

ACTIVITY IN SHIPBUILDING ON THE PACIFIC COAST

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"I spoke to many people and I saw many things on my trip," said the collector, "and I am firmly convinced that the United States are entering the war in a whole-hearted manner."

When asked in regard to the feeling in the west in respect to conscription, Mr. Lockhart said that the only meeting of consequence he had witnessed was a gathering at Vancouver, favorable to compulsory service.

The meeting was attended by upwards of 15,000 citizens of the country, in support of the measure.

Collector Lockhart said that New Brunswick boats were assisting materially in the shipping of the west. Among other men from the province he met Col. Markham, S. D. Scott, J. N. Harvey, William Russell, Orlay Merritt and C. H. Chappell.

"In fact you can see men from the east almost in any western centre," said the collector.

Mr. Lockhart was absent from St. John over five weeks. He was accompanied on his trip, which included the principal centres on route, by Mrs. Lockhart and Miss Lockhart.

MANY DEAD IN FEARFUL EXPLOSION

(Continued from page 1) also overcome and at the time of telephoning he is unconscious. Deputy Mine Inspector McIntosh is also among the many on hand helping to get the situation under control.

Down in the mine shaft some bodies are reported to have been discovered with heads and limbs blown off and others mutilated in various ways. A rescue party going to the landing, where the explosion took place, found the bodies of twenty-two men, and another party, reaching No. 7 found seven more.

Among the English-speaking miners who are known to have been working at No. 7 are: John D. McKay, Thomas Durham, George Delaney, Michael Curry, Joseph Steel, Thomas Murphy, Archie Cameron. It is not yet known whether these men are living or dead, but there are grave fears that the worst has happened. Mr. McKay, one of the best known miners of the district, was treasurer of the local branch of the Amalgamated Mine Workers.

It is believed that the explosion was caused by the first shot fired when the men went into the pit this morning.

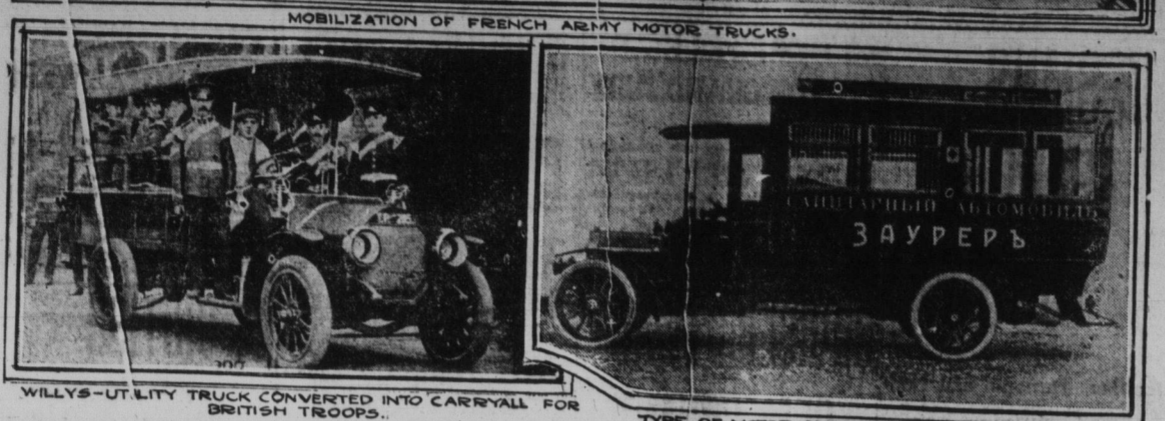
Heroic Work. A heavy fall of coal is reported to have taken place at No. 7 landing blocking the way to the landing. Rescue parties going to the landing had to approach it by another route than that usually used. Heroic work is being done by scores of volunteers and two young men who went down into the pit on rescue work have been suffocated and now lie dead.

Jack McKenzie of New Waterford is son of Daniel McKenzie and Philip Nicholson. Dr. D. J. Hartigan has been among those working to save any in the pit who might still be living. Dr. Hartigan was down in the mine with a rescue party and was partly overcome by gas but on recovering went down a second time.

Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Glace Bay who was overcome by gas, and Rev. J. H. McDonald pastor of St. Anthony's parish have also been among those to take part in the rescue work.

W. J. Hinchey, a well known local merchant and formerly a miner, has been especially active among the volunteers. He was with the rescue party that made its way to No. 6 landing and there found the bodies of 22 men. On this trip Mr. Hinchey and his fellows were down in the pit for some four hours. John A. Morrison, president of the Amalgamated Mine Workers, risked his life in res-

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Already the bodies of some of the miners have been placed there. One of the dead men identified so far is a Belgian. Another is Jack Fraser, a well known English miner. No. 12 colliery the oldest now operated in the New Waterford district was opened in 1907 with William Maxwell as manager. Angus R. McDonald the present manager succeeding Mr. Maxwell. Mr. McDonald is a Cape Breton man of long experience in mining operations. He first worked in the Victoria mine in various capacities and was for a time in the mines at Ferme, B. C. He started his official life as underground manager at No. 9 afterwards filling the same position at No. 2 and then at No. 3 and No. 6. He is a thoroughly capable man and may be relied upon to do efficient service in meeting the present emergency.

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MAUDE'S FIGHTING FAMILY.

(New York Sun.) More laurels for General Frederick Stanley Maude. He has the habit of victory. At last the British have a strategist in Mesopotamia who can outwit and outfight the Germanized Turks. The passage of the Shatt-el-Adhnan was another of Maude's surprises. He excels in swift attack. Taking 12,000 of the enemy, his casualties were only 75.

Maude came of a fighting family, his father, General Sir F. Maude, V.C. The son has done little else than fight for his country since he entered the army in 1884. He distinguished himself in the Sudan and in the Boer war. He has also been very much in demand as a staff officer. He was assistant director of the territorial force for three years. A well educated and experienced officer, famous for his personal bravery, Maude was ready when the call in Mesopotamia came.

THE KAISER STANDS ALONE.

(The World's Work.) The Kaiser faces the dismemberment of his dream of world empire and the end of a personal power that has for many years threatened civilization with the present war. He is another of the long line of reactionary figures who have taken the feudal doctrines of the Middle Ages and tried to drive back the irresistible growth of individual rights and human liberty.

George III, was a small character and stupid. Napoleon the First was a magnificent tyrant. Napoleon the Third was scheming and petty. But none of these, though they lived in supposedly less civilized times, ever descended to the inhuman and the conscienceless beliefs and practices which the Kaiser has adopted to reach his ends. In modern times he stands alone of all rulers, either of those who inherited power or those who acquired it by their own abilities—damned in a class by himself.

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In Action at Front on Kevo and ses—The Retreat of the Russia—French Win.

Petrograd, July 25.—The Russian young women's battalion raised by the twice wounded field officer Vero Butchareff, was in action on the front at Krevo yesterday for the first time. They are reported to have been successful, although the battalion suffered some losses, the extent of which is not yet known. The Novoe Vremya correspondent at the front reports that the women behaved in an exemplary way, gaining the respect of the men soldiers.

Striking Panorama. Copenhagen, July 25.—A German semi-official report describes as a striking panorama the retreat of the Russian armies in Galicia. Retiring columns stretching to the horizon can be plainly observed from various vantage points. The retreat occasionally degenerates into a full rout, particularly under the influence of the Austro-German field guns.

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Advertisement for 'Eczema Has Stayed Cured for 15 Years' featuring a portrait of Dr. Chase and text 'Dr Chase's Ointment'.