

# BRANTFORD DAILY COURIER.

FORTY-FIFTH YEAR

BRANTFORD, CANADA, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1916

PROBS: Sunday: Fair and much colder.

TWO CENTS

**YOU ARE NEEDED IN THIS STRUGGLE AGAINST GERMANY; IF YOU HAVE NO GOOD REASON FOR NOT ENLISTING WHY NOT JOIN THE 125TH BRANT BATTALION!**

## MILITIA SUPPLY FACTORY IN OTTAWA BURNED LAST NIGHT; WAS THE WORK OF INCENDIARY

### WASHINGTON NOT WARNED OF NEW PLOTS

Attorney-General Gregory Denies Story of Providence Journal.

### LUSITANIA PROBLEM IS UP AGAIN

Germany and U. S. Quibbling Over Meaning of "Illegal."

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Washington, Feb. 5.—An official of the department of justice said yesterday that Attorney-General Gregory denied the statement made by the Providence Journal that the latter had given the department of justice information of a purpose on the part of belligerent plotters to destroy the Canadian Parliament House by burning. Mr. Gregory, it was declared, said that he not only was not in communication with Editor Rathom

MADAME L. MORIN.



Wife of Mons. L. Morin of Quebec, who perished in the Parliament Buildings fire. She has relatives in Toronto and other Ontario points.



This photograph was taken at 10 o'clock on Thursday night, while the fire was burning fiercely, and several hours before the clock tower collapsed. The reflection of the flames can easily be seen, and the nearby buildings were illuminated by the light of the fire.

but had not heard from him or seen him for two months. Several officials of the department of justice yesterday said there was no correspondence in the department to substantiate Editor Rathom's assertion.

**TOLD OF IT VERBALLY**  
District Attorney Marshall said last night that about three weeks ago Mr. Rathom called upon him and in the course of conversation on other matters, Mr. Marshall understood him to say that he had notified the

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### MR. W. F. COCKSHUTT AND MR. J. H. FISHER TELL OF OTTAWA FIRE

Give Vivid Word Picture of the Suddenness of the Blaze Majority of Members Regard Foul Play as Origin.

Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., arrived home from Ottawa this morning.

In response to the queries of a Courier man, he said:

"I was in the Commons Chamber along with some thirty other members when one of the attendants rushed in with the exclamation, 'Big fire right here; run.' His voice was low and members did not at first realize the danger. For myself I made at once for the south entrance. When I arrived in the corridor the fire had reached it and was blazing to a height of about fifteen to eighteen inches on the floor. The whole thing had very much the appearance as if oil or other inflammable material had been spilled. I turned first towards the fire intending to reach my locker, where all of my out of door military equipment was stored. I had not advanced more than three paces when a burst almost equal to a violent explosion took place. This was intensified by intense heat and deadly fumes of black smoke which it would have been suicidal to have entered. The effect of the heat was such as to singe my cheeks and distinctly conveyed the impression to me of burning oil, gasoline or kerosene. This immediately changed my resolve, and I turned immediately into the main corridor. It is fortunate I did so, as an advance to the lockers would almost certainly have cost my life. The next man I saw come down the corridor was the Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, whose face was entirely blistered, and he was gasping for breath. Several other members in the Chamber at the time of the conflagration, were not so fortunate, as they took matters in a more leisurely way, as they did not realize the danger. Within a few seconds the Chamber lights went out leaving midnight darkness, and seven members, led by George Elliott, M.P., of Middlesex, were left groping vainly trying three doors in the room. They were about done when Elliott suggested the southwestern door as a final chance. They formed a chain, taking hold of hands and this was the salvation of the entire party. They burst open the door in

question and crawled on hands and knees to safety. Dr. Michael Clerk, on the end of the line, was almost strangled, and his calls for assistance were pitiable.

What is the prevailing opinion of the members of the origin?

"A majority incline to the belief that foul play was the cause. In my opinion, far too much laxity has prevailed this season in allowing strangers into the corridors. It is to be hoped that the experience will lead to much more stringent measures.

