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To-Day

Written and Directed by William Nigh.

FRIDAY.

"Old Moneybags"
That was the name by which people referred to him. Yet she chose to wed him—to become an old man's darling, despite all the objections that were so easily raised against the match. She was willing to sell herself in the marriage mart for finery. She was a woman, and she had all of a woman's foibles.



CITIZENS RECOMMEND GRANT OF \$5,000 IN AID OF STRICKEN CITY OF HALIFAX.

WOODSTOCK GIRL IN HALIFAX DISASTER

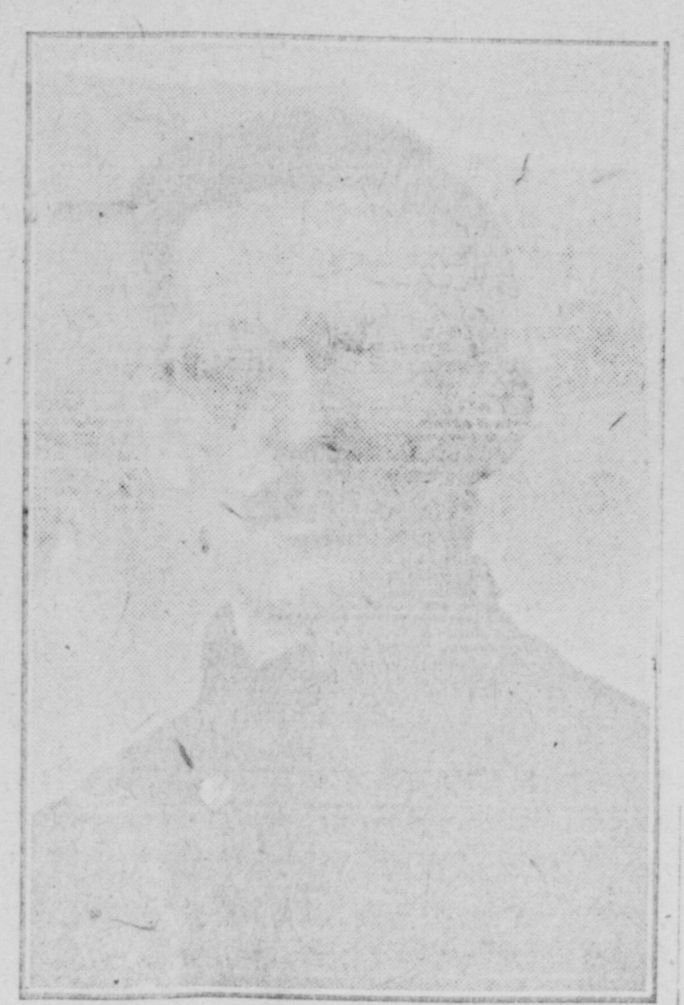
Some of the Terrible Scenes Witnessed—Many Students Lose Parents and Homes—Dead and Dying Rushed to the Academy—Injured by Flying Glass.

Miss Gertrude Thompson, daughter of Mr. Wm. Thompson, Town of the Carleton County, was one of the young ladies who was a student at St. Vincent's Academy and was in Halifax the day of the great catastrophe.

In telling the story of the exciting happenings of that day Miss Thompson says she was in her room when she heard a terrible crash and the whole building shook, she ran to the window and just as she got there the glass broke and the flying pieces struck her in the face cutting her in several places. The bureau and wardrobe in the room were upset and the door crashed off its hinges, she ran to the head of the stairs and heard loud screams and then a stillness seemed to fall over the whole building. The first thing she thought of was a German air raid. An automobile rushed up and said another explosion was about to happen and the students accompanied by the Sisters went out on the back of the Academy and remained there until word reached them that no further explosions would occur that night. When they returned to the Academy people were being brought in, some dead and others dying, and the scenes she witnessed will never be effaced from her memory. One man who was in front of the building was instantly killed, and a woman died while being carried in. A pitiful sight was three little boys brought in who were very badly hurt but with apparently no possible chance of recovery. From the Academy could be seen all of the buildings in Halifax in flames. There were many students who belonged in the city and lost in some cases their parents and, in nearly every case, their homes.

