Weather-Rain or snow, PRICE THREE CENTS

Less Unemployment \$1,000,000 OF In Canada Now Than In Year Before War

Canadian Minister of Labor, Montrealer Heads Dominion in Address at New York Convention, Outlines Problem Confronted in Absorbing Half a Million Men Into Civil Life Since End of the

New York, Dec. 30 .- Canadian Press. There is less unemployment in Canade today than there was in the year previous to the war, Senator G. D. tobertson, Canadian minister of labor, eclared in an address delivered at this afternoon's session of the fourteenth nnual convention of the American As-

annual convention of the American Association for Labor Legislation.

Telling the delegates that he considered it would be manifestly improper for him to make suggestions to the association as to the legislation desirable or applicable to United States conditions, Senator Robertson avoided a direct discussion of the labor problems which confront the citizens on this side of the line, confining his address to a clear and concise statement of what the Canadian Government has done in dealing with labor conditions in the Dominion.

'Should our experiences suggest anything to you which would seem useful is shall feel both honored and pleased with having had the opportunity of presenting them," he said,

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Sketching the progress made in developing labor legislation in the Dominion from 1918, when the Federal o the question of organizing to cope with unemployment, Mr. Robertson em-hasized the difficulty with which the Government has been confronted by recalling that while the male pupulation over 16 in Canada at that time was 2.-656,248, about 200,000 men and 60,000 women were engaged in war work in Canada, in addition to 350,000 men over canada, in addition to 350,000 men over-seas under arms and in hospitals in various stages of convalescence.

"These facts give one an idea of the task confronting us when it came to re-establishing in civil life over half a million men in a country where the total male population, including those to be absorbed, was less than 3.250.

DECLARES CONDITIONS IN TORONTO WORSE

THAN LAST WINTER Toronto, Dec. 30.—The labor organizations are satisfied with the present organization distributing unemployment ellef, according to John Doggett, busness manager of the Carpenters' Union, and a member of the citizens' committee for unemployment. Unemployment in the building trades is rapidly in reasing, Mr. Doggett says. The census of last week showed that fully 25 per cent, or at least 1,500 men, were not of work. A new census taken to lays it is believed, will show a farmore serious state of affairs. It is note worse than other years, he said. "Registrations and men applying for relief yesterday showed a sharp increase from Tuesday."

FORMAL REQUEST TO GOVERNMENT MUST COME FROM CITY

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Following a conference held yesterday over unemployment relief problems, when it was said that no definite assurance from Ottawa had pledged the Dominion Government to a third of the outlay, it was learned today that the citizens' unemployment ommittee has received an intimation from the Hon. Dr. Reid, of the Federal cabinet, that the Dominion Government is willing to duplicate any of the grants made by the city of Toronto for relief work, providing, however, that the municipality makes formal request for the money.

BRITISH CABINET WORKING TOWARDS PEACE IN IRELAND

Government Officials Review Entire Situation.

London, Dec. 30.—The parliamentary correspondent of the London Times says the cabinet spent more than two hours on the Irish question Wednesday, and that it is understood the whole question in its domestic, imperial and international bearings was under while it is regarded that from a military standpoint the outlook undeniably has improved in the last few months, the correspondent adds, there is no in-

thation on the part of the members the cabinet to minimize the desirability of pushing for peace. It is thought probable in well-informed circles, says the writer, that the first opportunity will be taken to pursue "explorations of the of avenues to a possible settlement with the representatives of the Irish people."

CUBA EXPECTED TO EXTEND MORATORIUM

Havana, Dec. 30.—Legislation necessary to reach a solution of Cuba's inancial difficulties is prepared for bibmission to the Cuban Congress, which opened its session yesterday af-It is understood that the mora orium decree, which expires tomorrow, will be extended for a sufficient time to give Congress an opportunity to enact legislation to meet conditions.