**MR. J. H. FISHER, M.P.**

Mr. J. H. Fisher, M.P., when phoned this morning by the Courier said: "I was in Room 16 with about twenty other members when the smoke started to come in I was the last to get out of the door. Another minute and we would all have been trapped. I lost my overcoat and other wearing apparel, but that was a mere detail. I never saw anything to equal the rapidity with which the smoke and flames spread."

"What is your opinion of the cause?"

"Set on fire, without a doubt. Everything had been prepared for the quick spread of the flames."

### KITCHENER TO COMMAND.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Feb. 5.—That Lord Kitchener will take supreme command of the allied forces on the western front with the opening up of the spring is the consensus of opinion in high military circles in England is the statement of Lieut. Wheatly, who arrived in the city yesterday in charge of the military party on board the Corinthian.

A hat made of fifty new \$1 bills was worn by a girl of Columbus, Ind.

### MUNITION FACTORY BURNED IN OTTAWA

Firm of Grant-Holden-Graham Co., Making Tarpaulin, Clothing and Haversacks For Militia Department, Suffer From Work of Incendiary.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Fire of a mysterious origin completely destroyed the manufacturing establishment of the Grant-Holden-Graham Co., Limited, on Albert street at an early hour this morning. There were eight employees in the building when the fire was discovered on the second floor. It spread rapidly, and the men had to get out via the fire escape. James Smith, the night-watchman, was on the top floor at the time. The building filled with smoke, but he ran the elevator down to the second story, where he was caught by Ernest Bonard and assisted to the fire escape. The old man suffered from shock and was nearly suffocated when the firemen rescued him from the escape.

The firm was engaged in making tarpaulins, clothing and haversacks for the militia department. Thousands of dollars' worth of material was destroyed.

Smith, the nightwatchman, believes the blaze to have been the work of an incendiary. He said he was on the

### HAD PHOTOGRAPHS

By Special Wire to the Courier.

WINDSOR, Ont., Feb. 5.—Photographs of the Ottawa Parliament Buildings were found in the possession of Charles Strony, the Belgian violinist taken from the Canadian Pacific train here Friday evening and now held in Windsor police station on suspicion of complicity in the destruction of the buildings.

A R. Green, of Auburn, Cal., survived the removal of his stomach.

### OTTAWA FIRE DUE TO HUN CONSPIRATORS

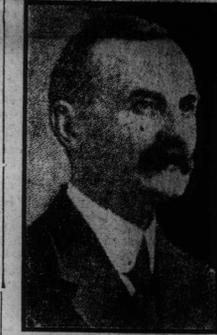
New York Herald Says Whole of United States is Indignant.

### LOSS IS NOT CANADA'S ALONE

All Means Are Fair in Fighting Germans, Declares London Express.

By special wire to the Courier.  
New York, Feb. 5.—The Herald this morning says editorially: The destruction of the Parliament buildings at Ottawa caused a thrill of indignation in this country, because of the moral certainty that the deed was due to German conspirators. Indeed the Providence Journal informed the Department of Justice of this country three weeks ago that this building was to be destroyed, and that Rideau Hall and munition plants would follow, and that the arrange-

MR. R. BOWMAN LAW, M.P.



Who Lost his life in Parliament Buildings' Fire.

ments were being made through the German embassy. It is not the custom in this country to jump at conclusions, and yet the case resembles the operations which were fastened to Captain Von Papen and his superiors in connection with other outrages in Canada.

### LAW IS NO CHECK

When Germany is at war, she stops at nothing. No moral or spiritual law serves as a check. Terrorism and frightfulness go hand in hand with smiles and purrings. "Holt" placed the bomb which exploded in the capitol at Washington. "Holt" fired the shots at Mr. Morgan, but to this day there is a deep conviction that there was an influence behind "Holt" which forced the fugitive murderer on, and which at the proper moment

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### COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



Ticket Collector: "Come now, mum, you'll have to pay for the child. He's not under three."  
Mrs. Muggles: "Now? but if 'e 'adn't 'is new suit hon 'e'd 'a been under the seat."—London Opinion.



Firemen playing hose on the wing leading to the Library which was eventually saved.

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**Tuesday, Feb. 8th**

**BEDS**  
The Life!

AND MARGARET MAYO  
in of His two Weeks in New York  
at BOLS' DRUG STORE  
No. 736, 8100, 8150

**THEATRE**

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