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OO KILLED AT HALIFY

Outbreak Occurred in Carpenter Shop Just After Six o'Clock.

SHIPS WERE DAMAGED

Wind Helped Firemen and Blaze Was Confined to One Place.

Shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday ne a speciacular outbreak of fire n \$200,000 and \$300,000.

fire was first noticed by an ye. Thomas Cooney, in the car-r snop after the shift for the had taken place. He immediate-ig in the alasm to the tire de-ent, who quickly responded, but riames, fed by the Vast store of of in the shop, spread with attripoints, quickly consuming the monding and pattern shop, contained the valuable patterns fum for the last thirty years ships were in the course of results were in the course of ruction at the company's slips, of small tonnage and one large ster, which is to be used for stiantic service. The huge iter, a boat of 4000 tons, was maged to the extent of 20 plates, ich, according to the manager, will men, according to the manager, will ke one month to replace, due to the fact that the plates, which are already bolted and riveted in place, expanded by the trainendous neut to which they were subjected. This will cause four weeks dear, as the holes that are already in the plates will be out of position by the expansion. A the great plates to the samp's sides was also destroyed, and will take some time to replace. Several hundred yards of the whart were also destroyed.

Wind Helped Firemen.

The great efforts of the firemen under the leadership of Chief Smith, were responsible for the fire being held to the pattern shop, where it originated. This and the fact that the and was from the northeast, thereby no doubt save the plant from being desaroyed. According to the ent of the representative of the British North America Insurance Company only one fire tug was available, the "W. J. Clarke," of the To-Ferry Company. The "Geary" and other city fire tugs were not

The water pressure was all that ould be desired, many leads of hose being laid by the firemen, and owing to the length of the shop it took (Concluded on Page 10, Column 5).

BYNG AGAIN DISPLAYS

Shows He Knows When to Withdraw and How to Conduct Troop Movements.

London, Dec. 6.-The Reuter correspondent at British headquarters in eral Byng has realized Napoleon's definition of a general of quality, 'To know when to retreat and do

"We have fallon deliberately and successfully on a well chosen line, which rules out the salient made by Bouron Wood, and sould enable us to m intain our hold upon the capturlength of the Hindenburg line

against any pressure.
"The territory we abandoned is probably less than one-third of the probably less than one-third of the total gained in General Byng's great Seven Groups of Enemy Planes Share in a tank drive. The work of destroying everything valuable to th eenemy was very thoroly done."

Maclean Meetings, South York.

Friday, Dec. 7-R'chmond Hill.

These two meetings joint with West

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York.

Saturday, Dec. 8—
Ma k'am Town Hall.

Monday Dec. 10—

Mt Denn's (York Tp.).

Silverthorn (York Tp.).

Weston Town Hall.

These three meetings joint with West
York.

Tuesday, Dec. 11—
Tramp den St. Andrew's Hall
Barrington Avenue School (York Tp.).
Playters H I. (Danforth).
Wednesd y, Dec. 12—
Lintonville. (Markham, Tp.).

Onlonyille (Markham Tp.).

Thur day, Dec. 13—
Oakwood (Yo k Tp.).
Fairbank (York Tp.).
Friday, Dec. 14—
Barlscourt (Ward Six), Belmont Assembly Hall.
Saturday, Dec. 15—
Wilcox Hall (York Tp.). the way they had came

Why Old Man Ontario Can't Support Laurier



AMERICANS WILL FIGHT BESIDE ITALIANS SOON

Foreign Affairs Committee of Congress Reports in Rowell Parts With Laurier Over ship bound for sea.

Shook Whole City. Austrian Invasion.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 6. — The conduct of the war, A declaration of North Bay, Dec. 6. — In addressing house foreign affairs committee's re- war by the United States against a large audience here tonight Hon port on the war resolution declares Austria-Hungary will hearten the N. W. Rowell described how he came that the United States probably soon people of Italy, who have been mis- to join the Union government, led by the mischievous and diluting will send troops to Italy.

The report concludes:

"Until the present Austro-German drive in northern Italy, the Austrian drive in northern in the interest and drive in northern and driv forces were gradually being driven declaration of war against Austriaback by the forces of the Italian army. Hungary.

