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Bodies Counted More Than Once; Known Dead In Halifax Now 800

Belief That 900 to 1,000 Are Still In Debris—Will Be 300 To 500 Partially Blind—Calvin Austin Gives Evidence Of American Efficiency

SOME LARGE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR HALIFAX

St. John Contributions Acknowledged Today—Further Local Matters in Connection With the Catastrophe

Senator Thorne, chairman, announces that the Victory Loan Committee have arranged for subscription lists to be opened as follows:—Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of N. B., Royal Bank, Bank of Commerce, Union Bank, Provincial Bank, Merchants Bank, and branches of each, the offices of the Daily Globe, Standard, mayor's office, also headquarters of Victory Loan, Clubs, corner—all reports and returns to be sent to headquarters.

As the campaign for collecting is urgent, and canvassers cannot call on everyone, we trust that subscribers will not await a call, but send cash or their checks into headquarters to the order of chairman. Only authorized collectors are permitted to canvass, who will have authority signed by J. M. Robinson.

All collectors and captains of Victory Loan are requested to attend a meeting at the Board of Trade rooms tonight at eight o'clock.

The following subscriptions were received this morning at headquarters: Manchester, Robertson, Allison, \$2,000; T. H. Estabrook & Co., Ltd., 1,000; Vassie & Co., Ltd., 1,000; W. H. Thorne Co., Ltd., 1,000; J. E. Moore & Co., Ltd., also subscribed in Halifax, 500; G. E. Barbour, 500; C. T. Lugin has received word of the safety of his sister, Mrs. Frank Hawes, who resided in Halifax.

The V. A. D. Nurses Major Tilley received a telegram this morning from the V. A. D. at Amherst, saying that the thirty V. A. D. nurses from St. John had arrived and had been distributed among the hospitals, beginning their work at once.

A Car of Nails The Maritime Nail Co. wired Halifax offering a carload of wire nails. This morning Col. Robert Low wired an acceptance with thanks and the car will be shipped today.

Collection on Steamer Mayor Hayes this morning received a donation of \$407 from the master of the steamer in port. The liner picked up news of the Halifax disaster by wireless while at sea, and, realizing the distress which was about to follow, it was decided to take up collection for the benefit of the people. The passengers contributed \$197.42 and the crew \$240.58.

Veterans' Fine Donation. Forty-seven pairs drawers, sixty-three dozen pairs assorted size hose for ladies and children, nineteen dozen woollen vests, two dozen night gowns, two dozen woollen caps, two dozen kimonoes, ten dozen drummer boy wearing apparel, six dozen pairs Bulldog hose, 8 dozen sleepers, fifty-three dozen of women's and children's hosiery. The whole making twelve large packages sent on steamer Chaleur. Total cost \$542.71. This is the donation of the Great War Veterans' Association to the Halifax relief committee, and much credit is due to the committee who worked for the quick despatch of the consignment. It was composed of the lady visitor of the association and Sergt. Simpson, P. K. Moore, O. Logan, and other boys who helped to pack the articles in the veterans' rooms, on Monday. The fine donation of the veterans was the subject of much praise from the relief committee, as they managed the whole business themselves.

RUMOR AGAIN OF PEACE STATEMENT BY POPE. Copenhagen, Dec. 11.—A Geneva despatch to the Vossische Zeitung says that on receiving the cardinals on Dec. 23, the Pope will deliver an important pronouncement on the question of peace.

GOOD AID FOR HALIFAX. The receiving depot in West St. John has already contributed twenty-two cases and nineteen barrels of clothing, boots and shoes for the unfortunate citizens of Halifax. These have been forwarded to St. Andrew's rink and shipped to the St. John Distributing Depot in Halifax.

Eleven Below in Montreal. Montreal, Dec. 12.—The coldest weather of the season was experienced this morning, when at seven o'clock the thermometer at McGill University registered eleven degrees below zero. The mercury dropped below zero Monday night and has remained below ever since.

"WITH THEM WHO DIED"

"Turn your eyes once more to the boys across the sea. They make no complaint, they accept hardship and peril and death itself unflinchingly, and as the line grows thinner they redouble their efforts against the foe. What will happen if the lustre they have shed on the name Canadian is dimmed by our own misdoing? May God deliver us from the reproach of their sad eyes and weary hearts. May none of the living ever curse the land that gave them birth. May none of the dead ever rise up against us in judgment because they have died in vain."—Rev. Dr. Herridge, former moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

SIR W. VAN HORNE LEFT BIG ESTATE

It is Valued at \$6,331,374—Inventory Issued for Probate

Toronto, Dec. 12.—The Royal Trust Company has applied for ancillary probate of the will of Sir William C. Van Horne, K.C., G., former president of the C. P. R., who died in Montreal, September 11, 1915, leaving property valued at \$6,331,374, of which personally valued at \$44,609 in Ontario.

