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Heart Rending Stories Come From Stricken City

Old Lady Rescued After Being Imprisoned in Her Home for Sixty Hours--- Hope That Many Other Victims of the Disaster Will be Found Alive.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—The relief committee had only 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 refused 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 threatened 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 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 headquarters here. The steel was taken from his side and his broken legs set.

MANY REMARKABLE ESCAPES OF PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES HAVE BEEN REPORTED

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 Saturday. After all hope had been given up that the ruins contained anybody alive, an old lady was found beneath her home 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 heard a groan proceeding from beneath the floor of the house upon which rested the fragments of the walls and roof of the place. The old lady had apparently been ironing, because an electric iron was still in her hand. She is now on the road to recovery. This remarkable escape has given relatives hope that a number of other victims may still be alive in the ruins.

HALF FRANTIC RELATIVES, INDIFFERENT TO DANGER, CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR MISSING

Those who are officially working at Richmond and enduring the frightful sights, have their feelings further harrowed by the appearance of half-frantic relations, indifferent to personal danger, seeking with tear-blinded eyes for some slight trace of their missing relations, turning over with trembling hands the mass of brick and wood that once meant home to them.

Many return to this occupation again and again, alternating it with weary rounds of the hospitals and morgues, unable to rest or give up the search so long as there is no certainty.

Lists of out-of-town hospitals and shelters are eagerly scanned as they come in, and if the looked-for name is not there, the round of ruins, hospitals and morgues begins again.

Order Being Restored.

Order was introduced into the chaotic 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 placed in charge. Careful lists are being prepared of all unidentified bodies, while the claimed remains are all being suitably prepared for burial.

Mass funerals will be held daily for some weeks in the local cemeteries.

The heavy frost which succeeded the snowstorm yesterday yet further retarded the digging of the large number of graves required.

Tremendous Property Loss.

Next to the loss of life and the homelessness of the people, an outstanding feature is the property loss, and this includes the damage to the drydock, where 120 of 235 workmen were killed. It will be months before the drydock can again be in commission, a most serious thing for the port.

The arrest of the Germans went on yesterday and last night. The investigation into the collision between the Imo and the Mont Blanc, which will be conducted by the board appointed by the Dominion Government, has issued a notice calling on all eye-witnesses of the explosion, and others who know personally essential things about the explosion, to make a statement to him.

Milk from Boston.

The need for milk here was remedied today, when a consignment of milk sent from Boston on the steamer Calvin Austin, which last night put into Yarmouth to escape the effects of

WAS ENGAGED TO BLOW UP Factories

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 11.—William M. Jardson, one of twelve persons originally indicted with Albert C. Kalschmidt on a dynamite conspiracy charge, was placed on the stand as a government witness at the resumption of the trial of Kalschmidt and five others here today.

Jardson swore that he was a sergeant in the United States artillery stationed at Houston, Texas, and that prior to coming to the United States in 1913 he was a non-commissioned officer in the German army. He testified that Kalschmidt engaged him to go to Canada to blow up factories and other property. The bomb plots, he said, were discussed in the German consulate at Chicago. He implicated in this discussion O. A. Jacobson, a former German consul; August Hermann and Max Schultz.

Last week, he said, he directed department of justice agents to a spot outside this city where seventy sticks of dynamite were dug up.

He denied on cross-examination that he had been promised immunity to testify for the government. He experienced a change of heart, he said, when he saw that "Kalschmidt was getting people into the prison." Cross examination of the witness had not been concluded when court adjourned until tomorrow.

HAS UPSET THE PREMIER'S PLANS

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Sir Robert Borden, according to information received at Unionist headquarters here, has cancelled all his public engagements with the exception of the meeting here on Thursday night. It is hoped, however, that the Prime Minister, before leaving for Ottawa, may address the electors of Kings county where he is the Unionist candidate. Otherwise his series of Maritime Province meetings, interrupted by the Halifax disaster, have been cancelled.

Jewish Festival.

Commencing a sundown last evening and extending eight days until sundown on Sunday, December 16, is the Jewish feast of the Maccabees in commemoration of the uprising against the Roman oppressor. Services are being held in the city.

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

BRITISH STAFF CAPTAIN SAVED WHOLE BRIGADE

(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: "By his heroic conduct he saved the whole brigade, if not the division."

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

During the German attack near Masnières on Nov. 30th, single handed and armed only with a heavy stick, he attacked and killed or dispersed a group of Germans who were in possession of an ammunition dump near his headquarters south of Marcoing. He then collected a small and heterogeneous force and pushed on to Les Rueverles, where in a desperate hand to hand fight he effectually cleared the place of Germans.

