

TOWN STIRRED UP BY SPY OR BOMB SCARE

**A Member of the Armed Military Guard at the Thomas Pink Co's.
Works Fires on a Suspicious Looking Midnight Visitor.**

On Friday last two strangers registered at the Copeland House under the signatures of W. Burchill and A. Zinker. In the morning, finding themselves in the bon ton hotel of the Valley and deeming a little less pretentious place more in harmony with their blood and breeding, they sought another hostelry in which to hang up their hats.

They registered at the Albion Hotel paying for their room in advance, as they apparently had no baggage.

All went well until a little after midnight of Sunday; about 12.45 a. m. Monday morning, when Guard Louis Rosette, on duty at the Thomas Pink Company's plant, where munitions of war are now being manufactured, discovered men acting in a suspicious manner upon the premises. He called upon them to halt but they neglected to do so and he fired upon them, this of course accelerated their departure in a zig-zag course among the lanes and alleys at the rear of street buildings. The shot called out a number of guards upon the scene and a search was instituted but proved unsuccessful.

It was learned that morning that two gentlemen had left by the C.P.R. 8 o'clock, having purchased tickets for Galt. A message was sent down the line and at Carleton Place the

Chief of Police collared the two gentlemen and held them awaiting orders from the military here. A guard was sent down by next train and returned with them at night, when they were escorted not only by an armed guard but by a considerable company of citizens to the armories. The procession looked almost like the home-coming of some star, minus only the band.

Tuesday morning they were brought up before Magistrate Stewart, charged with being found by night without lawful excuse on the property of the Thomas Pink Company, Ltd., with faces disguised and carrying a brown colored bag.

They were remanded until Tuesday, March 21st.

RENFREW'S BIG FIRE

Word was received in town on Tuesday evening of another disastrous fire in our neighboring town of Renfrew.

Fire completely destroyed the plant of the Renfrew Machinery Company. The fire spread rapidly and was beyond control. Several night employees had narrow escapes.

The loss is a heavy one reaching \$100,000 or more. The company also had several heavy shipments ready to send away.