Miss Thompson states that the girls furnished the victims of the disaster with clothing. She also states that after the first shock there was no panic and the Sisters had absolute control of the situation. About twenty of the students left for their homes in New Brunswick in the evening at six o'clock.

Miss Thompson has quite a scar on her forehead from the broken glass and her nerves are somewhat unstrung but she hopes that time will in a measure restore her to her usual good health, although as she truly says, some of the scenes witnessed will never be forgotten.



Letter from "Bib" Hand, prisoner in Germany for two years, states he is in good health.

Teachers through whose efforts school apparatus has been provided, or other improvements made, are requested to report same to Inspector F. B. Meagher, Woodstock, N. B., stating amount expended and number and parish of district.

BUY WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES AT THE WOODSTOCK POST OFFICE.

One Car Goods Forwarded—Many Cases Wearing Apparel Being Shipped—Chief Kelly's Good Work.

A meeting of the citizens of the town of Woodstock was held in the Council Chamber Wednesday evening to discuss what action should be taken in reference to all the stricken city of Halifax. The attendance was not as large as the importance of the occasion demanded but this partly accounted for by the short notice given. Mayor Burtt presided and briefly told the meeting of the conditions existing at Halifax where he is in company with Com. Smith had spent two or three days. They met the Relief Committee there who expressed their credit to the people of Woodstock for their prompt and generous assistance rendered from Woodstock and that their needs were hourly growing greater, financial assistance was urgently required.

Com. Smith spoke along the same lines as Mayor Burtt. Rev. Frank Baird, E. W. Mair, Com. Fewer, J. R. Brown, Dr. Rankin, Chief Kelly, Geo. Palmatin, C. J. Jones, E. W. Jarvis, all expressed an opinion favorable to extending financial assistance and that the money be raised by assessment.

The following motion moved by Geo. Palmatin, seconded by Dr. Rankin was unanimously carried: "In the opinion of this meeting the Town Council make a grant of \$5,000 in aid of the sufferers by the Halifax disaster."

In addition to a carload of glass, putty, beaver board, blankets, etc., already gone forward, many cases of clothing are being sent by express every day. Seven cases of blankets, boots and shoes and children's wear went out Tuesday. The Red Cross sent 12 boxes Monday and 15 Tuesday. The following cash contributions were made: Thos. McCann, \$10; J. Ross, \$5; Del. Brewster, \$10; Jas. Evans, \$10; Geo. Grey, \$10, and many smaller donations. A box of immense size was filled in the express office with articles for children of every age. Chief Kelly is having general supervision over the work, and he certainly deserves the strongest commendation of the community for his arduous duties in this work of mercy.

The following carpenters and glaziers left Woodstock, Wednesday for Halifax: Chas. Donley, Leonard McCone, A. O. McKinnay, Frank Foster, R. J. McLean, E. B. Shaw, H. E. Dickinson, W. A. McCormick.

STATEMENT BY CAPTAIN OF MUNITIONS SHIP

First Story From the Mont Blanc; Says Imo Was Taking Wrong Course Despite Signals. One Man On Ship, a Gunner Died From Injuries. Whole Congregation Wiped out.

Halifax, Dec. 10.—Practically the entire congregation of St. Joseph's church was either killed or injured. The church itself is a mass of ruins. Mr. Ledoux, representing Casavant Brothers, of St. Hyacinthe, Que., was in the church at the time of the explosion superintending the installation of a new organ. The organ was overturned, with Mr. Ledoux underneath. He was one of the many marvellous escapes, for he came out with only slight injuries.

