BRITISH AND RUSS PURSUING TURKS IN MESOPOTAMIA AREA

Traverse Difficult Country of Boys.

ENEMY BURNS MINES

Commander of Turk Regiment Taken With 227 Men.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The British war office issued the following statement tonight in regard to the Palestine battlefront:

"The situation is unchanged in Palestine. The heavy rains yesterday have made the roads difficult."

The following official statement concerning operations in Mesopotamia was issued yesterday:

"After securing Sakaltutan Pass Tuesday, the Turks were pursued to the village of Kara Tepeh, 25 miles north of Deli Abbas, through which the enemy was driven Wednesday after a sharp engagement. The pursuit was made over the difficult country containing bogs and intersected by numerous water courses. The British and Russians fighting on our right flank showed great powers of endurance, overcoming all obstacles.

"Friday our airplanes bombed Tuz Kurmatli with good results.

"It is reported the Turks have set fire to the Kifri coal mines, as fires were observed burning there Thursday.

"The total captures between Monday and Wednesday were 227 prisoners, including the commander of the 156th Regiment and six other officers, two field guns and one machine gun."

DARTMOUTH DEATH LIST GIVEN AS 150; 5 STREETS DAMAGED

Church and Several Manufacturing Plants Wrecked.

DARTMOUTH, N. S., Dec. 9.—This town, on the opposite side to Halifax, caught the edge of the destructive blast from the munition ship, Mont Blanc. A number of manufacturing plants were destroyed and several rows of houses blown down. The loss of life totals 150, and the big buildings destroyed were: Dartmouth rink, Emmanuel Church, Consumers' Cordage Company, Starr Manufacturing Company, and the Dominion Molasses Company.

The houses destroyed were on George, Pelzant, John, Jamieson and Hester streets.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES MOURN PASSING OF LATE DR. P. J. MUGAN

Board Passes Resolution of Deepest Regret.

The board of education will attend the funeral of Dr. P. J. Mugan, a former member, in a body.

A resolution of sympathy has been passed, as follows:

"That this board has learned with the deepest regret, of the death of Dr. P. J. Mugan, who had for several years represented the separate school interests on the board, and the members in meeting assembled desire to place on record their appreciation of the services rendered by their late colleague to education, particularly in connection with the collegiate institute and the industrial and art school, and also to bear testimony to the deep interest he took in educational matters generally.

"The board desires to extend to his widow and family its sincere sympathy in this time of sad bereavement."

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MAYORS OF HALIFAX AND DARTMOUTH ARE CALLING FOR HELP

Twenty-Five Million Dollars Required to Provide Shelter and Maintenance—All Communities Are Urged to Lend Helping Hand.

HALIFAX, Dec. 9.—Mayor Martin of Halifax and Mayor Williams of Dartmouth issued the following statement today:

"To the People of Canada:

"An Appeal for Help.—An appalling disaster has visited the old and historic city of Halifax, and the town of Dartmouth. Its cause and a general account of it have already appeared in the press, but its magnitude is not yet known, even to ourselves. The damage to shipping and the port's equipment is of a very serious character; windows and doors everywhere were shattered to pieces, and in many streets outside of the ruined district houses were partially wrecked. But in the areas which, at closer range, came under the full force of the explosion, every building of every class was completely destroyed, and fire in many cases finished the work of the explosion. It is estimated that at least 1,500 dwellings and their contents have been wiped out of existence, as many more partly destroyed, and from 10,000 to 20,000 rendered homeless. It is feared that as many as 2,000 persons were killed. Thousands have been injured, and in nearly all cases the families in the devastated areas have been left destitute and penniless. The stricken district was occupied almost exclusively by the people of the industrial and poorer classes.

$25,000,000 Needed.

"For the present and immediate future shelter and maintenance is being found for them in public buildings and private homes, but the season of the year renders it imperative that immediate steps shall be taken to begin the work of reconstruction. For this purpose we estimate that from twenty to twenty-five million dollars will be required, and in the names of these stricken communities we send out this urgent appeal to the general public of Canada for immediate help. We have confidence that the citizens of our own city and province will not fail us in the hour of our distress, and we are sustained by an equally confident hope that our appeal to the other portions of the Dominion will meet with a prompt and generous response, so that it will be found that these sorely-afflicted persons shall be provided with dwellings, clothing and food.

