

# HALIFAX CITY HALF IN RUINS!

## Scenes Indescribable!

## Thousands Homeless!

FOR ACTING PREMIER.

HALIFAX, December 7.

In answer to your enquiry, the Vice-President and General Manager of the Commercial Cable Company send the following and quote only meagre reports of the Halifax disaster received. The newspapers say that thousands of tons of munitions on the French steamship "Mont Blanc" exploded in the harbor at 9 a.m. yesterday as a result of a collision with the Belgian relief ship "Imo." A conservative estimate is, eight hundred killed, thousands injured, millions of dollars of property destroyed and damaged in the northern part of Halifax, known as Richmond. Many fires. The situation is reported under control. The collision occurred in the Narrows leading from the harbor into Bedford Basin. The greatest loss of life is in the Richmond district. There is much suffering among the homeless. The temperature is below freezing. The telegraph and telephone wires were all down for hours. Emergency communication is now restored. Supplies are being rushed from the neighboring cities to relieve the situation. There are no details of specific losses. The cable ship Mackay-Bennett is undamaged but one of her crew was injured. Have not heard of any loss of other vessels.

(Sgd.) H. D. WINDELER, Supt.

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## Official News.

(Official Admiralty Press News, by Courtesy of Major Abraham, General Staff Officer).

LONDON, Dec. 6. On the night of the 4th our troops holding our positions in the neighborhood of Noyelles Sur l'Escaut and Bourlon Wood were withdrawn to a position southwest of these localities; the withdrawal was carried out successfully without interference from the enemy who, until a late hour yesterday, appeared to be unaware of the movement. Prior to the withdrawal the enemy's field works in the abandoned area were systematically destroyed.

Home forces to-day state a raid by about 35 enemy aeroplanes took place early this morning. The first group crossed the Kentish coast where they dropped bombs. The second group proceeded up the Thames some distance in Kent. The object of both groups appeared to be to draw gunfire and exhaust the defences, as it was not till later that the most serious attack developed. About 4 a.m. two groups crossed the Essex coast and three groups the Kent coast, proceeding to London on converging courses. The tactical plan seems to have been to deliver five simultaneous attacks from N. E. by E. and S. W. The whole of one group was turned back by gunfire and not more than five or six machines penetrated London. One or two explosive and a large number of incendiary bombs were dropped in various districts. Two raiders were brought down and in each case the entire crew of men were captured. A number of fires occurred but were soon put under control. The casualties were seven killed and twenty-two injured. All of our machines landed safely.

Local fighting has taken place in the neighborhood of La Vacquerie, without any change of situation. In the area south of Bourlon Wood minor hostilities are continuing. The day four hostile machines were brought down out of control. One German machine was shot down in our lines by anti-aircraft gunfire. Five of our aeroplanes are missing. To-day another successful raid was carried out by our aeroplanes into Germany. All machines returned safely, but no further details have yet been received. Rome, Dec. 6.—On the Asiago Plateau yesterday the battle was renewed with violence. Fighting was continued fiercely the whole day from Lope, south of Mount Castel Gomberio, to the Fozza Spur.

### SHIPPING FIGURES.

LONDON, To-day. Shipping arrivals, 2,174; sailings, 2,133. British merchantships over 1,600 tons sunk by mine or submarine, 16; under 1,600 tons, one; fishing craft 4. British vessels unsuccessfully attacked, including one previously, eight.

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### "Till He Come"

"Till He Come"—O! let the words Linger on the trembling chords; Let the little while between In their golden light be seen; Let us think how heaven and home Lie beyond that—"Till He Come."

When the weary ones we love Enter on their rest above, Seems the earth so poor and vast, All our life-joy over-cast? Hush, be every murmur dumb, It is only—"Till He Come."

Clouds and conflicts round us press; Would he have one sorrow less? All the sharpness of the cross, All that tells the world is loss, Death and darkness, and the tomb, Only whisper—"Till He Come."

See, the feast of love is spread, Drink the wine and break the bread; Sweet memories—Till the Lord Calls us round His heavenly board; Soon from earth, from glory come Severed only—"Till He Come."

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## Leave Them to Their Fate.

If the Allied Governments have knowledge that the Bolshevik dictatorship at Petrograd is in secret wireless communication with Berlin, no time should be lost in outlawing that desperate group of international mischief makers. At the same time that they have entered into this hostile connection, Lenin and Trotsky have been publishing the secret correspondence of the late Russian Government—even of the former Revolutionary Government—with Great Britain and France, and have been doing this in a manner to aid the Germans. These men are incidentally inspired by hatred of the Government and institution of the United States, which they regard as "capitalistic." Their hatred of England and her institutions is quite as keen. But though they are willing to betray the Allies of Russia because of what they regard as the taint of capitalism, they favor the Government of Germany, though that Government is scarcely less autocratic than that of the Czar which they have overthrown, and though there is no country in the world organized on a more distinctly capitalistic basis than Germany. There must be a powerful reason for this treasonable inconsistency, and undoubtedly that reason will fully appear when the full history of the Lenin and Trotsky machinations is known.

