

# FIRST AUTHENTIC STORY OF THE COLLISION AT HALIFAX

Halifax, Dec. 10.—For the first time since the steamers Mont Blanc and Imo collided in Halifax harbor last Thursday, with the result that the former vessel caught fire and her cargo of TNT exploded, wiping out a large section of this city, the incidents of the tragic morning from the point of view of the crew of the Imo became available today. Since the tragedy survivors have been in the care of the naval authorities at this port and scarcely a word from them has come into circulation outside.

## The Crew of the Imo.

Their experiences were revealed today by employees of Pickford & Black

the agents of the Imo, who have been providing them with clothes and other comforts. It appears that the Imo was proceeding down Halifax harbor towards the sea, when the Mont Blanc was seen coming towards them and apparently steaming for Bedford Basin. The Imo men contend that the French vessel was on the Dartmouth side of the Narrows, and that she blew two blasts on her whistle, indicating that she was going to starboard. The Imo replied with two blasts. The Mont Blanc turned across the bow of the other steamer, thinking she could pass in safety, but the distance between them was too short and the Imo rammed the Mont Blanc's starboard side. Neither vessel was seriously injured from the collision, and after they separated it was noticed that the

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Mont Blanc headed for one of the city piers.

## After Collision.

The Imo went on, the intention being, some of the men suggest, to get into shallow water to find out exactly what damage was done to the ship.

The crew of the Imo claim that they had no knowledge of the nature of the cargo of the Mont Blanc, which had only just come in from sea, though when the lurid chemical flames sprang from her they knew that her cargo was not an ordinary one.

While the Imo was proceeding towards shore the explosion took place and the Belgian relief ship was caught in the tidal wave and upon its crest was hurled on the rocky beach. The men claim that no attempt was made to leave the ship until she struck, and point out that every man was at his place on the deck.

## The Captain Killed.

The captain was standing on the bridge and his head was blown off. The wheelman was at his post and his body was still lying beside the wheel when an examination of the ship was made yesterday.

It is believed that the pilot, William Mayes, was blown off the deck of the vessel, as his body was found along the shore near the hulk of the Imo.

The bodies of the deck hands were at their positions. Every man above deck at the time of the accident was killed and the task of getting official details of what movements led up to the collision, from those in charge of the Imo is therefore out of the question.

When the vessel forcibly grounded, the men say, they rushed up from beneath decks and piled on shore.

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Thirty-one men escaped. After they had wandered around the brush in a distracted condition they were picked up by naval relief parties, in whose custody they have been ever since.

# COUNTERFEITERS WERE DISCOVERED

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Dec. 11. — Counterfeiting schemes said to involve more than \$1,000,000 and whose ramifications extended to Peru, South America, and the United States were disclosed tonight when W. J. Flynn, chief of the United States secret service, announced that an elaborate plot for printing spurious money and French passports was seized in this city, and that the arrest of those involved has been made here today.

# WAS A FIGHT FOR PRINCIPLE

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Montreal, Dec. 11.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, speaking of P. Du Tremblay, Laurier Liberal candidate in Outremont, at a meeting tonight attended chiefly by ladies, said if Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been a man like Graham or Alken, or Flavell, he would have yielded to the temptation of the times and sacrificed Canadian autonomy. The Tories and imperialists, he said, knew that they had their creatures at Ottawa when they proposed a contribution of \$35,000,000 for the navy. The fight in 1837, when Canadians mounted the scaffold, he said, was because of principle. Today the fight was to keep from falling a prey to Toronto.

## CANDIDATE RETIRES.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 10. — W. B. Northrup, K. CC., ex-M. PP. for East Hastings, the Independent Conservative candidate for that riding, today announced his withdrawal from the contest. T. H. Thompson, the Union government candidate, and William Cross, the Liberal standard bearer, now remain in the field.

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# To The Electors Of York-Sunbury

I wish to state that I am strongly in favor of Canada doing all she possibly can to bring this war to a victorious end.

That I believe Canada's best effort calls for whole-hearted co-ordination of all our resources. Not life alone—make the rich men help too.

That the policy of Conscription of human life ONLY, which does not attempt to conscript wealth, resources or the services of any person other than those who come within the age limit, is manifestly unjust, and should not be enforced WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE.

It is no answer to say "We must have conscription or quit." Australia rejected conscription and Australia did not "quit," but has done, and is doing, MORE under the voluntary system than Canada has done, in proportion to population.

I advocate better treatment and better pay for our heroic soldiers. We should abolish party and graft in the army and pay the private at least an ordinary workman's pay, which would be \$2.50 per day.

I believe the government should make adequate provision for the dependents of soldiers enlisted for overseas, as will remove the necessity for raising money by public subscription for their support, and prompt action taken to put the soldiers and their dependents beyond the possibility of want, after public subscriptions have ceased and the glamor and excitement of war have worn away.

The Government voted down a resolution to the above effect. The country has experienced a succession of waves of hysterical efforts, such as the Machine Gun Campaign, the Patriotic Fund Campaign and now the Conscription Issue.

Lloyd George recently said shipping was the most pressing need of the Allies.

The Allies are short 500,000,000 bushels of wheat and must get it from North America, which only normally exports 200,000,000 bushels.

I maintain the most efficient way to win the war is to give better treatment and a square deal to the soldiers and dependents and to co-operate intelligently with our Allies to the fullest extent possible in MEN and MONEY, FOOD and SHIPS, MUNITIONS and LABOR.

Upon these principles I ask your support.

Yours faithfully,

**NELSON W. BROWN.**