HAMILTON ASYLUM DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fifty Thousand Dollars' Loss in Sunday Morning Blaze.

REVIEW POSTPONED

Duke of Connaught Unable to Attend-Sham Battle Fought.

HAMILTON, Monday April 24 .- The scheduled review of the troops in train. Bridges and Culverts Wash ing at the District Instructional School on Saturday by the Duke of Connaught did not take place, as His Royal Highness had been called to Montreal for a similar purpose. The sham fight, which was to have been staged for the royal visitor was carried out with great success, companies of the various units here participating. Extended attacks upon trenches, mine explosions, and bombing attacks were made, giving the men a slight idea of how they will operate in the trenches in France. Maj. Buchanan was in charge of the manoeuvres.

Church parades for the various battafions took place yesterday, with the exception of the Mounted Riffes, drumhead services were held in Hamilton Barracks. The Rev. Capt. Pugsley officiating.

At Markham Village, the diode sweet.

lery and mining activity is reported.

enemy.

* WAR SUMMARY *

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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to evacuate the position on account of "high floods." British patrols also

made a successful descent upon German trenches southwest of Thiepval on

Saturday night, and carried off with them 13 Germans. They also bombed

the foe's dugouts in this locality. British artillery dispersed a German

working party in front of St. Eloi on Sunday afternoon. The usual artil-

Max Aitken in his budget of news. The 21st, 19th and 18th Ontario bat-

talions, which bore the brunt of the fighting, acquitted themselves well, and

accounted for many Germans. They captured part of a trench from the

* * * * * Well over 600,000 rifles have been thrown into the fighting on the

Verdun section since the battle began by the German higher command, it

was estimated by the French general staff last night, or thirty divisions.

Certain of these units have appeared on the front three or four times as

a result of the keeping of these organizations in the firing zone until they

are completely used. As fast as losses are sustained, the Germans, instead

of giving the survivors a rest, fill up the gaps with fresh men and keep

them hard at it. This method is directly the opposite to that employed by

the French, who withdraw a division as soon as it has sustained a loss of

from the reserves. In this way the French soldiers are not allowed to be-

come stale. The scarcity of men among the Germans is illustrated by the

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was reported Saturday night, when the French defeated two violent at-

ing heavy losses, and they in turn have captured by a surprise counter-

who assert that they have driven back the czar's troops to the east of Mush.

It was reported here a few days ago that the Russians had finally defeated

d Turkish counter-offensive, and the Turkish claim may be concocted to pla-

cate opinion at Constantinople. They have probably magnified a skirmish

Sannaiyat, on the northern bank of the Tigris Piver, a few miles from Kut-

el-Amara, in Mesopotamia, by floods and boggy ground early yesterday

brigade led by a composite British battalion, and the men charged thru the

bog and submerged trenches with great gallantry, piercing the first and

second lines of the enemy, and getting even into his third lines. Other bri-

gades pushed forward on the right and left of the first storming party, but

they were unable to get abreast of their comrades, because of the impass-

able ground, and of a heavy machine gun fire from the Turks. The leading

troops were heavily attacked by the enemy, and, lacking supports, they had

to retire to their former positions. The British troops across the river were

Lieut. Gen. Jan Christian Smuts is rapidly pushing on into German East

Africa, and his mounted troops have advanced 150 miles south of the

boundary line between the last German possession and British East Africa,

having occupied Umbugwe and Salanga. At each of these places a small

German garrison was taken prisoner. Germany has begun to prepare the public mind for the loss of this big colony. She allowed the statement of a

recent British victory to be published and appended to it a footnote saying

the German troops were retiring because they were unable to fight un-

der unfavorable conditions. It may be said that to the Germans "favorable

conditions" are those where they can mass a superior force to their

opponents, and can utterly disregard the dictates of humanity in the ruth-

lessness towards their own men, and in frightfulness towards their foes.

