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GEORGE V. TAKES THE OATH---WILL CONTINUE EDWARD'S POLICIES

10 KILLED, MORE THAN 100 HURT IN AN EXPLOSION AT HULL, QUE.

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WINDOWS BROKEN THRU OTTAWA GOVERNMENT HOUSE INJURED

THE DEAD

Theodore Gagne, laborer, Wright-street.

Antoine Cervantes, a boy 12 years of age, St. Henri-street.

Two daughters of Patrick Carriere, Chaudiere-street, aged 12 and 14 years, both dead and dumb, which came crashing thru the roof of their home.

Louis McCann, 16 years of age, living near Brewery Creek.

Willie Sabourin, Wall-street, 24 years of age, married.

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Government House, which is nearly three miles away from the scene of the explosion, was a peculiarly heavy sufferer, a great number of its windows being smashed.

All over Ottawa plate glass windows fell in fragments, and it was particularly remarked that nearly every bank in the city suffered.

Practically every bank to-night has a policeman stationed in front of its vacant window frame.

Many curious effects of the explosion are noticeable. For instance, in many cases windows on the front of the building turned towards the scene of the explosion escaped, while those on the side streets collapsed. Again, stone buildings seemed to fare better than those of brick, and it was noticeable in Hull that the numerous small wooden dwelling houses suffered very little, the damage being for the most part confined to large windows in the business section.

Stones Hurled Two Miles. The parliament buildings, which occupy the highest point in Ottawa, and are built of stone, suffered very little. One of the chimneys at Government House was bent so badly that it had to be taken down at once. Stones and boulders were hurled an immense distance, and in some cases crashed thru the roofs of houses two miles away. Several deaths were caused in this way.

The explosion occurred at a quarter to six o'clock and caused great consternation in Ottawa. Hull is overlooked from the Ottawa bank of the river, and especially from Parliament Hill, and in an incredibly short time the hill and all the portions of the bank of the river which afforded a view of Hull were black with spectators, while there was a rush by motor, cab and street car to the scene of the disaster. The direct money loss will probably not exceed \$100,000.

The buildings of the factory were not expensive, and the number of hands employed was only four or five.

John Lancelotti, Chelsea-road, aged 35.

Young son of Ald. Labelle, who fell out of one of the broken windows of his home on to the street beneath when explosion occurred.

Miss Brisson, leg broken. P. Dupuis, arm broken.

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The quantity of explosives in store was only five tons. By far the heaviest damage is the breaking of glass.

Firemen Kept Off. The catastrophe afforded a remarkable example of the perversity of human nature. The danger of an explosion was perfectly well understood, the Hull fire brigade would not fight the fire, and the buildings burned undisturbed, and meanwhile, with the danger threatening, thousands of spectators gathered within striking distance of the stores, which were hurled in the air. Most of the casualties were caused by this fact.

The explosive was kept in a heavy stone magazine with walls two feet thick and heavy metal roof. This construction was imposed on the company by Quebec law, and the solid construction of course added to the violence of the explosion, while the stones which did the damage came from the walls.

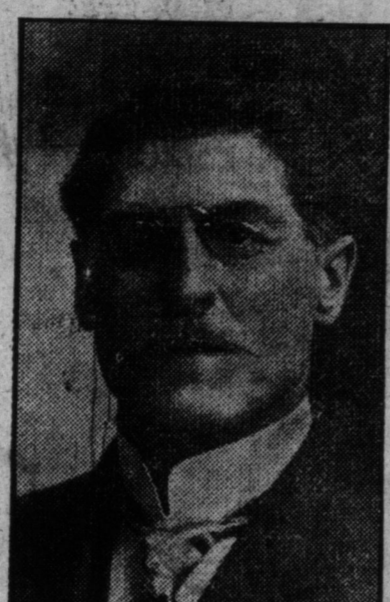
BOATING ACCIDENT. HALIFAX, May 8.—(Special).—Corporal R. J. Gregg of No. 1 Company, R.C.G.A., and in command of Port Clarence, one of the large fortresses on the eastern side of Halifax harbor, was drowned this afternoon, and his wife and child are in a serious condition as the result of a dangerous accident on the harbor this afternoon.

