

THREE LIVES LOST BY BURSTING OF VALVE

Loud Report Interrupted Morning Prayers at the Grey Building.

OTHERS SERIOUSLY HURT

Triple Fatality at Foundry on Church Street Yesterday Morning.

George Kellor, 37 Yarmouth road; Thomas Ross, 133 Mutual street, were killed, and William Woods, 460 Weston road, was killed and William McLean, 96 Shanly street, and Arthur Goss, 887 Gerrard street, were injured at 7:10 yesterday morning when the valve on a boiler exploded in the engine room of the Grey Machinery Manufacturing Company at the corner of Church and the Esplanade. The men were caught in the scalding steam when the valve exploded and Ross and Kellor were disfigured, almost beyond recognition. Both had made a desperate attempt to escape by the outer corridor. Kellor was found lying across an air pipe, which prevented him from reaching the door, and Ross was discovered at the entrance to the coal chute. Their bodies are at the morgue where an inquest was opened and adjourned until Monday next.

The other three men were removed to St. Michael's Hospital, and Woods, who was terribly scalded from head to foot, succumbed to his injuries at 6:05 last evening. His body was also removed to the morgue. McLean sustained severe burns about the body and Goss had his hands and face injured.

Others at Prayers. At the time the explosion occurred 75 other workmen were attending religious service in another part of the building. It has been customary for William Grey, one of the heads of the firm, to hold the service at the plant every morning from 7 to 7:30, before the men start work. They were not compelled to attend and they were paid for the thirty minutes spent in devotion. According to the police, none of the five men who fell victims to the explosion had been in the habit of attending the services, but went to the foundry at 7 every morning and smoked until the time to start work.

The sound of a terrific explosion, and the tearing noise of the splintered steel and the hiss of the escaping steam brought those who were engaged in prayer to the outer room immediately. Realizing what had happened, Chief Engineer H. J. Squires, 177 Close avenue, dashed over to the boiler and succeeded in replacing the valve. On the floor lay the twisted bodies of the killed and injured. It was seen at once that Kellor and Ross were beyond aid. The ambulance was immediately summoned and the injured rushed to the hospital.

Terribly Scalded. When he had received treatment and was able to sit up in bed Goss told what had happened. He said they were sitting near the boiler when the steam got up and went to it. Suddenly there came a loud crack and the room filled with steam. They all fled for the door, but the two men who were killed got blocked in the doorway and while there were terribly scalded by the steam. After a time they made their way out. Goss says he was the last to escape and was not seriously hurt. No reason is given for the accident and no person will be allowed to enter the building until an expert has examined the boiler to find the cause of the explosion.

RETURNING TORONTO SOLDIERS

QUEBEC, Dec. 6.—Twenty-six wounded soldiers arrived at the local discharge depot this morning after making the trip from St. John, N.B., where they were landed from the Scandinavian.

The following is a list of the men giving Toronto as their address: Pte. N. A. Dufferin, 3rd Battalion, 19 Montrose avenue. Pte. Norman J. Jackman, 3rd Batt., 38 Pearson avenue. Pte. J. L. Sullivan, 9th C.F.A., 27 Queen street. Pte. G. Fraser, 12th Battalion, 59 Indian road. Lance-Corp. J. M. Perdue, 4th Batt., Caledonia East (enlisted in Toronto). Lance-Corp. H. Crossley, 3rd Batt., 117 Bleeker street. Pte. H. Good, 15th Batt., 68 Lapping avenue. Pte. C. Budd, 15th Batt., 135 Hogarth avenue. Pte. F. Shields, 3rd Batt., 168 Sammon avenue. Pte. T. Cartwright, 212 Wallace avenue. Pte. D. W. Yates, 3rd Batt., 551 DeLkware avenue. Pte. H. W. Walker, 3rd Batt., 35 Alexander boulevard. Pte. A. J. Webber, 3rd Batt., 3 Home place. Pte. A. Peck, 36th Batt., 7 Northview terrace.

MAKE SOLDIERS WIVES AND CHILDREN HAPPY

Fifty Thousand Club Safest and Most Efficient Way to Make Contributions.

Do you want to feel certain that the money you willingly contribute for the wives and children of the men who have gone to the front is wisely spent? Do you want to feel that you are doing a share in keeping them provided with the necessities of decent life? If you do, then become a member at once of the 50,000 Club. This means that 50,000 persons combine to give \$1 per month each to the Toronto and York Patriotic Association's funds, which is administered by a board of Toronto's best known business men, giving their time and experience without any remuneration whatever. If the full 50,000 persons are secured it will mean that \$50,000 a month will be turned into this fund during the continuance of the war. This will go a long way toward making the wives and families of deserving soldiers comfortable and happy while the husband and father is away.

