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The Halifax Disaster.

(From St. John Telegram, Friday.)

HOUSES BLOWN TO ATOMS.

In the west end, and north west
the damage was more extensive and
the walls of houses were in places
blown to atoms and the plaster and
laths strewn on the streets more like
a shell torn section of Flanders than
a town or city of Canada.

The main damage, however, was
done in the north end of the city,
known as Richmond, which was oppo-
site the point of the vessels' collision.

Here the damage is so extensive as
to be totally beyond the field of de-
scription. Street after street is in
ruins and flames swept over the dis-
trict.

In this section many of the larger
buildings are a smouldering heap of
ruins and the ordinary frame houses
are a mere heap of shattered, flatten-
ed debris.

Autoplanes were scattering litter
and thither in this section of the city
each one bearing a blanket-clad bur-
den, which, though the clouds of
serious injuries or in many cases
death.

The hospitals each and every one
with admirable care were rendering
aid and in the military hospitals the
soldiers who were on guard duty
were being hurried in odd twisted
heaps and blackened powdered stain-
ed faces to the wards for relief.

Terror-Stricken People.

Five minutes after the explosion
occurred the streets were filled with
a terror-stricken mob of people each
one trying to make his or her way as
best they might to the outskirts, in
order to get away out of the range of
what they thought to be a German
raid.

Women rushed in terror-stricken
mobs through the streets many of
them with children clasped to their
breasts. In their eyes was a look of
terror as they struggled in mobs
through the streets with blood-stain-
ed faces, horror-stricken, while they
endeavoured to get anywhere from
the falling masonry and crumbling
walls.

By the wire and lath-littered road-
sides as they were passed there could
be seen the remains of what had once
been human beings, now horribly cut
to pieces, but beyond realization of
what had occurred. Here and there
by a cracked and shattered telegraph
pole was the cloth wrapped body of
a tiny tot scarred and twisted in the
force of the horrible explosion which
had wrecked all in its path.

By the side of many of the burning
ruins were women who watched with
horror the flames as they consumed
the houses which in many cases held
the bodies of loved one who would
never more be seen.

Watch Homes Burn.

They watched their homes perish
in the flames and as others passed
with inquiries as to whether they
could render any aid they shook their
heads in a dazed manner and turned
their gaze once more to the funeral
pyre of all those whom they had
dear.

Among the hundreds who were killed
by the explosion was one particu-
larly sad case of a Canadian govern-
ment employee named MacDonald,
who on rushing to his home after the
explosion, found that all his family,
consisting of his wife and four chil-
ren, had perished. Before him, on the
roadway, was the mangled remains of
a little two-year-old child which had
met its death while playing on the
roadside.

Many of the men composing the
crews of ships in the harbor were
killed and injured. The damage along
the water front is very serious.

On one steamer, the *Pictou*, it is
reported that thirty-eight of the crew
of forty-two have been killed. Many
bodies of seamen have been picked
up in the harbor and rescue parties
are working among the ruins of
buildings removing bodies of the dead.

Pilot Blames Relief Ship.

Pilot Frank Mackie, who was on
the French munition ship, declares
that the accident was due to a con-
fusion of whistles sounded by the
Norwegian relief steamer.

In addition to her cargo of muni-
tions the *Mont Blanc* carried a deck-
load of benzine and this caught fire
following the explosion.

The captain of the *Mont Blanc* or-
dered his crew to take to the boats.
The men hastily left the ship in two
boats and rowed for the Halifax side
of the harbor, which they reached in
safety.

The men ran for the woods as they
felt that an explosion was inevitable.
Twenty-five minutes afterwards the
explosion occurred and the men were
hurled flat on the ground.

The munition ship after the crew
left her veered in toward the Halifax
side of the harbor and the city re-
ceived the full force of the explosion.
The rescuers who were early on
the scene say that the sights in the
public schools at the north end of
the city were pitiable. They found
the bodies of dozens of little children
and scores of others with broken
limbs and covered with blood.

The force of the explosion was felt

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glass being broken in the Learmonth
hotel at Truro.

All the telegraph wires were pro-
cessed and when the explosion oc-
curred the operators jumped from
the keys and raced for the open. All
the telephones were also put out of
business. For a time Halifax was
completely isolated from the outside
world.

After the explosion the whole popu-
lation was thrown into a state of in-
tense excitement by the report that a
second munition ship, or the maga-
zine at the dockyard might blow up.
Automobiles rushed through the
streets warning the people to hurry
to the open spaces in the south end
of the city. In less than half an hour
5,000 people, lightly clad, had gather-
ed on the common, and hundreds
of others sought refuge in the fields.

The magazine was flooded and by
noon all the danger had passed.
Scores of people are reported miss-
ing and it is not known whether they
are dead or at the home of friends.

The concussion shattered the big
gasometer and thousands of feet of
gas escaped. All the power plants in
the city are out of business and the
newspaper offices here have been so
badly wrecked that publication of the
papers is impossible.

It was a day of suffering at the
Victoria General Hospital. Suffering
for the unfortunate women, men and
children who had been so grievously
injured, suffering for the unborn ones
who waited within awaiting news of
the condition of their loved ones, in
many cases to hear later that they had
passed to the Great Beyond; suffering
for the doctors, nurses and volunteer
workers who so nobly administered
aid to the wounded and dying.

Every available nook and cranny of
the spacious building was made ready
for those who had been injured. It
was very shortly after the explosion
occurred that the first cases were
brought in and from then during the
day and evening, in fact all night, the
hospital workers were continually
working their utmost, showing the
most devoted attention to all the serious
cases which came in at all hours.