Never yet in this war have they won a victory when they were confronted

also unable to make progress. It is thus purely physical conditions that

into a battle. It is admitted that the Russians have landed troops at Pla-

A check to the Russian advance south of Bitlis is claimed by the Turks,

British troops were prevented from capturing the Turkish positions at

German posts on the road running thru Avocourt wood.

attack an important sector of the Turkish position.

tana, 10 miles west of Trebizond.

are holding up the relief column.

by an equal number of adversaries.

The only infantry fighting of consequence on the sector of Verdun

A week of active fighting was passed on the Canadian front, says Sir

YORK COUNTY

HEAVIEST RAIN **KNOWN IN YEARS**

Saturday's Storm Caused More Damage Thruout the County.

STREAMS ARE SWOLLEN

ed Away and Fields Are Flooded.

Reports from all over York County

exception of the Moused Riffes druin head services were held in Hamilton Barracks. The Rev. Capt. Pugsley office on Saturday ten new men were put in the uniform, and eleven others who passed the doctor will report later.

Damage to the extent of \$50,000 was caused by a fire which broke out in the Hamilton Asylum, on the mountain top, early Sunday mornins. The blaze, which started in the south wing, completely gutted that portion of the building, but the 250 patients stationed there were marched out in quick and perfect order. It is not known how the fire started. When the firemen arrived, the flames were shooting from the third floor, and the firemen had to content themselves were shooting from the third floor, and the firemen had to content themselves with saving the rest of the building. They were handleapped in their work by a low water pressure.

Local garment workers met here on stunday night and formed a union, and officers were elected. For union reasons, their names will not be made public.

The mysterious death of William Norton on Sunday evening is puzzling bolice officials. He had been residing at Bethel Mission for some time, and shortly after seven o'clock was taken suddenly ill. The ambulance was called to convey him to the General Hospital, but before he had gone four blocks he was dead. On examination it was found that Norton has deep wound in the head. An inquest has been ordered by Coroner Hopkins.

KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR.

While crossing Queen street, near Spadina avenue, Saturday night, ten-year-old Samuel Kappa, 358 West Queen street, was knocked down by a motor car driven by Arthur Mailtand, 195 Brunswick avenue. The boy was badly shaken up and bruised. He was taken home.

broken up. At Newmarket the efforts of the citizens saved the bridge at the northern part of the town from going out, but dozens of people were put to inconvenience thru the flooding of their

out, but dozens of people were put to inconvenience thru the flooding of their cellars.

Logs Piled High.

At Milne's Mills on the Don River at the Lawrence sideroad, the water was higher than in the spring freshets, when considerable damage was done by the ice, and on Saturday more of the dam and roadway were washed away. At Gray's Mills, a mile and a quarter further north, the waste gates were opened early in the morning to allow the rush of water, to escape. The flood later in the day cerried down a lot of logs and driftwood, which had escaped from Schmidt's mill upstream when the latter's dam went a month ago. On Saturday afternoon this became jammed at the face of the waste gates at Gray's Mills, causing the waters to rise rapidly and escape over the top of the earthwork. Hard work on the part of the neighbors saved the situation. A report that the dam at York Mills had gone out could not be confirmed.

One effect of the unprecedented rainfall will be to greatly delay all seeding operations in the midland counties. Ex-Reeve Jonathan Nigh of York County, from his home in Elmira last night, said that Saturday's flood would have the effect of delaying the seeding for a week and that it would be May before seeding under the best conditions would be general. On many of the highways where the "Good Roads" system does not prevail, traffic is impassable. On the Kennedy read, north and south of Ellesmere for three miles, where the York County Good Roads Commission neglected to put down the roadway, traffic is impassable, and with three teams of horses on a milk wagon it has been found necessary to abandon the rigs.

The heavy rain loosened the clay banks in the cutting at Hagerman's Hill, a short distance north of Milliken station on the midland division of the G.T.R. on Saturday morning, undermining the track and delaying the north and southbound express trains for some time.