De Valera Recuperating

New York, Dec. 30.—Eamonn De Valera, "president of the trish republic," is visiting at the home of a friend, James K. Maheme of a friend, James K. Maguire, in New Rochelle, N. Y., the Advocate, an Irish newspaper, announced here yesterday. "There is wide speculation current in the daily papers as to the whereabouts of Eamonn De Valera." the Advocate said. "Rumors of his being in Ireland or England have been credited, and again denied. It is well known to his close friends that Mr. De Valera is not any too well in health, and that he is physically exhausted from the strain of mental and physical labor thrown on his shoulders labor thrown on his shoulder by conditions here, and is badly in need of rest. We may state for the benefit of anxious inquirers that he is recuperating at the home of his friend, James K. Maguire, in New Rochelle, N. Y.

Commercial Travelers' Association



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France's Population Decreased by Four Millions During War

Paris, Dec. 30.—The population of France was reduced by four million during the war, said Louis Mourier, the new director of public assistance, in discussing today measures to be taken by the Seine department council to reduce infant mortality.

Gasoline On Water Sets Fire To Plane

HAMILTON MAGISTRATE **DECLINES TO BELIEVE** "SPOTTERS" EVIDENCE

Hamilton, Dec. 30. - Provincial

HEAVY SUPPLIES OF

Cars Being Returned Promptly to Mines.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Canadian Press.—
The movement of coal to Canada from the United States mines has been greatly expedited recently by vigorous action on the part of the Dominion Railway Board and the provincial fuel controllers in pushing the unloading of coal carrying equipment of the railways. As a result of the determination of the Canadian authorities to have coal ars unloaded as soon after arrival at destination as possible the Canadian railways are now delivering more open top cars at United States junction points than they are receiving.

STEAMER SENDS OUT CALL FOR HELP; OIL AND WATER REQUIRED

New York, Dec. 30.—Wireless distress signals were picked up here today from the freight steamer Dauperata, which left Antwerp on December 8 for Galveston. Her position was given as about 670 miles east of Norfolk, Va., and 200 miles east of Bermuda.

The message said she was in need of fuel oil and water, and made a request to be towed to Norfolk. She belongs to the Barber Steamship Line.

ATTENDS SESSION OF

BOYS' PARLIAMENT Edmonton, Dec. 30.—On Wednesday the proceedings of the older boys' parliament was honored by the visit of Lieutenant-Governor Brett, who was proud to see before him the future lieutenant-governor, speaker, and leader of the Alberta House, and he hoped to live to see the day when the boys would hold public office in the province and country.

Two bills were put through first stage, one providing for protection of trail rangers and Tuxis boys and one providing for a father and son week next year. The members of the parliament year. The members of the parliament will be entertained to luncheon at the McDonald Hotel today, by the Rotar,

INVENTOR OF FLY-PAPER DIES. Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 30.—Ferdinand Thum, said to be the inventor of sticky

SEIZED LIQUORS UP FOR AUCTION

Huge Quantities of "Booze" Will Go To Highest Bidder.

effect, today were ordered "disposed of without unnecessary delay," by Charles R. O'Connor, federal director of prohlbition for New York State. The liquor will be sold to "the highest bidder." he said, but bidders are restricted to phy sicians, hospitals and other persons and institutions authorized to purchase for non-beverage purposes. Wood alcohol and other dangerous beverages, he said, would be officially

spilled. ORDERS LIQUOR RETURNED. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 30.—Six large eweries in Lackawanna and Luzerne oreweries in Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties, charged with placing beer of unlawful alcoholic content on the market, were seized yesterday by internal revenue agents. United States Commissioner Ellis today held that the search warrant upon which an agent of the department of justice seized whiskey valued at \$100,000 on the premises of Harry Staver was defective, and ordered the liquor returned to the owner.

CANDYMAKERS ARE NOT VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT LUXURY TAX

Deputation Well Received At Ottawa and Promised Consideration of Request.

WANT TAX REMOVED

Candies Only Foodstuff Carrying Ten Per Cent

oke Island, N. C., while the craft was en route from New York to Miami to enter service between Miami and Bimini. British West Indies. One wing was completely burned away. Four members of the crew and two passengers escaped injury.