A gay party of seven started out. The pier had just been cleared when a gust of wind caught the boat and it turned over and filled with water.

Gregg, who was unable to swim, told his companions to rescue his wife and child, and that he would look out for himself. He was twenty-five, and served in the South African war. He came here two years ago from London, Ont.

SILK HATS. The Dineen Company has just received a third consignment of English silk hats by Henry Heath of London, the favorite maker to his late majesty King Edward the Seventh, and of the new ruler of the empire, George the Fifth. These hats are in different blocks, to suit the young man and the old. Store open every evening.

Ex-Legislator Dies Suddenly



E. J. B. PENSE, EX-M.L.A. Publisher of Kingston Whig, who died suddenly on Saturday.

WINSTON CHURCHILL.

Some people are wondering how Winston Churchill happens to figure so much in the King's death. He was almost the only cabinet minister who was in London. But his office of home secretary makes him the minister nearest the King. As a matter of fact the home secretary is the chief of all the secretaries and signs most of the King's communication, and this relationship is the most ancient one of all in the cabinet. The home secretary is always present at a royal birth and certifies the same. Winston Churchill was present at the King's death, as was his duty, and was the first to make homage to the new sovereign.

A MAN OF SACRIFICES.

The new King is a serious and sorrowful man, a man who all his life has had to make sacrifices because of his station. He had to give up the sea and the navy, to which he was attached, when his elder brother died; it was with no joy that he found himself on the same occasion in the line of the succession; a little later state reasons forced him to marry the fiancée of his dead brother, tho it has since proved a happy marriage; every day since the great change came to him, his life has been one of duty, study, sacrifice, service to the trade of king-to-be.

A RETROSPECT.

May 9, 1760: The Lowestoft, a British frigate, arrived at Quebec.

May 9, 1781: Pontiac, the Indian chief, attacked Detroit.

May 9, 1901: First Commonwealth parliament, Australia, was opened by the Prince of Wales.

"To Uphold Constitutional Government Will Be the Earnest Object of My Life"

"My lords and gentlemen, my heart is too full for me to address you to-day in more than a few words. It is my sorrowful duty to announce to you the death of my dearly loved father, the King.

"In this irreparable loss, which has so suddenly fallen upon me and the whole empire, I am comforted by the feeling that I have the sympathy of my future subjects, who will mourn with me for their beloved sovereign, whose own happiness was found in sharing and promoting theirs.

"I have lost not only a father's love, but the affectionate and intimate relations of a dear friend and adviser.

"No less confident am I in the universal and loving sympathy which is assured to my dearest mother in her overwhelming grief.

"Standing here little more than nine years ago, our beloved King declared that so long as

there was breath in his body he would work for the good and amelioration of his subjects. I am sure that the opinion of the whole nation will be that this declaration has been fully carried out.

"To endeavor to follow in his footsteps, and at the same time to uphold the constitutional government of these realms will be the earnest object of my life.

"I am deeply sensible of the very heavy responsibilities which have fallen upon me.

"I know that I can rely upon the parliament and on the people of these islands and my dominions beyond the seas for their help in the discharge of the arduous duties and their prayers that God will grant me strength and guidance.

"I am encouraged by the knowledge that I have in my dear wife one who will be a constant helpmate in every endeavor for our people's good."

—KING GEORGE, to the privy councillors.

ACCUSE LIBERALS OF HASTENING KING'S DEATH

LONDON, May 8.—There are signs that some of the Conservatives will accuse the Liberals of responsibility for the King's death by worry brought on him thru threats of the party to call on him to swamp the lords by the creation of a host of Liberal peers.

The Globe says: "The King was in constant consultation with his ministers, his holiday was cut short, and had not a keen sense of public duty compelled him to return to England he might still be alive and well. Those who have stirred up strife within the nation, who would have sought the constitution and who did not hesitate to attack the crown itself in pursuance of their own ends, will now realize that they must take their share of the responsibility for the death of a great King. They have done their worst; let them close their lips while the nation mourns its royal dead."

