

'WORST DISASTER THAT HAS BEFALLEN ANY CITY IN WORLD'

Canadian Officers Describe Devastation in Halifax as Comparable to Nothing That Has Happened Before.

(By Associated Press.)
Halifax, Dec. 7.—An ever-increasing number is being taken from the completely devastated Richmond district to the relief station. An army of rescue workers is searching among the ruins for bodies and for those who have survived amidst the wreckage left by the explosion and fire.

Canadian officers who have seen long service in France characterize the catastrophe as the "most fearful which has befallen any city in the world."

The city was in darkness tonight except for the flame from the fires still burning in the wrecked buildings in the north end. The electric light and gas plants have been virtually destroyed and the only lights available are kerosene lamps.

Americans Lend Aid.

Soldiers, sailors and police patrolled the streets tonight and upon them fell the major portion of the burden of searching among the ruins for the dead and wounded. The Canadians were assisted in this work by sailors from an American warship in the harbor.

The flame-swept area covers approximately two and one-half square miles. It begins at what is known as the North street bridge, extending north to Pier 8, on the Richmond water front and back to a point running parallel with Gottingen street. Nothing has been left standing in this section of the city. Only a pile of smoldering ruins marks the spot where the great building of the American Sugar Refining company stood. The dry dock and all the buildings which surrounded it were destroyed.

The Richmond school that housed hundreds of children was demolished and it is reported only three escaped.

THINKS HUSBAND DEAD; WEDS AND NOW IS DIVORCED

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—When Mrs. Laura Weaver read in an Omaha newspaper that her husband had been killed in a wreck she was prostrated with grief. Inquiry among relatives confirmed the story, as she thought, and so when a former sweetheart courted her she lent an ear. They were married November 18, 1916.

Six months later Mrs. Weaver received a letter from her first husband, who stated that he was not dead and that he was on his way home. She separated from James W. Weaver, husband No. 2, immediately and filed suit for annulment of the marriage.

She was granted a decree by Judge Jackson today.

English Visitors Coming To Visit Fort Omaha School

From a Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Captain R. D. Edlund, Lieutenant R. B. Waine, and Lieutenant V. G. Hammond of the Royal Flying corps, English army, according to Congressman Lobeck, will leave for the balloon school at Fort Omaha today, arriving in Omaha on Saturday morning.

Allan Scott of the Stott Tent and Awning company, Omaha, is in Washington on business connected with the government.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Choir Gives Musicales

A large and appreciative audience attended a musicale given at Immanuel Lutheran church, Nineteenth and Cass streets, last night by the church choir and the West sisters, Mrs. Carl Malmberg and J. C. Wrath. Dudley Buck's "Festival Te Deum" was well received. The West sisters pleased with the "Celebrated Minuet" by Boccherini.

American Sailor Killed In Seaplane Accident

Washington, Dec. 7.—Vice Admiral Sims today reported to the Navy

Disasters of Recent Years Claim Heavy Toll

The Halifax disaster is the most tragic explosion, in the number of lives lost, in the last quarter century. Indeed, few catastrophes of any nature exceeded it in the number of dead. Here are some of the worst disasters in recent years:

- Edison plant of the DuPont Powder company at Chester, Pa., in April last, 112 persons lost their lives.
- Messina earthquake in 1908, 200,000 lives lost.
- Mont Pelee volcanic eruption on the island of Martinique in 1902, 40,000 persons killed.
- Earthquake in the interior of Italy in 1915, 35,000 dead.
- Troquois theater fire at Chicago in 1903, claimed 652 lives.
- Sinking of the excursion steamship General Slocum in the East river, New York, in 1904, death list of 1,400.
- Earthquake and fire in San Francisco, 1906, took the lives of approximately 1,000 persons.
- Steamship Titanic in collision with an iceberg in 1912, a toll of 1,503 dead.
- Steamship Empress of Ireland went down in 1914 in the St. Lawrence river with the loss of 1,027 lives.
- Sinking of the Lusitania by a German torpedo and the steamship Eastland in the Chicago river in 1915 with death lists respectively of 1,198 and 812.
- Four thousand persons lost their lives in a munitions explosion in Austria in October, 1917.

