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HALIFAX DEATH LIST NOW ESTIMATED AT FOUR THOUSAND
OVER THOUSAND BODIES ARE TAKEN FROM CITY'S RUINS

HAVE NOW 1050 BODIES IN MORGUES AT HALIFAX

List of Dead May Reach Four Times This Number—Downpour of Rain Succeeds Blizzard.

CAPTAIN'S HEROISM SAVED HALIFAX BIGGER DISASTER

Explosion of Mont Blanc Set Fire to Picton, Another Munition Ship, Whose Commander Got Flames Under Control.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 9.—An appeal for \$25,000,000 was made to the people of Canada by the mayors of Halifax and Dartmouth today, and this figure is taken as representing only part of the material damage done by the explosion of the cargo on the Mont Blanc last Thursday.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 9.—The narrow escape the City of Halifax had from complete destruction, with a possible loss of 20,000 lives, was disclosed today when a description of how a ship which broke out on the munition ship Picton was put out to sea.

The survivors of the Belgian relief steamer Iro, which collided with the Mont Blanc, and Pilot McKay and Captain Lamedoc of the French vessel are being detained by the British admiralty authorities pending the disposal of the ship which is to be open tomorrow, with Justice Drysdale presiding.

A short while ago the Picton, while on a voyage with munitions from an American port to Great Britain, lost her rudder off Halifax in a storm. She was towed here for repairs. These had been completed and she was in port off the Acadia Sugar Refinery.

Terrible Conditions. Halifax's cup of misery was filled last night when, after two days of horror caused by the explosion and the blizzard that followed, rain set in. The rescue work almost impossible, the temperature dropped and a rain and windstorm broke over the city.

CREWS OF STEAMERS PLACED UNDER ARREST

Survivors of the Iro and the Mont Blanc Are Held for Investigation.

Halifax, Dec. 9.—All the survivors of the Norwegian steamer Iro, which collided with the French munition ship Mont Blanc, were made prisoners by the British naval authorities today.

Overhanging the awful conditions five hundred feet above the sea, the navy department toiled among the wreckage of the steamer, getting the automobiles with supplies to their destination.

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ALLIES' TROOPS FIGHT BY SIDE OF ITALIANS

Process of Transferring Sections of Piave Front Is at Last Completed.

WAS DIFFICULT TASK

British and French Troops Now Hold Some of Most Important Sections.

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Friday, Dec. 7.—It will be cheering news to the allied world that allied reinforcements have now definitely taken their place on the Italian front and are today occupying trenches in the battered positions held by the Italian troops, now relieved for a needed respite.

FOUR HUNDRED CHILDREN PERISH IN ONE BUILDING

Awful Catastrophe at Richmond School, Halifax—Distracting Scenes on All Sides in Tour of Ruined City.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 8.—Searchers who have been over the area blasted to unrecognizable devastation by the explosion on the munition ship Mont Blanc, on Thursday morning, state that the total casualties are likely to be four thousand.

The formalities of transfer have been in progress for the past week and are now definitely accomplished when the Italians saluted the British flag and the Tommies cheered, the men in gray as they went for a well-earned rest.

AMERICAN DESTROYER IS SUNK BY SUBMARINE

So Far Only 44 Men Out of Total of 110 Are Reported as Rescued.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Vice-Admiral Sims cabled the navy department today that 44 officers and men had been saved of the 111 known to have been aboard the destroyer Jacob Jones, torpedoed and sunk Thursday by a German submarine.

Has Great Effect. First it is visible evidence of allied unity on the fighting lines. It is evidence also of unity on the western front, whether in Italian Venetia or French Flanders.

The Italians have done wonders in the last month, but there is a limit to human endurance, and the arrival of new men, materials, supplies and guns brings reassurance, as well as needed relief.

The submarine, the report says, was not seen until after the destroyer went down. One survivor, whose identity is not known, was picked up by the submarine. The total number of survivors is given as 44, including the man taken prisoner, but the total probable loss cannot be given until the corrected roster of the ship has been reported.



TWENTY-FIVE MILE ADVANCE BY BRITISH IN MESOPOTAMIA

Sakaltun Captured From Turks, Who Fire Coal Mines—Russians Cooperate With British—227 Prisoners Taken.

London, Dec. 8.—(Delayed).—The following official statement concerning operations in Mesopotamia was issued today:

NAVAL CADETS ESCAPE WITH SLIGHT INJURIES

Thirty-Six Lads Miraculously Come Safely Thru Explosion at Halifax.

