

## Big Canadian Blaze.

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 16.—One person was killed, two were seriously injured and the building occupied by the American club was destroyed by fire, following an explosion in the club rooms here early today. The fire was declared to have been of incendiary origin and reports of Teutonic plots were soon in circulation.

The blaze was preceded by a heavy explosion which shook the entire building.

P. I. Hurston of Dallas, Texas, a guest at the club, was trapped in his room and perished.

Edward Johnson, caretaker of an adjoining building, and Captain A. R. Mainard, paymaster of the Ninety-seventh battalion, (American legion) who were staying at the club, were seriously hurt.

Two eighteen-pound shells were found on the lower floor of the club building. It could not be learned, soon after the fire, whether these were the property of the club or had been placed there by outsiders.

Deputy Fire Chief Russell said he was certain the fire was incendiary. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.