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## Explosion Destroys Huge Chemical Works and Munition Factory in Germany — Equivalent to a Big Military Defeat in the Field

(VIA REUTERS) LONDON, Dec. 12.

In connection with the report of Nov. 22nd that a large chemical works at Griesheim, near Frankfurt, has been destroyed owing to an explosion, it is authoritatively stated now that it is certain that the explosion completely destroyed one of the greatest munition factories in the world, through which Germany suffered a disaster comparable to a very serious military defeat in its effect on the issue of the war. The factory covered over fifty-four acres and was of prime importance as a source of synthetic nitrates. It also played a leading part in the production of poison gas, tear shells and poison shells, of which it was the greatest centre of manufacture in Germany, producing nearly 600,000 cubic feet of poison gas daily in 1916. The factory also supplied large quantities of electrolytic hydrogen for the inflation of Zeppelins and possessed three reserve gasometers with a total capacity of over 300,000 cubic feet. So important was it in this respect that the Zeppelin sheds, usually containing two or three airships, were located close to the works. It is reported to have been the only factory turning out saltpetre for the manufacture of black powders which it produced at the rate of one thousand tons daily. It supplied five nitroglycerine and dynamite factories and two powder works, the one at Rottweil being one of the most important in all Germany, with all the soda nitrate and concentrated sulphuric acid they required. It also manufactured large quantities of the explosive trinitrotoluol. The disaster affects every concern in Germany both by cutting off supplies which many of them drew from Griesheim by necessitating making good the loss of those supplies from a plant already working at the maximum, and by the death of scores of trained workmen and specialists in the factory, which will make the task of coping with this defeat all the more difficult even if the material loss can be replaced. The problem of collecting miscellaneous quantities of explosives and acids from various quarters and conveying them over the greater distances thus made necessary is bound to increase Germany's transport difficulties, which already are most pressing. The work cannot be reconstituted in war time and sooner or later Germany must show on the fighting front the effects of this staggering blow.

### Dudley Lodge S. O. E. McMurdy's Store News

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers for Dudley Lodge S. O. E. took place on Tuesday evening. District Deputy Theo. P. Thompson presided and assisted by P. P. Andrews, Pope and McCoubrey conducted the election which resulted as follows:

W. President—Bro. E. A. Crowther.  
V. P.—Bro. C. W. Udde, P.P.  
Fin. Secretary—Bro. Wilson Clarke.  
Treas.—Bro. G. P. Hutchings, F.P.  
1st Guide—Bro. W. Gardiner.  
2nd Guide—Bro. John Bishop.  
3rd Guide—Bro. Jacob Bishop.  
4th Guide—Bro. C. Annett.  
5th Guide—Bro. Bert Taylor.  
6th Guide—Bro. G. Davey.  
Inner Guard—Bro. M. Spurrell.  
Outer Guard—Bro. W. Thistle.  
Auditors—Bro. T. J. Pope, E. E. Esquary, J. Hustins.

A voluntary contribution augmented by a substantial amount from the Red and White degrees for a very charitable purpose was made, besides a hundred dollars which was voted the Halifax Relief Fund.

Not the least of Virandon's Specialties is the Maris Talcum, a new, but welcome addition to the list of high class talcums which are coming to the front during the last couple of years. Maris is said by those who have used it in the United States to be the very best and it is now on the Newfoundland market for the first time. Price 50c. a box.

We are just marking some Hair Brushes of English manufacture whose timely arrival for the Christmas season is a matter of satisfaction to us. At present prices these give extra good values. If you need one, or would like to give one as a present, drop in and see this lot.

**When you want something in a hurry for tea, go to ELLIS'—Head Cheese, Ox Tongue, Boiled Ham, Cooker Corned Beef, Bologna Sausage.**

**SAFE AT HALIFAX.**—Mrs. Hartory, of 26 York Street, received a telegram this morning stating that her daughter and two sons, who reside on Water Street, Halifax, were safe and uninjured although their home had been badly shaken by the explosion.