T. W. McFarland, representing D. S. Perrin & Co., who went to Ottawa with representatives of other manufacturers to protest against the luxury tax on candy, telephoned back to C. C. Currie, of the same firm, that the deputation T. W. McFarland, representing D. S. had been favorably and courteously received and due consideration of their request promised. The candy makers, however, are not

any too certain that the tax will be removed, unfair as they believed it to be. Other representatives from London were Frank McCormick, of the McCor-mick Manufacturing Company, and H. E. Romer. Hamilton, Dec. 30. — Provincial whiskey "spotters" have been busy in Hamilton again, and as a result four people, were prosecuted in police court this morning. All the charges were dismissed by Magistrate Jelfs, who declared that he was not impressed with the way the sleuths gave evidence or the manner in which they gathered it. One of the "spotters," when asked in he was given \$25 for each conviction, said that he might be remunerated to that extent. Mr. Service, the man in charge of the detectives, denied this. In another case a man who was fined \$200 called his wife as a witness. She told such a straightforward story that the magistrate reversed his decision and acquitted the defendant.

CANADA RECEIVING

HEAVY SUPPLES OF

COAL FROM U. S. RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS TO HEAR APPLICATIONS IN MARITIME PROVINCES

Ottawa, Dec. 30.-Chief Commissioner Carvell, of the railway board, will leave for Woodstock, N. B., on Friday night. Next week he will proceed from Woodstock to St. John, where on Wednesday next the board will hold a sitting to hear local applications. As already announced the chief commissioner will not further participate in the hearing of the Bell Telephone Company for an increase in rates which would be resumed on Wednesday next with Assistant Chief Commissioner Dr. S. J. McLean presiding. The handing down of judgment in the express case is likely to be delayed until after the return of the chief commissioner from the maritime previnces.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest 28, lowest 2.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today wers: Highest 29, lowest 27.

TOMORROW—RAIN OR SNOW.
Toronto, Dec. 30—8 a.m.
Forecasts. Mostly cloudy today and on Friday Light local falls of rain or snow. Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria48 44 Cloudy Calgary34 12 Fair Winning25 8 Clear Kingston Quebec Father Point Father Point 6 -10 Clear Halfax 26 10 Cloudy Minus (-) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The weather has turned milder with light snow falls in the lake region, while in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces it has continued rather cold. Zero temperatures are reported from Manitoba, while in the southern districts of Sask-atchewan and Alberta it is quite mild.

atchewan and Alberta it is quite

Local Cops Experience No Holiday Rush of Prisoners to the Carling Street Court.

1 numerable are shrinking in terror from even committing a burglary.

While the whole world is seething in thas been found drunk, no one was dishe throes of a crime wave and cities covered gambling, carrying a bottle, or TAKEN IN NEW YORK

burglars, gunmen and other outlaws, London remains serene. During the past two days not an arrest of any description has been made, and the local police court cells are deserted.

By in normal times when contentment reigns supreme it is no uncommon thing to find each morning the police court docket crowded with eight or a dozen prisoners, brought in during the previous 24 hours, charged with being drunk, disorderly, vagrancy or one of many common offences or crimes. But since Monday night last no one last been discovered the prohibition went into effect, today were ordered "disposed of the since Monday night last no one last been discovered to the snow, however, may have had a great deal to do with curbing the desires of many common offences or crimes. But since Monday night last no one of the motor vehicle act.

Letters Cautioning Physicians Regarding the Issuance of Prescriptions Being Ignored in Many Cases.

Letters sent to local physicians, cautioning them that if their monthly quota of liquor prescriptions issued to patients is not reduced the board of license commissioners for Ontario will instruct dispensaries not to honor them, are being ignored by those practitioners who conscientiously prescribe liquor. They take the view that so long as the Ontario temperance act is not abused

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POLICEMAN VICTIM OF AN ATTACK BY ARMED CIVILIANS

WILL OPEN QUEBEC PLANT.
Quebec, Dec. 30.—The National Fibre Troducts Company, Limited, has just jurchased a plant in the town of St. Administron operations about the middle of February. Fifty men will be given employment at the outset, but it is expected that by the month of May next 150 men will be required to operate the plant.

