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THREAT AGAINST 97TH BATTALION FOLLOWS FIRE IN AMERICAN CLUB

Note Left at House Where Officers Live is Handed Over to Police---Body of P. S. Hairston Found in Fire Ruins --- Attorney-General's Department Starts an Investi- nothing more than setting in the gallery at a crowded session and starting at a crowded session at gation---Galleries of Legislative Chamber Closed.

Starting with a loud explosion, fire proke out on the top floor of the American Club, 17-19 West Wellington street, at 2.55 yesterday morning, gutting the building from roof to basement and fatality injuring Edward Johnson. The estimated damage to the building is \$50,000, loss of oil paintings \$7000 and loss on concents \$10,000. The loss is wholly covered by insurance in the following companies: German-American Fire Company, \$2000; Springfield Fire Company, \$2200; Federal Underwriters' Company (unknown); British Crown Fire Company, \$5000; Liverpool, London Fire Company, \$5000; British Canadian Underwriters, \$2500; Nonthwest Fire Company, \$4580; Providence Washington Company, \$4580; Providence Washington Company, \$13,000; Northwest National, \$10,000; Dominion of Canada Fire Company, \$2000; Western Fire Company, \$5000; Canada National Fire Company, \$5000; Firemen's Insurance Company, \$5000; Firemen's Insurance Company, \$5000; Firemen's Insurance Company, \$5000; Firemen's Insurance Company, \$5000; Nova Scotla Company, \$5000, a total of \$90,280. There is about \$20,000 in four other companies who have not yet been heard from.

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heard from.

Explosions Were Heard.

By the time the reels arrived the fire had got a good hold. Flames were shooting thru the roof and windows. Within a few minutes from the time of their arrival the firemen had several lengths of hose laid and aerials in position, and were fighting the flames from eyery possible angle. The water pressure was good and everything possible was done to stem the tide of flame and keep it away from the Merchants' Bank and Kilgour's Paper Works. It was not until it am. that the last flicker of fire was extinguished.

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Both Coomber, the night porter, and Thomas Banks, the night engineer, heard an explosion, which was followed by a shower of bricks from the front of the building. Firemen also claim that they heard two more explosions a few minutes after their arrival. The force of the explosions knocked the plaster off the walls of the adjoining bank building. Officials of the club emphatically state that there was nothing on the second and third floors to cause an explosion. The only rooms on these floors were bedrooms, dining-rooms and linen closets. One room on the third floor was used to store the socks, pfllows, blankets and other comforts made for the soldiers by the women's auxiliary of the American Club. The building was equipped with neither fireescapes nor sprinkler system, but every room was furnished with a rope. To these ropes Capt. Minard and W. C. Zellner undoubtedly owe their lives.

well-Known Mining Man.

The untimely death of Mr. Hairston, has caused general sorrow among mining men and brokers in the city. Mr. Mairston and brokers in the city. Mr. Mairston and that she be notified that the American Club would feel honored by being, allowed to show our respect and sympathy of Canadian mining industry, his artivites in this direction dating back to the old Cobalt days, in 1905, when he came to Canada from the United States. He was also a member of the Standard Stock Exchange, but did not engage actively in the brokerage business.

Mr. Hairston was 53 years of age and a native of Dallas, Texas. He was married and lived on his farm at Oakville, When kept in town on business he was in the habit of staying at the American Club.

Among the approximation makes in a strength of the club be extended to Mrs. Hairston, and that she be notified that the American Club would feel honored by being, allowed to show our respect and sympathy of the club would feel honored by being, allowed to show our respect and sympathy by taking public part in the oask the officers of the American Legion to join with the club on this said occasion."

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Finance Minister Reviewed Familiar Arguments Against

"SPREAD" IS PUZZLING

Significance of Chicago and Winnipeg Quotations Food for Debate.

that removing the tariff would lower the price of wheat on both sides of the line to the export level, and he declar ed that to ship our wheat to the Unit-ed States would ruin our milling in custries, cripple our railways, and be a radical departure from the nationa policy. To this Mr. Oliver rejoined that if wheat sold for less in the United States than it did in Canada the Canadian wheat would not be shipped to the south. It would only be sold in the United States when the farmer could get more money by selling i there than in Canada

West's Grain Blockade.

Mr. McNutt in opening the discussion this afternoon alluded to the blockade of grain in the west. The railways, he said, had never been able to handle a large crop. If some of our wheat found a market in the United States the frequent blockades would probably be avoided. He then read the house the week-end market quotations for the past five years on No. 2 northern from the the Minneapolis and Winnipeg grain exchanges to prove that the spread in favor of the United States averaged about ten cents a bushel. Upon some occasions the price was higher in Winnipeg. In 1912 the Winnipeg price was higher for eleven weeks out of the fiftytwo and in 1913 for sixteen weeks out of fifty-two.