MILK PRODUCERS WILL MAKE THEIR OWN PRICES

No Meeting Will Be Held This May to Fix the Scale.

That there will be no general semi-annual May meeting of the To-Producers' Association this year as in former years to fix the price of milk for the summer nonths was learned on Saturday. Instead of this, each member will be left free to make whatever arrangements may seem best suited to his own individual case. Some of the producers have been offered as high as ten cents a can over last year's figures and are said to have closed contracts for the summer months at the advanced rate. There is no suggestion that the association dishand, and the arrangement is be lieved to be only during the present abnormal circumstances. Just what effect the higher prices received by some of the farmers will have upon the retail trade is not known.

RETIRED FARMER DIED

Dropped Dead After a Day's Fishing Trip.

W. A. Bassett, a retired former. li W. A. Bassett, a retired former, living in Newmarket, met withen sudden death on Saturday night at the own home in that town. Mr. Bassett had spent the day at the lake fishing, going up to Bradford in the forendom. He returned to Newmarket about 1 o'clock, apparently in the best of health, conversing with a number of neighbors on his way from the depot. On entering his home he fell forward to the floor. A doctor was summoned, but nothing could be done, death having been almost instantaneous. Mr. Bassett for a number of years carried on farming consertance. sett for a number of years carried on farming operations in Whitchurch Township. He was well and favorably farming known. A widow, three daughters and

EASTER SERVICES. Large Congregations Attended al Churches in Earlscourt.

Churches in the Earlscourt district were attended by large crowds of worshippers at both morning and evening services. Special Easter the French, who withdraw a division as soon as it has sustained a loss of was rendered by an augmented choir 10 or 12 per cent., and allow it to recuperate after the losses are restored at the Central Methodist Church, Asan augmented choir cot avenue. Rev. P. Bryce, conducted the morning service Rev. P. Bryce, pastor, Rev. Archer Wallace, B.A., officiated

French observation, that the German command seeks to carry on the acin the evening.

At St. Chad's Anglican Church,

North Dufferin street, Rev. Harold tion with the least troops possible, a policy that this command had never Snarth, curate in charge, officiated morning and evening. The children morning and evening. The children presented a large offering for the bene fit of the missions, at the afternoon

tacks of the enemy which were launched in succession against the positions which extend from the Mort Homme position to the Bethincourt The Masses at 8 and 10.30 a.m. in St. stream. The onsets were stopped short by machine gun and barrier fire. Clare's Church, St. Clare avenue, were celebrated by Rev. Ed. McCabe, pastor. The French countered this manoeuvre by surprising and capturing some In the fighting in the Caucasus theatre of the war the Russians have repulsed all the Turkish attacks launched against them, the Turks suffer-

A special Mass was sung by the choir of St. Clement's Italian Church, North Dufferin street, under the leadership of Signor Castucci, during the elebration of High Mass at 9 o'clock, Rev. J. Haley being the celebrant. Special services were also held at St. David's Presbyterian Church, Haron avenue, and Ascot Avenue Bap-

tist Church. DR. FERRIER WOUNDED.

A telegram received from Ottawa vesterday by Chester Ferrier superintendent of the Mimico Industria morning, Gen. Sir Percy Lake reports. The advance was attempted by a that his son, Dr. Gordon Ferrier, atconveyed the information tached to the Royal Army Medical Corps, who six weeks ago arrived with his regiment in France, had been dangerously wounded by shrapnel, shell. Prior to his departur with his regiment, Dr. Ferrier was carte obtainable thereattached to the staff of St. Michael' Hospital. The telegram did not state

the exact nature of his wounds. EARLSCOURT BROTHERHOOD

A well-attended meeting of the Earlscourt Men's Own Brotherhood was held yesterday afternoon in the Central Methodist Church auditorlum, Ascot avenue. Rev. Arch Wallace, B.A., occupied the chair. Rev. Archer G. M. Jones, B.A., delivered an in-teresting address on the situation in Europe for the forty-five years preious to the present great conflict showing the events which led up to the war, and pointing out that the policy of the German chancellor, Bismarck, and the subsequent actions of and a badly lacerated face. He was the kaiser could have but the in-1 taken to the Western Hospital by the evitable result-war.