You can place your money to better advantage through no other association or society. The 50,000 Club does the work quietly and effectively and economically. Membership is steadily growing every day, and it is fully expected the required number will be reached shortly.

ANOTHER BATTALION OF FRENCH-CANADIANS

Regiment Will Be Raised in New Brunswick, Hughes Announces.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—Still another battalion of French Canadians is being organized for overseas service. It is not in Quebec Province this time however, but in New Brunswick. General Sir Sam Hughes announced tonight that a regiment of Acadians was being recruited down there. The commanding officer is not yet appointed.

SPANISH CABINET QUILTS OWING TO PARTY FIGHT

Opposition Proposed Giving Economic Questions Priority Over Military Measures.

MADRID, via London, Dec. 6.—The cabinet of Eduardo Dato resigned today owing to the leaders of the opposition serving notice of a proposed motion to give economic questions in parliament priority over certain military measures which were declared to be unnecessary. Count Romanones, former premier, supported the motion, while Premier Dato declined to accept and left the chamber of deputies to present his resignation and that of the ministry to King Alfonso.

Senator Dato's cabinet resigned June 22 last owing to the failure of a loan of \$150,000,000, of which only one-sixteenth was subscribed. Senator Dato considers the failure of the loan as equivalent to a vote of lack of confidence. At the request of King Alfonso, however, the cabinet remained in power. Senator Dato had been at the head of the government since 1912.

RETURNED SOLDIERS GET POSTOFFICE JOBS

Fifty or More Will Help Handle Christmas Rush.

Returned soldiers will help to handle Christmas mail, according to arrangements made yesterday afternoon by the Soldiers' Aid Commission, when fifty men who have returned from the front were informed of the temporary employment. More men are needed and preference will be given to the soldiers. Chairman W. D. McPherson of the commission said that there were 460 men on the books, with the addition of the 50 who arrived from Montreal yesterday. Letters of appreciation had already been received from employers who had secured soldiers in their employ, as well as from the soldiers themselves. "Plans for the messenger service bureau were being worked out," Mr. McPherson said, "but the details had not yet been arranged. The classes for technical education were being arranged, and the facts and ideas that had been brought forward would be put into more definite shape at the next meeting of the commission on December 14."

N. W. M. P. WILL CARRY MAIL TO STEFANSSON

Party Will Leave Dawson City Shortly After Christmas.

DAWSON, Y. T., Dec. 6.—With the freezing of the Yukon River the winter highway to the railroad at White Horse was opened today, three horse-drawn stages moving each way.

The annual Northwest Mounted Police expedition, carrying mail for the Stefansson explorers, whalers and traders, will leave here shortly after Christmas. At Fort McPherson the expedition will meet another party of men bringing the mail from Herschel Island and other points on the Arctic. Letters from Stefansson and his men are expected to be in this mail.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL.

Rev. P. K. Dayfoot, Baptist Association Sunday school superintendent, and Rev. E. W. McKay, have been appointed as the Canadian representatives of the denomination in the council of the Sunday School Evangelical denominations.

Gourlay Christmas Gifts advertisement featuring a piano and text: 'Make It a Musical Christmas', 'Make This Christmas One to Be Remembered', 'Our Store Will Be Open Every Evening From Now Until Christmas', '188 Yonge St.', 'Gourlay Winter & Teeming Limited', 'The Store of Service'.

Brain-Fag and Exhaustion advertisement for Dr. Cassell's Tablets. Includes text: 'Tired, Nerve-jaded Folk Find New Strength and Living Energy in Dr. Cassell's Tablets', 'There is nothing in medicine more certain than the strength-giving power of Dr. Cassell's Tablets. Everything they contain makes for strength and vital power—strength for nerves and muscles, richness for the blood, living energy for the whole system.', 'Dr. Cassell's Tablets can and do bring health and vigour to the weak—often when every other means has failed. They brace up and reinvigorate all the bodily organs, restore their natural action, and build up new health and fitness for the worn-out man or woman. They are equally suitable for children, even for infants.', 'Dr. Cassell's Tablets are Nutritive, Restorative, Alterative, and Anti-Spasmodic, and of great Therapeutic value in all derangements of the Nerve and Functional Systems in old or young. They are the recognised modern home remedy for Nervous Breakdown, Nerve and Spinal Paralysis, Infantile Paralysis, Rickets, St. Vitus' Dance, Anæmia, Sleeplessness, Kidney Disease, Dyspepsia, Stomach Catarrh, Brain Fag, Headache, Palpitation, Wasting Diseases, Vital Exhaustion, Loss of Flesh, and Premature Decay. Specially valuable for Nursing Mothers and during the Critical Periods of Life.', 'Druggists and Dealers throughout Canada sell Dr. Cassell's Tablets. If not procurable in your city send to the sole agents, Harrow F. Ritchie & Co., Ltd., 10, McCaul Street, Toronto; one tube, 50 cents, 6 tubes for the price of five. War Tax Extra, 2 cents per tube. Sole Proprietors:—Dr. Cassell's Co., Ltd., Manchester, Eng.', 'GET A FREE SAMPLE', 'Dr. Cassell's Tablets', 'Britain's Greatest Remedy'.