"The numerous dead are beyond our help.

"It will be of great assistance to us if, when offers of goods or building materials are made, description and quantities should be mentioned, so that supplies of all kinds may come forward as requested.

"The Bank of Nova Scotia, Halifax, will act as treasurer of the relief fund, and the branches of that bank and of all the other banks in Canada will receive subscriptions and transmit them to Halifax without charge.

(Signed), "P. A. MARTIN,
Mayor of Halifax.
"E. F. WILLIAMS,
Mayor of Dartmouth."

IDENTIFIED DEAD IN HALIFAX CATASTROPHE

HALIFAX, Dec. 9.—Identified dead are—Annie P. Campbell, Mrs. Sarah Greenman, Laurie C. Hilles, Mrs. P. McTiernan, Blanche Bowes, Lizzie Westhaver, Mrs. Westhaver, Marie Myra, Carrie Mulloch, Delilah Mullins, Annie Mullins, L. Landry, Annie Landry, Emily Andrews, Elsie Allen, Christina Johnson, Frank Shephard, Bessie E. Brehault, Patrick Murphy, Chas. S. Purcell, Heisler, Deputy Fire Chief Wm. Brunt, Isabel Gillespie, Sydney; Mary Smith, Sydney; Commander Jas. A. Murray, Theo. Burges, tramway inspector; Wm. Brown, warrant officer, Niobe; Annie Lampart, Mrs. Mary Laporte, John Laporte, Lettie Laporte, Alice Ireland, Mrs. Conrod, two Heffler children, Harry Arnold, Nettie Ailes, Jack Welsh, engineer, Mooney; Edward Little, Jos. Little, Neans Lytle, Clemenceau; Bertha Dwyer, John Munro and boy, Rodney O. Burnett, Mrs. W. J. Beaurel and two children, James Monamy, Annie M. Williams, Margaret McPirmat, George Harris (child); Wm. Traverse, John Hillis, Dunbrack; Richard Squires, Mrs. Thomas, Mary Smith, Sydney; V. J. Coleman, Mary A. Smith, Geo. Veal, about 19; Ida May Cameron, Dorothy M. Coudroy, William Drake, Clarence Thomas, Martha Thomas, Dorothy C. O'Grady, Jan Henderson, S. S. Picton-Dunn, C. F. Edinburgh, Bascher; S. Penarth, S. Scheles, R. Rotherhyke, Pitcher; R. C. L. Maidenhead, Miss Hattie Upham, Mrs. Winifred McLean, Harold W. McLean, Basil W. McLean, Estella M. Crawley, Ada Milson, Annie Redman, Marion Lilly, William Donahue, Ryan, girl; Florrie Flynn, Madeline Elliott, Miss Ward, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Christina Edwards, Mrs. Sarah Stevens, Mrs. Mary R. Evans, Thomas W. Whiteway, Hamm (infant); a baby boy ticketed "baby boy Bram", Hankley, Ralph Cruickshanks, Walter Cruickshanks, Alton Cruickshanks, Mrs. Percy Robinson, Mrs. Samuel Cruickshanks, Mrs. R. Donnelly and small baby, Bennett Nauss, O. C. Conrod, John Gaston, Wm. Hinch, Mrs. George P. Thomas, Miss Lily Thomas, Pte Clarence C. Thomas, Bernadette Thomas, Miss Ada Lovett, Vincent Duncan, Isaac J. Stephens, James Holland, Lieut. and Mrs. Fowell, James Stockall Sen., Mrs. J. G. Henderson Mrs. F. Stapleton, Mrs. Jas. O'Grady, Josephine Connors, Mrs. A. Ireland, Mrs. E. Dunn, Griffiths Randerson, James Hunt, Isaac Creighton, J. W. Creighton, Mrs. Cain Creighton, Alex Bond, Mrs. Joanna Farron, Sergt. Wm. Thomas Cameron, Pte. E. Post, Mrs Wm. Westhaver

