

# GUARDS AT ARMORIES AND THE FACTORIES

## Guelph, St. Catharines and Other Places Take Pre- cautions

(Special Despatches to The Globe.)

St. Catharines, Feb. 6.—Overseas soldiers stationed here were last night called from the streets and theatres and placed on guard on the ammunition factories. This sudden action took place when the streets were filled with the usual Saturday night crowds, and created some excitement, which was followed by many groundless rumors of border bridges being blown up. No incidents occurred to justify any of the alarming stories.

### Precautions at Guelph.

Guelph, Feb. 6.—This city was full of rumors on Saturday afternoon and evening following the fire at the Jardine plant at Hespeler. Warnings were sent to several of the manufacturers in the city that there were plots against their shops, while the chief of police received word that an attempt was to be made on the Winter Fair buildings, which are now the property of the militia, and the Armories, where two batteries are housed. Special guards were assigned to these places, as well as to several of the factories in the city. It was impossible to find out where the supposed warnings came from or to determine whether they were bona fide or not, but Chief Randall and the military authorities decided to take no chances, and so the guards were put on, and will remain on indefinitely.

### Intern All Alien Enemies.

Brantford, Feb. 6.—Demands for the internment of every alien enemy and the guarding of every public building and munition factory were made by Hon. Lieut.-Col. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., and Capt. Stewart of the 84th Battalion, at a recruiting smoker held in the Liberal Club Saturday evening. "If there are any vipers in our midst they must be exterminated," declared Col. Cockshutt, adding later: "This war will not be won by gentle means." He is firmly of the belief that the Ottawa fire was incendiary. In conclusion he remarked: "Above all there is need for every young man to don khaki."

### Galt Also Ready.

Galt, Feb. 6.—As soon as news of the fire at Hespeler reached Galt, Mayor A. M. Edwards and several manufacturers wired Sir Sam Hughes, asking for military protection for munition plants here. Later in the day Lieut.-Col. Clarke, who was with the 11th Battalion in Hespeler at the time, received instructions to grant the desired protection. After placing a guard on the Jardine plant he returned to Galt, and had guards placed there where necessary.