Winning, Dec. 30.—Canadian Press.—Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, prime minister of Canada, arrived here early tris morning, several hours late.

During his brief stay here he will be interviewed by several local and provincial delegations.

BOLSHEVIK ENVOY IS BEING RECALLED BY THE MOSCOW GOVT.

Light, killing one policeman and wounding several others.

At the same time another ambush occurred on a Cork road in which it is believed one soldier was shot.

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London, Dec. 30.—A Moscow wireless message says today that as Great Britain, which recently accepted the July agreement for a resumption of trade with Russia, has now completely altered with Russia, has now completely attered with Russia, has now completely altered to all the proposed pleb iscite will be held only in territory was for that line. This notification has been sent to Lithuania that the rail.

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SMOKED PIPE SINCE YOUNG GIRL: LIVED TO BE 108 YEARS OLD

Toronto, Dec. 30 .- A special dispatch to the Star from Woodstock, Ontario, says: "Sarah Freeman, who died here yesterday at the age of 108, attributed her longevity in no small portion to her Indian blood. Since a young girl she had been a ceaseless pipe smoker. To this fact she attributed also her good health.

She lived in this city nearly forty years, but she had her first and only automobile ride two years ago. Until she became the victim of the stroke, she was wonderfully active and strong. She was a woman of religious fervor and freely found fault with the Christianity of today.

"There is too little attention paid to the Bible," she frequently said, adding that there was a great deal too much petty squabbling over religious differences. "It's a person's heart that counts," she said, "and if that is all right we'll get to heaven, and we won't be asked how we came.'

British Press Strongly Urges Conference by Three Big Powers.

ADVANTAGES OUTLINED

International Discussion As Advocated by U. S. Secretary Is Favored.

London, Dc. 30 .- Insistence upon the lesirability of restricting naval armaments and the holding of a conference on the subject by Great Britain, Japan, and the United States. The Times, saying the belief was widely prevalent in the United States that Great Britain was bound by treaty

to support Japan in the case that country should enter a war with the United States, devoted more than half of a long editorial, seeking to convince the people of the United States that this belief is

of the United States that this belief is "grotesquely false."

The newspaper recalled that when the United States and Great Britain in 1914 signed the "peace commission treaty."

Great Britain immediately notified Japan of the fact. Japan was told that the agreement to submit disputes between the United States and Great Britain to investigation by a permanent international commission constituted an ternational commission constituted ar exemption on Great Britain's part to aid Japan

Favors Daniels' Plan.
"If that does not explode all uneasiness about an Anglo-Japanese attack," said the newspaper, "the suspicion must

a strike was called.

The strikers declared today they intended to remain idle until the old wage scale was restored. Company officials said it would be necessary to keep the plant closed unless the employees made RAILWAY BETWEEN VILNA AND DVINSK TO REMAIN

Quebec, Dec. 30.—Canadian Press.—Napoleon Michaud, aged 64, was crushed to death near Trois Pistoles station yesterday by a passenger train. The victim was walking along the tracks towards the village when the train struck him. William Michaud, a brother of the victim, had met a similar fate some years ago while walking on the tracks at Levis. ORDERS SECOND INVESTIGATION. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—Capt. Charles R. Moffatt, in charge of the detective bureau of local police departdetective bureau of local police department, today announced a second investigation of the death of Lieut. Pat O'Brien, war aviator, December 17, confirmed the findings in the first investigation that O'Brien committed suicide. The second investigation was ordered by Chief L. J. Prendergast.

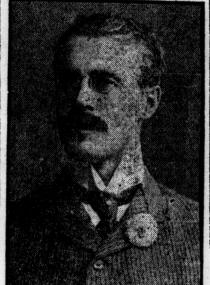
O'Brien served with the Canadian Air Force.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the National Union of Captains, Pilots and Mates of America, held last night, it was decided to send two members to Ottawa to the national convention of shipmasters, certificated officers and pilots to be held there January 10, also to send a delegate to the international convention of masters, mates and rilots.

convention of masters, mates and pilots o be held at Washington on January 24. CHARGED WITH O.T.A. VIOLATIONS
Brantford, Dec. 30.—George Bixel has been arrested here charged with a breach of the O. T. A., and released on \$3.900 bail, it being held that this is a second offence under the act. A summons has been issued against William Fraser, the Belmont Hotel, for having liquor in an unauthorized place. The case will be heard January 6. This is the first information laid against the proprietor of a standard hotel in Brantford.