The slight casualties, those who
suffered slight cuts from the falling
glass in or out of the houses and
buildings received prompt aid and
were sent to their homes. But there
were many very serious cases. Some
of the women were seized with hem-
orrhage and others were frightfully
gashed and among them people who
were practically beyond recognition.

In conversation with one of the nurses
the Canadian Press was informed
that the suffering of the badly wound-
ed victims was intense. One man had
been brought in who had no trace of
his person of having been cut by
glass and in her opinion, he was suffer-
ing from shock alone.

For some who were brought in early,
no hope of recovery was entertain-
ed and before long the death toll re-
ceived its first victim. Towards even-
ing twenty-five citizens had passed
away and had been brought to one of
the morgues and then there were other
cases who it was feared would
breathe their last before morning.

Despite the fact that many of the
devoted workers both men and women
had relations of whose fortunes
they knew nothing, they brave-
ly responded to the call of duty and
stood to their guns day after day.
There will be many men and women
in Halifax who will always be able
to speak from experience of the
wonderful care and attention which
they received at the Victoria General
Hospital.

Saw Nothing on Battle Front Like It.

Colonel McKelvie Bell, who was
over two years on the fire line in
Flanders, says that he never saw any-
thing on the battle front to equal the
scenes in Halifax to-day.

INCALCULABLE SCENES

A. B. Coleman, one of the slightly in-
jured, talks with *The Sydney Rec-
ord*.—One Hundred Soldiers Said
to be Buried in Ruins of the Wel-
lington Barracks.

"Never in the history of America
has such a sight been witnessed as
the scene in Halifax on Thursday
morning," said A. D. Coleman, in con-
versation with *The Record* on Thurs-
day. "One Hundred Soldiers Said
to be Buried in Ruins of the Wel-
lington Barracks."

"From 200 yards north of the King
Edward Hotel terrace to Richmond,
including North Street Station, all is
practically demolished," Mr. Coleman
went on. "Along the water front
nothing is left standing. The dockyard
is in ruins and not a pane of glass in
the city is left unshattered. The dam-
age to glass extending as far as the
Birchdale Hotel at Northwest Arm."

"I do not think," declared Mr. Cole-
man, "that enough glass could be sup-
plied in Canada to repair the damage.
Extra supplies will have to be brought
from the United States."

At North Street Station.

"The death toll at North Street Sta-
tion was horrible, but so, indeed, is
it all through the stricken district.
The toll was greatest in the Richmond
district where the scene is appalling."

Girl Cut in Two.

"North Street Station completely
collapsed, the girl at the news stand
being literally cut in two. The Wel-
lington Barracks also collapsed bur-
ying some 100 soldiers in the ruins."

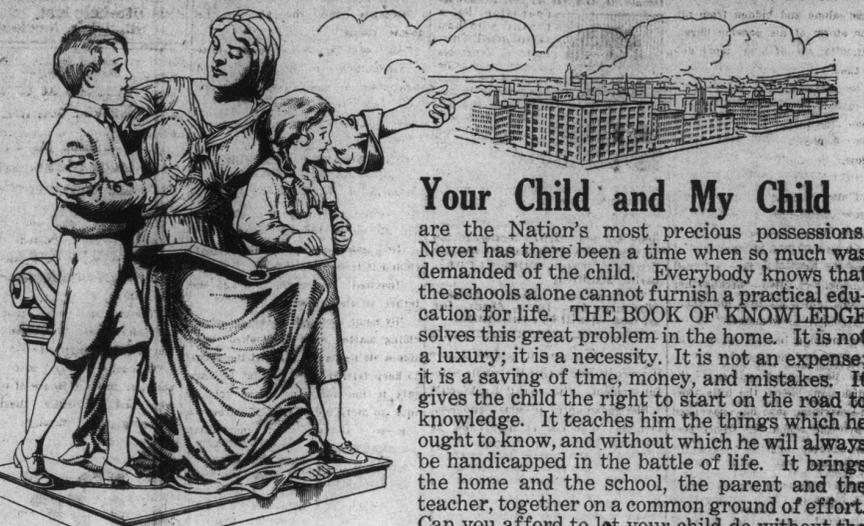
"The sight on the water front, be-
tween the above mentioned points is
one of death and destruction. The
harrowing scenes of parents looking
for children and children for parents
are beyond description. This awful
storm and the dead and dying every-
where form a picture of unspeakable
horror previously unknown to this
country. The returned soldiers, who
are working night and day, say that
with the exception of the atrocities
nothing worse was ever witnessed on
the Belgian front."

Thought It Air Raid.

"When the fire alarm was first
sounded," Mr. Coleman said, "I had
just sat down to breakfast and a few
minutes later the hotel, the Carleton
House, literally rocked on its founda-
tion with the explosion, and every-
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held by the mother. The child then will not fall and will be much more comfortable and happy.

A physical culture expert gives the following advice to growing boys, sleep with your windows open top and bottom. Let your bath be as cold as you can stand but, if you find that it is too much for you and that you don't glow all over after it, don't try to force yourself to stand it.

A half-hour or so for study in the morning is very necessary because it will fix in your mind the big, important points in your home work of

the preceding evening. Nine o'clock need not be the absolute hour to keep for bed, but don't stay up later very often.

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Household Notes.

Knitted garments dry nicely if laid carefully on a Turkish towel on the radiator.

As long as rabbits are plentiful and cheap they should take the place of other meats.

A good stew is made with soup meat mixed with macaroni and flavored with tomatoes.

Candied cherries dipped in melted chocolate are a novel and agreeable sweetmeat.