

ed as at least 2,000. The probability is, however, that there will be a very much larger list of killed when the total returns are gathered.

Burning Last Night.

In the darkness which threw its enveloping mantle over the city the bright reflection of the burning district could be plainly seen.

Military and police of all descriptions patrolled the streets and in orderly, grim-stained gatherings worked among the ruins and loaded the people they recovered into waiting vehicles.

Of those who were fortunate enough to escape with their lives practically every second person in the city was injured.

The merchants threw open their stores and placed their wares at the disposal of those who were in need of them. Frantically every drug store was an open supply station doing anything they could to aid. Medical men worked in an effort to render aid wherever it was needed and during the day must have relieved thousands who were not beyond their aid.

Fire Chief Killed.

In the early morning before the collision, fire broke out and the department apparatus was rushed to the scene. They were preceded by the fire chief, Edward Condon, Deputy Chief William Brunt and Peter Broderick, in the chief's automobile.

While on their way, the explosion occurred, instantly killing all of the occupants.

The flame-swept belt begins at what is known as the North street bridge and extends northward to Pier 8, Richmond, on the waterfront, and backward to a point running practically parallel with Gottingen street.

This embraces about two or two and a half square miles of territory.

In this portion of the city there is nothing recognizable.

Drydock Destroyed.

The big building of the Acadia Sugar Refinery was razed to the ground, and the only tangible sign that it ever existed is a pile of smouldering ruins.

The drydock and the buildings which surrounded it were all destroyed, while an unofficial rumor says that at the Richmond school, which housed hundreds of children, only three escaped alive.

Considerable relief was rushed to the city so soon as word of the disaster was communicated to the outside points; sixty doctors coming from nearby points and at once throwing themselves into the work of aiding and operating.

Sailor patrols marched through the streets and kept those of the terror-stricken population who were vainly searching for news of their missing relatives from congregating and thus hindering the work of relief.

"The most awful catastrophe which has befallen any city in the world." Such is the opinion of all officers and men who have returned from the front, who have been in the thick of the fighting, since Canadians went into action. And they are right. The men from the trenches, the men behind the trenches or in the rear, and the man who has been through the times of distress in London and the southeast coast when Zeppelins and enemy aeroplanes bombed the capital of the empire and the coastal towns—they all know that they never met with such dire calamities as befell the city of Halifax yesterday.

The lids at the front have more than enough to bear in their every day grim and arduous task of fighting Fritz. They all know the fearfulness of shell fire. They have seen Belgian and French towns filled with women and children, and they have landed in London to be greeted by Fritz in the air, bound on one of his inhuman air raids, perhaps they have been in the localities where the bombs fell and did their murderous work, and to cap it all, gone back to

BY JOVE!

said a well educated man the other day when he was asked this question:—"Why, when you have a cold, a cough or bronchitis (troubles, you will note, of throat and chest) do you persist in pouring cough syrups, lung tonics and the like into your stomach, which is perfectly sound?"

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Their comrades and gone "over the top" and in open warfare faced grim death, every moment of the day.

And yet despite all these hair-raising experiences, the returned soldier in Halifax will tell you that today's experiences were unequalled by any overseas. The shock of the explosion, one hears some awful explosions in France and Belgium, but when that munition ship blew up in the harbor today the returned man said "this is the worst yet."

Reported Dead.

Some of those who are reported dead are:

Isaac Creighton.

Dr. Murdoch Chisholm.

Hogan, boiler maker.

John Harris, son of George Harris, who is also missing.

David Whiston, West Young street.

William McPartridge.

Mrs. Charles Stockhall, wife of the foreman of the Dominion Atlantic Railway at North street and child.

Mrs. W. J. Sweetman, wife of Rev. W. J. Sweetman, of Kaye street Methodist church and child.

Mrs. Myers, 56 Union street.

Mrs. Williams-Beures, 56 Union street.

Hazel and Muriel Beures, 56 Union street.

E. H. Rost, next of kin Mrs. S. E. Rost, Mahone Bay (N. S.).

Thomas Murphy, C. N. V. R., H. M. C. S. Niobe.

John Maloney, I. C. R. watchman, Richmond station.

Miss Gladys Kennedy, stenographer Gunne Mills, daughter of John Kennedy, LeBaron Coleman, Canadian Express Company.

I. C. R. Policeman Purcell, North street station.

Edward Condon, chief of the Halifax fire department.

William Brunt, deputy fire chief.

Peter Broderick, captain Halifax fire department.

Theodore Burgess, inspector Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co.

Alexander Bond.

