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HALIFAX IS DEVASTATED BY FEARFUL EXPLOSION

Belgian Relief Ship Ima Rams Muniton Ship Mont Blanc, Which Explodes and Wipes Out Large Portion of Nova Scotia Capital, Thousands Being Killed and Injured.

About nine o'clock yesterday morning the munition steamer Mont Blanc was rammed in Halifax harbor by the Belgian relief steamer Ima. 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.

Halifax, Dec. 6.—As the result of a terrific explosion aboard a munition ship in Halifax harbor, this morning, a large part of the north end of the city and along the water front is in ruins and the loss of life is appalling.

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Why Old Man Ontario Can't Support Laurier



AMERICANS WILL FIGHT BESIDE ITALIANS SOON

Foreign Affairs Committee of Congress Reports in Favor of Sending Troops Soon to Resist Austrian Invasion.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 6.—The house foreign affairs committee's report on the war resolution declares that the United States probably soon will send troops to Italy.

GERMAN AIRMEN KILL SEVEN IN LATEST RAID

Seven Groups of Enemy Planes Share in a Determined, But Futile Effort Against London and Other Sections.

London, Dec. 6.—After several weeks of respite, London, in the early hours of this morning, experienced another German air raid—one of the most determined, but the most futile, yet attempted.

FIRE DESTROYS POLSON PLANT PATTERN SHOP

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 evening a spectacular outbreak of fire occurred at the Polson Iron Works, foot of Frederick street, causing damage to the plant to the extent of between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

The fire was first noticed by an employe, Thomas Cooney, in the carpenter shop after the suit for the night had taken place. He immediately rang in the alarm to the fire department, who quickly responded, but the flames, fed by an vast store of wood in the shop, spread with alarming rapidity, quickly consuming the large moulding and pattern shop, which contained the valuable patterns of the firm for the last thirty years.

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 wind was from the northeast, thereby confined the flames to the waterfront, no doubt save the plant from being entirely destroyed.

BYING AGAIN DISPLAYS GOOD GENERALSHIP

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

London, Dec. 6.—The Reuters correspondent at British headquarters in France sends the following: "General Byng has received Napoleon's definition of a general of quality. To know when to retreat and do it."

Maclean Meetings, South York.

- Friday, Dec. 7.—Thornhill, Richmond Hill.
Saturday, Dec. 8.—Markham Town Hall.
Monday, Dec. 10.—Silverthorn (York Tp.).
Tuesday, Dec. 11.—Burlington Avenue School (York Tp.).
Wednesday, Dec. 12.—Unionville (Markham Tp.).
Thursday, Dec. 13.—Oakwood (York Tp.).
Friday, Dec. 14.—Belmont (Ward Six), Belmont Ave.
Saturday, Dec. 15.—Wilcox Hall (York Tp.).

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