Mrs. Newlson with baby in arms, Mrs. Annie Forsan, Annie May Hilton, Alfred C. Frizzele, Louise Crowdis and child, James Watson, Frank Carew, Mrs. Jos. Ornim, Wm. Power, Frank Crue, Mrs. B. Hillis, James Saunders, Walter Room, Mrs. James B. Calvin, Mrs. Eliza Murphy, Mary Murphy, Mrs. Mary Lee, Baby Frances Lee, Miss Agnes M. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Millet and child, Frank Sheppard, Mrs. Bert Hillis, John Henry Macham Jun., Noah Graves, Mrs. J. A. Mallock, Mrs. C. Duggan Jun., Baby Duggan, Charles and Mrs. Duggan Sen., Vincent Duggan, Mrs. Patrick Galloway, Edward Harner, Sergt. J. E. Belch, Bell (child); Emery H. Short, N. Robertson, Murphy (sailor); Annie Hurschman and child, Jas Hurschman, Sergt. Robert Hufter (25th Battalion), Foster Baker, Florence Young, Mrs. M. B. Wallace, Mrs. Ellen Stapleton, James Hunt, Chas. Hunt, Mrs. T. Bell, Seymour Levy Jun., Mrs. Ed Fraser, Mrs. Boutilier, Mrs. Fred Cameron, Jean Cameron, Mrs. Eliza Murphy, Mrs. Mary Lee, John F. Lee (child); J. Elliot, John W. Morash, Mrs. Annie May Hilton, Douglas W. Tyrer, Wm. O'Toole, M. E. Cameron, Pte. Reeble (special service); Clifford Matheson, Walter Hennessy, Wm. Thomas, James Dennett, Finley (child); Michael Malteas, Jos. Shea, Ostley (child); James Lotter, Frank Kleen, Allen Brown, Mrs Stockall, Wm. Hemsworth, John F. Bell, Geraldine Bell, John Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner, Mr. Fraser, Kathleen Hector, Matilda Lamson, Kailey Boutilier, Mrs. Eliza Dean, John W. Morash, Alfred E. Brown, David Orr, Mrs. Mary Jane McTiernan, Wm. Hamm, Chris. Mealesan, Helen D. Ternin, Wm. O'Toole, Pte. and Mrs. Hoscoe and four children, James Stockall, Mrs. E. Heffler, Mrs. Joseph Heffler, Fred Heffler, Lita Heffler, Miss Baxter, Mrs. Hawkins, Ernest Gay, N. Nash, Chas. Shrum, Wm. Dumaresqu, Conrad Olan, infant child of L. Staples, Geo. Arthur, Mrs. Cooper,

KINGSVILLE WOMEN BUSY WITH PATRIOTIC WORK

KINGSVILLE, Dec. 9.—The Women's Patriotic League made the following shipment for November: 5½ dozen pneumonia jackets, 6½ dozen flannel shirts, 2½ dozen pyjamas, ½ dozen long night shirts, 2 dozen many-tailed bandages, 2 dozen personal property bags, and 2 old sheets.

BORDEN'S ONE AIM TO GET BACK IN POWER ANY WAY POSSIBLE

Disrupted Canada at Critical Time by Unnecessary Election.

KITCHENER, Dec. 9.—John Callahan of Toronto at the Laurier Liberal rally here last night, in one of the most brilliant and stirring addresses that has been heard in this city since the campaign began, flayed Borden and his supporters for disrupting Canada at this crucial period in the nation's history of racial and religious bitterness for the purpose of securing a return to power for himself and the corrupt group surrounding him.

In an address that searched deep into the issues that are confronting the people of Canada, Mr. Callahan accused Borden and the so-called Union group of sowing the seeds of discord and distrust throughout the land at a time when the best instincts of patriotism demand that Canadians shall stand united. He pointed to the hypocritical methods which the Borden crowd are using in their mad effort to retain their fast slipping grip on public confidence, and contrasted their frenzied cry of "traitor" with the composed attitude of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, whom he claimed is making a strong fight for tolerance and unity in Canada, at the very moment when the best interests of the country and the Empire demand it.