Wide Business Interests in Railroads and Land Colonization.

WELL KNOWN IN TORONTO

Was Land Commissioner for the Canadian Northern Railroad.

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the States. After spending a year lumbering in the bush of Wisconsin he entered a school of telegraphy \$800 hard earned cash to his credit Upon graduation he made his first rail-Upon graduation he made his first rail-way connection as agent and opera-tor for the Green Bay and Minnesota Railway at Blair. He saved, and within four years invested his total capital in a general store, grain and lumber business, and later a bank in Minnesota, Minn. His business flour-ished; he widened his banking inter-ests and later became interested in iron deposits in the Lake Superior iron deposits in the Lake Superior country. History has it that during his early business career in the States he was offered many high political appointments which he turned down, accepting only the mayoralty of his own city, Little Falls.

Reorganized Saskatchewan.

With his increasing prosperity 9 men out of 100 would have stayed in the States. Not so Col. Davidson. He came back to Canada by his own declaration to "settle and develop my native country." He was the first man to recognize that the soil of the Saskatchewan valley and western Canada was capable of growing the best wheat in the world, but thi 1902 he made little progress in selling and settling tho government land. Then, in 1902, he or-ganized a party of bankers and news. in Chicago, and took them, at his own expense, to see the country in which he had so much faith. Before they returned to the States he had sold them 180,000 acres. The American newspapermen spread the news of Canada's wonderful opportunity, and thus began the "American invasion." Within seven months Col. Davidson and his partners sold 1,200,000 acres of their holdings. of their

What Col. Davidson did in Saskatchewan he practically duplicated in British Columba, but along some-what different lines. In 1905 he first became interested in the resources of that province, and right up till his death was interested in coal mining, whaling and lumbering in that section.

Railways Attracted Him. After his colossal success with Can-adian Government lands in Saskatchewan, it is not surprising then that his ability attracted the attention of men like Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald Mann. He became inter-FIRED FARMER DIED

SUDDENLY IN HIS HOME

SIT Denaid Mann. He became interested with them in railway and land development, and in 1905 was appointed lands commissioner for the C.N.R. In that position, two of his undertakings have been the inception and development of the Model City at Mon-V. A. Bassett of Newmarket real and the new Leaside townsite at

> Personally he was a most affable and likable man. Clean living—he neither smoked nor drank—left him a strong frame. He was above medium height and well built. Out-standing characteristics of the man were his modesty and straightfor-wardness of address. His business days ended when he was thru his work and began earlier in life at 6 'clock in the morning.

His military title came to him from two sources. The State of Minnesota, in recognition of his achievements there, granted him a commission in the National Guard. and he also held an honorary colonelcy on Sir Sam Hughes' uarters staff at Ottawa. Col. Davidson was with the party which ac-companied Lord Roberts on his tour one son survive. He was about 65 years of inspection of the British lines of age. British general. Recently his native Town of Glencoe has frequently heard him speak at recruiting rallies He held strong imperialistic ideas and believed that Canada's best future and interests lay along the lines of a nation within an empire. Colonel Davidson's body will hipped to Duluth for burial D. B. Hanna of the Canadian Northern Railway left Sunday night to attend

the funeral there. BIG RECRUITING RALLY. Col. Hagarty'sBattalion at Massey Hall on Friday Night.

Announcement was made in all the churches last night of a big recruiting rally in Massey Hall, Friday in aid of the 201st Battalion. Speakers will be H. H. Stevens, M.P. for Vancouver, and Attorney-General I. B. Lucas. The 166th Queen's Own Band Celebrated by Rev. Ed. McCabe, pastor.

Practically the entire congregation rereceived Holy Communion, and a number of children received for the first

School Club visiting Ontario.