Fiume Fighting Ends ARMAMENTS IS As D'Annunzio Gives WAY TO PEACE Up All His Authority

NOW A B. PAED.



INSPECTOR C. B. EDWARDS ha been granted the degree of Bachelor of Paedagogia by Queen's University for post-graduate work in education.

MARRIAGE ANNULLED Montreal, Dec. 30.—Mr. Justice Bruneau handed down judgment in the superior court yesterday, annulling the marriage of Daisy Mitchell to Charles Hamilton. The ceremony took place at Verdun on June 17 last. Hamilton at the time believed himself to be a widower. In November last, however, his first wife, after an absence of ten years, reappeared. The judge found that the parties had acted in good fath, and, therefore, granted Daiy Mitchell's petition asking for annulment.

Atlantic City Saloon Keepers Placed On Trial

Mays Landing, N. J., Dec. 39 .- One undred and twenty one saloonkeepers of Atlantic City today faced trial before Judge Ingersoll here for alleged viola tion of the state liquor laws. Seventy of them also face federal charges of violation of the Voistead act. All were arrested in raids during October, and pleaded not guilty at their preliminary arraignment.

LONDON'S SCHOOL **INSPECTOR GRANTED** DEGREE OF B. PAED.

B. Edwards Receives a Diploma for Post Graduate Work On Education.

Inspector C. B. Edwards among the numerous Christmas presents which the season of goodwill brought him discovered a small cardboard roll which when opened yielded a parchment scroll engrossed in old Latin script informing all and sundry that Mr. Edwards has been granted by Queen's University the degree of "Batchelor of Paedagogia." The diploma was granted for a postgraduate course taken by Mr. Edwards at Queen's and Toronto in "Education." The granting of the degree means that in future London's chief public school inspector is entitled, at his wish, to use after his name, in addition to the M. A. of his arts degree, the following, "B. Paed." Inspector C. B. Edwards among the

HERE INVESTIGATING TUESDAY NIGHT FIRE

Deputy Fire Marshal Jordon Visits Scene of Blaze With Fire Chief Aitken.

Acting under orders from Provincial Fire Marshal E. P. Heaton. Deputy Fire Marshal Jordon of Toronto this morning began an investigation of the fire which gutted the United Manufacturers, 121 Dundas street.. and damaged adjoining stores, Tuesday evening. "I ammerely collecting the facts," said the merely collecting the facts," said the tain an injunction. Acting under orders from Provincial merely collecting the facts," said the tain an injunction deputy to The Advertiser this morn-

ing, "and they will be submitted to the fire marshal. If these facts warrant it an inquiry will be ordered, and Fire Marshal Heaton himself will likely come to London, here is nothing to say regarding the fire until after my report is submitted."

Deputy Fire Marshal Bishop of Toronto was in London Wednesday on other business connected with his department, but did not investigate the United Manufacturers fire, as Deputy Jordon was assigned to this case on Wednesday by his chief, who decided to send a man to London following an account of the blaze in Toronto paper. "We have had no request for an investigation," Provincial Fire Marshal Heaton wired The Advertiser, "but I have assigned Deputy Fire Marshal Jordon to investigate the fire, as it seems to me one very necessary that we should at once take up. He leaves on the first train for this purpose, and it will have thorough attention."

Deputy Fire Marshal Jordon was accompanied on his investigation trip this morning by Fire Chief John Aitken. While in this city, Deputy Fire Marshal Bishop inspected inspected a number of local buildings and stores on habely an inquiry will be ordered, and Fire Marshal Heaton himself will likely come

Poet-Soldier's Last Announcement Was That He Would Leave City by Aeroplane-Taking Signorita Baccara With Him-Agreement for Capitulation Is Signed by City Council.