### Halifax Relief Fund.

Received by Mr. Slattery, the Sec.-Treas., per Collectors, E. R. Bowring and R. G. Winter:

Bowring Bros.	\$ 2000 00
Harvey & Co., Ltd.	2000 00
Job Bros. & Co., Ltd.	1500 00
George Knowling, Ltd.	1200 00
James Baird, Ltd.	1000 00
Ayre and Sons, Ltd.	1000 00
T. and M. Winter	1000 00
Colonial Cordage Co.	500 00
Royal Stores, Ltd.	500 00
Joseph Sellers	100 00
Hon. Tasker Cook	100 00
Dicks and Co., Ltd.	100 00
McMurdy & Co.	100 00
Percie Johnson	100 00
Cowan & Andrews, Ltd.	100 00
I. F. Perlin & Co.	50 00
Mrs. Mary Smith	25 00
Geo. F. Kearney	10 00
Miss May Furlong	25 00
Neyle's Hardware	10 00
Levi Diamond	25 00
Roper and Thompson	10 00
Blair's	25 00
John Barron	20 00
T. J. Duley	25 00
W. N. Gray	20 00
Mrs. Eric A. Bowring	25 00
W. V. Drayton	10 00
Muir's Marble Works	2 00
N. M. Duley	5 00
F. G. Chislet	5 00

\$13,493 00

Per Collectors C. R. Steer and Coun. Brownrigg:

Steer Bros.	\$ 500 00
A. H. Murray	200 00
Hon. J. D. Ryan	100 00
J. J. Mulcahy	25 00
A. McNamara	25 00
H. J. Brownrigg	25 00
P. J. Shea	20 00
Kaleem Noah	20 00
W. P. Shortall	15 00
Chas. J. Ellis	10 00
T. J. Aylward	5 00
P. Butler	5 00
A. M. Tooton	5 00
J. W. Murphy	5 00
E. Shea	5 00
J. A. Martin	5 00
D. A. McRae	5 00
M. J. Dyer	5 00
M. F. Wadden	5 00
W. Reid	2 00
J. Wilansky	2 00
A. Laracy	1 00
Mrs. Whelan	1 00

\$91 00

Received by Sec.-Treasurer Slattery at City Hall:

A. E. Chohan, for Commercial Travellers	100 00
Alan Williams, Goulds	5 00
Salvation Army, No. 1 Citadel	50 00
Moses Drover	30 00
Sons of England, Dudley Lodge	100 00
Wm. Spurrell, Grand Falls	10 00
Wm. Galton	5 00
W. H. Renno	15 00
Florence and Nellie Pratt	5 00
J. P. Crotty	5 00
Employees Job Bros.	50 00
Nfld. Atlantic Fisheries Co's employees, (particulars later)	100 00
Collector Hon. A. Mews, (particulars later)	68 70
Collectors Whitley and Carnell (particulars later)	150 16
Collectors Couns. Mullaly & Morris (particulars later)	134 90
Collectors Melvin and Simmonds (particulars later)	165 55
Collectors McCoubrey and Thompson (particulars later)	156 35
Collectors Dowdell and Oke (particulars later)	61 15

\$1212 41

Total \$15,696 41

Received at Daily News Office.

Amount acknowledged	\$ 328 00
Dr. N. S. Fraser	25 00
George Morris, H.M.C.	2 00
Richard Lewis, H.M.C.	2 00
Mrs. A. W. Turner	25 00
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Joyce	20 00
James Macpherson	5 00
John G. Cowan	1 00
Methodist Parsonage, Old Perlican	10 00
D. McLeod	20 00
J. T. Croucher	15 00
Andrew Abbott	2 00
Sheila and Hartley Ayre	1 20
Capt. J. Joliffe	10 00
C. H. Renout	5 00
James Stott	20 00

\$491 20

Received at this Office:

Amount previously acknowledged	\$ 401 72
G. D. Shears	5 00
M. D. Shears	5 00
T. Hallett	10 00
H. D. Windeler	10 00
Major H. S. Windeler	5 00
Vern Windeler	1 00
F. F. Stafford & Sons	25 00
Miss Branscombe	5 00
J. A. Branscombe	20 00
Mrs. Clara Hallett	5 00
Elsie Hallett	1 00
Proprietor Johnson's Bakery	20 00
Mrs. C. M. Johnson	5 00
Employees Johnson's Bakery	5 00

viz., Miss F. Richards, Miss C. Hewitt, Thos. Oliver, Robert Pearson, Thos. Harding, \$1.00 each 5 00  
Mrs. Fred. Ronnie 10 00  
Hubert and Gladys Chaplin 5 00  
Thomas Peel 10 00  
Mrs. Thos. Peel 5 00  
R. Ash, 27 Young Street 10 00  
Claude Noonan 20 00  
W. P. Carter 100 00  
Howley & Fox 100 00  
St. Margaret's Guild 20 00

\$ 713.72

### Presentation of D. C. M.

An imposing ceremony took place at Government House yesterday afternoon when, at the request of the Governor General of Canada, His Excellency the Administrator, Sir H. Horwood, presented the Distinguished Conduct Medal to Mr. George Duffett, of 41 Spencer Street, father of Sergt. Alfred George Duffett, No. 67925, 5th Canadian Trench Company, who was awarded the medal for services in the field and who died of wounds in October last. The Administrator presented in congratulatory terms to Mr. Duffett on the gallantry of his son.

