PREMIER ATTENDS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sir William Hearst Addresses Peel County Workers at Brampton.

There was beautiful weather for the annual meeting of the Peel County Women's Institute and an encouraging attendance in consequence. Representatives were present from the 21 branches of the county and reports were read from 17 of these, indicating an increasing interest in the work of the institute in general.

The following officers were elected: Honorary president, Mrs. Dorrington, Alton; president, Miss Beardmore, Port Credit; first vice-president, Mrs. Hodgetts, Clarkson; second vice-president, Mrs. Meek, Alton; third vice-president, Mrs. G. Graham, Brampton; secretary-treasurer, Miss Susie Campbell, Port Credit; assistant secretary-treasurer, Miss McIntosh, Brampton; auditors, Mrs. Hobberton, Port Credit; and Mrs. Knapman, Brampton.

The financial report is most encouraging, $9,611.97 being the receipts for 1917 and 1918. The total membership is 568. The total donations to the blind soldiers' fund from all the branches was $805.45. The Peel County Institute has given a player-piano to the hospital for blind soldiers, and it is suggested by the president that next year the work be along lines that will raise money for the sailors' fund.

The directors appointed for 1918 and 1919 are: Alton, Mrs. C. D. Barber; Belfountain, Mrs. J. Frank; Terra Cotta and Brampton, Mrs. E. G. Graham; Caledon, Mrs. D. McKim; Cheltenham, Mrs. W. W. Wilkinson; Clarkson and Lorne Park, Mrs. Fairbairn; Erindale, Miss O. Ross; Malton, Miss Brocklebank; Meadowvale, Miss Jessie Gooderham; Port Credit, Mrs. A. W. Briggs; Sandhill, Miss A. Elliott; Mono Road and Snelgrove, Mrs. Wm. Mundell; Brampton, R. R. 2, Streetsville, Miss Drinkwater.

Premier Hearst Speaks.

Sir Wm. Hearst, premier of Ontario, complimented the Women's Institutes for their efforts in the part Canada must take in the winning of the war. He spoke of $725,000 given by the institutes of Ontario thru 80 branches for patriotic purposes. He followed this statement by an appeal to the members not to weaken the hands of the leaders of the country, nor seek to undermine their influence by adverse criticism. Now, he said, is the time for us to forget all differences.

Speaking of the clash between the country and the city dweller Sir William said they were not all saints in the city, nor all sinners on the farm. Co-operation between all classes was therefore the working basis for ensuring success. With the assistance of the women of the country, he said, the cause was going to be won; without it the cause would be lost. The line of defence has passed the line-fences of the farms; it has gone right into the kitchens.

Miss Fleming, a farmeret, representing the women's department of the employment bureau of the Ontario Government, spoke briefly on the proof given last year that women could do farm work. This year three district representatives will arbitrate between employers and employes. Miss Fleming asked the sympathy of the women present in securing a welcome for women workers on the farm.

Mrs. J. M. Godfrey spoke on the registration of women, which she called a patriotic effort to back the men at the front. C. R. McDonald, registrar for this district, followed Mrs. Godfrey. J. W. Stark gave an account of the medical inspection of the public schools of Peel.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

Weston

NO CLUE IS FOUND TO WESTON MURDER

Not Even a Suspicion is Discovered Upon Which to Work.

Weston's murder mystery of Sunday night last when George Tucker was stabbed to death while he lay in his bunk in a sleeping car, remains unsolved for the present, the most striking thing about it all being that the crime was committed in daylight in a comparatively thickly populated district, and not a person can give any information that will in any way help the police in their search for the murderer.

The late Mr. Tucker was one of seven men employed by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in repair work on bridges and culverts. Their boarding and sleeping cars are stationed near the works of the Roman Stone Company on a siding on the outskirts of the town. The evidence gathered thus far shows that the victim was the first to return to the cars after spending Sunday away. He left West Toronto on the 6.20 car for Weston, and arrived about seven o'clock.

It is thought he went immediately to his bunk and lay down to rest. At 10.30 a fellow workman returned to the car, after spending the day in the city, and seeing Tucker in the bunk tried to arouse him, only to discover that Tucker was dead. He notified Dr. Charlton, who in return got William Campbell, the town constable, and within ten minutes they were on the scene. From the condition of the body it is claimed that the man had been dead about three hours.

There is no suspicion whatever resting upon any members of the working gang, for they have all accounted for their time to the satisfaction of the authorities. There is as yet no known motive for the murder, and it is known that Mr. Tucker did not have a large amount of money with him.