Hagarty announced last Lt-Col. Hagarty announced las night that he had arranged with Lt. Col. Levesconta to swear in the 201st under the Queen's Own. Lt.-Col. Hagarty is an old Queen's Own man, as also Major Bennett, and some more

> CHARGED WITH SELLING LIQUOR. Ernest McCann, 34 Sackville street, was arrested by Plainciothesman Marshall on Saturday afternoon on a charge of sell-ing liquor to soldiers on Queen street.

of his officers.

Undoubtedly the Best

Ladies and gentlemen who dine downtown concede the superiority of the service and menu of the Hotel Teck. Every day the large attendance is an evidence of the popularity of the excellent luncheon and a la

HORSES KILLED

While leading three horses behind a rig on Saturday on Yonge street between Aurore and Newmarket, two of them broke away from the farmer driving the buggy and escaping down a sideroad ran on the G.T.R. tracks sideroad ran on the G.T.R. tracks where they were struck by a freight train and killed.

STRUCK BY MOTOR

Joseph Oliver who lives on McDonell avenue, Humber Bay, was knocked down by a motor car on Saturday night while crossing the Lake Shore road at the corner of Queen street and Humber Bay, sustaining a broken hip driver of the car.

PLAYS, PICTURES AND MUSIC

week will be H. H. Frazee's new farce comedy. 'A Pair of Queens,' by O. A. Hauerbach, A. Seymour Brown and Harry Lewis, opening at the Alexandra Theatre tonight, with the best cast of comedy stars seen here in a decade. The list includes Joseph Santley, who has just closed with Gaby Desiys in "Stop, Look and Listen"; Kathleen Clifford, who has been appearing in Chicago in "Everyman's Castle"; Maude Eburne, the Bronte girl, who appeared here recently as Coddies in "A Pair of Sixes55; Mark Smith. Charles Butler, Hugh Cameron, Carlton Macy, Ola Humphrey, Miriam Doyle and others. Hearing that the American Legion would soon depart for the front, and were in need of funds, Mr. Frazee, the owner of "A Pair of Queens," and Mr. Solman, manager of the Alexandra, have donated the proceeds of tonight's performance to them, and, as the sale is exceptionally large, those who desire to attend tonight's premiere had better make their reservations at once. farce comedy, "A Pair of Queens, The Hippodrome

The Robins Players

Just one week from today the Robins Players, headed by the favorite, Edward H. Robins, inaugurate their summer stock season at the Alexandra Theatre. The opening attraction will be "Under Cover," an exciting, modern melodrama, which has to its credit a record run of all last season at the Cort Theatre, New York, "Under Cover," is an exciting and entertaining detective narrative of smuggling suspected, grafting unsuspected, ruse against resource, and wit against wile, energetically told thru many a turn and twist, and with recurring suspense and surprise. Its denouement, which is arrived at just before the final curtain, is said to be so surprising in its unexpectedness as to be startling. The seats for the gala stock inauguration will be placed on sale Thursday at the box office.

Derwent Hall Caine

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Derwent Hall Caine, son of Hall Caine, will make his first local appearance at the Grand Opera House this week, in Hall Caine's successful play, "Pete." This drama, which was written by Hall Caine in collaboration with Louis N. Parker, has proven an overwhelming success in London and on the stage of seven other countries. Altho it has been revived six times in London with tremendous success, and is known by reputation all over the world, it has not heretofore been seen in Canada or the United States. The advance requests for reservations indicate that local playgoers are keenly interested in this first appearance here of the notable young London actor, and that a distinguished audience will greet Hall Caine's son when for the first time he stands before an audience in this city. The engagement opens with a special matinee today, and includes the regular Wednesday and Saturday matinees.

"Pair of Sixes"

Edward Peple's popular farce comedy, "A Pair of Sixes," which was presented here earlier in the season at high prices, returns to the Grand Opera House next week, and will be offered at popular prices. It will be presented by exactly the same cast and with the same production as on the first visit. The saie of seats opens this morning.

