

Arrest at Windsor in Connection With Fire at Parliament Buildings

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Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Ottawa was a military camp last night. No less than 1,200 men of the 77th Regiment were standing guard about the Parliament House grounds. No one was permitted to enter. Fire engines continued to pour water on the still smouldering ruins. Rideau Hall had a cordon of detectives drawn about it. Others were hidden below stairs in the kitchens and servants' quarters. Gold bullion under charge of the Finance Department was guarded by a special force loaded rifles.

Arrest at Windsor.

Feb. 5.—Taken from a Pacific train at the Michigan depot, Windsor, shortly after two o'clock Friday afternoon by Provincial officer James P. Smith, Chas. Stronach, 28 years old, who said he was from Belgium, is being held at the station on suspicion of being connected in the destruction of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa.

Mr. Smith received instructions from J. Sherwood, Chief of the Dominion Police, by telephone to arrest Stronach as he was believed to be a member of the gang which started the fire at the Parliament Buildings. Stronach is a member of a concert company with Madame Edina, opera singer, who gave a concert in Ottawa last night.

Searching Investigation.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Although ostensibly discounting the theory of incendiarism, Dominion authorities are drawing a net around every possible suspect. The detective staff is busy following all clues. Numerous rumors have been reported to Col. Sherwood of alleged suspicious characters around the corridors within the past few days. So far, however, it is declared nothing has been shown pointing to any real evidence that there were enemy plotters in the building. However, Col. Sherwood confirmed the story of the arrest of a suspect at Windsor, and intimated that there will be more arrests. He declined to give any particulars, or to say that the circumstances of the fire pointed in any way to incendiarism.

With regard to the Windsor arrest he merely said the man arrested was known to have left Ottawa after the fire broke out, and that the police thought it was wise to detain him and make inquiries before he crossed the American border. No definite charge has been laid. A searching investigation has been ordered by the Government, and only such an investigation will satisfy in the present temper of the people.

No Warning Was Given.

Washington, Feb. 5.—An official of the State Department yesterday stated that Attorney General Gregory denied the statement made by the Providence Journal that the latter had given the Department of Justice information of a plot to destroy the Canadian Parliament buildings.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The list of those lost their lives in the fire which destroyed the Canadian parliament buildings was fixed last night at seven. Five of the bodies still lie beneath the ruins. They are those of B. B. Law, a member of parliament, Deputy Clerk LaPlante, Dominion Constable Desjardins, Alphonse Des-

jardins, a plumber, and Randolph Fanning, a waiter.

Plan New Building.

While firemen spent the day pouring tons of water upon the smouldering debris, Dominion government officials are making plans to erect a new and more imposing structure upon the site of the building wrecked by the fire. Meantime parliament will sit in the auditorium of the Royal Victoria Museum until the new customs house can be made ready for occupancy.

Although the police frown upon the theory that a plot was responsible for the destruction of the building or that the fire was started by a bomb, Fire Chief Graham is quoted as having said, "the fire was set," and that he heard several explosions.

Will Hold an Inquest.

Coroner Craig, of Ottawa, will hold an inquest on Feb. 17 into the deaths of Mesdames Bray and Morin, whose bodies are the only ones thus far recovered. The remains of both were taken to Quebec.

Scores of workmen were employed in searching the debris for the bodies of the five men who lost their lives.

Laurier Makes Bitter Speech.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 5.—The Canadian parliament met yesterday in the auditorium of the Royal Victoria Museum. Speaker Sevigny was, without his robes of office, which were destroyed in the fire.

Premier Borden read a message of condolence from King George of Great Britain, from the Duke of Connaught, the governor-general, and from the provinces of the country. He announced there would be a searching investigation into the cause of the fire and that the business of the session would be continued without interruption.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, opposition leader, joined in the expression of determination to continue the work of parliament and added:

Hints at Foul Play.

"When we gaze upon the ruins upon the hill while we still trust it may be the result of accident we are reminded of the ruins of Louvain and the ruins of Rheims, not caused by accident, but by a cruel foe. If there is anything which the present calamity should impress on us, it is the duty of going on with our work and doing everything possible to bring the murderers to justice."

The business which the fire interrupted was completed and the House adjourned to meet at the usual hour on Monday.

One Body Recovered Today.

Ottawa, February 5. — The body of Laplant, Deputy Clerk of the Commons, was recovered from the ruins of the Parliament Buildings this morning. Official announcement is made by Premier Borden of his intention to appoint a commission to investigate the Parliament Buildings fire. It will probably consist of three members, of whom Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be asked to name one. Ottawa is in the grip of a spy scare, and the city is taking steps to protect its waterworks system and civic buildings. Guards on all important buildings have been increased. No importance is attached to the arrest of Stronach at Windsor.

FRENCH ATTACK AT THE SOMME AND BRITISH MOVE AT LABASSE REPULSED

Berlin, Feb. 5.—The breakdown of a French hand grenade attack south of the Somme and the repulse of a British attempt to advance south of the Labasse canal are announced by German army headquarters today. Heavy artillery fire by the French in the Champagne continues.