Canadian Grades Higher.

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The note received by Mrs. Galbraith has been handed over to the police.

The Caris-Rite Hotel has generously offered the use of its dining-room and offices to the members of the American Chub until it is decided as to whether they will rebuild. Dally luncheons will be provided as in the old club quarters.

Sympathy from Consul-General.

The following telegram from John J. Foster, American consul-general, was received by Julius D. Dreher, United States consul here:

"Can you send particulars of blowing up American Club? Warmest sympathy for families of members killed."

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An inquest was held last right into the cause of death of the late P. Stewart Hairston, a victim of the apparently incendiary fire at the American Club. Owing to the attorney-general's department taking the unusual step of appointing a special committee to investigate the causes of this fire the jury confined their finding to the immediate cause of the death of the victim.

Corner J. M. Cotton was in charge and T. S. Elmore acted for the crown. The body was identified by Robert McKay and George D. Leyson. Both stated they were well acquainted with Hairston, who was a mining man, and who located in Toronto several years ago, later taking

business, having an office in the Traders' Bank Building and purting up, while in town, at the American Club.

James Coombers, night porter at the club, stated in the witness box that he came on duty at midnight and at 12.45 the morning of the fire made his round to switch off the extra lights, returning to clean the lounge room. While thus engaged he was attracted to the street by cries and hurried out to discover Wm. C. Zolner hanging from the end of a rope, crying "Fire." Clouds of smoke were issuing from the third floor windows. He rushed inside, turned in an alarm from a signal box in the building and also a phone alarm, called tup the engineer from the basement and with him tried to take a fire extinguisher up the sairs, but both men were driven back by the dense smoke. The witness stated he distinctly heard an explosion, as did the engineer, saw a man fall as well as a quantity of bricks, which were apparently blown from the roof coping by the force of the explosion. The fire brigade were on the scene very promptly, according to the witnesses and were soon fighting the fire, which was worst in the northeast corner of the top floor, from both front and rear.

Found the Body.

Captain Fox of Bay street fire hall told of discovering the body, clothed in underwear and boots, near the window of room 4. District Chief George Sinclair corroborated the evidence of Capt. Fox and both men stated that they had heard of the confined gas enclosed between a double ceiling causing an explosion.

Several other witnesses were heard, including Clive Burton of Barrie, who last saw Mr. Hairston alive, saying good night to him after he, had obtained the room key from the assistant hall porter. Dr. Cerswell read the report of the autopsy and the jury, with little discussion, brought in a verdict of death by suffocation caused by fire and smoke.

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CAPT. MINARD'S EXPERIENCE.

A World reporter was one of the four-persons who were with Capt. Minard, paymaster of the American Legion, when he recovered consciousness at 4.20 a.m., in a room of the Ontario Club. The captain is probably unable even now to recount his experiences in fighting his way across the burning floor and his exclamations while in a semi-conscious condition are probably the only indica-tions the public will ever have of the terrific battle for his life which the of-ficer fought and won.

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With his uniform hurriedly thrust on
over his nightshirt, tunic unbuttoned,
shoes unlaced, clothing burned and muddy from a fall somewhere, the captain
was first seen after the outbreak of fire,
s'aggering across Wellington street,
clutching a snow-covered suitcase.
Curiously nobody thought to help him
and he unevenly made his way to the
ontario Club and fell unconscious on the
stone steps of that building. He was
immediately carried inside by a fireman
and club porter. Then Charles A. Barc
lay, one of the Ontario Club members,
and the porter, carried him upstairs and
put him to bed.

His Hands Burned.

(Continued From Page 1.)

West's Grain Blockade

He argued that comparisons presented by the figures he presented did not fully represent the real difference in price because the Canadian grades were higher than the American grades. Under the Canada Grain Act, No. 2 northern wheat had to weigh fifty-eight pounds to the bushel and contain at least forty-five per cent of red life hard wheat. to the bushel and contain at least fortyfive per cent. of red fife hard wheat.
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to weigh fifty-seven pounds to the bushel
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required. Mr. McNutt also pointed out
that the Americans had a grade known
as No. 1 northern, wheat that measured
up to that grade in Minneapolis but was
ungraded wheat in Canada, being classified as "chicken feed."

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Millers Could Not Compete.

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The Canadian millers could not possibly compete with the American millers. There were 7500 flour mills in the United States, with an output of nearly one million barrels a day, while in Canada we had only 550 mills, with a capacity of less than one hundred thousand barrels a day. The farmer was not justified in asking the government to pass legislation which would cripple or destrey the grain milling industry.