Shakspere Night

The tercentenary of Shakspere's death will be celebrated on Wednesday evening, April 26th, at the Little Theatre, Oddfellows' Hall, 229 College street, with an entertainment arranged under the auspices of the Toronto Drama League. April 26th is the date of the poet's baptism, that of his birth being uncertain, and the program is designed to be thorolly representative of his work and his period. It will include Shaksperian varies by Mrs. Laura Hemuth Marshall. period. It will include Shaksperian lyrics by Mrs. Laura Hemuth Marshall. Skaksperian music by Miss Maude Scruby, the well-known 'cellist, Shaksperian glees by a chorus directed by Leonard Borthwick, Shaksperian dances arranged by the Misses Stonberg, and scenes from "Hamlet," "Twelfth Night," and "The Merchant of Venice" in costume by Farnum Barton and associates, including Catherine Beverly Rebinson, Elsie Keith, Mary Halbhas, Miss Scruby, Maud Anderson, Capt, Larking, D. Hill, T. Williams, Prof. Fairley, Stuart Stubbs, Whitfed aston Formal A. W. Ford. The proceeds will so to local creates; and a good audience is alread.

Shea's Theatre

The international star, Eisie Janis, world's premier caricaturist and impersonator, comes to Shen's as the bright shining light of this week's bill. Miss Janis is familiar to theatregoers for her excellent work in a host of musical comedy successes. Even as she took Broadway by storm, the diminutive star has all London at her feet. In her repertoire for this week Miss Janis includes impersonations of various well-known stars of the legitimate stage from Sarah Bern-

They Seem to Distrust Motives Behind Secret Session Proposal.

GRIFFITHS' HOT ATTACK

le Would Make Lloyd George Head of New Unionist Ministry.

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in the secret session satisfy them that the necessary men cannot be obtained by any other means is creating a considerable amount of suspicion among labor men outside of parliament and trade unionists generally, who are be-ginning to doubt the wisdom of hold-ing a secret session. They fear that something will be done behing user backs, and that they will be committed

compulsory military service against

their will. Griffiths' Hot Attack. Mr. Lleyd George seems determined to make a strong fight without loss of time against the attacks from his own party. An interview will appear in the morning papers tomorrow with John Norton Griffiths, Unionist M. P., attacking the coalition government fo adjourning parliament over Easter and leaving the most moment-ous decision in history in the balance." Mr. Griffiths, asserts that thousands of ablebodied men are employed in needless public works in Great Britain who might be liberated for the front, and that the country is sick of the

government's inertia. He advocates giving Premier Asquith a peerage, to make fay for a new Union ist cabinet under David Lloyd George, including the Australian premier, William Morris Hughes, and that the new cabinet should summon the premiers of the dcminions so that there may be a real imperial council behind the cabinet.

"Uncrowned King of Wales." Will Thorne, Social Democrat, for Westham South, and a well known to save the public fifty per cent. Terms labor leader, addressing a meeting at can be had at no additional cost. They crisis, said he held no brief for Pre- Government Power Commission Elec

hardt to Eddie Foy. Jack W. Coniy and Margaret Webb will be featured in their bright little melange, "A Musical Mixup." while Harry Lester Mason provokes much mirth with his amusing comedy sketch, "The Janitor." "The Big City Four" is conceded to be one of the best quartets in vaudeville, while Adeline. Francis will introduce a distinct novelty featuring duets with herself on a phonograph. The El Rey Sisters are clever dancers on roller skates, while Mr. and Mrs. Norman Phillips have a bright little playlet entitled "Sweets to the Sweet." Josie O'Meers, a daring aerial artist, and feature films complete the bill.

