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Midnight Estimate 2,000 Dead In Halifax; Clear and Cold After Last Night's Blizzard; Gripping Tales of Victims In The Disaster

(Special to The Times)

Halifax, N. B., Dec. 8

In Halifax it is clear and cold today after the heavy storm in which more than a foot of snow fell. People are shivering in rooms with open windows, the frost forming on fragments of glass left. An official statement at last midnight placed the dead at 2,000, and injured in hospitals at 3,000. The property loss not as high as \$50,000,000, as first reported, but will probably run to \$20,000,000. The relief committee is asking \$30,000,000 to care for 20,000 destitute poor in devastated area which comprises residential area for poorer working classes of Halifax. Large crews are working on the streets today in an effort to restore the street car service, the cars having been stalled in streets all night. The effort promises to be successful. The lighting service was partially restored last night. The telephone service is going on as usual, but with many "dead" numbers. The water system is unimpaired.

A little girl was electrocuted by a live wire last night during the storm, adding one more to the death roll. The search for bodies goes on, and 300 soldiers are taking a prominent part.

A little before noon yesterday, a squad of seven men of the 63rd, under Sergeant-Major Davies, were at work searching for bodies among the ruins. In a cellar at Richmond they saw a soldier in uniform frantically digging. He called to them for assistance. They found it was Private Henneberry, a former resident of Devil's Island, who had been overseas with a draft of the 63rd, and had recently been returned home wounded. "Here was my home," said Private Henneberry, "and I am sure I heard a moan a minute ago. The soldiers listened intently and again came the faint moan of a child in pain. With desperate energy the men dug away the still smouldering debris. Under a stove and protected by the protruding ash-pan, they found little eighteen months old Olive Henneberry. The child was in a semi-conscious condition. Her mouth was slightly out and there was a little mark on her face. When taken to Pine Hill Hospital she recovered quickly. The lady of the 63rd kept on with the work and found the remains of Mrs. Henneberry and her five other children.

A beautiful story is that of little Lola Burns, eight year old daughter of John Burns, Granville street. She was saying her morning prayer with a rosary clasped in her hands when the explosion came and was found in the middle of a devastated room, glass all about her in fragments, still offering prayer, but quite uninjured.

Children brought to hospitals black-faced and charred. Those living sometimes taken for colored children, and when washed, nurses were surprised to find them white.

Many families still separated, rosate hopes being based on the fact that hundreds have been sent out of the city to relief hospitals elsewhere, and that no lists of these have yet been received for checking.

Premier Borden arrived in city last evening and offers federal relief. All thoughts of election and political strife are at an end.

ORDER 4000 COFFINS.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 8.—A private telegram from Halifax today to an undertaking firm in Amherst order 4000 coffins and caskets to be forwarded to the stricken city of Halifax immediately. It said that the dead would reach 4000.

SAY 2000 DEAD.

Halifax, Dec. 8.—Five thousand casualties, 2000 dead, 3000 other injured. This is the latest official estimate of the toll exacted in human lives and suffering by the explosion and fires of Thursday.

If anything were needed to add to the horrors of the tragedy, it was the heavy fall of snow which began early yesterday morning and continued all day, reaching the proportions of a blizzard last night, with the wind blowing forty miles an hour. It was heavy damp snow, that clung to the clothes, blinded the eyes and impeded the movements. Relief automobiles were progressing by inches, and those still working among the ruins suffered intensely from the cold, and at times were forced to cease work entirely.

TRURO WAS CUT OFF.

A long distance call to Truro this afternoon elicited the information that that town is also unable to get into satisfactory communication with Halifax. It is impossible to motor there owing to the heavy fall of snow and subsequent drifting, and no trains have arrived today.

Early this morning the citizens' relief committee wired Halifax that they could accommodate 300 more injured people. This committee is composed of the town council, the head of the Victorian Order of Nurses, president of the Women's Council and heads of the Red Cross societies in addition to four citizens. This committee is organized under George W. Stewart and all details are being looked after in a systematic manner.

At the present time there are twenty critical cases requiring the attention of the committee, all others are considered less serious. Some of the unfortunate people are suffering from crushed limbs and serious cuts and lacerations.