Sir Henry Daldry, M.P., one of the leaders of the Liberals, states emphatically to-night and with authority, that the government policy concerning the lords vote will not be postponed.

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Tomb Will Be With Duke of Clarence Beneath Albert Memorial Chapel—Casket From Royal Oak From Windsor Forest.

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS SERVICES YESTERDAY

LONDON, May 8.—Saturday is usually the gayest night of the week in London, but last night a Sabbath-like quiet pervaded the city.

It was a capital in mourning. All the theatres and music halls were closed, the band concerts in the parks are abandoned. The people wander idly about the streets looking at the portraits of Edward VII. wreathed in smiles, in the shop windows. Multitudes drifted into St. James' Park, where the gates of the palace of Buckingham Palace, where the body of the dead King lies, and at Marlborough House nearby, thru the gates of which officials and messengers come and go constantly. Here the new King has had to set aside his personal grief to busy himself with the affairs of crown and family.

Many wear badges of mourning. The whole kingdom, indeed, is a nation in mourning. Ireland has forgotten her political grievances and the Irish people speak kindly, appreciatively, of Edward VII. The mayors of such Na-tionalist strongholds as Dublin and Limerick have sent messages of sympathy to the widow.

Municipalities, churches and societies of all sorts have met to pass eulogies on the late monarch, and offer good wishes to his successor. The courts of sports and entertainments of every type have been dropped; society has canceled its engagements. The managers of most of the metropolitan theatres have decided to suspend the season until after the funeral.

Proclamation of Accession. While King George was signing the proclamation of his accession in the presence of his privy councillors in St. James' Palace on Saturday, a battery in the adjoining park was firing 68 guns, denoting the age of his predecessor. The first official utterance of the new King was marked by feeling eloquence and made a deep impression.

The King, while the brief ceremonies were proceeding in the throne room, showed signs of deep grief. His large eyes were red, obviously from much weeping. Thruout the solemn reading of the proclamation, the new sovereign listened absently with his eyes downcast, but chin upthrust. His voice and bearing thruout the speech gave evidence of a keen feeling of responsibility and of deep emotion.

An immense but quiet multitude passed about the palace for a sight of George V., who passed with but little appearance of state. He wore an admiral's uniform and was attended only by two officials from Marlborough House. He was greeted in silence and with bowed heads as he proceeded to the palace, only a stone's throw away, while his two sons watched him from over the wall.

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Toronto's Sympathy

Toronto, May 7, 1910. Hon. Charles Murphy, K.C., Secretary of State, Ottawa, Ont.

Please convey to the royal family the heartfelt sympathy of the citizens of Toronto in their irreparable loss, and assurances of regard and affection for the memory of a much-beloved Sovereign, whose death occasions deep and abiding grief in the hearts of a devoted people.

G. R. GEARY, Mayor.

Toronto's signs of mourning for the dead King Edward will be more in evidence by to-night when the city hall, parliament buildings and other provincial and federal government buildings will be draped. Thruout the city Saturday flags were displayed at half mast, while most of the churches yesterday had crepe and royal purple festooned. From every pulpit reference was made to the tragic event, lauding the memory of the dead and expressing sympathy for those who grieved, with expressions of confidence in the new King.

In accordance with orders received from the War office, London, thru Ottawa, a salute to the new King will be fired by the field battery to-day. The order reads:

"Notice all general officers, excepting the India, as follows: On Monday, May 9, at noon, hoist all flags to peak height. Fire royal salute in honor of His Majesty's accession. On the following day, flags to be again hoisted at half mast till funeral date, of which you will be notified. Officers are to wear crepe on left arm of uniform and great coat. Drums should be covered in black and crepe hung from top of color staff in infantry regiments. In cavalry regiments, crepe to be hung from standard staffs and trumpets till after funeral."

The royal salute to be fired at noon will affect the following stations: Victoria, Winnipeg, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Quebec, Montreal, St. John, Halifax and Charlottetown. Fredericton, N.B., and St. Jean, Que., are flag stations.