At the Hippodrome

At the Hippodrome this week the management offer as the headline attraction Dwight Pepple's elaborate extravaganza "The 1916 All-Girl Revue," in which 20 beautiful, talented girls display their ability as singers, dancers and instrumentalists. The sketch has been provided with handsome scenic investiture and gorgeous costuming, while the lighting arrangements are unique. Carrie Starr, a vivacious comedienne, Izetta, a gifted accordeonist, the Transfield Sisters and the Vassar Four are only a few of the bright, particular stars in one of the most attractive acts in vaudeville. Marguerite Snow, the dainty Metro, star, will be featured in the newest Metro, release, "A Corner in Cotton." In five parts, the picture is brimful of action, showing the gay life of New York and its pcorer, more sordid side. It is one of the greatest Metro, features ever released. Amusing comedy films complete the bill.

Loew's Theatre

The "Toy Comedian," Master Gabriel, internationally famous, will appear for the first time in soveral years in Toronto, when he heads the bill all of this week at Loew's Yonge St. Theatre in a clever new sketch just written for him by Al. Lamar entitled "Little Kick." There are three people in the act. Lamar, who has been connected with Gabriel for many years, and Miss Vida Perrin, a Toronto beauty, known thruout Canada for her grace and charm. Mile. Amoros and Ben Mulvey will offer a rapid fire singing and dancing skit entitled "At the Cabaret," introducing Mile Amoros' acrobatic dancing. Others will be Billy Forrester and Miss Ray Lloyd in Mack and Walker's clever skit. "An Everyday Occurence"; Van and Carrio Avery, featuring Van Avery, the original "Rastus"; Kennedy and Nelson, Mumford and Thompson.

"Smiling Beauties"

It may be positively stated that Jacobs and Jermon hit the nail on the head and drove it to success when in selecting the hook for this year's production of the "Smiling Beauties" they chose two timely topics, to wit: "Votes For Women" and "High Life in Jail." When seen at the Gayety Theatre this week this company of forty-five people will present "A Suffragette Convention of 2016"; an uproariously funny satire on the rights of women to political suffrage. "High Life in Jail" is a burlesque on conditions now said to be existing in Sing Sing as one is lead to believe from the stories told of the life of the immates in that penal institution.

Prominent among the cast are Harry K. Morton, Sam Collins, Zella Russell, June Mills, Ruth Wesley, Billy Innes, Hijou Comedy Trio, and the usual bevy of twenty preity chorus girls.

The Garden Girls

of twenty pretty chorus girls.

The Garden Girls, one of the brightest burlesque productions on the road, opens a week's engagement at the Star Theatre today. This attraction is far above the average and contains all the ingredients of a high-class entertainment. The songs are the latest and are rendered by a large the latest and are nient. The songs are the latest and are rendered by a large chorus of winsome chorus girls. The Garden Girls are noted for the manner in which they put over the dancing numbers. Irva Windser, the magnetic soubret, is very lively and keeps things moving at a lively pace, while she is before the audience. Mae McRae and Anita Hawthorne are two leading women with sweet voices. The comedy of the show is well looked after by Gus Arnold and Joe Freed.

The Mary Pickford, as "Poor Little Pepda pina," comes to the Madison the first
haif of the week, special matinees Monday and Wednesday. "Poor Little Peppina." is the biggest and most thrilling
original story in which Miss Pickford has
ever been seen on the screen. Opening
in Italy, the scene of action changes to
Sicily, and then, when the kidnapped
American girl makes her escape as a
stowaway, dressed as a boy, New York
supplies the setting for the rest of the
action.

With this discounts.

Wales" into Mr. Asquith's position, he

would have nothing to do with Mr. Lloyd George, who favored military and industrial compulsion. Philip Snowden, Socialist, for Blackburn, addressing a meeting at New-castle, also expressed the fear that the parliamentary Labor party was assisting the forces of reaction

SALFORD CONFERENCE STORMY

LONDON, April 24, 12.35 a m...—The opening of the fifth annual conference of the British Socialist party at Salford yesterday was marked by turbulof a resolution excluding the press.

Thirty delegates left the conference and went to Manchestter, where they issued a manifesto condemning the resolution excluding the press.