"These considerations, and the fact With the assistance of German troops that Austria-Hungary is adhering to drawn from the Russian front a very the illegal and inhuman policy of serious catastrophe was inflicted upon ruthless submarine warfare and is, as the Italian arms, which, if it had not the committee relieves, making war been stopped might have resulted in the collapse of Italy. Such a result would have been a great blow to those with whom we are associated in this war, and as much to the United States as to any of her co-belligerents.

"As a result of this situation the committee relieves, making war upon American vessels and American citizens on the high seas, and other reasons which are not deemed necessary to recapitulate here, induced the committee to report unanimously the accompanying resolution declaring that a state of war exists between that a state of var exists between

"As a result of this situation, the imperial and royal Austro-Hun-al ies have rushed aid to Italy and the garian Government and the govern-United States is sending ships, money ment of the people of the United ontited States is sending ships, money and supplies, and will probably soon send troops, who will be facing and making provisions to prosend troops, who will be facing and making war on Austrian soldiers.

"The situation in Italy is one of the resolution will soon become that the resolution will soon become provinces by an overwhelming mathe utmost importance in the present a law."

hours of this morning, experienced

The first warnings were received from the outlying districts shortly

But like their predecessors.

It transpired that these were only

preliminary attacks, made with the

yet attempted.

GERMAN AIRMEN KILL

SEVEN IN LATEST RAID

Determined, But Futile Effort Against

London and Other Sections.

London, Dec. 6. - After several object of drawing forth gunfire and

weeks of respite, London, in the early disclosing the location of the defenses, hours of this morning, experienced for an hour later five groups of ma-

another German air raid—one of the

most determined, but the most futile, tacking the city from two directions.

The raiders were met with the tre-

mendous barrage of the London de-

fenses, which quickly awakened those

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Clericals.

In his speech Mr. Rowell said:

"When I last visited North Bay in the early part of the month of May I spoke to you on the issues of the war and urged in view of the critical situation which faced us that the time had come for compulsory military service and the formation of a Union or National government and that without these Canada could not throw her whole energies into the war,
"At that time Sir Robert Borden had not proposed either. My pres-ence here as a member of the gov-

ernment is an evidence that I be-lieved in the policies I was advocating. But there are further and other reasons why I am a member of the Union government. "The vote on the military service bill disclosed what Mr. Bourassa had continuously asserted, that Quebec's

Attitude of Quebec. "The attitude of the Province of Quebec is not due to any lack of courage or any other fine soldierly qualities on the part of her citizens or no Canadian troops have fought more brilliantly or successfully than the galant 22nd Battalion from the

jority were in favor of the Military Service Act, members from the Pro-

vince of Querec were almost a unit

Province of Quebec. "The present attitude of the Province of Quebec may be due to several causes. Undoubtedly the persistent agitation carried on by Mr. Bou-rassa and his Nationalist associates against Great Britain and France and Canada's participation in the war has most powerfully influenced the feeling and attitude of the Province of Quebec. And apparently the major-ity of the cures thruout the province shared his nationalist, clerical and re-

actionary attitude. "In this attitude they were undoubtedly encouraged and abetted by the members of the religious orders from after 130 o'clock, when a group of Gothas crossed the coast of Kent. Apparently their intention was to make for London, but after dropping bombs are continued for upwards of an hour residents of the capital who had not France who found an asylum in Can-

(Concluded on Page 5, Column 5).

along the coast they made off seaward and, by its sackening in one district again. A little less than two hours later now fully awake Londoners of the warnings were given again when another group of raiders started up the or six of which made their way thru or six of which made their way thru the barrage and flew directly across the city from the south to the north There are no reports of any bombs and heavy storm collar. The

HALIFAX IS DEVASTATED BY FEARFUL EXPLOSION

Belgian Relief Ship Imo Rams Munition Ship Mont Blanc, Which Explodes and Wipes Out Large Portion of Nova Scotian Capital, Thousands Being Killed and Injured.

the same thing was observed.

Extensive Damage.

The hospitals, each and everyone

By the wire and lath-littered road.

Here and there by a cracked and

when they held dear.