More Doctors and Nurses.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 8.—A special train bearing thirty-seven physicians and fifty nurses and a carload of surgical supplies left here this morning for Halifax. The unit was made up entirely of volunteers and was sent by the Providence Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Col. F. W. Marlow left last night for Halifax to act in a surgical capacity.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 8.—A special train, containing 100 doctors and nurses from Providence, New Bedford, Woonsocket and Fall River, passed through Worcester at 10 o'clock for Halifax.

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 8.—The town council last night voted an appropriation for the sufferers in the Halifax disaster. This morning a car load of cover board, glass, putty, tarred paper and blankets left here and will be rushed through.

Boston, Dec. 8.—A mass meeting to consider plans for the relief of Halifax, the Governor presiding, was held in Pannell Hall today. In addition to the two trains which have already left with doctors, nurses and supplies, many more relief workers will be sent as thought to be needed. Arrangements are being made for the shipment of large quantities of blankets, clothing and other articles.

A meeting, to which admission will be charged for the benefit of the relief fund, will be held in the Mechanics' building on Sunday night under the joint auspices of the Red Cross and the American British federation. The International Club, an organization of Canadian-born residents of this state, has pledged \$1,000 for the funds. Many other societies are co-operating.

The department of the northeast last night arranged to turn over to the Red Cross 10,000 blankets for the relief work. A movement to raise at least \$1,000,000 in this state by public subscription for the Halifax sufferers was started today.

Manitoba's Sympathy. Winnipeg, Dec. 8.—The following wire was sent today by the provincial cabinet to Hon. G. H. Murray, premier of Nova Scotia:—"In the absence of Premier Norris, I am instructed by the other ministers of the government to convey to the people of the Halifax district the heart-felt sympathy of the citizens of our province. If any assistance from us will be of any use, please communicate with Premier Norris."

Sussex Helps. Sussex, Dec. 8.—A special meeting of the town council was called in Sussex last evening for the purpose of assisting the distressed in Halifax, and the sum of \$1,000 was voted for the furthering of this aim. The sum is to be used in any way best fitting. A freight carload of bedding, clothes, blankets and food-stuffs has been loaded and will be sent this afternoon. Three trained nurses have also volunteered to go. The nurses are the Misses Jennie Gamblin, Carrie Koch and Kate White. Dr. Daley, chief of the fire department, has also offered his services and those of ten additional men to Halifax.

THE LATE MRS. LAURA M. JAMES Mrs. Laura M. James, widow of Robert James, whose death occurred yesterday, at the residence of her son-in-law, Charles L. Woods, 297 Rockland road, left two sons, Fred, of Gainsford, Mass., and Waldo, of Keller, California; and three daughters, Mrs. C. R. Rockford, Mrs. H. D. Lamson, of the United States, and Mrs. Charles L. Woods of this city, as well as two stepsons, Charles James of Wright street, city, and Robert James of Moncton, and one stepdaughter, Mrs. Fannie Wilcox of Cambridge, Mass.

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AT CHUBB'S CORNER. At Chubb's Corner this morning a chancery court sale of property at East Chamberlain's undertaking rooms. Services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Appel. Interment was made in the Church of England burying ground.

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HELP FOR HALIFAX

Acting Mayor McLellan urges all ministers to make a special appeal in their churches tomorrow for clothing, footwear and bedding to be sent to St. Andrew's Rink, and forwarded as rapidly as possible to Halifax.

St. Andrew's Rink and City Hall will both be open tomorrow and the relief work will go on. Arrangements are being made for a special steamer across the bay, and a special train to rush supplies forward.

SECOND OF FAMILY TO GIVE LIFE IN WAR

This is a picture of Gunner Alfred Patrick O'Brien, who was killed on November 29, as announced yesterday. Gunner O'Brien was only twenty years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. O'Brien, of 184 Britain street. This is the second son Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien have given a son in the war, an older brother, Corporal Charles O'Brien, being killed in action two years ago. The family are surely feeling the effects of the great war.