Investigation continues with Provincial Inspectors Greer and Miller on the job, assisted by the town police and Harry Harper, C.P.R. detective.

SOCIALISTS ACTIVE.

Allied Camp Wants Swedish Leader to Call Conference at Berne.

Amsterdam, May 22.—The Socialists of the entente powers, according to Pieter Troelstra, the Dutch Socialist leader, have invited Hjalmar Branting, the Swedish Socialist leader; Camille Huysmans, secretary of the Socialist Internationale, and Troelstra to call a new Socialist conference at Berne. When a favorable moment arrives—when, for instance, the German annexationist claims had stopped and the great offensive had failed—he added, the invitation will be accepted.

Earlscourt

GREATER INTEREST IN CHILD WELFARE

Earlscourt Women's Institute in Annual Session.

LADY EATON SPEAKS

Col. Nasmith Gives Address on Problems of Health.

The sixth annual Women's Institute and Child Welfare exhibit was in Earlscourt Central Methodist Church Wednesday and continues today and opened tomorrow. The church auditorium was well filled with happy smiling mothers and baby songsters.

This sixth annual gathering of the women's institute appears to have exceeded in interest and enthusiasm the preceding five years, and Rev. Peter Bryce, the pastor, announced the continued growth of the institute and the great work it was doing for the women of Earlscourt.

On the platform with Mr. Bryce, were Lady Eaton, Col. G. G. Nasmith, C.M.G., Ph.D., and Mrs. Nasmith, Mrs. Wallace Barrett, and Alderman Brooks Sykes.

Lady Eaton, who was warmly received, said she was very glad to respond to the invitation to come to Earlscourt and to be present at this annual women's institute. She had watched the remarkable growth of the work and the good it was doing. "This is the age of motherhood and mothers are thought more of today than at any other period in the history of the world," she said. She hoped this year's exhibition would be quite successful.

Health and Disease.

Col. Nasmith gave an address on present day health. He spoke of the prevalance of disease in all walks of life. Husbands and brothers now fighting at the front were as well protected from disease as far as modern medical science could do it.

"The war has taught us the value of good health and the value of medical inspection for children, great improvement of a few years ago. Our army at the front is enjoying better health than we at home, for epidemics in the army today have been largely eliminated," he said. "We have greater armies, yet less disease, due to modern methods of sanitation."

He further stated that more diseases would be found in 100,000 civilians than would be in a like number of soldiers. Eighty per cent. of the children born into the world were born healthy, and 100 per cent. would be born so except for two things, heredity and environment, declared the colonel.

Alderman Brooks Sykes spoke briefly and said he knew from his own personal knowledge that the Women's Institute and Child's Welfare was doing a good work, not only for this district, but also for the soldier boys at the front, and he wished them the greatest success.

Mrs. Nasmith gave two excellent recitals, Mrs. Wallace Barrett was the soloist. Mrs. Johnston accompanied on the piano.

The baby show, the prizes for which are donated by Lady Eaton, judging of bread cakes and sewing, demonstration of school dental service, and of medical service, and the various exhibits, including drying and canning vegetables and fruits and war-time cooking, were all well patronized by visitors.

In the evening there was an exhibition by the boys' and girls' gymnasium classes and first aid in the basement of the church.

Danforth

MARKET FACILITIES BEING CRITICIZED

Ratepayer Says Produce Should Come From Greater Distance to Toronto.

"It is time the city council made a greater use of our civic market by operating in a much larger capacity than at present," said Albert Hanna, a member of the Danforth Ratepayers' Association, yesterday. "We should have a bigger supply of produce, especially eggs, butter, cheese and potatoes, the local supply from a distance of 10 or 15 miles being only a drop in the bucket. Let us launch out and get our produce on the market from the wholesale egg circles and from the cheese and butter makers at a distance of from 50 to 100 miles," said Mr. Hanna, who added that there was no reason for the consumer to be compelled to pay two classes of wholesalers in order to get his food supply. "A good, wideawake business man," he said, "could operate a market for the city consumers and at the same time return a substantial sum of money to the city treasurer. I would also allow," said Mr. Hanna, "the retail merchant to co-operate and to buy on the market, say, after 10 o'clock, so that every vestige of production would be cleared out at noon, thus reducing the high cost of living to thousands.

