

# More Details From Halifax

## The "Imo" Violated Navigation Rules and Caused Collision—Dead Estimated Between Fifteen Hundred and Two Thousand—3000 Injured—20,000 People Destitute and \$20,000,000 Required to Repair Damage and Afford Relief.

HALIFAX, Via Anglo. TO POSTMASTER GENERAL:—The following statement was issued by Mr. Justice Harris, Chairman of the Citizens' Finance Committee: The Committee of the citizens of Halifax was appointed to make a public statement on the damage to the city of Halifax and the town of Dartmouth, and after as careful a survey as possible of the damaged area the committee reported that while every building in Halifax and Dartmouth was more or less damaged, the devastated area is found near the scene of the explosion and embraces chiefly districts occupied by workers and the poorer classes. Between three and four thousand of such dwellings have been completely destroyed by the explosion or by fire. The number of those affected is estimated at 25,000, and while of course the circumstances of all or even most of them cannot be ascertained until each case is investigated, yet it is feared that the destitute poor in the area will number upwards of 20,000, and their actual loss and the estimated cost of their temporary maintenance will reach between twenty-five and thirty million dollars. It is to be clearly understood that in this estimate only the persons rendered destitute are considered and this is the portion of the population of Halifax and Dartmouth least able to bear the loss and which must be immediately

relieved by the generous assistance of their fellow-citizens throughout Canada.

The furious blizzard of yesterday which buried the ruins in snowdrifts made the tasks of the searching parties almost impossible and the bodies of many victims will probably not be recovered until the debris has been cleared away in the months to come. The general opinion continues to be that the list of dead total from 1,500 to 2,000, and that the injured will number at least 3,000 more. Already over 300 bodies have been recovered.

Thursday morning the French steamer Mont Blanc was steaming up the harbour with Pilot Frank Mackey in charge and reached a point opposite the northern terminals of the C. G. R., while the Belgian Relief steamer Imo was proceeding out in charge of Pilot William Hayes and they were approaching each other. For some inscrutable reason the Belgian steamer violated the rules of navigation and the result was that she collided with the Mont Blanc. Soon the Frenchman burst into flames. She was loaded with 5,000 tons of high explosives. The crew abandoned her and all escaped to safety. Then came the terrific explosion. The property loss will reach fifteen millions and relief is being received from many places, including Massachusetts which is sending two relief trains.

H. WEIR.

### TO MRS. W. J. HERDER.

Mother of offspring battle-slain by the trench where the vanguard fell,  
Whose spirit now is a tear-swept waste, whose heart is a vale of pain;  
Be brave in sorrow, for now thou art closer than words may tell,  
To her of the madrigal Macabees and the Flower of Judah's plain!

To her, the Flower of Judah's plains, giving her Son for all,  
When trembling Nature hid its face in terror and eclipse dread.  
On her, the Mother of Sorrows, now, in thy hour of anguish call,  
She beareth a mother's broken heart, she'll join thee above thy dead.

She'll join her sorrows with those of thine, to comfort thee and console.  
Her feet the Deluge Way have trod, in agony and despair;  
Mother! thou mournest thy hero sons, she knoweth a mother's soul,  
I pray that she give thee thy mother's heart, her sublime mother's care!

—C.

### McMurdo's Store News

SATURDAY, Dec. 8, 1917.  
We have just opened a new lot of Page and Shaw's Chocolates and other candies. Page and Shaw's goods grow more popular every month, and this result is due to the quality of the goods. Page and Shaw's Candies are made of specially selected materials, and are skillfully made, and of very tasty flavors. Prices 65c. and \$1.25 a box.

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### Huns Were Outfought By British

London, Dec. 3.—The amount of territory gained by the enemy in Friday's attack, at a loss of so many thousands of men, is so trifling that it scarcely shows appreciably on the military map. Tactically, the military situation may be said virtually to remain unaffected by the fighting, owing to our troops' magnificent spirit and determination.

The difference between our recent splendid victory and the German victory is that we retain gains up to a depth of nearly six miles, whereas they were nearly everywhere beaten back to the point from which they started. Their intention was to turn our line and pinch us from our new line toward Cambrai. It was a test of respective fighting qualities, with the numerical odds probably about three to one in favor of the Germans.

The St. Mary's W. A. Sale of Work will be held in Botwood Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 12, opening at 5 p.m. Aprons, Fancy Bags, Stamped Work, etc. 30 cent Teas and Suppers. Concert at 8.30. Admission 10 cts. dec8,21,17

### Japan is Likely to Take

LARGER PART IN THE WAR.  
Tokio, Dec. 3.—Japan is anxious to hear what the supreme war council and the inter-allied conference decided as to Nippon's further part in the war.

The Russian Bolshevik armistice plans to-day brought about a renewal of discussions as to Japan sending troops to the western fronts. It was believed here that the Paris and Versailles conferences formally considered such additions to the allies' fighting forces. Japanese officialdom was frankly eager to learn what decisions had been reached by these meetings. Apparently no report has been received from Japan's envoys. That the Empire will participate much more largely in the war from now on was regarded as certain by the public.