Mr. Callahan made a deep impression on the audience, and was cheered again and again during his speech. The rally was presided over by W. Asmussen, and was the most enthusiastic and successful that has been held so far. The hall was crowded to the doors. Other speakers were George Schnarr, T. W. Huehn and W. D. Euler.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MET AT THORNDALE

THORNDALE, Dec. 9. — About 70 attended the Woman's Institute meeting at the home of Mrs. R. H. Harding. An interesting program was given, consisting of a topic, entitled, "Christmas Thoughts," by Mrs. C. Hobbs; reports of the annual convention, by Mrs. H. McIntyre and Mrs. Ramsay; reading, Miss Lena Guest; vocal and instrumental solos, Mrs. J. McKenzie of London.

The Excelsior and Young Crusaders' Bible class met on Friday evening in the league room of the Methodist Church. There were about 40 present. Rev. W. R. Osborne, B. A., B. D., was chairman, and the program consisted of an instrumental solo, A. Hannahson; vocal solo, Wilfred Hueston; readings, Miss Lena Guest and Jas. Angus. A feature of the program was a debate, "Resolved, that the will has more influence in molding character than environment." The affirmatice was supported by Lorne Guest and Miss A. V. Hueston, and the negative by Miss G. Duffin and H. Fitzsimons. Excellent addresses were given by all. The judges were H. B. Mossip, James Angus and Miss B. Alderson, and they decided in favor of the affirmative.

FINE MEETINGS IN SUPPORT OF McCOIG

CHATHAM, Dec. 8.—Fine meetings in support of Archie McCoig were held this afternoon and evening at his headquarters. They were largely attended and much enthusiasm prevailed. The afternoon meeting was for women and splendid addresses were given by Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Stokes and Mr. McCoig. The lady speakers have relatives at the front, and came out strongly in support of Mr. McCoig. At tonight's meeting Mr. McCoig offered to call off any of his meetings for the week if his opponent, J. W. Plewes, would accept the challenge he has so often made for a joint debate on the big issues of the campaign. Addresses were given by R. L. Brackin and Mrs. Ball.

STEAMER DRIVEN ASHORE BY TERRIFIC SNOWSTORM

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., Dec. 9.—Early yesterday morning, during the height of the terrific snowstorm, the steamer George N. Orr, 2,800 tons, was driven ashore at Savage Harbor, on the north side of the island. Her captain and crew of 22 men landed safely.

FIRE DAMAGES CHURCH.

QUEBEC, Dec. 8.—Fire breaking out early this morning in the church at St. Anne De La Pocatiere badly damaged the edifice together with the Presbytery. The efforts of the inhabitants of the district saved the college, which is only a few feet from the church, and which was partially destroyed by fire one year ago.

SEA CAPTAIN'S NERVE SAVED HALIFAX FROM TOTAL DESTRUCTION

Extinguishes Fire in Second Munitions Ship.

FIGHTS BLAZE ALL ALONE

Captain and Crew of a Tug Perish Trying to Avert Disaster.

HALIFAX, Dec. 9.—The narrow escape the city of Halifax had from complete destruction, with possibly the loss of 20,000 lives, was disclosed today when a description of how a fire which broke out on the munition ship Picton was put out before it could reach its cargo. The Picton caught fire following the explosion on the Mont Blanc, and at the time was lying in a position much nearer the heart of the port than the Mont Blanc. The credit for extinguishing the flames on the ship and placing her in a position where, even had she exploded, she would have done little harm, is given to Captain James W. Harrison, formerly a British skipper, and now marine superintendent of the Furness-Withy Line in Halifax.

A short while ago the Picton, while on a voyage with munitions from an American port to Great Britain, lost her rudder off Halifax in a storm. She was towed here for repairs.

Opposite Heart of City.

These had been completed, and she was moored off the Acadia Sugar Refinery, about a mile straight across from the heart of the city, waiting the order to proceed to sea.

The skipper of the ship and the members of his crew were watching the fire on the Mont Blanc, and were nearly all killed when the explosion occurred. Those who survived, knowing the nature of the cargo of their own vessel, and seeing it ablaze from the effects of the explosion, made haste to desert her and place themselves in safety.