British materials have arrived, comprising the newest tones in browns, tans, grays and fancy blues. Special solution as the climax of a determined attempt to subordinate the policy of the organization to a "pernicious antinational pacificism at a time when we are engaged in a life and death struggle with German militarism and Gernan atrocities."
The Salford conference continued in

secret session and issued a counter statement, impugning the action of what it called the "power section." RUSSIANS GIVEN CHECK

IN SOUTHERN ARMENIA? Constantinople Says Turks Won Victory in Battle South of Bitlis.

CONSTANTINOPLE; April 23, via London, 3.30 p.m.—The Russians have met with a check in their operations in southern Armenia, according to the official statement by the Turkish war office, issued today, having been defeated in a battle south of Bitlis and driven back after an engagement to the east of Mush, losing heavily in both clashes with the Turks.

GOOD NEWS TO HOUSEHOLDERS.

The Electric Wiring and Fixture Co., 261 College street, on account of the spring rush, had cancelled all new orders, and are now in a position to again take more orders. They contract to wire occupied houses, concealing all wires and not breaking the plaster or marking the decorations. As assemb-lers of electric fixtures they are able to save the public fifty per cent. Terms London tonight with reference to the have all of their work inspected by the mier Asquith, but if it were a question tric Inspection department, thus en-of putting "the uncrowned king of suring a perfect and safe installation." HOTEL ROYAL, HAMILTON

Ouickness With Which Decision Was Made Came as a Surprise.

BREAK TO BE AVOIDED?

Some Hope Felt by Peace Party of an Amicable Solution.

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paper, Zukunft, defending President Vilson's standpoint, in plain words.
With the possible exception of a of extremists, there appears to be nobody in Germany desirous of a breach or war with the United States. It is evident, beyond doubt, however, that if the government should reject the demands of the American note respecting submarine warfare, it would find the united support of Germans of

all parties. Even those to whom the idea of a rupture between Germany and the United States is most distasteful agree in feeling that the government must refuse to weaken its means of warring against Great Britain, tho this should have the control of the control nean a breach with the United States.

Personal Attacks.

A faint note of optimism is sounded by The Vorwaerts, the organ of the Social Democratic party, but other papers speak openly of "an unavoid-able breach."

A striking feature in connection with A striking reature in connection with the whole matter is the fact that the press almost unanimously speaks of "Wilson's note," and only in exception-al cases of "the American note." Most of the papers disregard reports showing that congress is supporting President Wilson, and The Post declares that Mr. Wilson "by no means has a safe majority behind him."

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WASHINGTON, April 23.—Ger-nany's reply to the American note, emanding immediate abandonment of demanding immediate abandonment of illegal and inhuman submarine war-fare, probably will be before President Wilson by Saturday. In the meantime perhaps within 48 hours, Ambassador Gerard at Berlin is expected to be in a position accurately to forecast the

contents of the document.

It is stated authoritatively that the Jerman embassy has no more informa tion regarding intentions of the Berlin Government than has the state depart-Government than has the state department. In some diplomatic quarters the statement made in despatches of the semi-official Overseas Agency that Germany will act "along the lines of national dignity and respect for neutral rights and international law, as well as for vital German interests," is

regarded as being a hopeful indication. Hope is Revived It is pointed out that if neutral rights and international law were strictly observed by the German Government all sources of possible difficulties with the United States immediately would be removed. If Germany should refuse to comply with the demands of the United States and diplomatic relations between the two governments were severed, the moral effect upon the other neutral nations of

the world, diplomats consider, would be far-reaching.
The United States Government has made tentative plans to cope with every conceivable situation which would result from the severence of

would result from the severence of diplomatic relations with Germany. For reasons they indicated were obvious, officials tonight deemed it unwise to discuss the details.

There is reason for believing, however, that some of the plans have to do with the safety of American citizens in the German Empire and the others have to do with American supervision of German interests in the countries at war with Germany.

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