John R. Ronayne, reportorial staff Echo.

Thomas Wrightway.

Among the Missing.

Among the missing are:

Frank D. Hillis.

Mrs. Lewis Cann.

Miss Alma Cann.

WITHDRAWS TO BETTER POSITIONS

The carefully laid plans of General Byng to withdraw his troops on various points on the Cambrai salient to more tenable positions have been carried out in perfect order and apparently without the Germans even having knowledge of the movement.

The falling back was made necessary by wedges, driven into the salient last week by the Germans, which on several sectors threatened disaster to the British should they continue to hold their positions.

From an arc extending before Cambrai a distance of about eighteen miles the new British front has been lessened to a length of about ten miles with the bases resting in the north in the region of Moeuvres and in the south near Comblain.

As a result of the backward movement, the Germans claim the re-occupation of Graincourt, Anzeux, Noyelles and the woods and heights north of Maroing, and that their uncontested gain has been to a depth of about two and a half miles over the front of six and a quarter miles.

The Berlin war office asserts that since the German offensive in the Cambrai region began British prisoners in excess of 9,000 and 148 guns have been taken.

On the Italian front the Austro-Germans are making attempts to break through the Italian positions and debouch upon the plain of Venezia. In the Asiago Plateau region, battles of almost unprecedented violence are taking place, the Teutonic allies using a great array of guns and countless thousands of men in their efforts to overcome the Italian resistance. On the Melette sector the enemy made some slight advances, but only through the sacrifice of large numbers of men, the

Cyril Cann.

William Hinch.

Mrs. J. F. Farrell and baby.

Mrs. M. F. Campbell.

Geo. Godwin, aged three years.

H. Inch (entire family).

Stockholm (family).

Gladys Bennett.

Ellen Cooper.

Joe Cooper.

Madeline Elliott.

Agnes Elliott.

Irene Elliott.

Harriet Elliott.

John Elliott.

Mrs. R. Donnelly and two children.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lovett and two children.

Exalid Constant Upham.

Levi Dauphinee, Queensland.

Mrs. John Campbell.

Mrs. W. J. Moody.

Mrs. A. W. Moody.

William Moody (two years old).

Ruth Moody (four years old).

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thomson and four children.

Mrs. Michael Flavin, Kaye street.

Charles Short, King street, Dartmouth.

Geo. F. Harris, ex-controller.

Mrs. Pettier.

Mrs. Thompson and three children.

North Albert street.

Mrs. S. M. Mooney.

Miss S. M. Mooney.

Jim Mooney.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hillis.

Italians resisting determinedly, foot by foot. To the east an enemy attempt to carry the Italian line of defence in the upper Brenta Valley met with repulse and heavy casualties.

The Berlin war office in a communication announcing the taking of the Melette positions says that in the new

offensive of the Teutonic allies 11,000 Italians have been made prisoner and that more than sixty of their guns have been captured.

From Berlin comes the announcement that an armistice of ten days to begin Friday at noon, has been arranged for the entire Russian front.

DIVORCE COURT.

Fredericton, Dec. 6.—Before the divorce court this afternoon M. G. Teed, K. C., proctor in the suit of Arthur L. Philips vs. Evelyn Chapman Philips read the evidence taken by a commission in England and also the evidence taken by a

commission in Vancouver (B. C.). The plaintiff is a Lieutenant in the 29th Battalion, C.E.F., and the defendant is living in England. They formerly resided in St. John. The co-respondent named is Samuel A. Wallace, of London, England. Judgment in this suit will be given before the end of the sitting.

Can Russian Anarchists Make Peace With German Autocrats?

Just what word has passed between Berlin and Petrograd may never be known, nor are we advised as to the German Government's precise attitude toward the Bolsheviks and their peace advances. The Springfield Republican recalls the German propaganda for a "negotiated" peace; Lenin and Trotsky, it says "are merely going on where German diplomacy left off. They are welcome Allies, and the only doubt entertained in Germany is as to whether they can 'deliver the goods.'"

For a full description of the complications in the Russian situation, you should read THE LITERARY DIGEST for December 8th. In this article the view-points of American and English editors are presented, and after reading it, you will be in a position to either agree or disagree with the Houston Chronicle when it says "God knows the Bolsheviks are as dangerous to organized Government as are the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs, and probably more so."

Other reasons why you should buy "The Digest" for December 8th:

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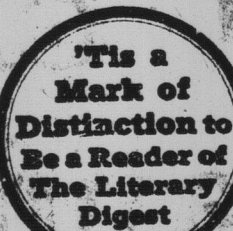
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