

5000 ARE DEAD IN A SCOTIA

Death Roll Still Mounting From Maritime Catastrophe Halifax and Dartmouth Lie in Ruins To-day

WASHINGTON FIXES LOSS OF LIFE AT FIVE THOUSAND

Belgian Relief Ship Collided With a French Ammunition Vessel in Halifax Harbor, Resulting in a Terrible Disaster on Sea and Land

Halifax Feels Blast of War More Poignantly Than Any Part of the Dominion Has Yet Felt it--Populous City Today a Mass of Wreckage and a Scene of Death

SNOWFALL FOLLOWS IN WAKE OF THE HOLOCAUST

Discomfort of Refugees and Work of Rescuers, Impeded by Inclemency of Weather Conditions at Site of Disaster This Morning

HALIFAX, N.S., DEC. 7.—HALIFAX WAS SHOCKED TO ITS VERY HEART YESTERDAY MORNING BY AN EXPLOSION WHICH LEFT A TRAIL OF DEATH AND RUIN UNPARALLELED IN THE HISTORY OF THIS OR ANY OTHER CANADIAN CITY.

Halifax, Dec. 7.—The war has touched Halifax. Sorrow and anguish are left in its trail. Where only a few hours ago the most prosperous city in Canada stood secure in her own defences, unafraid and almost apathetic, there are now heaps of ruins.

Many and conflicting were the stories of the origin of the explosion, but the real story was at last learned—two vessels had collided, and one was a munition ship. Although believed to be purely accidental, it was nevertheless due to and caused by conditions the war created.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 6.—Many hundreds of people are dead and thousands are injured and homeless because of a frightful explosion and the fire which followed. All the extreme north end of the city is devastated.

Halifax, Dec. 7.—Following in the wake of death and destruction in this city yesterday, a heavy snow storm set in early this morning, adding to the discomfort of the homeless, and impeding the work of the rescuers.

A Lower Figure. Halifax, Dec. 7.—Up to noon today there was no change in the police estimate of the number of casualties in yesterday's catastrophe. There are about 2,000 dead and the same number of injured.

Kitchener, Ont., Dec. 7.—At a special meeting of the City Council this morning the sum of \$10,000 was unanimously voted for relief of sufferers in Halifax.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Five thousand are believed to have been killed in the explosion in Halifax harbor and the fire which swept north Halifax and Dartmouth, N.S., according to advices from a naval commander reaching the Navy department early today.

Survivor's Tale. Halifax, N.S., Dec. 7.—William Barton, former telegraph editor of The Montreal Gazette, was now travelling auditor for the Imperial Munitions Board.

"In ten seconds it was all over. A low rumbling, a quake shock, with everything vibrating, then an indescribable noise followed by the fall of plaster and the smashing of glass.

"Outside overhead a giant smoke cloud was moving northward. Danger seemed over. I crossed the road, laid my feminine burden on a doorstep and returned to the hotel.

Washington, Dec. 7.—American Red Cross officials here today awaited details of the Halifax catastrophe, and prepared to send additional relief to that devastated by special trains from Boston and New York last night without formal call for assistance from Canada.

large quantities of medical supplies, food, clothing and bedding left Boston and New York simultaneously, and word of their departure was forwarded to Canadian and Halifax authorities by W. F. Parsons, director-general of the Red Cross Civilian Relief.

Relief Delayed. Waterville, Maine, Dec. 7.—The relief train sent to Halifax by Governor McCall and the State Public Safety Committee of Massachusetts was delayed for more than four hours today by a freight wreck on the Maine Central Railroad at Durham Junction, thirteen miles from here.

Five freight cars had been derailed just ahead of the train and the tracks were piled high with wreckage. Telegraph poles had also been knocked down, cutting off communication between the city and Bangor.

New York, Dec. 7.—Word that the passengers and crew of the Holland-America Line steamer Nieuw Amsterdam are safe in Halifax was received at the local offices of the line today.

TOYS of all sorts, description and prices on display at J. W. Burgess, 44 Colborne Street.

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE Unanimously Passes a Resolution in Support of Union Government.

The National Well-Being is Involved in the Outcome of Electoral Contest.

At a meeting of the Brantford Ministerial Association held yesterday at the Y.M.C.A., at which the Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian pastors were present, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

BRANTFORD BOYS SAFE Lewis Feeley and James Matthews Came Thru Halifax Disaster.

Two Brantford boys in Halifax had narrow escapes from death at the time of the explosion there yesterday. Lewis Feeley, son of J. C. Feeley, 52 Brant street, had the thrilling experience of being blown off the Niobe, but escaped alive and unharmed, according to word received today.

VETERAN RETURNED. Lance-Corporal Peter Whelan, a veteran of the Fourth Battalion, arrived home yesterday. He was met at the station by Secretary George Macdonald of the Soldiers' Aid Commission and taken to his home at 156 Grey street.

A MEETING IN THE INTERESTS OF THE UNION GOVERNMENT AND THE CANDIDATE MR. W. F. COCKSHUTT WILL BE HELD IN VICTORIA HALL Saturday Night, Dec. 8th Commencing at 8 p.m. The speakers will include two returned soldiers from the firing line—Major Mathieson and Lieut. Machell. LADIES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Dec. Dec. 7.—The disturbance which was on the sea south Atlantic coast yesterday, meaning has moved quickly north-eastward with increasing intensity towards Sable Island.

Moderate winds, some light local snow, but mostly fair and cold today and on Saturday.



"Zimmie"