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Heart Rending Stories Come From Stricken City

Old Lady Rescued After Being Imprison- HAS UPSET THE JIC Lady Rescued After Being Imprison, ed in Her Home for Sixty Hours--base That Many Other Victims of the Disaster Will be found Alive.
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completed the work of removing refugees from tents and other fragile quarters to substantial buildings last night, when the weather conditions changed with characteristic suddenness and an extremely cold spell set in. The tremendous snowstorm which raged yesterday afternoon and part of the evening rendered the transportation problem acute, but the relief workers refusel to be baffled and by midnight everybody was housed in premises that will at least protect them from the wind, the snow and rain, that seem to be alternately prevailing.

Part of the night the temperature, fell to nearly zero, but reports from the refugee homes indicated that nobody was suffering. The organization of food and clothes supplies for the refugees seemed to be running very smoothly today. The rule against undesirable visitors being applied rigorously, the question of the food supply, which threafened to become serious, has been solved.

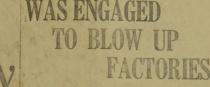
SOLDIER BLOWN THROUGH THE AIR QUARTER MILE TELLS A VERY INTERESTING STORY

After being blown through the air a distance estimated at a quarter of a mile, Frederick Comeau, a soldier, though badly injured, was today able to tell of his impressions during his remarkable flight.

Comeau was on guard on the water front and when the explosion took place it flung him on a pile of lumber, lifted the mass high into the air and dropped them a quarter of a mile not the division." away. Comeau was quite conscious during his passage in the air and recalls thinking of what was going to happen when he struck the ground. The lumber under him seems to have broken his fall. Both of his legs were fractured and a large piece of steel entered his side. He was picked up and taken to a hospital, and ultimately was operated on by the Massachusetts doctors who have taken over Bellevue, the old military head quarters here. The steel was taken from his side and his broken legs set.

MANY REMARKABLE ESCAPES OF PEOPLE

Remarkable escapes of people caught in their homes when the explosion of the Mont Blanc rolled out the houses in the Richmond portion of Halifax, have been reported. A large number of women and children were found on Friday and Sat- among his men by an orderly. urday. After all hope had been given up that the ruins contained anybody alive, an old lady was found beneath her home NOVA SCOTIANS IN B. C. THINK THAT late on Sunday. She was the mother-in-law of Maurice Shea and was saved after sixty hours imprisonment in the ruins of her home. Mr. Shea was searching his house for his family and discovered the dead body of his wife and three children. He had given up hope of finding his mother-in-law when he number of former citizens of Halifax, Saturday night at a crowded meeting heard a groan proceeding from beneath the floor of the house in Labor Temple hall, passed a resolution urging the Federal government to upon which rested the fragments of the walls and roof of the give dollar for dollar for all the material destroyed in Halifax. Committees place. The old lady had apparently been ironing, because an were formed for various wards in the city to co-operate with the centrol Red electric iron was still in her hand. She is now on the road to Cross committees in obtaining supplies of necessaries for sufferers in Halifax recovery. This remarkable escape has given relatives hope as well as money. J. A. Jøhnson, former president of the Halifax Board of that a number of other victims may still be alive in the ruins.



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(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Jewish Festival. Commencing a sundown last eve-ning and extending eight days until sundown on Sunday, December 16, is undown on Sunday, December 16, is for the Maccabee: in He denied on cross-examination that he Jewish feast of the Maccabeet in commemoration of the upricing against the Roman oppressor. Serv-ices are being held in the city. he had been promised immunity to testify for the government. He experienced a change of heart, he said, when he saw that "Kaltschmidt was

getting people into the prison." CCros examination of the witness had no been concluded when court adjourne



(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

British Headquarters in France, Dec. 10 .--- A staff captain is mentioned in the orders of the day issued by the General commanding a British division on the Cambrai front, as follows:

This little note hides the story of the remarkable bravery displayed by this captain under the sticklus of passion aroused by the death of his boy by a Germa ir raid on England.

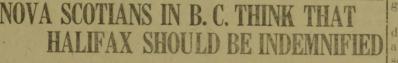
Jewish Festival.

Capt. G. M. Campbell of St. John, arrived in the city last night.

During the German attack near Masnieres on Nov. 30th, ingle handed and armed only with a heavy stick, he attacked and killed or dispersed a group of Germans who were in pos session of an ammunition dump near his headquarters south of Marcoing. He then collected a small and heterogeneous force and pushed on to Les Ruevertes, where in a desperate hand to building, with snowdrifts on the floor, look like the beginning hand fight he effectually cleared the place of Germans.

He himself, armed with two revolvers, shot down eight Ger FROM THEIR HOMES HAVE BEEN REPORTED man machine gunners an-dheld the position until relieved.

Other thrilling incidents are told of British commanders in lesperate situations going personally among the men in the front lines to cheer them. Once' a blinded colonel was led



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The Weather.

Was at San Francisco When the Great Calamity Overtook That City---Everything Humaniy Possible is Being Done to Alleviate Distress.

AMERICAN

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

HALIFAX, Dec. 11.-Enough trained people and supplies to make sure that everything humanly possible is being done for all in distress have reached Halifax, according to John F. Moors Massachusetts chairman for civilian relief, who has issued a statement advising Americans that heerafter workmen and supplies should be forwarded only on requisition. In this way the actual wants will be taken care of and congestion and overlapping will be avoided. Dr. Moors stated that "the number of dead, severely wounded and destitute is not yet determined. From information so far received, I estimate that nearly two thousand were killed, perhaps three thousand severely injured. Having been at San Francisco, Chelsea and Salem immediately after these disasters, I am impressed by the fact that this is much the saddest disaster I have seen. After the other disasters the military took immediate charge of relief work. In this instance responsibility fell immediately upon civilians. The burden thus was exceptionally heavy.

