

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

BRANTFORD, CANADA, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1914.

ONE CENT

FIRE DESTROYS PLANT OF THE THORNTON'S, LIMITED

Early Sunday Morning Blaze Plays Havoc With Hides and Wool—Building Completely Burnt Out and Loss Will Exceed \$70,000.

COMPANY TO REBUILD AND MAKE LARGE EXTENSIONS

A fierce and costly fire took place in Brantford early on Sunday morning.

The establishment of Thornton's Limited, hide, wool and leather merchants, was the scene of the conflagration.

The contents largely wool, hides and grease, contributed a fierce blaze and when the brigade arrived after a quick run, they were confronted with a roaring mass of flames from one end of the structure to the other.

It was one of the hottest fires ever recorded in the city and the members of the department were just about roasted.

The brigade had six streams playing, reinforced by one from the Scarfe factory and another hose supplied by Chief Mattice of the Massey Harris factory.

The fire was extinguished at 5 a.m. before absolute control was secured. At that time buildings and contents had either been destroyed or else badly damaged.

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Impressive Services Held at Funerals of Army Officers Who Lost Their Lives in Recent Sad Accident Many Loving Tributes Paid.

ANOTHER PAGE IN THE HISTORY OF THE CONQUEST OF THE AIR

BERLIN, Oct. 21.—A most impressive joint funeral service was held to-day, over the bodies of twenty-three out of the twenty-eight victims of the disaster to the Zeppelin dirigible airship at Johannisthal on Friday last.

After the services in the church, seven of the bodies were taken to an adjoining cemetery for burial, the six sons of the Emperor heading the procession of mourners.

The relatives of the deceased took their places round the coffins which occupied the entire chancel of the church and were buried beneath masses of wreaths from members of the imperial family, the foreign embassies and legations and various naval and military veteran organizations and the families of the dead soldiers and sailors.

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SOME BIG POST OFFICE FIGURES

John Bull's Mail Department Shows Wonderful Increase.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—A London dispatch says: The British Postmaster's annual report gives stupendous figures of the nation's postal business.

The number of postal packets unsorted owing to absence or insufficiency of addresses, is estimated at \$3,000,000.

More than 88,000,000 telegrams were sent.

SAVES \$140,000 TO PROTESTANT WORK. MONTREAL, Oct. 21.—Benefactors totalling \$140,000, in which nearly all the Protestant and non-sectarian hospitals and charitable institutions in Canada are to benefit, are willed in the will of Hugh Watson, founder of the Watson Foster Paper Company, of Maisonneuve.

The beneficiaries are Presbyterian College of Montreal, home mission school of the Presbyterian church of Quebec, Queen's College, Kingston; mission fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada and Knox Presbyterian College, Toronto, (each \$50,000); board of French evangelization of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, aged and infirm ministers' fund of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, ministers', widows' and orphans' fund of the Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian General Hospital, Western Hospital, Montreal; Homeopathic Hospital, Montreal; Presbyterian Hospital for the Insane, Verdun; Y.M.C.A., Montreal; Montreal dispensary; Protestant House of Industry and Refuge, Montreal; Montreal Sailors' Institute; MacKay Institute for Deaf Mutes and Blind, Montreal; Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society; Presbyterian College, Halifax and Manitoba Presbyterian College, Winnipeg, each \$5,000.

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A Record Aero Flight

ISSY - LES - MOULINEAUX, France, Oct. 21.—One of the longest aeroplane flights ever attempted, was started from here this morning by the French aviator, Pierre Daurand, who took with him as his companion another French aviator, Henry Roux, when he rose from the aerodrome and departed on the way to Cairo, Egypt, a distance of 3,348 miles.

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FATAL MISHAP TO BOY IN ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP

Wesley Spencer, the 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Newstead, who reside on a farm on the Onondaga road, below Cainsville, about seven miles from this city, met with a fatal accident Monday morning shortly after 11 o'clock.

The young lad was passing a gasoline engine which was running an oil pumping machine, and accidentally put his hand on the moving belt. His coat sleeve caught in the belt, and he was whirled around and dashed to the ground.

The parents will have the sympathy of many friends in connection with their sad and sudden bereavement.

CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$4,000,000 FOR Y.M.C.A.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Announcement of a campaign to raise \$4,000,000 within two weeks for use by the Young Women's Christian Association and the Young Men's Christian Association, was made last night at a dinner held jointly by representatives of the two organizations.

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Will Bulletin The Results

Much local interest is taken in the bye-election for the Dominion House in East Middlesex, which is taking place to-day.

The Courier will bulletin the results as the moment a special wire is received announcing the result.

Great Britain And Her Attitude Regarding Situation In Mexico.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—In his discussion of Mexican affairs with the United States ambassador, Sir Edward Grey declined to bind the British Government to any particular policy after the elections in Mexico.

The conversation between the two great statesmen brought out the fact that the views of the United States and British Governments largely coincide, and both are desirous of a settlement that will ensure permanent peace.

AMBASSADOR PAGE explained to the British Foreign Secretary at some length the policy of the United States, and Sir Edward Grey in reply pointed out that nothing thus far had occurred to change the British view that recognition of the provisional government in Mexico was the correct policy.

The action of Sir Lionel Gordon, British Minister to Mexico, was not brought into question by the American ambassador, but Sir Edward Grey explained that he was simply carrying out the British policy of non-interference, pending the elections.

RESULT OF FATAL GAS FUMES

TORONTO, Oct. 21.—Grace Snelling, 22 years of age, is dead and her sister Dorothy, 18 years old, is lying seriously ill in the General Hospital as the result of being poisoned some time between Sunday night and Monday morning by inhaling coal gas fumes which escaped from a newly installed furnace at their boarding house, 8 Wilton Crescent.

For the past few months the girls had been employed as waitresses at a boarding house at No. 21 Wilton Avenue. Last Wednesday, however, they moved to 8 Wilton Crescent, as they had secured employment with the T. Eaton Company, where they intended to commence work to-day.

MANY ARRESTS. LISBON, Portugal, Oct. 21.—Many arrests were made in the Portuguese capital late last night, when several groups of opponents of the Government attacked police stations and detachments of the Republican Guard in various parts of the city, and also attempted to release the political prisoners confined in Linoeiro jail. They succeeded in setting free one prisoner from the district prison. The authorities eventually suppressed the outbreaks, and the Government to-day declares itself master of the situation.

SPRANG A LEAK. SIMCOE, Ont., Oct. 21.—The steamer Whipcock, owned by the Buckeye Steamship Company of Duluth, and in charge of Captain A. B. Collins, sprang a leak early this morning, and Captain Collins was forced to beach the boat off Long Point. The entire crew of 18 men were saved by the Long Point life-saving crew. The steamer, which broke in two shortly after being beached, was valued at \$24,000 and was loaded with 106,000 bushels of wheat.

GRAVE DISORDERS. MADRID, Oct. 21.—Rumors of grave political disorders in Portugal are current in the Spanish capital, but no definite news of what has occurred can be obtained, owing to the Portuguese censorship over despatches.

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