About nine o'clock yesterday morning the munition steamer Mont Blanc was rammed in Halifax Harbor by the Belgian relief steamer Imo. A quarter of an hour later the Mont Blanc's cargo exploded and a large part of the northern section of Halifax City, two square miles in extent, was laid in ruins, thousand. Terrible destruction was created on the waterfront, where hundreds of longshoremen and sailors were killed. Two of the crew of H.M.C.S. Niobe and twelve soldiers lost their lives. Many and passersby being buried in the ruins. The biast

of the destructive explosion was felt in some of the public schools, where the lives of many little children were snuffed out. Nearly all the dockyard buildings were destroyed, most of the waterfront premises, the railway station and many other public buildings, while the Town of Dartmouth, adoss the harbor, was also the scene of extensive damage. All the Halifax hospitals and most of the existing public buildings are crowded with the injured, while scores of wagon loads of the dead are being brought into the morgues, many of which have been improvised for the sad occasion. The pilot of the destroyed munition ship Mont Blanc

terrific explosion aboard a munition aboard her backed away and the crew hip in Halifax harbor, this morning, started to abandon her. hip in Halifax harbor, this morning, cuins and the loss of life is appailing. Barly estimates place the number of dead at over two thousand. On one ship alone 40 persons were killed. Thousands have been injured. The property damage is enormous and debris. there is scarcely a window left in a in the main portion of the city,

Among the dead are the fire chief and his deputy. They were hurled to death when a fire engine exploded. Fire followed the explosion and this added to the greatest catastrophe in the nistory of the city.

All business has been suspended and armed guards of soldiers and sailors are patroling the city.

Not a street car is moving and part of the city is in darkness. All the hospitals and many private houses are filled with injured.

the hospitals and many private houses are filled with injured.

The offices of the railway station, arena rink, military gymnasium, sugar refinery and elevator collapsed, and injured scores of precise.

The main damage, however, was New York for Bedford Basin, when done in the north end of the city, she collided with the Imo, a Belgian known as Richaudnd, which was opposite

Following the collision the explosion occurred and in an instant the whole city was shaken from its foundation. Thousands rushed for the larger the damage is so extensive as to be totally beyond the field of description. Street after street is in ruins and flames swept over the district. In this section many of the larger open and some little children in the schools became parke-stricken. On buildings are a smouldering heap of every street could be seen adults and ruins, and the ordinary frame houses children with blood streaming from are a mere heap of shattered, flattened their wounds rushing to the nearest doctor's office. The work of rescue was greatly impeded by the piles of debris in the devastated area.

was greatly impeded by the piles of debris in the devastated area.

A part of the town of Dartmouth is only too plainly of serious injuries or in many cases death also in ruins.

Nearly all the buildings in the dock-

Nearly all the buildings in the dockyards are in ruins.

Practically all the north end of the
city has been laid waste.

The destruction extends from North
Street rai way station. as far
north as Africville to Bedford Basin
and covers about two square miles.

The buildings which were not destroyed by the exp'osion, were laid
waste by the fire which followed.

Thousands of people have been
Tendered homeless. The Academy of mendered homeless. The Academy of Music and many other public building to make a way as best he ings have been thrown open to house cut of the range of what was thought to be a German raid

Five hundred tents have been erect- Woman rushed in terror-stricken ed on the commons and these will be occupied by the troops who have given up their barracks to house the homeless women, and children.

Temporary nospitals and morgues have been opened in the schoolhouses in the western section of the city. The doctors and nurses worked heroically in rendering and to the interval of the city. The doctors and nurses worked heroically in rendering and to the interval of the city. The doctors and nurses worked heroically in rendering and to the interval of the city.

Women rushed in terror-stricken many of them was creeks many of them was children classes to their beautiful the streets many of them less than half an hour five thousand people, lightly clad, had gathered others sought refuge in the fields. The magaz ne was flooded, and by noon all the danger was passed. Scores of people are reported massing, and it is not known whether heroically in rendering aid to the in-jured.

Collision Caused Disaster. The collision, which occurred between the two steamers, took place near the point of the harbor known of what had occurred. near the point of the harbor known as pier 8 and was between a French munition ship, the Mont Blanc, and sattered to egraph pole was the the Imo. a Belvian relief ship. The Cloth-wrapped body of a tiny tot. Mont Blanc lies in the Narrows. scarred and twisted in the force of the a shattered wreck, while the Be'gian horrible exclosion which had withered re'ief boat is beached on the Dart-mouth side of the harbor near what Pathetic Sights. is known as Tuft's Cove. At nine o'clock the city was en-

joying its usual period of calm and the streets were crowded with people wending their way little thinking of what was in a few minutes to refall

Like Bolt From Blue. Suddenly, like a bolt from the blue. there came an explosion. From one end of the city to the other glass fell and peor le were lifted from the sidewalks and thrown flat into the streets. In the downtown offices just begin-ning to hum with the usua' day's acti-Concluded on Page 5, Column 5).