ONE VOLUNTEER BEATS TEN WHO ARE FORCED

This is Belief of Rev. Dr. W. J. McKay, Whose Son Has Enlisted.

One volunteer is worth ten forced to join the army by compulsory methods is the estimate made by Rev. Dr. W. J. McKay, whose only son, Lieut. E. McKay, has volunteered for overseas service as a member of the army flying corps. Dr. McKay said to The World: "With all my heart I hope there will be no conscription in the old country, or compulsory methods adopted in Canada. I believe that as young men of military age and qualifications are brought face to face with the issues of this great and terrible war they will respond willingly to the call of their country. One man choosing spontaneously to serve the colors would be better than ten forced to render unwilling service."

COMMONS DISCUSSES HENRY FORD'S MISSION

Lord Robert Cecil Makes Ironical Allusion to Personnel of Party.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—A request made in the house of commons this afternoon by Sir Edwin A. Cornwall, Liberal member for the northeast division of Bethnal Green, that an intimation be sent to Henry Ford and William Jennings Bryan that their proposed peace mission to this country would be "irritating and unwelcome" at the present time, drew the response from Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs, that as the passports of the members of the peace mission only had been issued for neutral countries the contingency contemplated by Sir Edwin did not arise. Lord Robert Cecil said: "Speaking for myself, I think it would be in the highest degree undignified for the government of this country to send an intimation to a lot of ladies and gentlemen, who, whatever their merits may be, are of no particular importance."

APPELLATE COURT LIST.

The first appellate court list at Osgoode Hall today is: Pratt v. Algonia Steel, Street v. Murray, Darling v. Gardiner, Streeton v. Boukydis, Re Mary Howitt Scarth, Saunders v. Setchfield.

RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER FOR SECOURS NATIONAL

Reached Total of Thirteen Hundred in Cash and Many Gifts of Clothing.

The Secours National reports for the month of November, 32 gifts of clothing and materials received, one gift consisting of 12 cases of new clothing from Sarnia. Twenty-six packing cases were sent to France. An urgent appeal has come for blankets and warm clothing, and the committee begs for such contributions to be shipped at once to the suffering French refugees. Gifts of hospital shirts, bandages, pillows, hot water bottles, etc., were also reported. Forty-one boxes of Red Cross supplies for the poor French hospitals were forwarded last month; of these 24 cases came from Hamilton, as well as sheets, towels, socks, etc.

WILL MAKE INOUIRY INTO CLOTHING DEAL

James Acton of Toronto to Give Testimony at Ottawa.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—Sir Charles Davidson, investigating commissioner for war purchases, will hold a session at Ottawa next Wednesday afternoon. The first matter to be taken up will be the charge made in "The War" that a Toronto real estate man got a contract from the Canadian Government for uniforms and turned it over to a bona-fide manufacturer at a profit of \$20,000. James Acton, president of the company which publishes "Men's Wear" will be the first witness and will be asked to tell what he knows of the matter.

GERMANS TRIED TO SINK BIG FREIGHTER

Minnesota, With Cargo of Food for Britain, is Stranded.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 6.—Two wrecks were believed to have

SHIPS PRESERVED FRUIT TO MILITARY HOSPITALS

Hamilton Canadian Club is Sending Over Seven Thousand Jars This Week.

This week the Canadian Club of Hamilton is shipping 7,000 jars of preserved fruit for the Canadian military hospitals in England and France. It is all 4,000 jars have been sent across seas. Three carloads of dried apples are being forwarded shortly from the same source. The entire shipments represent the handsome sum of \$50,000.

Can You Save 60c. per Week?

For a man between the ages of twenty-three and thirty, about 60c. a week will maintain an Imperial 20 Payment Life Policy for \$1,000.

If, after you have paid but one premium on such a policy you should die, this Company would pay \$1,000 to your wife or other beneficiary. That \$1,000 invested at 4% would yield your heirs an income of \$1.15 a week as long as they live, and still leave the principal intact.

Have you considered what a wonderfully safe investment this is? Think of the men who were worth thousands before the war who do not possess five hundred dollars in real money today. The bottom has fallen out of their real estate and stock holdings and if they were to die their affairs would be in a bad muddle.

One policyholder said recently "the only thing I possess that is worth one hundred cents on the dollar is my life insurance policy and I regret today that I am not carrying five times as much."

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