"I ask why this weak-kneed policy of the city council, and what do we want electric road and transportation facilities for if it is not to put the producers' goods into the mouths of the consumers by the shortest route possible and with the least number of handlers? How much longer shall we suffer from commercial greed? Let us have true patriotism and the loyal help of the city council to put down any further attempt to stop the citizens getting cheaper food," said Mr. Hanna.

METHODISTS ELECT LAY REPRESENTATIVES

Lay representatives of the eastern section to the annual conference of Methodists were elected at a meeting held in Danforth Methodist Church auditorium, Danforth avenue, yesterday. The following were chosen: H. H. Fudger, C. D. Daniels, J. Clemes, Alex. Fee, Ald. W. W. Hiltz, J. A. Tory, H. R. Frost, Alex. Mills, G. H. Parkes, S. W. T. Addison, W. H. Curtis, Wm. Costain, John Wood, E. S. Caswell, Judge Coatsworth, Jos. Woodsworth, S. R. Parsons, J. E. Plewman and R. Burrow; alternates, W. H. S. Shaw, A. A. Moses, S. S. Martin, W. H. Vaughan, D. A. Dunlap, C. Sparling, Henry Noller, Jas. Liddit. Judge McLaren presided.

The annual conference will be held in Elm Street Methodist Church on June 6.

It was resolved to memorialize the annual conference to ask each man elected to the general conference to pay $10 towards his expenses to the general conference, and thus relieve the fund on account of the special strain and stress of the present time.

A hearty resolution of approval of the able manner in which the chairman, Rev. R. J. D. Simpson, had discharged his duties during the year was adopted.

ON STATIONING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Dr. T. E. Bartley was elected to the stationing committee at the recent conference of ministers of the Methodist Churches of the eastern division held in Danforth Avenue Methodist Church.

WOODMEN'S ENTERTAINMENT.

Riverdale Camp Honors Its Departing Clerk With Presentation.

Under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World, Riverdale Camp, number 219, a social entertainment was held in Playter's Hall, Danforth avenue, last evening, when Miss Edith Dillon, clerk, who is shortly leaving the city for the United States, was given four handsome pieces of cut glass as a token of appreciation. The presentation was made on behalf of the officers and members by W. Magee, past council commander.

A musical program was contributed, and Scotch and Dutch dances were cleverly executed by Master Edgar and little Elsie Jesserie, followed by piano solos and recitations by George Fisher, junior.

Roy Tanner, council commander, occupied the chair.

THREE PAIRS NEW HOUSES.

W. Harris and Company, Limited, Danforth avenue, gave a contract yesterday for the erection of three pairs of semi-detached, six-room houses, on the east side of Rhodes avenue, near Danforth. The contract was awarded to George Lucas.

MEN'S CIRCLE MEET.

In connection with Hope Methodist Church Men's Circle, of which William Costain is president, an entertainment by the Paterson Jubilee singers was held in the Sunday school auditorium, Danforth avenue, last evening in aid of the church funds. There was a large attendance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTRACT LET.

St. Barnabas, Danforth Avenue, Will Have Commodious Building.

The contract for the new commodious Sunday school building in connection with St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Danforth avenue, of which Rev. F. E. Powell is rector, was let yesterday.

The building, which is to be built of solid brick and stone, will contain a large auditorium and four rooms and have a seating capacity of about 1,500.

FEW TAKE HOLIDAY.

The Wednesday afternoon holiday was not generally observed by the business men and stores in the Danforth and Riverdale sections yesterday. Many remained open all day, owing to Friday being a public holiday.

West Toronto

AN UNTIMELY DEATH.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Milne Lose Their Only Child.

Minnie Kathleen Milne, the only child of Ross and Mrs. Milne, 1004 Dundas street, died yesterday at the home of her mother's uncle, John Shaw, 207 Medland street, at the age of 14. She had not been strong for some months and was visiting Mrs. Shaw when she was taken ill a week ago and an abcess of the lung discovered, which caused her death.

Kathleen was a faithful member of Chalmers Presbyterian Sunday school and attended Grace Street School, where she was much liked by pupils and teachers, who sent her beautiful flowers just before she died.

A funeral service will be held at 207 Medland street Friday evening and the body taken to Port Perry for interment.

WESTERN AVENUE CONCERT.

A concert in aid of the Red Cross was given yesterday afternoon by the teachers and pupils of Western Avenue School, Miss Mary E. Cherry, principal, presiding.

Songs and recitations provided enjoyment for the 750 pupils and visitors and $12.60 was realized for the Red Cross.

