property. The origin of the fire is a mystery. It started in a store-room in the basement.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

TOMORROW—WARM; SOME THUNDERSTORMS.

London, Saturday, May 7. Sun rises, 5:30 a.m. Moon rises, 1:11 a.m. Sun sets, 7:35 p.m. Moon sets, 11:51 a.m.

Showers have been general today in the Lake Superior district, and they have occurred very locally in Manitoba. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has remained fair.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 34-48; Victoria, 44-50; Calgary, 38-46; Qu'Appelle, 38-50; Winnipeg, 44-50; Port Arthur, 38-50; Parry Sound, 44-50; Toronto, 52-60; Ottawa, 44-50; Montreal, 52-60; Quebec, 36-54; Halifax, 50-54.

FORECASTS.

Saturday, May 7-8 a.m. Today—Moderate to fresh east and south winds; showery tonight, with local thunderstorms. Sunday—Continued warm; occasional light to local thunderstorms, with fair intervals.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Cloudy. Winnipeg, 54 42 Cloudy. Parry Sound, 56 58 Fair. Toronto, 58 46 Clear. Ottawa, 50 50 Fair. Montreal, 50 48 Clear. Quebec, 52 49 Cloudy. Halifax, 52 41 Cloudy.

WEATHER NOTES.

Showers have occurred locally in Manitoba and generally in the Lake Superior district. Thunderstorms spread as far east as Detroit during the night, and by tonight showers and local thunderstorms are likely over the lake region, spreading to the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valley on Sunday.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 51.5°; lowest, 45°.