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ULSTER TROOPS VICTORS ON CAMBRAI FRONT

Win Trenches North of LaVacquerie; Hebron, in Palestine, is Occupied by British Force

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Mayor Hayes Sends To City Hall Word Of Some Things Needed

Message Comes While Relief Committee Is Sitting

Quick Action Follows His Suggestions; May Send Supplies by Steamer; Fine Offers of Assistance Received; Other Local Phases of Situation

Deputy Mayor McLellan received a wire from Mayor Hayes this morning in which he emphasized the need of shipments of clothing, boots, shoes, rubbers, stockings and bedding to the stricken city of Halifax. He also said that 100 oil stoves be shipped, but that there was no necessity of sending oil. He said that no coffins or undertakers were wanted.

The message was received during a meeting of the citizens' relief committee, which was in session in city hall. It was the first word received from Mayor Hayes or any of the St. John delegation in the stricken city.

Plans for supplying these were immediately mapped out. F. A. Peters, G. W. Merritt and C. P. Humphrey were appointed a committee to purchase \$1,000 worth of boots, shoes and rubbers. D. J. Brown was appointed chairman of a committee to purchase 100 oil stoves and have them ready for shipment. It was reported that 10,000 blankets were ready for shipment at very short notice.

Lewis J. Seidensticker, manager of the Atlantic Sugar Refiner, sent word that he will furnish seven and a half tons of sugar for shipment by steamer Wednesday morning. It was announced that fifty barrels of sugar would be shipped this evening on the special, made up in two pound packages.

It was suggested that a steamer be secured and sent to Halifax with a cargo of commodities owing to the state of congestion on the railway. The transportation committee have the matter in hand.

Messages were received from the mayors of Calais and St. George asking what was necessary and promising to send shipments through the local committee. These were gratefully received and heartily appreciated. Other outside towns are sending communications to the local committee promising to send shipments to the local depot for transportation and distribution in Halifax.

F. Freestone, president of the Coal Handlers Union, appeared before the meeting and asked if they could render any assistance either labor or financial. He was heartily thanked and told that he would be notified if assistance was needed.

Commissioner Russell received an offer from fifteen glaziers and a number of painters to go to Halifax and assist in the work there. They will be notified when their services will be required.

Deputy Mayor McLellan told how much he appreciated the spirit manifested throughout the city by citizens in every walk of life, who were coming forward and generously offering all kinds of assistance. He said there would be a place for every donation. He also announced that the committee would meet again this afternoon and again Sunday morning and no opportunity would be lost to assist the unfortunate citizens in the stricken city.

For The Children. The Lend-a-Hand Circle of the King's Daughters with the lady guests at Ten Eyck Hall, cut out sixty children's garments yesterday and they were sent to Halifax last night. Mrs. F. E. Whelpley solicited the material and Mrs. H. Colby Smith directed the work. As an illustration of how St. John is helping, six school girls met at one private residence last evening and rolled seventy-five bandages to be shipped with great quantities of others similarly rolled by girls ready and eager to help.

The pupils of Witansted School made a fine record yesterday in getting children's clothing for Halifax. They went to friends, gathered enough clothing to fill fourteen Red Cross boxes, rolled more than 100 bandages, and got the shipment down to the noon train, to be hurried forward.

The Boot and Shoe Men. This morning local wholesale boot and shoe dealers met in the office of the Kaufman Rubber Company, Ltd., Germain street, and made arrangements to supply a \$1,000 order of the citizens relief committee. Firms represented were Ames, Holden, McCready Ltd., J. M. Humphrey & Co., Ltd., Waterbury & Risher, Ltd., Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., Ltd. and the Kaufman Rubber Company, Ltd. The managers divided the order and each local branch promised to contribute boots, shoes and rubbers. A committee was also appointed to interview the retail merchants throughout the city and endeavor to procure subscriptions for the unfortunate citizens in Halifax.

At the 11.15 o'clock mass in the Cathedral this morning His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, celebrant of Pontifical Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, referred feelingly to the catastrophe that had overtaken the city of Halifax. The sufferings and sadness that reigned there today was two fold, coming, as it did, at this time of the