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## TWENTY-ONE LIVES ARE LOST

Partial Destruction of Montreal  
Herald Building Involves  
Many Employees—Nearly  
All Bodies Still in Ruins

### DISASTER CAUSED BY FALL OF TANK

Heavy Machinery Crashes  
Through Floors and Fire Is  
Started—Many People Rescued  
By Firemen

MONTREAL, June 13.—Between twenty and thirty people are believed to have lost their lives this morning when at 10.30 the supports of the sprinkler system of the tank on the roof of the Herald building gave away and the great mass of metal and water, weighing thirty-five tons, went crashing downward to the basement. In its fall it took with it men, women and machinery, and then when all lay in a jumbled mass at the bottom fire broke out and added its horror to the pile of debris that fills the basement. All afternoon firemen were engaged in demolishing the tottering walls that had to come down before the work of recovering the bodies could be safely attempted, and it was not until after six o'clock that the first remains, charred and mangled beyond recognition, were brought out. All of those who escaped agree that the first warning of the impending disaster passed almost unnoticed. There was a slight creaking then a little more, somewhat more pronounced. Then those who looked to the ceiling found that the plaster was falling. Some started for the stairway, but before they could reach them they heard a great crash some of them felt the floor sinking beneath their feet and some survivors tell of falling on two floors before the awful crash died away and they found themselves able to crawl in the dense dust to a place of safety.

The majority sought safety by rushing to the front of the building, facing on Victoria Square. Fortunately all the floors held for about thirty feet back from the front wall, and this is due to the fact that the death list does not run up into the hundreds there were nearly all in the building at the time. People passing the building heard the crash, and the scene within two minutes, and the firemen found the windows of the upper flats crowded with people, with the crowd on the outside urging them not to jump. No one jumped, but after the ladder as it arrived, was quickly placed in position and those in danger were brought to the ground.

Little Girl's Bravery. There were some real examples of heroism. A ladder was hoisted reaching the fourth floor, the one on which the bindery was located. It came near a window and not far away from another. From the latter a little girl crept along the coping until she could reach the ladder. This she grasped with one hand and with the other lent a helping hand to a girl who had reached the ladder and had been brought down to safety as she came down also. By this time fire had started, and smoke was pouring from the front window through which she was compelled to group her way. When she reached the bottom of the ladder she fainted.

A dozen injured people were brought from the ruins by the firemen many with broken limbs. Of these rescues, that of Fred Vidal, a stereotyper, was most sensational. Half an hour after the firemen reached the Herald building, Vidal was heard groaning by the firemen, pinned under a girder which he could not dislodge. There was nothing to be done but to cut it away. Despite the fact that the flames were creeping perilously near, the firemen Goddard and Desjarlais labored at the task. In the crowd outside was Rev. Father Martin. When he heard of the fight against death that was being waged against doubtful odds, he went into the building and administered the last rights of the church to the semi-conscious man. Finally, however, the beam was cut through and the released, not a moment too soon. Both his legs and several ribs were broken.

Narrow Escape. Every member of the editorial staff escaped unharmed, their quarters being in the front of the building, and with the reporters room extending to the rear. John C. Walsh, the editor of the Herald, was sitting at his desk when he heard the cracking sound preceding the fall. He looked up and from the opening into the local room saw the beams in the ceiling disappearing one after another. Mr. Walsh joined the other members of the staff on the window coping, from which he was rescued by firemen.

Fred Maloney, a linotypist, has the machine located farthest from the Victoria square windows of the room. He arose from the chair, and as he did so the machine on which he had been working disappeared from view. The break stopped just where his chair was placed. James Coady, a pressman working on the second floor, fell through to the first. He thinks the press fell with him. Landing, he found himself next to a glass partition separating the main job press room from the business office. Breaking his way through he escaped by the front door.

Alfred Bolduc was working in the engraving department on the second floor. When the crash came a girl named Stephenson was standing beside him. As the floor fell she gave a scream. They went down with the floor, from which they were rescued. Bolduc with a broken arm. The fire started from the stereotyping department, the coals from the furnaces evidently being distributed on the different floors through which the pots passed on their way to the basement, for the fire appeared to start almost simultaneously on all the floors. Later it broke out in the front of the building, presumably from the ignition of the gas supply of the linotype machines which went through the floors.

Where Fault Lay. The cause of the disaster was plainly the fault of the supports of the tank of the sprinkler system. This

tank was located about the centre of the building a little to the rear. The building has a frontage of about sixty feet and was an old structure, remodelled for the purposes of the newspaper and its job department. Originally two-stories, a heavy stone wall ran through the centre from front to rear. From this dividing wall to the side wall a steel girder had been placed and on this the tank rested. As the tank was found on the other side of the wall from that on which it was placed, the supposition is that this centre wall gave way.

Chief Tremblay of the fire department was most outspoken. "To put water tank on the roof of an old building like that," he declared "was nothing short of criminal."  
Building Inspector Chausse on the other hand stated he had examined the building when some changes were made a year ago, and found everything all right, the architects certifying that it was safe.  
The building was valued at \$150,000 and was owned by the Herald company, while the valuation of the plant is placed at \$300,000. About half the linotype basing did not fall, the only damage being from water, and it is believed that the newspaper presses, two machines which were located in the basement near the Victoria Square frontage, were not seriously damaged. The remainder of the plant is hopelessly damaged. The insurance on the building and plant totalled \$177,000. It is estimated that the insurance liability will reach about sixty per cent of this amount.

The Herald appeared this evening as an eight page paper, arrangements having been made with the Gazette to continue its publication until quarters can be secured. This is the sixth time in the last thirty-two years in which the Herald has been burnt out. At a late hour this evening a list of 28 persons missing has been compiled, as follows:

Bodies recovered and identified: Man, supposed to be Campbell Morrison, proofreader; Leon Amesse, foreman bindery.  
Missing: Isaac Johns, Alphonse Thierren, Duncan J. Miller, president Typographical Union No. 176; Frank Hansen, printer; John Wade, printer; Gustave Lippe, printer; René, I hope may lead to an early meeting between us.  
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SHAWNIGAN LAKE DANCE. On Saturday evening next a flannel dance will be given by the Shawnigan Lake Athletic Association, in their new club house at Koenigs. The dance tickets on sale here are limited to seventy-five couples. No special train service will be provided, but special rates at the hotel will be extended those purchasing dance tickets.

The association's opening dance was a most successful affair and the president promised to eclipse it. Tickets are on sale at A. Peden's, Port street.

## CONFERENCES WILL BE HELD

Premier Asquith and Leader  
Balfour Arrange to Talk  
Over Constitutional Question  
Concerning the Lords

### DISCUSSION ON MR. ROOSEVELT

Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Balfour Speak Favorably of  
Former President's Address  
on Egyptian Affairs

LONDON, June 13.—In the commons this afternoon Premier Asquith announced that a bill will be introduced for a modification of the King's declaration.  
The conferences between the two predominant parties over the constitutional clash between the House of Lords and the House of Commons have now entered upon an official stage. Heretofore the ministers have avoided committing themselves to the matter, but the premier announced in the House of Commons today that communications on the subject had been engaged in by A. J. Balfour, former premier and now leader of the opposition, and himself, "communications which," the premier added, "I hope may lead to an early meeting between us."

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