Halifax, Dec. 11.—A detailed description of the happenings on the Mont Blanc up to and after the explosion in the harbor was issued by the master of the vessel, Capt. Lamond. He is quoted as saying: "We had on board the Mont Blanc nearly 5,000 tons of freight, mostly explosives. The ballast tanks were filled with water. In the forward hold were stored picric acid; then came a steel bull head and in the next hold was T. N. T., a high explosive. We also had T. N. T. in the third hold. On top of the forward deck were stored about twenty barrels of benzol, over the picric acid with a steel deck in between.

"It was a clear morning. The water was smooth and we were at half speed on the starboard side toward Bedford Basin. There were no vessels in our course until we sighted

the Belgian relief ship Imo coming out of Bedford Basin and headed for the Dartmouth shore. She was more than two miles away at the time. We signalled we would keep the Imo on the starboard tack, going up to the basin where we were to anchor. We headed a little more inshore so as to make clear to the Imo our purpose. She signalled that she was coming down on the port, which would bring her on the same side with us. We were keeping to the right or starboard according to pilotage rules and could not understand what the Imo meant. But we kept on our course hoping that she would come down as she should on the starboard side which would keep her on the Halifax side of the harbor and the Mont Blanc on the Dartmouth side.

"But to our surprise the Imo kept coming down on the port side, so we signalled again. We saw there was danger of collision and signalled to stop the engines, at the same time veering slightly to port, which brought the two vessels with starboards parallel when about three hundred feet apart.

"Then we put the rudder hard a-port to try and pass the Imo before she should come on us and at the same time the Imo reversed engines. As she was light and without

ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO BE DIVIDED

Carleton County People Will Share in Distribution of Huge Estate.

The full bench of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, Monday afternoon, decided that the \$1,000,000 legacy enjoyed by Mrs. Hetty Green during her life, should be divided into forty-five parts. This legacy was left Mrs. Green by her aunt, Sylvia Ann Howland.

This may interest several in Carleton County who are distant relatives of the late Mrs. Howland. Geo. Oltz, Meductic, and David Oltz, Benton, are relatives, as well as some others in the county.

FARM WORKERS WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM MILITARY SERVICE

Mr. Justice Duff's first judgment rendered at Central Appeal Judge for Canada on Dec. 7th, makes it quite clear that farm workers are entitled to exemption on the grounds that production must be maintained in order to sustain the Military power of the Allies. This judgment of the Appeal Judge is binding as law upon appeal tribunals and local tribunals throughout the whole country.

Another judgment by Justice Duff shows that exemption is favored for men with all brothers already at the front or in service.

The many friends of Gunner Arthur Greer will be interested in learning that he has taken to himself a wife in the person of Miss Frances Foote, of Sydney, N. S. The young people were married in the Baptist church in that town. Gr. Greer is now employed in the work of shell inspection and is doing good work. He did grand work at the front in the early days of the war and on returning to Woodstock wounded, was given a big reception. Everyone will wish the young hero and his wife many happy days.

cargo the reverse brought her around slightly to port. This brought her bow pointing toward our starboard and as a collision was then inevitable we held the Mont Blanc so the would be struck at the forward hold where the picric acid was, a substance which would not explode, rather than have it strike us where the T. N. T. was stored.

"We were now in the Narrows, where the harbor is about three-quarters of a mile wide. The Imo cut in to us about a third through the deck and held and the benzol poured into the picric acid, lighting it, and causing a cloud of smoke to arise from the vessel forward. I saw there was no hope of doing anything more and knew that an explosion was inevitable, so the boats were lowered and all hands got aboard them and rowed for the Dartmouth shore. Pilot McKay went with us.

In all there were 11 men aboard the Mont Blanc. She was loaded at the time for the Halifax shore and toward Pier 8. She was making very little headway, as we had to push the boat away from the side. This was about 20 minutes before the explosion, but the picric acid was in flames, it did not explode. In the meantime the Imo had backed away toward the Dartmouth shore. We landed and ran into the woods. About twenty minutes after we left the ship we heard the explosion. It knocked nearly every one of us down and we were struck by bits of the trees and other things, but only the gunner was seriously injured. He has died."