

Paul street. The mob smashed in the windows and ransacked the floors, taking anything that would be useful as a weapon.

While this was in progress Armand Lavergne, noted Nationalist politician, rushed up and addressed the rioters. He asked them to cease their disorders and announced that troops were coming that way.

Mr. Lavergne told the gathering that unless the military authorities were here all would be well; that the foreign soldiers (meaning western troops brought here to quell the riots) would be sent here to look after the enforcement of the Military Service Act in a proper manner.

The crowd cheered Mr. Lavergne. Before dispersing several men said that if the outside military were not withdrawn as promised, they would wait on Mr. Lavergne tomorrow night and urge him to lead them in further raids.

The First Shootings. The first shootings of the riots were reported to the military authorities at ten o'clock. Arthur Quart and the two Misses Roach were struck by bullets and slightly wounded while walking along a street seven or eight blocks from where a disturbance was going on down town in connection with the raid on the Martineau hardware store. The affair was a mystery, for no one heard the shots fired.

The city is crowded with troops, and squads of men with fixed bayonets and machine guns patrol the uptown and downtown sections of the city. In addition, all buildings that have been attacked—the offices of the Quebec Chronicle and L'Evenement, and the registrar under the M.S.A.—are surrounded by soldiers.

A special guard was placed around the Grand Allee apartments, where Col. Landry, the officer commanding the local military district, resides. A number of regiments from different parts of Canada reached Quebec today to supplement the local forces.

SCORE'S GUARANTEED IRISH BLUE SERGES.

Serges are so scarce—so hard to buy and cost so much when a merchant goes to market these days, that it would seem as though there could be little possibility of meeting the demand for Irish Blue Serge Suitings. But Score's foresight in purchasing extra lots of them in the earlier days of the war, when the markets were yet normal and the demand was full, put them in a position today to fill every blue serge want that comes to them at about pre-war prices, and they are offering the demand of their special today, regular \$40.00 value, made to your measure in the Score way, at \$34. R. Score & Son, Limited, 77 King Street West.

STEAM PLUG STRIKES AND KILLS WORKMAN

William Hearst Meets Sudden Death at Plant of British Forgings.

When the steam plug on the boiler on which he was working at the British Forgings blew out and hit him on the side of the head about 10.30 last night, William Hearst, 527 Eastern avenue, was almost instantly killed. He was rushed to the general hospital in connection with the plant, where he expired in a few moments. He was married and about 45 years of age. The body was removed to the morgue, where an inquest will be held.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

Paris reported last night the slackening of the battle. After the defeat of the Germans in their endeavor to break the French front they made yesterday less violent and less numerous attacks. They also began to dig themselves in with expectation about Laessigny, showing their intentions of standing on the defensive. The British army straightened their line at several points north of the Somme and checked the enemy south of the Somme. It is gathered from a statement of Lloyd George that Britain is going to make fresh sacrifices to meet the German attack, and that this will include the raising of the age limit for compulsory service. The allies expect that the battle is still in its first stages, and that it will last as long as the second battle of Verdun. This is not what the Germans planned. They aimed to reach Paris on April 1.

The action in which the French checked the German was a formidable attempt to break their front near the junction point with the British line, and it was the most violent that had developed since the first few days of the conflict. It proceeded from Laessigny to Moreuil, a 40-mile front. The mere fact that the enemy turned his chief efforts against the French shows that he had given up these attempts against the British, having learned from experience that the British were too strong for his best troops. The British line just north of its junction with the allies, near Demun, also became involved as far as the Somme, but the British clung tenaciously to their positions, and where they gave a little ground they regained it in counter-attacks.

Moreuil was the point of the most furious fighting. The Germans, who also heavily attacked other sectors, came again and again to the assault, and Moreuil changed hands several times. The last charge of the allies, which ended the attempts of the enemy for the time being at least, also carried some heights beyond Moreuil. It was an international effort, for British and French troops charged in the same ranks together. The battlefront presented the form of a triangle, with the most furious efforts of the enemy breaking themselves against its southern side. Moreuil, which is on a main highway from the southeast of Amiens and 12 miles out of that town, formed the apex of the triangle, and it also marks the farthest point attained by the German spearhead.

Von Hutier, one of the ablest German generals, had command of the

Lloyd George Calls on Canada For Further Reinforcements

Duke of Devonshire Receives a Cable Congratulating Dominion on the Way Her Troops Have Fought.

Ottawa, March 31.—The Duke of Devonshire, governor-general of Canada, has received the following cablegram from Premier Lloyd George: "I have been inspired during the past week with the constant news of the dauntless courage with which the Dominion troops have withstood the desperate assaults of vastly more numerous German troops. This battle shows that the empire has reason to be proud of all its sons. Our armies cannot have too many of these splendid men. As already announced, we propose to ask parliament to authorize immediate measures for raising fresh forces. I would also urge the Government of Canada to reinforce its heroic troops in the fullest possible manner and with the smallest possible delay. The struggle is only in its opening stages and it is our business to see that our armies get the maximum measure of support that we can give them. Let no one think that what even the remotest of our dominions can now do can be too late. Before this campaign is finished the last man may count."

CATEGORY "B" MEN TO BE CALLED UP

Those Who Reported for Service Will Report at Once.

NO RE-EXAMINATION

This Will Be Done Only in Special Cases as Directed.