He himself, armed with two revolvers, shot down eight German machine gunners and held the position until relieved.

Other thrilling incidents are told of British commanders in desperate situations going personally among the men in the front lines to cheer them. Once a blinded colonel was led among his men by an orderly.

NOVA SCOTIANS IN B. C. THINK THAT HALIFAX SHOULD BE INDEMNIFIED

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 11.—Natives of Nova Scotia, including a large number of former citizens of Halifax, Saturday night at a crowded meeting in Labor Temple hall, passed a resolution urging the Federal government to give dollar for dollar for all the material destroyed in Halifax. Committees were formed for various wards in the city to co-operate with the control Red Cross committees in obtaining supplies of necessities for sufferers in Halifax as well as money. J. A. Johnson, former president of the Halifax Board of Trade, presided. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, another Nova Scotian, endorsing the sentiment, said the Federal government should indemnify Halifax. It was essential that everyone go down into his pocket to aid the stricken people, Sir Charles added.

ROCKEFELLER FUND \$5,050,000

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Dec. 11.—The Rockefeller foundation budget for war expenditures in 1918 will reach \$5,050,000, with a possible addition of \$5,000,000 which can be appropriated from the principal fund of the foundation. The budget was approved by the trustees at their monthly meeting today.

The blizzard, was forwarded by train.

A meeting of the clergy of the city was held yesterday. His Grace Archbishop Worrell presided. It was resolved to place the service of the entire ministerial body of the city at the disposal of the central committee of relief.

Halifax, Dec. 11.—The troops patrolling the devastated districts have orders to use every effort to prevent looting. If a looter makes any attempt to escape the instructions are that the patrols must shoot. There was a rumor in the city last night that in one instance this order had been obeyed to the letter. A high military authority had no information to give regarding the authenticity of the rumor, but stated that it was true that the order existed and would be obeyed.

WILL BE UNDER MARTIAL LAW

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

London, Dec. 11.—No attempt will be made to define the future position of Jerusalem until a general peace comes, the Times says it understands. In the meantime the city will be treated as in British military occupation and will be under martial law.

General Allenby will appoint a military government, while the British flag will fly over the city and the French and Italian flags will be placed over their national buildings, such as convents and schools.

A solemn thanksgiving and Te Deum will be held in St. Paul's Cathedral today in celebration of the surrender.

TEUTONS WERE REPULSED

Rome, Dec. 11.—Powerful attempts made by the Austro-Germans to retake the Agency and Scuderi positions in the Cap Sile region of the lower Piave river, were singularly repulsed yesterday by the Italians, it was announced today by the War Office.

"THE SADDEST DISASTER I HAVE EVER SEEN" SAYS AN AMERICAN VISITOR

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

(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 hereafter 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 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 building, with snowdrifts on the floor, look like the beginning 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."

MONTREAL IS DOING ITS BIT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Montreal today is a veritable clearing house of relief for the stricken city of Halifax. In addition to the special trains filled with supplies most urgently needed in Halifax which went forward Saturday and yesterday over the C. P. R., it is expected that a third will be on its way early this evening. This morning the Grand Trunk handled the Sir John Eaton special from Toronto, turning it over to the Government Railways at this point. The Grand Trunk is also handling a large amount of relief work organized in Ottawa. Back of the transportation systems the various public organizations of Montreal are working day and night in the collection and dispatch

Peculiarity of Explosion.

Mr. L. R. Acker, the well known theatrical man of Halifax, was a witness 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 windows, but the peculiar feature of the damage done to his residence was that the force of the explosion blew the Yale lock out of the front door through the hall to the rear of the house where it struck a person passing in the side with sufficient force to knock him down. Mr. Acker is well known in Fredericton on account of his visits here at the time of horse races.

QUEEN MOTHER SENDS SYMPATHY

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Messages of sympathy and offers of assistance are still flowing into Ottawa. Queen Alexandra has cabled to the governor general: "I am so deeply depressed to hear of the terrible disaster at Halifax, resulting in so great a loss of life. Please convey to the people of Halifax my most heartfelt sympathy."

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

Lord Stamford Ham, the king's private secretary, sends the following, which was sent to the king from President 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 to the people of Canada the cordial and faithful remembrance of the French people."

of needed articles, depicts have been opened at various strategic points, clothes are being made at public gatherings and the city will be combed if need be in an endeavor to supply the needs of the sister city. A meeting of the Catholic Women's Federation will be called for tomorrow afternoon when steps will be taken to organize relief.