Captain Harrison, seeing the ship on fire, and also recognizing that Halifax would be utterly destroyed if its cargo of munitions were exploded, went aboard, and single-handed began the hazardous work of placing the steamer as far away from the city as possible. He cut the hawsers, and the ship began to drift away on the tide.

Fought Fire Alone.

He then fitted up a hose, and played it on the fire.

Fortunately the flames were attacking a section of the ship where they were easily accessible, and owing to the captain's timely work were kept away from the munitions in the cargo hold.

Captain Harrison stuck to his task until he could get assistance to completely extinguish the flames. The ship was then taken outside the danger zone.

In addition to saving the city from the effects of a second explosion, the captain apparently also saved her valuable cargo, while the ship, it is thought, beyond being badly strained and partially burned, can soon be rendered fit for service again.

Crew of Martyrs.

Less successful but not less courageous was the action of Captain Brannan and the crew of the tug-boat Stella Marie. Ordered by the admiralty officials to try and draw the beached Mont Blanc into deep water to sink her, Captain Brannan had begun his work, when the explosion occurred, killing him and his crew, and blowing ashore the torn fragments of the tiny vessel.

The Stella Marie was towing two scows up the harbor when the collision between the Imo and the Mont Blanc occurred. She was signalled by the admiralty officials to drop the scows and go to the Mont Blanc, which was ablaze from stem to stern at the time. Captain Brannan lost no time, and followed the French ship, which had been beached. He had just got a rope aboard her when the explosion occurred.

Lieut.-Commander James A. Murray, formerly captain of the Empress of Britain, recently appointed commander of conveyers, with headquarters here, was instantly killed at pier No. 8.

Transport Wrecked.

Unbelievable things happened when then munitions ship exploded. But the case of Third Officer Mayess of the British transport Middleton Castle stands out as the most remarkable. The transport was not more than two hundred yards away from the Mont Blanc when the crash came. At that moment Mayess was on the deck ready to step into a small boat to go ashore.

When Mayess came to he was prone on the high ground half a mile away stark naked. There was not a piece of clothing on his body when he was picked up and removed to a house nearby.

The Middleton Castle was wrecked beyond repair, and most of her crew and mechanics from the city at work in her engine-room were killed.

The citizens got a shock today when a ship was noticed to be on fire outside the harbor. Immediately rumors got around that she was a munitions craft, and that another explosion was expected. Happily it turned out that the ship was a collier. She was taken in hand by the naval authorities, who got the fire under control.

The list of the ships injured by the explosion was added to by the beaching of the Caracas. She was loading horses at the time. Many of her crew and men helping in the trans-shipment of the horses were killed, and she broke loose from her mooring and drifted across the harbor, grounding on the shore opposite Halifax.

HOPE ABANDONED OF SAVING SIMCOE CREW

QUEBEC, Dec. 9.—Practically all hopes are abondoned for the crew of the Government steamer Simcoe, which was reported sinking Friday night off Magdalene Islands.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 9.—The department of marine and fisheries here received word from Pictou, N.S., tonight that a steamer was still searching, but no trace of the steamer Simcoe's crew had been found. Hope is still held out here that the crew is still safe.