Indications are that all men in class I of medical category B will be called to the colors. The Ottawa announcement stating that B men would be called up did not say how many, but a statement made by C. Leslie Wilson, provincial registrar, shows that practically all B men will be asked to serve in the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He says that the 600 B men who last fall reported as ready to join the colors will receive their notices to report for service during the present week. There were 600 other B men who claimed exemption. The registrar will send questionnaires to them "at once." Upon the questionnaires being returned to the registrar the B men will be directed to appear before exemption tribunals. The expectation is that by May 1 all their cases will have been disposed of. There is to be no general re-examination medically of the B men. This will only be done when a tribunal so instructs, by special order. The B men will be placed in all branches of the army in which men of their medical category can serve. These branches are railway construction battalions, pioneer and labor battalions, forestry units, army medical corps and the army dental corps. The calling out of the B men is an action which has caused much surprise, as attention is being drawn to the fact that reports received from England stated there were thousands of soldiers in that category who were available for work on the lines of communication of the western battlefront.

REV. J. D. MORROW SPEAKS IN CHURCH

Dale Congregation Gives Him Enthusiastic Welcome.

DEFENDS SOLDIERS

He Tells People He Brings Message of Joy From the Front.

"When I hear anyone disparaging our boys, my heart sinks within me, and I am here to stand up for them until the last," declared Capt. Rev. J. D. Morrow, in Dale Presbyterian Church last evening. "Listen to me, every person of the living God: If the people of the Christian Church, and the Christian Church itself were up to the Christian standard of those boys in the firing line, we should have a church and a people to be proud of. It was a remarkable scene in the church. Long before the time for the notices to commence, the church was packed to the doors, and hundreds were unable to obtain admission. When the popular minister walked to the platform it was a sight rarely seen in a church. The entire congregation rose to its feet and extended a mighty welcome. Capt. Morrow himself was overcome by the warmth of the welcome, and stated that he was sorry to say he did not feel able to speak to them as he would have liked to, but he was there because he could not stay away. He was glad to be in Toronto. "And yet," he said, "if I had my health and strength, and were a young man, there is only one place for me, and that is in France, and to be with the boys at the front. I have a message to you fathers and mothers, it is one of the greatest in the world, the way the boys have received the message of Jesus Christ at the front, and I tell you this, I never had religion in my life, but I have it now. We never ask a man what his religion is over there, we never think of those things, but we do everything we can for each other. The boys work for each other and they die for each other, and I want to say to you, have in our souls and in our lives. This war has taught me of true comradeship. I went to France to pick the good out of the boys, and I have got it."

Two in Hysterics. There were two dramatic incidents when he was explaining how he had administered to the dying, and in particular mentioned one member of the congregation who had whispered to him, "Don't forget another." Two of the women members of the choir went into hysterics, and had to be led away. Capt. Morrow himself assisting one of them. "I did not come here to do that," he told them, "I would not have had that happen for others, simply came here with a message for you, a message of joy. I want to hold a service for the boys who have given their lives, and I cannot do so for some time, and I want to say to you, tonight." In conclusion he told them when the Canadians come back they were coming to make the lives of the citizens. "For the lesson that has been learned by the giving of blood, will mean everything to our country."

In the absence of Mayor Church, who was expected to have been present, the welcome, on behalf of the congregation, was extended by A. B. Rice.

SPECTACULAR FIRE DESTROYS FACTORY

Jefferson Glass Company, Ltd., Suffer Loss, and Many Will Be Thrown Out of Employment.

Fire completely destroyed one of the buildings of the Jefferson Glass Company, Ltd., 388 Carlaw avenue, last night, doing damage to the extent of \$30,000. The blaze started in the engine room in the basement of the storey brick building a little back from the street, and swept thru the whole structure, which was a spectacular fire. The alarm was rung in a few minutes after 11 o'clock, and shortly thereafter the fire was extinguished. The damage is covered by insurance.

STATEMENT CALLS TO WAR

Germany Condemns Statement of Ambassador Francis to Russians.

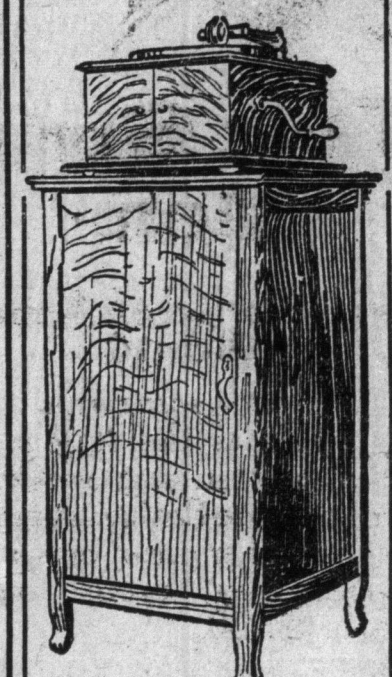
Moscow, March 31.—Germany, in replying to the Russian wireless message, the statement recently made by Ambassador Francis, says that it does not doubt the sincere desire for peace on the part of the Russian people, but regards the statement as a call to war.

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CONSCRIPTION ACT WILL BE SUBJECT OF WARM DEBATE

Statement by the Premier on Subject Will Probably Be Made on Tuesday.

THE LATEST NEWS.

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, March 31.—Upon the resumption of parliament there is likely to be a spirited and prolonged debate upon the administration of the Military Service Act. The gigantic battle now raging on the western front, the war situation in Quebec, and the recent disturbances in Quebec, and the action of the government in calling out the men in category B all combine to make the question suddenly acute. The government would prefer to state now regarding on Tuesday, but it is believed that the discussion will be precipitated on Tuesday either upon a motion to adjourn the house or upon going into supply. The attack upon the government, it is anticipated, will come from its own side of the house, and will proceed upon the assumption that the government should enforce the Military Service Act with more vigor and expedition. So far as the Quebec situation is concerned the government intends to firmly repress all disorders and enforce the law. It is inclined to think, however, that the disturbances are quite local in character, and will probably depreciate any wholesale charges of disloyalty against the people of the Province of Quebec. A statement to the house by the prime minister on Tuesday is anticipated.

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