LAUNDRY TRUCK HITS CAR.

While Charles Baughman's car was standing on Mavety street, near Dundas street, at 2.10 p.m. yesterday a New Method Laundry truck, driven by Victor Hall, 324 East Dundas street, ran into it, bending the mudguard and breaking the speedometer. An axle of the truck was also bent.

WORKMAN HURTS FOOT.

George Low, 18 Teignmouth avenue, North Earlscourt, an employe of Fairbanks-Morse Co., had his foot badly cut at the factory yesterday afternoon about five o'clock. He was removed to the General Hospital in Spears' ambulance, and his condition is reported to be satisfactory.

VICTORIA LODGE MEETS.

West Toronto Masons Have Visit From High Official.

Victoria Lodge, No. 474, A.F. & A.M., held its monthly meeting Tuesday night in Masonic Hall, West Annette street. Bro. Armstrong presiding. The attendance taxed the hall, the occasion being the visit of the acting past deputy grand master, R.W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, on his official visit of inspection. Visitors from a great many city lodges were present, including the following masters and members: W. Bros. McHenry (St. Alban), Scholes (Alpha), Boyd (Tuscan), McLerman (Stanley) and Marr (Temple).

The first degree was exemplified, including the full musical ritual, by the master and his officers. On the conclusion of the business, V.D. Bro. Birrell gave Bro. Anderson a beautiful bouquet of roses, a gift of the lodge to Mrs. Anderson. A special feature of the evening was the hearty reception extended Bro. Lieut.-Col. Chas. Gilmore, who is home on furlough.

Ven. Archdeacon Cody gave a masterly address on "Our Empire." The musical part of the program was provided by Bros. Donald C. MacGregor, S. Ollernshaw and Ben Hocker.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

On the British front the heavy fighting still delays. Only active raids are roceeding. One attempted by the enemy yesterday failed near Mesnil, several attempted by the British succeeded near Arras, Ypres-Comines Canal and Hebuterne. This British infantry activity shows that the allied intelligence department has suddenly become eager for information, probably because it suspects the enemy of a new design. The French also raided the enemy near Maisons de Champagne, showing their uncertainty concerning a possible attack in this region. The Germans again attempted raids in Lorraine and the Woevre, betraying suspicions of an allied concentration thereabouts. On the whole battle front from the Avre to the Ypres the cannon still continue loudly to roar.

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In their local operations the allies have been driving many little wedges into the German line so that the battlefront in many places resembles a saw. The teeth of this saw rest on spurs, knolls, hillocks, and ridge projections, so that they dominate the enemy positions on the lower level ground. The effect of the working of these teeth is to create so many ulcers in the German military body. Their purpose is to increase the rate of attrition. Instead of driving the enemy back from his conquered ground, the allied higher command is quite content to allow him to continue in his lengthened lines at a price, for the new front created by the German advances is much longer, probably fifty miles, than the former front and it thus immobilizes at least 20 more German divisions in the trenches to retain the gains in this territory, to the corresponding weakening of the German strategic reserve.

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The driving of these wedges shows that the allied policy is the old one of offensive-defensive. The sudden resort to this policy on the new lines betrays a doubt in the mind of General Foch that the enemy is going to resume his offensive on the lines where he has failed; whether he is going to attack the allies in a new quarter, or whether he is going to remain completely on the defensive in France and Belgium, or is going to reinforce the Austrians for their Italian adventure. The enemy is not prone to do as the allies expect him to do, but is rather inclined to attempt something new. General Foch is not the kind of man to publish what he discovers and so deprive the enemy of proceeding with what he believes would be a surprise.

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The allies have so defeated the enemy in the air that he will fight on land at a tremendous disadvantage until he is able to train new pilots and to build new aircraft. In destroying 2000 German aircraft in two months the British flying corps would seem to have used up at least half of the German air service. The enemy has been only able to have for an offensive 4000 machines at the maximum. The allied air power, moreover, is bound to increase rapidly on the enemy until the end of the campaign.

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Finland has received notice from the allied governments that any move to seize the Mourman railway, from Kola to Petrograd and Moscow, will be a breach of neutrality. As Finland wants a port on the open sea, this allied notification is probably the first act in the drama of another declaration of war. The allies will probably open up a new front in the Arctic regions.