The inventory of the estate included \$888 due as directors' fees from the Canada Northwest Land Company, 261 Brantford Traction, \$14,891; 250 Barcelona Traction, \$2,105; 250 Canada Northwest Land Company, \$11,698; 600 Mexican Northwest Railway, \$1,680; 210 Toronto Ferry preference, \$9,000; 376 Toronto Ferry common, no market value, and 250 Mexican Tramways, \$5,000. Other stocks owned by the deceased were 1,113 C. P. R., \$170,289; 880 Royal Trust, \$182,000; 11 Bank of Montreal, \$9,614; 5,000 Winnipeg Electric Railway, \$360; 1,000 Dominion, \$1,000. The real estate, valued at \$1,028,871, is Sir William's home at 518 Sherbrooke street, \$180,000; property in Cuba, \$895,000, and the farm at East Selkirk, Man., \$125,000. The sum of \$1,028,871, Sir William's home at 518 Sherbrooke street, and the farm at East Selkirk, is valued at \$1,028,871. The sum of \$1,028,871, Sir William's home at 518 Sherbrooke street, and the farm at East Selkirk, is valued at \$1,028,871.

The pressing needs of Dartmouth for assistance in its task of handling its injured and repairing houses was brought to the attention of the Halifax relief committee yesterday by C. S. Dexter, head of the Charity Organization Society, Montreal, who will concentrate his efforts on the people of the little town across the Narrows which suffered proportionately with Halifax.

Help Needed There. Mr. Dexter reported that some people injured by the explosion, fire or the tidal wave had not been attended to yesterday and the system in force was re-organized. In one shelter, Mr. Dexter found 300 men, women and children herded together, eating and sleeping in the same room, some of the children being only a few days old. This number there yesterday aided a crew which left a munition ship on fire. The people in this shelter were attended to by only three nurses.

The reconstruction work in the town was also badly in need of attention, Mr. Dexter reported.

A Good Offer. Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 11.—The city council last evening decided to extend an invitation to 200 destitute women and children of Halifax to be the city's guests for three months. The sum of \$5,000 was granted for relief work in the eastern seaport.

Filling the Cemeteries. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12.—Only two of the five cemeteries will have space for graves after the dead by the explosion and fire are buried here.

The bodies now in the morgues will completely fill Camp Hill cemetery, which will be closed thereafter. Fairview cemetery, where many of the dead will be placed, contains the graves of hundreds lost on the Titanic and the Burgoynes, and only Fairview and Mount Olive will be available. Mount Olive and St. Paul are occupied by family plots.

A general funeral service will be held Friday for all of the victims.

The Inquiry. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12.—Owing to the train upon which Wreck Commissioner Demers is travelling from Ottawa being late, the official enquiry was adjourned until this afternoon.

The Niobe. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12.—Seven men were killed aboard the Canadian training ship Niobe, which was lying near the munition steamer Mont Blanc at the time of the explosion Thursday, according to a statement today by Leading Seaman Hansler. Five others from the ship were killed, he said, and one at a nearby pier.

The upper deck of the Niobe, Hansler said, was a mass of ruins, but splendid relief for the wounded. The Niobe's after cable parted and she went adrift, but the crew saved her back at her moorings.

M. S. A. Suspended. Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The military service council has issued instructions to the registrar of the Halifax military district to suspend operations in the localities affected by the catastrophe. A more definite announcement respecting the Halifax men liable to be called up in the first draft is expected soon.

Vancouver's Aid. Vancouver, Dec. 12.—The sum of \$3,000 was subscribed to the Halifax sufferers yesterday afternoon by the Vancouver board of trade, which will augment the sum to a total of \$10,000 this week.

The Austin Arrives. Halifax, Dec. 12.—The Boston relief steamer Calvin Austin reached here today. It was found that during the trip all the supplies of clothing had been carefully sorted and were ready for immediate distribution. They were at once taken off the ship and sent to the various relief stations around the city.

Sympathy of Swiss. London, Dec. 12.—(Via Reuter's, Ottawa Agency.)—The Swiss minister, upon the American Red Cross.

AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIP TORPEDOED AND SUNK

London, Dec. 12.—The Austrian battleship Wien was torpedoed and sunk on Sunday night, according to a Vienna official statement received in Amsterdam and forwarded by the Central News. Most of the crew was saved.

The Wien displaced 5,512 tons, and was laid down in 1893. She had a complement of 441 men. Her largest guns were four 9.4-inch and six 5.9-inch, and she had four torpedo tubes above the water.

WAR NEWS OF TODAY FEAR HELP TOO LATE FOR MEN ON VESSEL

London, Dec. 12.—A local attack by the enemy yesterday afternoon against our positions north of La Vaqueerie (Cambrai front) was repulsed, says today's official communication.

"We carried out a successful raid last night in the vicinity of Pontreux, north of St. Quentin, in which we captured prisoners and a machine gun. On the remainder of the front there is nothing of special interest to report."

London, Dec. 12.—There was great activity in the Cambrai region. British airplanes dropped bombs on enemy villages and the Germans bombed the British area.

Paris, Dec. 12.—German parties felt out the French lines at points northwest of Rheims last night, according to today's official communication.

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FIRE IN MUNITION PLANT

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 12.—Fire broke out this morning in the shell loading department of the Bethlehem Steel Company's munition plant, a short distance below Newcastle, Del. A report says that the flames caused the explosion of loaded shells and they were scattered everywhere. The roar resembled a bombardment of the town.