Arrangements for the garbion church parade next Sunday remain unaltered. Nor is it likely the King's death will affect the proposed trip of the Queen's Own to England, as these duties come under the course of regular exercises. It is not yet known whether the program outlined for general French's coming on the 21st will be affected. The local headquarters are expecting instructions from Ottawa.

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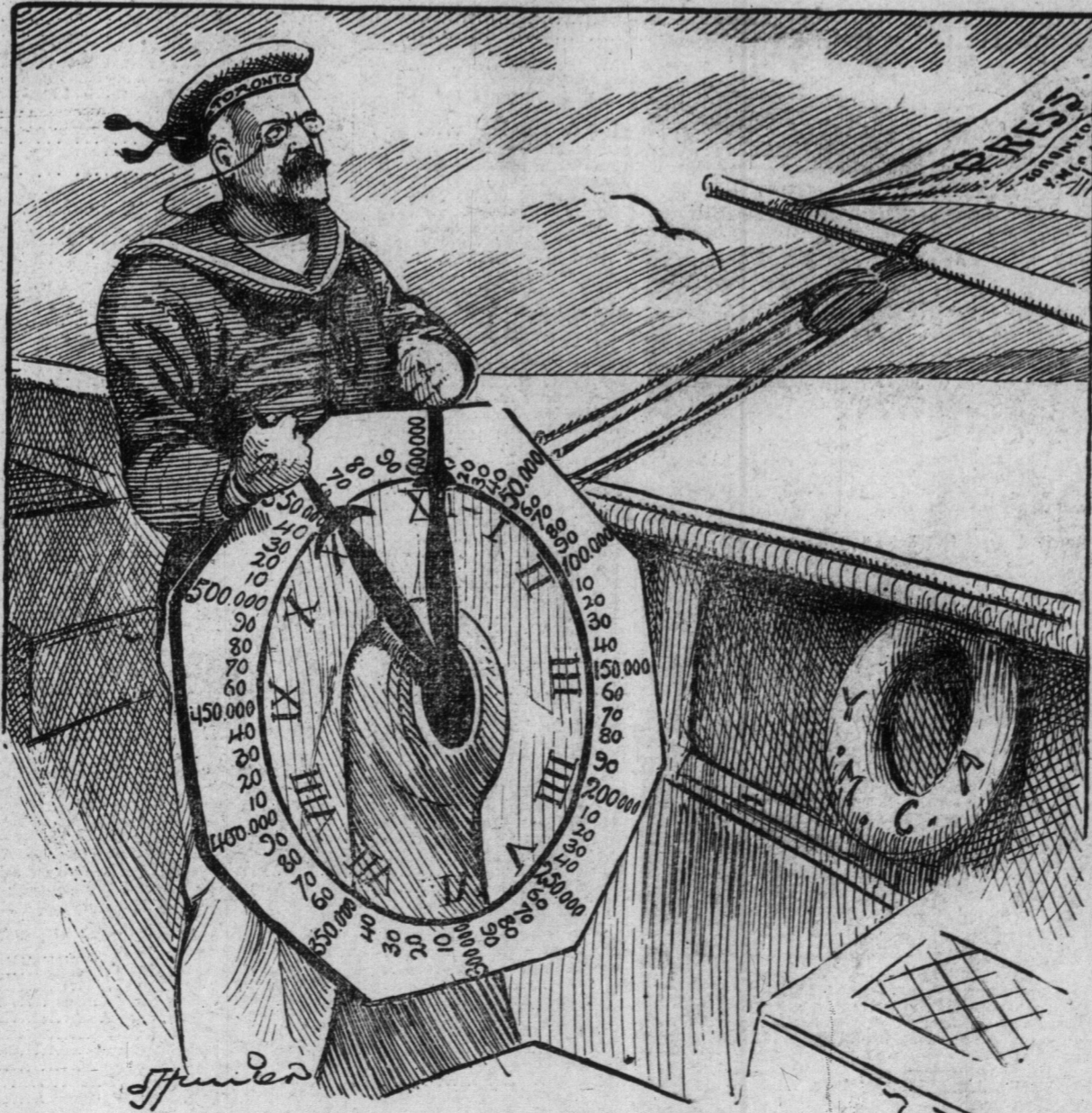
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