In the downtown offices, just begind the hundreds who were him to hum with the usual day's activate and heavy storm collar. The prices are also uniformly right. Dincen's, 140 Yonge street.

In the downtown offices, just begind with they held dear.

Allong the hundreds who were killed by the explosion was one parture and the shower of falling glass and plaster which fe'l about them.

The best assorted stock of men's consisting of a Canada These workers who so nobly administered and to the wounded and dying.

The coll sign was a terrific one, the large lapel of the explosion, found that all his family, consisting of his wife and further the explosion and heavy storm collar. The prices are also uniformly right. Dincen's, practically uninjured, kept going ahead with the wounded craft, and the remains of his little two-year-old (Concluded on Page 5, Column 1).

scores of buildings were leveled in the city, occupants says the collision was due to some confusion about the signal whistles. break child, who had met death while play-e crew ing on the roadside.

Many of those composing the crews of sh.ps in the harbor were killed and injured. The camage along tre The Mont Blanc drifted away, a burning wreck, while the relief boat beached near Tuft's Cove on the Part-

On one steamer, the Picton, it is reported that 33 of the crew of 42 have been killed. Many bodies of seamen have been picked up in the harbor, and rescue parties are working among the ruins of buil where the buildings are more or less of stone or concrete, the damage was confined to the blowing in of windows, and the injuries susuained by the Pilot Frank Mackie, who was on the

French mantion snip, declares that the accident was one to a confusion of whistles, sounded by the Belgian and the injuries sustained by the cluzens were in the main due to the cuts from flying glass Proceeding such to the extreme end of the city the same thing same than relief stamer.
In add.t.on to her cargo of muni-

tions, the mont Blanc carried a dok-mad of benzine, and this caught fire tonowing the explosion.

The captain of the mont Blanc or-In the west end and northwest end

de.ed his crew to take to the boats. The men hastly left the ship in two boats and rowed for the Hallax side of the harbor, which they teached in

The men ran for safety, as they felt that an explosion was inevitable. Twenty mirutes later the explosion The main damage, however, was cocurred, and the men were muled liat on the ground.

The munition snip, after the crew left her, veered in towards the Halifax side of the harbor, and the only received the rull force of the explosite the point of the vessels' collision. Here the damage is so extensive as to be totally beyond the field of descrip-

The rescuers, who were early the scene, say that the sights in the public schols at the north end of the city were pitlable. They tound me bodies of dozens of little chituren and scores of others with broken limbs and covered with blood. Automobiles scurried here and there

Effects Widespread.

The force of the explosion was felt 75 miles from Halifax, glass being proken in the Learmont Hotel at

All the telegraph wires were destroyed, and when the explosion occurred the operators jump d from their keys and raced for the open. Ail the telephones were also put out of order. For a time Halifax was completely isolated from the outside

After the explosion the whole population was thrown into a state of excitement by the report that a second munition ship, or the magazine at the dockyard might blow up. Automobiles rushed thru the streets warning the people to rush to the open spaces in the south end of the city. Scores of people are reported missing, and it is not known whether they are dead or at the homes of

The concussion shattered the big gas meter and thousands of feet of gas escaped. All the power plants gas escaped. All the power plants in the city are out of business, and the newspaper offices have been so badly wrecked that publication of the pa-

pers is impossible.

Bluejackets from an American warstreets tonight. By the side of many of the burn-Among the dead is Lebaron Cole-

ing rules were women, who wa ened with horror the flames as they cons. med the houses, which is many North Street Station when the roof cases held the bodies of loved ones. With dry eyes they watched their homes perish in the flames. man, manager of the Canadian Ex-

homes perish in the flames, and as toria General Hospital. Suffering of others passed with inquiries as to the unfortunate women, men and chilwhether they could render any aid, dren, who had been so grie ously inthey shook their heads in a dazed jured; suffering for the unhurt ones manner, and unread their caze once who waited within hailing news of the more to the funeral pyre of all those condition of their loved ones, in many passed to the great beyond. Suffering