On report said Chief Jacobs of the plant guards was struck by a shell and his head blown off.

ROUMANIA ANNOUNCES SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES

Jassy, Roumania, Dec. 10.—Official announcement was made today of the signing of an armistice in accordance with which hostilities were suspended at ten-thirty p.m. yesterday, until further notice.

MERCHANT ASSIGNS. Restigouche Business Men—Hon. Mr. Carvell's Plans—It Was \$3 Below in Fredericton.

Fredericton, Dec. 12.—Benjamin F. Peters, merchant of the parish of Grimmer, Restigouche county, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. High Sheriff Timothy Robinson of Restigouche is the assignee.

Hon. F. B. Carvell, who spoke here yesterday afternoon and last night, is to speak at Sussex tonight and during the remainder of the week will be in Northumberland county.

The pumping station reports to the temperature during the night to have been as low as eighteen.

OLCOMARGINE SUPPLY. Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The food controller has received telegraphic advice from a representative of his office, who has been in Washington, stating that he delivered personally to the war trade board Mr. Hoover's order releasing 75,000 pounds of oleomargarine for exportation to Canada. Other licenses will be issued by the United States authorities, so that there should be no further difficulty with regard to the supply from across the international boundary.

WILSON'S MESSAGE AND LANDSDOWNE'S LETTER

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KING GIVES 1,000 POUNDS TO HALIFAX FUND

London, Dec. 12.—The Lord Mayor has opened a mansion house fund for the relief of sufferers in the disaster at Halifax. Subscriptions will immediately be called to Canada. The king has contributed 1,000 pounds.

DEMAND FOR CAMBRAI PROBE

THE HOUR OF PERIL. The British casualties in the last two weeks were more than 52,000. In England the age limit for military service is expected to be raised, and there is talk of conscription in Ireland.

In the United States every effort is being made in behalf of the British authorities to get British subjects, subject to the draft, into the ranks.

The Germans are massing for a tremendous drive on the western front.

Lord Randolph Churchill declared in a speech yesterday that the future of the British Empire and of democratic civilization hangs in the balance.

The London Evening News on Monday ran a black line across its front page: "The Critical Moment of the War."

In the face of these facts, the man who says Canada should not do her utmost to send reinforcements quickly to the men at the front is giving comfort to the enemy.

Vote for union government, the honor of Canada, and the men in the trenches.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR MEN OF 26TH

Colonel J. L. McAvity this morning received a letter from Colonel A. E. G. MacKenzie, O. C. 26th Battalion, asking him if any arrangements had been made towards supplying this gallant regiment with Christmas dinners.

The public are asked to remember that this regiment is the only infantry unit at the front from the whole of this province, and, regardless of the numerous calls that are being made on the public at the present time, this regiment, which has only practically today come out of action, should be the first call upon local gratitude.

Any contributions may be sent either to Mrs. E. Abernethy Smith, regent of the Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. O. E., or Mrs. Anderson, treasurer of this chapter, who will acknowledge and forward the same to the battalion fund, Bank of Montreal, London.

VOTE TO CUT BARROW'S SALARY SHARPLY; IT MAY MEAN END OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

New York, Dec. 12.—Routine business and proposed constitutional amendments remained to be considered at today's session of the National Baseball League.

The important questions affecting war-time retrenchment policies were expected to be deferred until a meeting should be arranged with the American League.

Baseball followers interpret the action of the International League at its annual meeting here yesterday in voting to cut President Barrow's salary from \$7,500 to \$2,500 and postponing definite decision on the make-up of the league until February, as the forerunner of the collapse of the organization, at least during the war.

The International owners were pessimistic over the outlook for the coming season, especially after announcement of the forfeiture of the Buffalo club's franchise.

RED CROSS MEN RETURN

Services Redered, Americans Leave Halifax For Homes

The Rhode Island Red Cross party, which was sent from that state to the aid of Halifax, were in the city today at the Royal on their way through to their own state again after rendering invaluable services in the stricken city.

A. W. Flammer, reporter for the Boston Record, also returned. He passed through the city on Sunday on his way to Halifax and is now returning.

MORE BRITISH MILLIONS FOR WORK OF WAR

London, Dec. 12.—In the house of commons today the chancellor of the exchequer, Andrew Bonar Law, will move a credit of £250,000,000, bringing the total for the fiscal year 1917-18 to £2,450,000,000.

In reply to a question, Winston Churchill, the minister of munitions, said that the number of standard ships completed and started on a voyage up to Nov. 30 was seven, the gross tonnage being 47,284. One vessel had been sunk yesterday afternoon and last night, is to speak at Sussex tonight and during the remainder of the week will be in Northumberland county.

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THE SALMON HATCHERIES. Ottawa, Dec. 12.—A total of 80,193,609 Atlantic salmon eggs was collected for the fish hatcheries of Quebec and the maritime provinces last season, according to a bulletin issued from the naval department today. The season which has just come to a close has been a most successful one and all the hatcheries are filled to capacity.