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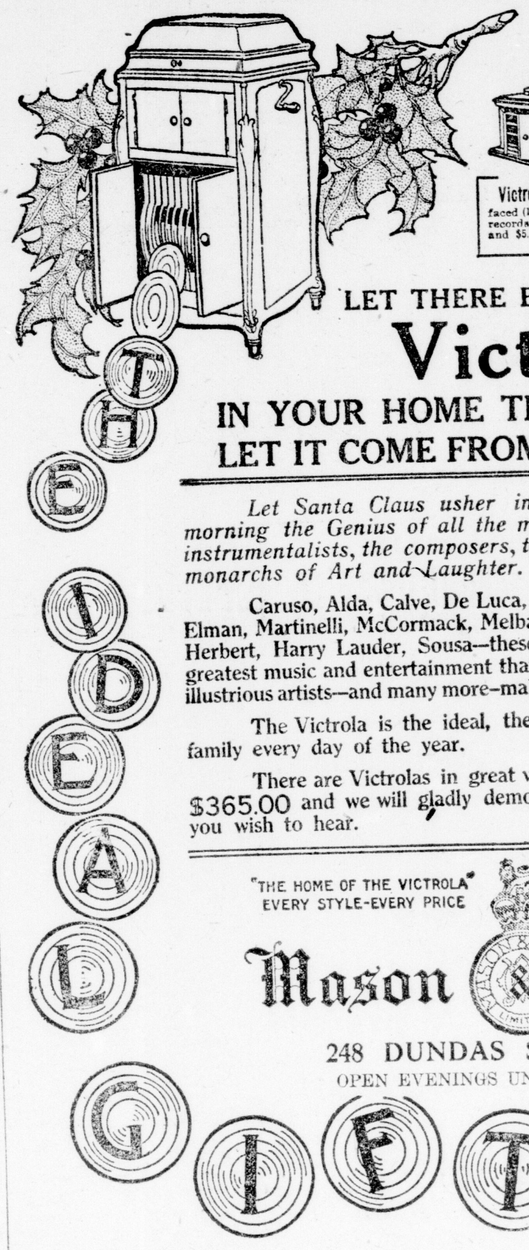

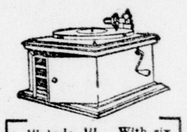

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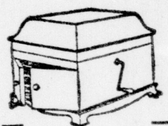

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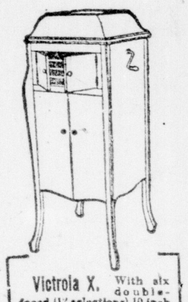

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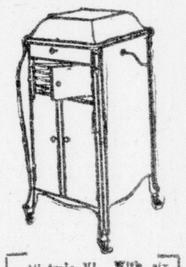

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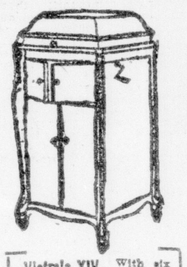

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BIG MEETING OF GALT LIBERALS IN ARMORIES TUESDAY

Monster Gathering To Be Addressed by Dr. Thomson.

GALT, Dec. 9.—The final week of the election campaign finds the hottest fight in progress here that Galt has ever known. Dr. Thomson, the Liberal candidate, is making a splendid fight, and is sure to poll a heavy vote. A monster public meeting in his interests will be held in the armories on Tuesday night. The speakers will be A. G. Flaght of Toronto and Dr. Thomson.

The council at a special meeting yesterday voted $500 toward relief work at Halifax, and went on record as prepared to duplicate this amount if the necessity demands. The donation will not be a cash one, but will be in the form of underwear and clothing, which was purchased from local concerns and dispatched at once by express. The council felt that with such large donations of cash, the relief committee of Halifax would have difficulty in getting goods, and decided to send clothing, which is badly needed.

Nursing Sister Madeline Jaffray, daughter of Mrs. J. P. Jaffray, who won distinction with the French army, being awarded the Croix De Guerre, and who was badly wounded, is expected to reach Galt early this week. Arrangements are being made for a civic reception.

The funeral took place today to Mount View Cemetery of Robert Kerr aged 64. For 25 years he conducted a flour and feed business here. Two daughters, Mary and Edith, survive.

DUNCAN ROSS TELLS OF LAURIER'S AIMS

STRATHROY, Dec. 8.—During the week Duncan Ross, ex-M.P., and J. C. Elliott, M.P.P., addressed several meetings which brought the electors out in full force. At Delaware on Thursday a rally was held, with Ephraim Howlett, chairman, and on Friday both speakers appeared at Melbourne, where Henry McCracken acted as chairman.

The issues of the day were discussed in such a manner as to win the audiences completely. Assurance that Canada was to carry on to the end, and that a new regime would give the nation a new place in the war was given.

The Ross campaign proceeds with great enthusiasm, and scores of converts have been won by means of the Ross-Elliott meetings.