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The Russian policy of the allies is developing. They are going to open fronts from the Arctic, the Pacific and the Indian Oceans. Japan has 2,000,000 well-trained soldiers, 1,000,000 partly trained, and 5,000,000 of good raw material. She is capable of putting 57 divisions in the field. She practises the utmost military secrecy. India in time can do better even than Japan. Sir Percy Sykes is mobilizing and training the Persians. The Ameer of Afghanistan adheres to the British side. Since the Bolsheviki have destroyed the Russian army and are failing to raise a red army, Russia lies open to whoever can march in and take possession.

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The effects of the allied and pan-Slav propaganda in Bohemia, aided by hunger, have made the Austrian Government resort to repressive measures. Vienna is resorting to the political expedient of redistributing the seats in Bohemia so as to allow the German minority to return the majority of members to the Austrian diet. This scheme aims at the overcoming of the Slav parliamentary coalition. Its effect will be the increasing of the bitterness between the Slav and German elements.

The full story of the recent naval raid on Pola shows that Italy has a surprisingly efficient navy. Since the German capture of the Russian Black Sea fleet and shipping, the allies have to guard more closely the Dardanelles to prevent the slipping of armed raiders out into the Mediterranean. The efficiency of the allied naval co-operation in these southern waters will again foil whatever plan the enemy undertakes.

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North Toronto

NEW MASONIC LODGE IN NORTH TORONTO

Metropolitan Lodge, U.D., A.F. & A.M., was instituted last night in the York Masonic Temple, corner of Yonge street and Eglinton avenue. There was a large gathering of Masons from Toronto and York County, among whom were most of the ruling masters of the local lodges. Much enthusiasm was shown, and the new lodge starts off wth the best wishes of the whole craft in the district.

The ceremony was conducted by R.W. Bro. Charles Murphy, D.D.G.M., and R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, D.G.M. All the chairs were occupied by grand lodge officers, as follows: W.M., Charles Murphy, D.D.G.M.; I.P.M., F. W. Harcourt, D.G.M.; S.W., A. B. Wright, D.D.G.M.; J.W., R. J. Gibson; chaplain, Geo. H. Smith; treasurer, H. T. Smith; secretary, J. B. Magill; S.D., H. C. Tugwell; J.D., J. W. Lawrence; D. of C., W. F. Sproatt; S.S., John Charlton; J.S., J. E. Francis; I.G., John Boyd; tyler, John Cook.

After the lodge was instituted, the following officers took the chairs: I.P.M., R.W. H. Legge; W.M., R.W. John A. Rowland; S.W., C. L. Wilson; J.W., F. Livingston; D. of C., R.W. Bro. W. E. Orr; secretary, W. Bro. E. A. James; treasurer, C. W. Mott; S.D., Dr. T. E. C. Butler; J.D., H. J. Coom; I.G., L. O. Clarke.

At the fourth degree the usual toasts were honored and several addresses were given by visiting brethren.

Eglinton

MISS ADA WARD SPEAKS.

Miss Ada Ward was the attraction at a meeting held in Eglinton Methodist Church yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. A large audience of all denominations listened with the deepest interest to the speaker, who with her blackboard led her audience thru many scenes in the war zone, touching on the humorous as well as the pathetic. She made a strong appeal to the mothers to "carry on" their part in whatever station they may have been placed, with unabated zeal, in knitting and still more knitting. Mrs. Walter Wilshire presided, and Mrs. Withrow sang, accompanied by Miss Marjory Cort. The proceeds were divided between the Ada Ward Fund and the Willard House Extension Fund.

East Toronto

VICTORIA PARK FIRE.

A fire occurred at 9½ Victoria Park avenue yesterday morning, due to sparks from a burning pile of rubbish igniting a stock of straw. For a while it looked serious on account of the numerous frame buildings in the immediate vicinity, but the firemen of Kew Beach and Bolton avenue soon had it under control.

DOGS GIVING TROUBLE.

The police of No. 10 Station, Main street, have been receiving numerous complaints about dogs running loose and working havoc with gardens in the neighborhood. Hereafter the owners of dogs found running at large will be summoned to court, in the hope that the nuisance will be abated.

Whitevale

WHITEVALE BRANCH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Whitevale Branch of the Woman's Institute has just closed another very successful year, the total receipts for the year being $455.56, and total expenditures $445.33, leaving a balance of $10.23.

During the year the members have sent out 440 pairs socks, 26 pairs pyjamas, 126 towels and 17 Christmas boxes, and have on hand 10 pounds yarn and 35 pairs socks.

The officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. J. A. Pugh; vice-president, Mrs. Geo. Pugh; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. M. Reesor; Red Cross secretary-treasurer, Mrs. D. R. Beaton; auditos, Mrs. H. Pugh and Mrs. A. E. Major; pianists, Miss E. Hethezington and Miss H. Troyer; directors, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Burkholder, Mrs. Hindle, Mrs. Mannell, Mrs. Booth and Mrs. A. E. Major; district director, Mrs. M. Reesor.

BOY HIT BY TAXICAB.

Fred Haywood Was Riding Bicycle When Injured.

While riding a bicycle north on Grace street about 5.45 last night, Fred Haywood, aged 10, of 139 Essex street, was severely injured about the head when he was struck by a taxicab driven by Stanley Bolton, 340 Jones avenue. He was rushed to the surgery of Dr. Spiers, 849 West Bloor street, where it required eleven stitches in the boy's head to close the wound.

Haywood is said to have been following a motor car up Grace street, which suddenly stopped. He is said to have swerved behind the car, and was hit by the taxi coming down the street. The boy was later removed to the Hospital for Sick Children. The driver was not detained.

WOMAN IS INJURED.

When she was struck by a motor car at the corner of Queen and Sauter streets at 6 o'clock yesterday evening, Mrs. J. Soloman, aged 35, of 46 Sauter street, was knocked down and severely injured. Dr. A. A. Staley, Broadview avenue, rendered first aid and ordered the woman's removal to the Western Hospital. She was removed to the hospital in Chapman's motor ambulance.

OPPOSE MONARCHY.

Many Finns Threaten New Civil War on Establishment of Kingdom.

Stockholm, May 22.—The propaganda in favor of a monarchical government for Finland is meeting with considerable opposition. Editors of Finnish newspapers, meeting at Helsingfors yesterday, voted by a great majority for a republic. At the meeting of the Finnish diet, at which Judge Svinhufvud was nominated temporary dictator, warnings were freely given against an attempt to establish a monarchy. Several members of the peasant party threatened a new civil war if such a step were taken. They declared that the army strongly favored a republic.

CIGARET CAUSES FIRE AT GRAND OPERA HOUSE

While the evening performance was in progress at the Grand Opera House last night, a small, smoldering fire, started, it is said, by a lighted cigaret getting lodged under the carpet in the centre isle of the first balcony, caused a sudden rush from that floor of the several hundred people occupying the seats in that section of the building. Altho the occupants of the balcony seats made a hasty departure, there was no panic and due to the efficient exit arrangements the people were able to leave the floor in quick time, without a single accident occurring. While the attendants of the theatre used the fire extinguishers, the performance, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," was stopped for a few minutes, but the orchestra struck up a lively air and the people on the ground floor of the theatre kept their places, merely viewing with interest the incident on the floor above, altho the theatre within a few minutes became quite smoky.

The downtown section of the fire brigade was called to the quick work of the fire was practically all out by the time they arrived, due to the quick work of the theatre-employes. It is thought one ed cigaret into the building and accidentally dropped it in the centre aisle of the balcony while being shown to his seat. The damage to the building was slight.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The annual election of the Toronto Typographical Union No. 91 was held last night. T. A. Stevenson was elected president with 441 votes, while the other candidate for the office, William Turnbull, poled 318 votes. For the office of secretary, Samuel [illegible] den led A. Fletcher with a ma[illegible] of 429 votes. Altogether the former poled 595 votes while the latter, the only other applicant for the office, registered 166 votes.

There were eight candidates for the executive committee, the five elected being George Cassidy, 544 votes; Walter Handley, 540 votes; Walter Williams, 472 votes; A. Gerrard, 466 votes, and James Cunningham, 462 votes. Robert Winter, with 508 votes, headed the poll as a delegate to the International Convention, while Charles Wilson, 472 votes, was also elected to attend.

For the Trades and Labor Congress George Crammond polled 521 votes, and D. McDougall, 439 votes. There were four applicants in this division with two to be elected. The delegates to the rovincial conference will be James Cunningham, 381 votes, and A. E. Thompson, 301 votes. The voting in most cases was very tight, small margins separating the various candidates.

Swiss Government Signs New Treaty With Germany

Berne, May 22.—After amicable explanations to France, the Swiss Government resolved today to sign the new treaty with Germany by which Switzerland would be provided with German coal until January 31, 1919. This convention will be quite independent from arrangements with France relative to the delivery of French coal to Switzerland.