### Reid's Boats.

The Argyle left Placentia at 7.30 a.m. yesterday on Red Island route. The Clyde not reported since leaving Horwood. The Dundee not reported since leaving King's Cove. The Ethie not reported since leaving Brig Bay on 6th inst. The Gloucester left Fortune at 1 p.m. yesterday, going west. The Home at Lewistown. The Wren not reported since leaving Clarendville.

Between friends, the Gift that conveys the most of personal thoughtfulness—your Photograph. J. C. PARSONS, Bank of Montreal Building.—nov17,17

ALL WIRES INTERRUPTED.—Owing to the terrific gale that is now sweeping the country all telegraph lines are temporarily put out of commission. A number of telegraph poles have been uprooted and broken on the Portugal Cove road and at other roads leading to the city.

### Special Notices.

JUST RECEIVED—22 Carat Best English Gold Leaf. G. KNOWLING, LTD.—d5,21,w,s

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SHANTUNG SILK—We have just received a new shipment of Shantung Silk in Naturals and Colors. G. KNOWLING, Limited.—dec4,31,tu,th,f

The regular monthly meeting of the St. John's Mechanics' Society will be held in their Hall on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. By order, J. J. LEAHEY, Secretary.—dec8,11

Our unusual success in the production of Children's Portraits has been very favourably commented on. Come in and see them. J. C. PARSONS, Bank of Montreal Building.—nov17,17

### W. P. A.

The members of the Women's Patriotic Association are specially invited to attend the Public Meeting of the Women of St. John's called by the Newfoundland Food Control Board for Wednesday evening next, in the Casino Theatre, at 8 o'clock. JULIA HORWOOD, Acting President. dec8,21



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PHONE 62.  
M. S. POWER, D.D.S. (Graduate of Philadelphia Dental College, Garretson Hospital of Oral Surgery and Philadelphia General Hospital). 176 WATER ST. (Opp. M. Chaplin's), nov24,s,w,t

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### Volunteers Inspected.

The Volunteers and Forestry companies now in training were inspected at the C. L. B. Armoury this morning by His Excellency the Administrator, Sir W. H. Howwood; Hon. Dr. Lloyd, Acting Prime Minister, and Hon. J. R. Bennett, Minister of Militia, who congratulated the men on their fine manly appearance and urged one and all to maintain the high honor and noble traditions of the Regiment which had been won at great cost by the men who had gone before.

### Here and There.

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O'SULLIVAN'S Rubber Heels in all sizes. BOWRING BROS. LTD. (Hardware Dept.)

C.C.C. BAND.—Weather permitting the C.C.C. Band will parade with the volunteers to-morrow morning.

ZYLEX, best for Scald Head and Scalp Eczema. At McMURDO'S, 50c.—dec8,11

WHOLE CREW DESERTED.—The whole crew is said to have deserted a schooner at a northern port and are now en route to the city.

Every Saturday evening after 7 o'clock, Choice Ends of Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Pork will be sold at cost. ELLIS & CO. LTD., 203 Water Street.—nov29,17

SERG. WINTER WELL.—Mr. Thos. Winter has received a cablegram from his son Sergt. Duke, of "Ours," saying that he was at Wandsworth wounded and doing well.

Stafford's Prescription "A"—Cure for diseases of the Stomach; Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Catarrh, Gastritis and Nervous Dyspepsia.—nov6,17

DANGER TO PEDESTRIANS.—Had it not been for the watchful eye of the police officer on duty at the corner of Water and Adelaide Streets at 12.30 p.m. to-day, who observed several large pieces of broken glass dangling from a broken window in the building occupied by Mr. Z. Cox, grocer, an accident, with probably fatal results might have happened in the interests of pedestrians this and other buildings around town should be attended to.

CATHEDRAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS TREE.—If you want a nice gift for your friends, call at the Synod Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 11th. A great variety in Plain and Fancy Goods and an enjoyable Concert at night. Admission—Afternoon, 10c.; at night, 20 cts.—dec8,11

FALSE ALARM.—About 2 a.m. to-day the Central and Eastern fire companies were summoned to the foot of King's Road, but on reaching the scene discovered that their services were not required. The alarm was sent in by two young men who were returning home and seeing sparks in the distance were positively sure the town was on fire. Had they investigated the matter they would have seen the line repairer of the sub-station busy repairing a broken wire with two police officers keeping watch.

MIANUS OIL ENGINES LIKELY TO BE MANUFACTURED IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Newfoundland Representatives, JOHN BARRON & CO., received the following telegram from the Mianus Motor Works: "At a recent conference of directors of the Mianus Motor Works, the question of erecting a Plant for the manufacture of Mianus Motors in Newfoundland, for that trade, was considered favourably. Letter follows." (Sgd.) G. S. WATTS, Gen. Mgr. dec8,11

### MILLIONS

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