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Sir Thomas went on to say that the farmer engaged in mixed farming, rail-way employes and many others were protesing against free wheat. The farmer, he thought, should not blame the government if he were not getting a fair price for his wheat. He was selling most of his wheat to the Grain Growers' Grain Company, and the politicians whe were crying for free wheat had better turn their a tention to that corporation. (Applause and laughter). (Applause and laughter).

After pointing out that for the government to remove the duty on wheat would be to abandon the National Policy, Sir Thomas said that after the war the different parts of the empire would have to "cuddle closer together." Would it be wise to destroy our prospects for preferential trade within the empire by taking off the duty on wheat coming from the United States?

Illogical, Says Oliver.

Hon. Frank Oliver said the minister of finance was blowing hot and cold. In one breath he declared that the price for wheat was as high or higher in Ganada than in the United States, and in the next breath asserted that two hundred million bushels of Canadian wheat would go straight to the United States if the tariff wall were taken down, and thus bankrupt our railways and milling industries and break up the British Empire. But why should wheat go to the United States if it could be sold for a higher price on this side of the line? Either the farmer would get a higher price, taking off the duty would have no effect. If he would get a higher price, by all means let him have it. Personally, he thought the western farmers ought to know their own business. He was sick and tired of these essays about mixed farming. Fully 25 per cent. of the farmers in the prairie provinces were engaged in mixed farming, but they were not antagonizing the grain-growers in the desire of the latter to gain access to the American market. "If any government, at any time," Mr. Oliver continued, "had a duty laid upon it, this government, has a duty imposed upon it. That duty is to give the western farmers the relief they demand."

What Farmers "Lost."

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and he unevenly made his way to the Ontario Club end fell unconscious on the stone steps of that building. He was immediately carried inside by a fireman and club porter. Then Charles A. Barc lay, one of the Ontario Club members, and the porter, carried him upstairs and put him to bed.

His hands Burned.

His hands particularly the right one, were badly burned. Evidently the officer had to literally tear his way thruburning substances. From room 3, where he was lodged, he evidently fought his way to the hall passageway and flong the corridor to a rear window, and after throwing out his suitcase, clambered two storeys down a rope.

It was precisely at 4.20 when the captain first opened his eyes in the Ontario Club. Blankly he looked into the faces of the doctor and clubmen, and whispered after a moment:

"When assured that he was out of the reach of the flames, he drew a long breath and closed his eyes again for several minutes.

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"Don't tell my wire," the injured man next requested.

Then delirium came and the officer building, before a peaceful sleep came. What Farmers "Lost."

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Effective March 1, the price of the Chalmers Six-40 in Canada will be \$1,950. This is an increase of \$100 over the present price. It is made necessary by the sharp rise in cost of

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CANADIAN CASUALTIES

First Battalion. Wounded—Corp. Alex. R. Méad, Eng Third Battalion

Wounded—Edwin Davis, England.
Fourth Battalion.
Shell shock—John Taylor, England.
Wounded—Ross Macnaughton, Ardrossan P.O., Alta.; James H. Sartain, Eng-

Fifth Battalion. Wounded-Corp. Clarence R. Stickney Accidentally wounded-Wm. Earl, Leth bridge, Alta.

Fourteenth Battalion.

Died—Fred Harding, England.
Sixteenth Battallon.
Dangerously wounded—Sergt. George
R. Neale, England.
Twenty-First Battallon.
Severely wounded—Spencer Cummings,
Gananoque, Ont.; Stanley Johnson, England.

Twenty-Second Battalien.

Wounded—Enlippe Lagace. St. Paschal, Que.: Eugene Finel. Montreal.

Twenty-Third Battalion.

Seriously ill—Lieut. Ernest S. Mitchell,
Truro, N.S.

Trun, N.S.

Tewnty-Eighth Battalion.

Suffering from shock—Lance-Corp. Aibert E. Picknell. England.

Forty-Ninth Ba talion.

Wounded—Thomas Doherty, Edmon

on. First C.M.R. Died-Lence-Corp. Harold G. Riddell, Second C.M.R.

Killed in action—John Rivet, Bellingham, Wash, Slightly wounded (now on duty)—Čap-tain Arthony Temple, England, Wounded—Douglas Edgar Neill, Scot-

Wounded-Alexander R. Grant, Scot-Third Field Artillery Brigade.

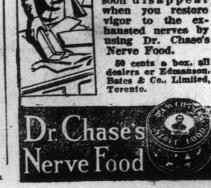
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