

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

Of War Rockets at Woolwich Arsenal.

The Deadly Missiles Scattered Broadly for Five Miles.—The Number of Dead and Dying said to Reach 100.

London, Sept. 23.—The rocket factories at the arsenal, at Woolwich, exploded to-day. Many buildings were destroyed and the loss of life is serious. The explosion was caused by a fire in the main building, which, including the laboratory building, was destroyed within half an hour. It contained an immense number of war rockets filled with destructive missiles. The latter flew in all directions, many falling upon the other side of the Thames. The explosion caused fearful destruction in property throughout the town and the surrounding district. The fire was extinguished at noon, when the rockets ceased exploding. Old soldiers declare the explosion of rockets was as frightful as an actual siege. Two bodies of victims of the explosion have been found. Some of the rockets were projected five miles. One went through the wall of the arsenal and another struck the artillery barracks.

London, Sept. 23.—The following later details of the explosion at the Woolwich arsenal are given: Rockets fell in Erid, Eildam, Charlton and Eford. One plunged into a school for infants at Plumsted, another entered a draper's shop in Woolwich, another wrecked a grocery. There was the wildest excitement at Woolwich. The principal damage was confined to the rocket factory, which will be \$10,000.

London, Sept. 24.—The latest reports from the scene of the terrible explosion at the Royal Arsenal, at Woolwich, show that calamity to have been more horrible than seemed possible from the meagre details which were received early this morning. The number of dead and dying is now placed at 100, and may possibly exceed even that. Explosions still continue at frequent intervals, so that it will be some time before the extent of the disaster can be fully investigated.

The origin of the explosion was a bunch of rockets, in the rocket department. From here the fire spread to the buildings, which were packed to the roof with ammunition of the most deadly kinds. The explosion which followed when the fire reached this part of the building could have been heard for miles, and resembled the sound of the terrific discharge of artillery. A number of the workmen were instantly killed and their bodies blown to atoms. Others were trampled to a shapeless mass by their fellow workmen, who were hurled from the scene of the explosion. It is feared that a large number—how many cannot even be guessed—are under the debris. Every vehicle in the neighborhood has been turned into an ambulance, and all are filled with the dead and dying. The most intense excitement prevails throughout the entire community.

Woolwich is a town of about 44,000 population, nine miles from London, on the Thames. The arsenal is the largest in Great Britain, and contains workshops for making cannon, shells, bullets, etc. The town has extensive dockyards, a military academy and large barracks.

St. Helens.

The frosts have entirely spoiled the corn and sugar cane of the vicinity.

John Gordon is erecting a handsome house on his farm adjoining the village.

Thomas Lott has returned after a two and a half months' sojourn in the United States.

D. M. Gordon left this week for Toronto, where he proposes attending the medical school.

Miss Kyle, of Garafaxa, has been visiting acquaintances in this vicinity the last fortnight.

Peter McEwen, Peter McKenzie and Donald Clarke, of Paduch, were visiting friends here last week.

David Todd is erecting a large straw shed behind his numerous buildings, G. H. Lott being contractor.

St. Helens has at present its usual number of invalids, which causes good demand for the medical profession.

A large number have availed themselves of the chance of visiting the Provincial Exhibition at Guelph, on account of its being so near hand.

The farmers have finished their harvest in a pleasing, and are busy getting up their potatoes to see if there is any hope of saving them, large quantities of them being rotted.

Amberley.

Master Frazer McNeill, after having recovered from a broken leg, broke it again, and had to undergo another ordeal.

Donald Ross who was some time afflicted with consumption of the lungs, is again convalescent.

Peter Byrne blacks (it), of Kintail, and son of John Byrne, of this vicinity, is at present suffering from typhoid fever. He is attended by Dr. Seacord of Kincardine, who entertains good hopes of his recovery.

We congratulate Mr. Jas. Byrne upon his success at Lucknow fall show, he having obtained first prize, both for his two year old mare colt, and his yearling stallion.

Messrs Walker and Water, have purchased a new Clinton threshing machine, and intend beginning operations next week.

Mr. Gobble, miller, returned last Friday from a somewhat extended trip to England, the land of his nativity. He was accompanied by the vicar, who, with him, but comes, and speaks in glowing terms of the improvements made in his fatherland since the days of his boyhood.

The marriage bells have rung and two youthful lovers have joined their fates and fortunes, for wed or for woe. On the 11th inst. George White, of Belfast, joined the ranks of the bachelors by taking to himself a wife from among our fair daughters, to wit, Miss Lizie Courtney, eldest daughter of Mr. James Courtney of this place. The marriage

ceremony being performed, the happy couple went on their bridal tour to Mount Forest, and upon their return their nuptials were celebrated in grand style at her father's residence. After a sumptuous repast of the choicest delicacies was spread and partaken off, the youthful guests were soon lost in the dizzy mazes of the dance. And still the bells are ringing.

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