### Schooners Broke Loose.

The schooners Ariceen and M. P. Cashin, owned by Mr. Ashbourne, of Twillingate, which left here for that place on Monday last and were being towed by the steamer Hawk, have broken apart. The M. P. Cashin parted her cables on the same night and the Ariceen, the following morning, in the height of the terrific storm it was impossible to pick up the vessels and the captain of the Hawk was obliged to run to Canning for shelter. Mr. Ashbourne, who is at present in the city, says his vessels were well loaded, and up to noon today he had not received any particulars of their whereabouts. He has ordered the captain of the Hawk to search for the vessels but with the present snow storm sweeping the coast it will be difficult to locate them.

### Reid's Boats.

The Argyle is not reported. The Clyde left Fogo at noon yesterday. The Dundee left Port Blandford at 3.25 a.m. to-day. The Ethie is leaving Hambermouth this evening. The Glencoe arrived at Burgeo at 11 a.m. yesterday and is held there on account of storm. The Home was not reported since leaving Springdale. The Wren reached Clarendville at 8.30 p.m. yesterday.

### Armenian Relief Fund.

Amount acknowledged \$ 167 00  
W. H. Whiteley & Sons 25 00  
\$ 192 00

### Train Notes.

Tuesday's outgoing express reached Port aux Basques at 10.20 p.m. yesterday. The incoming express is due at 5 p.m. to-day. The mail and freight left Port aux Basques at 9 a.m. to-day.

### Here and There.

**WEATHER REPORT.**—The weather across country is light N. W. wind and fine, temperature 6 to 25 above.

**STAFFORD'S LINIMENT cures Rheumatism, Lumbago, Neuralgia and all Aches and Pains.**

**MORE DIPHTHERIA.**—Another new case of diphtheria was reported this morning from a house on Cookstown Road.

**OSULLIVAN'S Rubber Heels** in all sizes. BOWRING BROS., LTD. (Hardware Dept.)

**ARRIVED SAFELY.**—The batch of Naval Reservists who left here November 11th, have reached the other side safely.

**NO FURTHER OUTBREAK.**—The Health Authorities believe they have the outbreak of smallpox under control, having stopped a further spread of the disease, as no new cases of the disease were reported yesterday.

**FISHERMEN DO WELL.**—About a half dozen local fishermen were on the grounds in the Narrows this morning, despite the severity of the weather. Good hauls of herring were made, and a few hundred weight of cod were secured.

**LLEWELLYN CLUB.**—Rev. C. A. Moulton will lecture to the members of the Llewellyn Club, in Canon Wood Hall, this evening on his Bicycle Tour through Holland and Belgium just previous to the outbreak of War. The address will be illustrated, and will, no doubt, be interesting to those who attend.

**STORMBOUND.**—A Gloucester schooner put into this port to-day, owing to stress of weather. She was bound from Green Bay to an American port with a full load of herring. A message was received to-day from Gambo stating that the supposedly missing schooner Havelock had arrived at Hare Bay, all well.

**MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DISTEMPER.**

## Ladies' Fall Hats, AT REDUCED PRICES.



We have marked down the balance of our  
**Ladies' and Misses' Fall Hats,**  
In Felt, Velvet, Silk, Velour, etc.  
Some Smart Styles  
Still in stock.  
**Big Reduction in Price.**  
The earlier you call the better will be the assortment to select from.

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### ZIONISM'S OPPORTUNITY.

London Daily News: The war is a heavy price to pay for it; but if General Allenby's victories lead indirectly to the solution of the problem of the Jew in his relation to the modern world, they will have won a great step forward not merely for a race which has suffered almost more than any other from the European catastrophe, but for the world at large. Whatever may be said against the Zionist movement—and there is not much that can reasonably be urged against it—it holds the field. There is no other solution which promises anything like so well. In deciding to give the Zionists their chance, the British Government have done a bold thing and a wise thing; and as an honestly inspired and intelligent disinterestedness is sounder policy than the

most crafty selfishness, they have incidentally struck in this dark hour a very heavy blow for the cause for which the free peoples of the world are fighting. The promise of the restoration of Palestine will count for more in the judgment of the world than all the desolation wrought by the German legions among the nations whom they have trodden under foot; and rightly, for the hope of the world is in the spirit which can build not in the brute force which can do nothing but destroy.

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