Triest, Dec. 30.-Hostilities at Flume between italian regular troops and D'Annunzio legionaries ended last night. The agreement for the capitulation of Fiume will be signed today.

Orders for a cessation of fighting at Flume apparently followed a report to Gen. Caviglia, commander of Italian regulars in Dalmatia, that the council of Fiume, to which Capt. Gabriele D'Annunzio had turned over his powers as head of the "regency of Quarnero," had accepted the terms of the Italian Government. At a conference held at Abbazia yesterday, the council gave complete recognition of the treaty of Rapallo against the application of which D'Annunzio and his men were fighting, and signed an agreement for the capitulation of the city.

The last news from D'Annunzio personally extered to be a conference of the capitulation of the city.

The last news from D'Annunzio personally stated he had resolved to leave Flume by aeroplane, and it is presumed he planned to take with him Signorita Luisella Baccara, who has been in Flume for ceveral most has Luisella Baccara, who has been in Flume for several months, and to whom he has declared he will be married as soon as he is given a divorce from his resent wife. Signorita Baccara refused to leave the poet-soldier when an attack on the city was imminent, declaring she would rather be killed than to quit the city.

POET-SOLDIER IS EXPECTED TO GO TO SOUTH AMERICA

London, Dac. 30.—The Evening News' Rome correspondent says today that D'Annunzio has accepted the terms of Gen. Caviglia, commanding the regular Italian forces about Fiume, for ending the Fiume civil war. D'Annunzio's segionaries will be dissolved, but will be granted amnesty, the correspondent declares, adding that it is expected D'Annunzio will go to South America.

LOCAL RAILROAD MEN ARE NOT WORRIED BY ACTION OF CONGRESS

Over 300 Men Employed in London Affected.

SENIOR ORGANIZATION

Claim Made by Members of the Canadian Brother-

More than 300 railroadmen in this city, members of the three local branches of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, will be affected by the action of the Dominion Trades Congress in revoking the charter of that organization. Officials of the different locals, however, do not believe that the action of the congress will have much bearing on the standing or the activities of the C. B. R. E.

While they are at a loss to understand why the congress took the action they are apparently unconcerned whether they are allowed to keep the charter or not. They are unanimous in the belief that the congress revoked the charter so that the Canadian organization would be forced to affiliate with the International Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Hendlers

Handlers, Express and Station Employees.

Can Stand Alone.

According to J. E. Chick, chairman of the grievance committee of the Grand Trunk local, it will make little difference if the organization does lose its charter. He claims that the C. B. R. E. operated successfully several years before it became affiliated with the trades congress, and that it can do so again. He said that no official communication had been received locally up to the present time.

J. M. Dundas, general chairman of the Canadian Express Company's employees division of the organization, believes that the action of the congress will make little difference.

Senior Organization.

"We will continue to operate without their backing," he said when interviewed today. "We got along without connections with them before and we can do so again. There is no doubt but that it is an attempt to force us to affiliate with the international organization, but they cannot do that. The Canadian organization is the senior organization, and it is the stronglest. There are more than 12,000 mem-

way and Steamship Clerks, F Handlers, Express and Station

UNEMPLOYMENT PEAK HAS BEEN WEATHERED

The Labor Bureau Has Many Places for Men On the Farms.

The peak of the unemployment situa-tion is past, according to reports from the Ontario Employment Bureau, where smaller crowds are applying for emseems to me one very necessary that we should at once take up. He leaves on the first train for this purpose, and it will have thorough attention."

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BULGARIAN PREMIER

smaller crowds are applying for employment.

A large number of men can be placed wages and board included. Advertisements appealing to the farmers have ments appealing to the farmers have ments appealing to the farmers have responded with applications for help.

The demand for farm laborers at the local bureau has always been in excess of the supply, and men willing to work on farms can be placed through the London office almost any time.

TANNERY DESTROYED BY FIRE.
Woburn, Mass., Dec. 30.—The tannery
of F. C. Parker & Sons, one of the
largest in this city, was destroyed by
fire today which ruined also a large
stock of finished leather. The loss on buildings and stock was estimated at \$300,000.