Halifax, Dec. 9.—The escape of the 36 naval cadets in the naval college was one of the miracles of the explosion. The youngsters, who mostly come from central and western Canada, were watching the fire on the Mont Blanc, which was less than 6000 yards away from them, thru the windows when the explosion occurred.

ITALIANS CHECK ENEMY UPON ASIAGO PLATEAU

Strong Defenses Baffle Germans—Immense Allied Air Raid on Northern Sector.

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Saturday, Dec. 8.—The battle of Asiago is virtually suspended, with the enemy checked, if not defeated, in his main design of breaking thru to the Brenta Valley and the plain a few miles below, although the plain a few miles below, although he succeeded in advancing his lines a short distance when the Italians fell back to new positions.

Leonard Winans, Montreal; Joseph Terry, Montreal; Arnold Smith, Robert Brett, Toronto; Kenneth McKenna, Wakefield, Ont.; Harold Pentlow, Guelph, Ont.; Beckles Wilson Windsor, Ont.; Edward Woolcombe Kingmill, son of Admiral Kingmill; R. Orle, Frederick Hilliard, Geo. Desbarats, Ottawa; William Holmes, Lindsay Pritchard, Victoria, B.C.; Rollo Malagay, Chemsomus, B.C.; Wilfrid Richardson, Fredericton, son of Bishop Richardson; George Mills, St. John, N.B.; A. C. Lee, Dawson City, Y.T.

ANNOUNCES NEW REVOLT

Maximalist Government Tells of Movement by Kaledines and Korniloff.

London, Dec. 9.—A proclamation to the Russian nation has been issued by the Russian Government announcing that "Kaledines and Korniloff, assisted by the imperialists and constitutional democrats, have raised a revolt and declared war in the Don region against the people and the revolution."

TROOPS REACH ENGLAND

Arrivals of Unity of Overseas Forces Reported by Chief Censor.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—It is officially announced thru the chief censor's office that the following troops have arrived safely in England: Infantry drafts from central Ontario, Winnipeg and Kingston for P.P.C.I. Infantry, Infantry draft from signal training depot, Ottawa. Drafts for horse, field and siege artillery and howitzer ammunition column from London, Toronto and Montreal. Medical Corps drafts, cyclists, pilots, Royal Flying Corps, Newfoundlanders, imperial recruits, details.

WINTER HATS AND CAPS. Heavy cloth caps, for driving or street wear, priced \$1 to \$2.50. Made of heavy English and Scotch materials. Winter-weight hard and soft felts, regular \$3.50 value, for \$2.65. Other great hat values brought forward for today selling. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

CITY HURRIES SUPPLIES FOR AID OF HALIFAX

Nurses Were Ready to Be Sent, But These Were Not Needed at Present.

COLLECTING CLOTHING

Meetings to Be Held to Organize for Sending Help.

Toronto is getting ready to do everything possible to help Halifax. Property Commissioner Chisholm and the harbor engineer will lend their advice and assistance in rebuilding the destroyed parts of the town.

A party of 26 city nurses were prepared to leave for Halifax on Saturday night, but were held over by the storm until Sunday morning.

The following were received yesterday by Mayor Church from W. H. Dennis, editor of The Halifax Herald: "People of Halifax thrilled by the many demonstrations of practical sympathy."

OBSTACLES CONFRONT ICE-COATED FIREMEN

Snow-Blocked Streets, Burning Paint, Exploding Gasoline and Intense Cold.

DAMAGE WAS HEAVY

Fire Broke Out on Sunday at the Premises of Canadian Motor Sales Company.

Fire of unknown origin broke out in the building occupied by the Canadian Motor Sales Company, corner of Bay and Temperance streets, about 3:30 Sunday afternoon, doing damage to the extent of \$17,000, a division of which was made as follows: Contents \$12,000, and damage to building \$5000. Smoke was first noticed issuing thru a window on the third floor by the policeman on the beat, and he immediately rang in the alarm. On the arrival of the firemen the fire was found to have gained great headway and it was thought necessary to ring in the second alarm, thereby bringing the next outlying division to the scene of the outbreak. The fire, it was stated, started in the paint shop of the building, which, being used as a public garage, contained much paint and oil, this material feeding the flames and causing them to spread very rapidly. The efforts of the firemen, however, confined the flames to the third and fourth floors.

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