$25 CHECK GIVEN FIREMEN FOR WORK

Another Subscription for Benefit Fund of Local Department.

Fire Chief John Aitken has received another $25 donation for the firemen's Benefit from H. J. Jones & Sons, Limited. In the accompanying letter the firm says: "We wish to thank you and your men for the very quick response to our call and efficient work in connection with the small fire in our factory on Sunday last.

"We feel that the promptness of your action prevented, what might have been, a very serious loss to us."

ASKING GOVERNMENT TO SAVE POINT PELEE

WINDSOR, Dec. 8.—Essex County Council in session here today adopted resolutions, requesting the provincial government to revoke all licenses now standing permitting the removal of sand and gravel from the vicinity of Point Pelee. It is alleged that sand suckers have carried away so much material from the Canadian point of land that the acreage is decreasing at an alarming rate.

CUBA TO DECLARE WAR ON AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

HAVANA, Dec. 9.—The belief was expressed by several congressmen this afternoon that President Menocal tomorrow would send a message to Congress, asking that a declaration be made that a state of war exists between Cuba and Austria-Hungary.

Cuba was the first of the Latin-American countries to follow the United States in declaring war against Germany, and the expectation is that she will duplicate this action in the case of Austria-Hungary.

INGERSOLL YOUTHS ESCAPE UNHURT

INGERSOLL, Dec. 9.—A telegram to William McKay relieved anxiety as to the safety of his son Marshall, who is on the Niobe at Halifax. As soon as the news of the disaster reached here there were grave fears for the safety of a number of Ingersoll boys who recently joined the navy. Marshall McKay in his telegram stated that he and Vincent Wilson were safe, and as no mention was made of the other local boys it is believed they, too, are safe. Several of the boys have been there for some time, and it is supposed they may have been on patrol duty when the explosion occurred. Among the boys of this vicinity who joined the navy recently are Charles Christie, Lorne McDougall and O. A. Robinson.

THREE HORSES BURNED IN INGERSOLL BLAZE

INGERSOLL, Dec. 8.—Fire of unknown origin about 7 o'clock this morning destroyed a barn and all the contents on the farm of R. Ellis, West Oxford, which is occupied by A. McNally. The flames are said to have suddenly burst out in the upper part of the building while Mr. McNally was in the stable below milking the cows. Three horses, a large number of hens and several pigs perished, while the season's hay, all the grain and implements were consumed. There was insurance on both the barn and contents, but it will not cover the loss.

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FINE MEETING WAS HELD AT WROXETER

WROXETER, December 8. — An enthusiastic meeting in the interests of Arch. Hislop, Liberal candidate for North Huron, was held last evening. The town hall was filled. Addresses were given by A. Hislop, G. Cameron, of Goderich, and Geo. Spotton, of Wingham, the latter speaking for the opposition. The chair was occupied by John Douglas.

S. Rasmussen, who suffered a paralytic stroke, is still in a serious condition.

JUDGE DRYSDLE TO OPEN INQUIRY INTO DISASTER TOMORROW

HALIFAX, Dec. 9.—Mr. Justice Drysdale, judge in admiralty, has been requested by the Federal Government to undertake an investigation of the collision between the Mont Blanc and the Imo. He has named Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in the court house here for the opening of the inquiry. Justice Drysdale, who is an expert on admiralty law, will also be assisted by nautical assessors.

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DENIES HE SAID BORDEN RULE IS LIKE KAISERISM

KITCHENER, Dec. 9.—I. G. Neuber, a prominent local motor car salesman, was arraigned before Magistrate Weir in police court today charged with having uttered seditious language in the auditorium on the night on which Premier Borden was denied a hearing. It is alleged that Neuber, in argument with some people, who were near him in the crowd, said: "If a man would risk his life and he didn't have to, he would be a d——d fool." He is also alleged to have said that: "One might as well be under the kaiser as under Borden." Neuber pleaded not guilty when arraigned, and the case was adjourned until December 13. It is understood that Neuber's plea will be that he uttered the remarks in a jest. Considerable interest attaches to the case because of the prominence of the defendant, who is the manager of one of the leading automobile agencies here.