It looks, perhaps, like a perilous experiment for the Allies to withdraw their official representatives from Russia, and to leave that country wholly to its fate of civil war and exploitation by the Germans. What may be immediately involved in such a case may be inferred from the complaint official record from Petrograd to-day that "south of Lake Narocz fraternizations were observed" between the German and Russian soldiers. It suggests actual assistance by the Bolshevik Government to the Germans. It suggests the Odessa grain warehouses adding their supplies of wheat to the German store. The danger has undoubtedly been considered by the Allied Governments. But there is another side to the picture. The severance of all relations between the western world and Russia may well have the effect to make the Russian people think that what they are doing in permitting the rule of these mischief-makers to go on. The consequences of Russia turning her back upon the western world would be appalling.

Civil war would soon prevail over the whole country. Every portion of the country would declare its independence of every other portion. Railroad communication would be at end, and famine and its attendant ravage and rapine would prevail. Even the Bolshevik would lose their grip in the general debacle of civilization. Is it possible that this is a thing that the people of Russia, even the ignorant soldiers, really desire? Would they not in fact welcome any voice of authority and resolution which would bid them pause in their plunge into public and private ruin? There are already signs that the abandonment of Russia by the Allies' representatives, following the virtual delivery of the country to the Germans by Lenin will operate as a stimulant to Russia's sober second thought. It may be observed that the Reds have thrown the Grand Duke Michael into prison, evidently in anticipation of another counter-movement. But if the people really are ready for a counter-movement, the Grand Duke Michael will not be necessary to it. The leader will be found.—Boston Transcript.

## Here and There.

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**POLICE COURT.**—Only civil business was discussed in court to-day. One case for debt was disputed. The defendant, who was summoned by a Water Street concern, won.

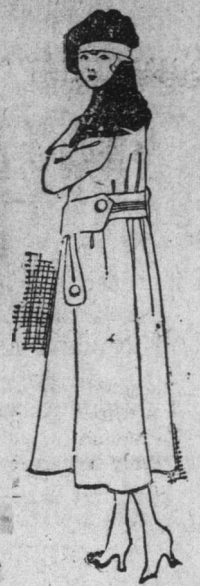
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**EXPRESS PASSENGERS.**—The following passengers are on the incoming express: Dr. W. E. Bennett, H. Crawford, G. Tibbo, Mrs. M. Riese, J. Snow, Miss Grant, Miss E. Tibbo. Kindly make your appointments as early as possible and help avoid our usual Xmas rush. J. C. PARSONS, Bank of Montreal Building.—nov17,tf

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## Food Economy.

Food Control Board to Call big Meeting.

In view of the seriousness of the general food situation, and in order to bring home to the people of this country the necessity of practical action, the Food Control Board are calling a meeting of the women of Newfoundland at the Casino Theatre on Wednesday night, next. We understand that the whole question will be thoroughly discussed and the best methods decided upon of a system of voluntary economy throughout the island. Further notices will be published in due course.

**N. I. W. A.**—The Newfoundland Industrial Workers' Association will meet on Friday, Dec. 7th, at 8 p.m., in the L. S. P. U. Hall, Victoria St. Business: Formation of Committee to obtain signatures to petitions for Labour Legislation. A full attendance is requested. W. J. NAUFFTS, Secretary.—dec7,11

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## Queer Uses for Aeroplanes.

The aviator is constantly finding new lines of activity for his skill and courage. In South America the aeroplane has been used with great success in surveying remote areas, where its speed readily outclasses the laborious chainman. An enterprising mining company in Mexico is about to utilize aeroplanes for carrying ores under unique conditions. The ore is mined at an altitude of some 10,000 feet and carried to the valley below by pack-mules. The mules carry only small loads, two-thirds of which consist of fodder and provisions. Several days are required to wind down the tortuous path on the mountain's sides. The aeroplanes can volplane to the valley in a few minutes, and have no trouble with their loads in reaching the 10,000 ft. altitude.

The herds of cattle which graze on the great San Cristobal ranch in New Mexico once required the attention of 150 cowboys. By using automobiles the herding was done as well by seven men. The management is now installing aviators, whose vastly superior speed will "round up" the most

widely scattered herds with great saving of time and money. A great future is prophesied for the aero-cowpuncher.

The first aerial lineman started on his unique round of duties more than three years ago. An experienced airman, Robert G. Fowler, was engaged by a power company in Sacramento, California, to carry an expert once a week to inspect two divisions of wire lines some sixty-eight miles in length. The wires are strung over several valleys, the deltas of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, and into the Contra Costa range of mountains, where their elevation is at times 2,000 ft. A large force of men had previously been required to patrol the lines, looking for broken insulators, fallen wires, and other damages. The work was done much better by a single aerial lineman. It was found that a broken insulator could be discovered while flying at an altitude of 1,000 ft.—Till-Bits.

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