NEW ORGANIZATION IS VIGOROUSLY AT WORK AND ORDERLY METHODS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED

'Now, four days after the explosion, the new organization "By his heroic conduct he saved the whole brigade, if is vigorously at work with orderly methods gradually taking the place of the first inevitable disorder. The American doctors and nurses have taken such buildings as were available and are making them into model hospitals with skill and energy amazing to everybody here. I had the privilege of going through this hospital with Premier Borden, who seemed much impressed by the promptness and who had a word of tenderness for every patient. Another group of 25 doctors and 70 nurses took possession of St. Mary's College this morning, and with vigorous assistance of U. S. jackies are making what was a shattered of a splendid hospital.

OVER THREE HUNDRED AMERICAN DOCTORS AND NURSES ARE DOING VERY EFFECTIVE WORK

"Another group of fifty doctors and fifty nurses had begun yesterday a systematic house to house canvass of those parts of the city where the wounded are still thought to be lodged in great numbers without adequate medical care.

"Altogether, within the last 24 hours, over 200 American doctors and nurses have found immediate employment. There are here now at least three hundred of the very best physicians, social workers and trained nurses of the United States, each finding place with true resourcefulness. The number is being daily augmented.'

HALF FRANTIC RELATIVES, INDIFFERENT TO

Those who are officially working at ing suitably prepared for burial. Richmond and enduring the frightful Mass funerals will be held daily for some weeks in the local cemeteries. The heavy frost which succeeded rowed by the appearance of half-frantic relations, indifferent to personal the snowstorm yesterday yet further danger, seeking with tear-blinded eyes retarded the digging of the large numfor some slight trace of their missing ber of graves required. Tremendous Property Loss.

Next to the loss of life and the

relations, turning over with trembling hands the mass of brick and wood that once meant home to them.

Many return to this occupation again standing feature is the property loss, and again, alternating it with weary and this includes the damage to the rounds of the hospitals and morgues, drydock, where 120 of 235 workmen unable to rest or give up the search so were killed. It will be months before long as there is no certainty.

Lists of out-of-town hospitals and sion, a most serious thing for the port. shelters are eagerly scanned as they The arrest of the Germans went on come in, and if the looked-for name is yesterday and last night. The invesnot there, the round of ruins, hospitals tigation into the collision between the

and more uses begins again. Order Being Restored. Order was introduced into the cha-otic method of handling bodies that was unavoidable in the first days after the disaster. H. W. Stone and A. H. Schreiter, of Toronto, have been plac-ed in charge. Careful lists are being prepared of all unidentified bodies, while the claimed remains are all be-while the claimed remains are all be-

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 11 .- Natives of Nova Scotia, including a large Trade, presided. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, another Nova Scotian, endorsing the sentiment, said the Federal government should indemnify Halifax. It DANGER, CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR MISSING was essential that everyone go down into his pocket to aid the stricken people, Sir Charles added.



(Canadian Press direct wire.) New York, Dec. 17. — The Rocke-feller foundation budget for war expenditures in 1918 will reach \$5,050 homelessness of the people, an out-1000, with a possible addition of \$5 000,000 which can be appropriated from the principal fund of the founda-tion. The budget was the trustees at their monthly meeting

the drydock can again be in commisthe blizzard, was forwarded by train. A meeting of the clergy of the city yas held yesterday. His Grace Arch-

A meeting of the ciercy of the city their hattonar buildings, such as con-vents and schools. A solern thanksgiving and Te Deum solved to place the service of the en-tire ministerial body of the city at the the today in celebration of the surrender. disposal of the central committee of

Imo and the Mont Blanc, which will relief be conducted by the board appointed Ha



the Sir John Eaton special from To-London, Dec. 11.—No attempt will the Sir John Eaton special from To-be made to define the future position ronto, turning it over to the Governin 1918 will reach \$5,050. in 2010 of Jerusalem until a general peace a possible addition of \$5,-tich can be appropriated incipal fund of the founda-budget was approved by as at their monthly meeting budget in the meantime the city will be treat-and will be under martial law. Be made to define the future position of Jerusalem until a general peace in the meantime the city will be treat-and will be under martial law. General Allenby will appoint a mili-tary government, while the British flag torus of Montreal are working day and will fix over the city and the Evenach ment Railways at this point. The Grand Trunk is also handling a large trophe.

will fly over the city and the French and Italian flags will be placed over night in the collection and dispatch

their national buildings, such as con-vents and schools. Peculiarity of Explosion.

> less to one of the peculiarities of the explosion. His home is toward the southern end of the city. A large pane of art glass in the door of his house was slightly broken and he lost some

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, Dec. 10. - Montreal to-

lay is a veritable clearing house of

MONTREAL IS QUEEN MOTHER **DOING ITS BIT** SENDS SYMPATHY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Dec. 10 .- Messages of symrelief for the stricken city of Halifax. In addition to the special trains fill. ed with supplies most urgently need- dra has cabled to the governor gened in Halifax which went forward Saturday and yesterday over the C. hear of the terrible disaster at Hali-P. R., it is expected that a third will fax, resulting in so great a loss of life. be on its way early this evening. This Please convey to the people of Hali morning the Grand Trunk handled fax my most heartfelt sympathy."

The Duke of Connaught has cabled: "Deepest sympathy with Canada and Halifax over appalling catas-

amount of relief work organized in vate secretary, sends the following, which was sent to the king from Presdent Poincare:

"I wish to express to Your Majesty, on the occasion of the sad catastrophe at Halifax my deepest sympathy and I beg of you kindly to forward Mr. L. R. Acker, the well known to the people of Canada the cordial theatrical man of Halifax, was a wit- and faithful remembrance of the wit- and faithful remembrance of the French people."