WAR CHARITY GRAFT EASY FOR MANY CON MEN

New York, Dec. 7.—Confidence men came to New York from all parts of the country to prey upon persons ready to contribute to war charities. Michael J. Delahunty told District Attorney Swann today, after pleading not guilty to an indictment charging him with forgery and grand larceny in connection with the raising of funds to aid soldiers' dependents. The defendant announced he would help in the war charities inquiry here and went before the grand jury.

"It was the easiest graft I ever engaged in," Delahunty said to the prosecutor. "Every person you met fell and fell hard. It was easier than picking up rocks along the Palisades. I was not the only one doing it. 'Dead sure men' came from all over the country to New York, where it had gone forth the graft was easy, and the town was soon filled with 'con men.'"

"That's what spoiled the game. Some of them were not satisfied with a couple of hundred dollars and started out to use sledge hammer methods and people began to take notice. Right there is where I quit."

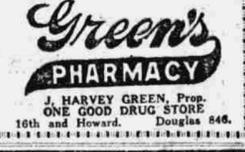
Lester Winkelman, indicted with Delahunty, also pleaded not guilty and will testify before the grand jury.

Useful and Practical Gifts for Xmas

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A BOX OF HUDNUTS TOILET SPECIALTIES
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RUSS PREMIER SAYS SLAVS ARE 'FOOLS'

Ten Days' Armistice Arranged; Army Command in Caucasus Refuses Peace and Proposes to Continue War.

(By Associated Press.)
Petrograd, Dec. 7.—The social revolutionary newspaper Dictionaroda (the People's Work) publishes a letter from Kerensky, the former premier, in which the following passages occur:

"Do you not see that your frankness is being made use of and that you are being deceived? You were promised peace with the Germans within three days. Where is it? Where is the liberty which was promised you?"

"It is dishonorable, infamous, Fools! It is I, Kerensky, who tell you this. For eight months I safeguarded the liberty of the people and the future happiness of the masses of workers. Now they realize that when I was in power liberty and democracy really existed."

Dukhonin Warned Against Germany.

The last message sent to the troops by General Dukhonin, the commander-in-chief of the Russian forces, before the Bolshevik forces captured his headquarters at Mohilev and Bolshevik troops killed him, solemnly warned them against breaking treaties with the entente allies and alienating the defenders of the Russian democratic regime.

The message declared that the Russians would become slaves of imperialism Germany where cunning and lies prevented the exercise of justice and freedom of conscience. Germany, he added, would never tolerate the free and democratic Russian people by its side.

Kerensky in Safety.

Stockholm, Dec. 6.—The Helsingfors Huvudstadsbladet reports that former Premier Kerensky is in a place of complete safety. The newspaper says he is engaged in preparations for the constituent assembly and already has been placed on the list of candidates at many places throughout the empire.

Thousands Who Fled from Turks Now Starve in Russian Caucasus

New York, Dec. 7.—Thousands of old men, women and children who sought refuge in the Caucasus from the barbarities of the Turks in Armenia are dying from hunger as a result of the overthrow of the Russian provisional government, according to a cable message received by Secretary of State Lansing from F. Willoughby Smith, American consul at Tiflis, Russian Caucasus, and made public today by the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief.

The counter revolution eliminated the funds provided by the provisional government for the maintenance of orphanages and asylums and for the distribution of food and clothing to the refugees, the message states.

In addition to the sums already promised by the New York committee \$200,000 monthly will be required to continue the relief work, Consul Smith says.

May Permit Women To Join Aviation Corps

Washington, Dec. 7.—A resolution designed to permit Ruth Law, the aviator, to be commissioned in the army aviation corps, was introduced today by Representative Hulbert of New York. Incidentally it would authorize army enlistment of women between 18 and 35, in the discretion of the president and secretary of war.

Four Killed When Chilean Deputies and Former President Mix

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 7.—According to a dispatch from La Paz, Bolivia, serious disorders broke out after a sitting of the Chamber of Deputies at which ex-President Montes undertook to refute certain charges made against him by the republicans. The chief of staff was wounded, one officer, two soldiers and four civilians were killed and 17 others were wounded.

Order was soon re-established and the dispatch adds that the trouble was not of a revolutionary character.

Organists Hold Inaugural Service at All Saints

The American Guild of Organists will give its inaugural service at All Saints' church at 4 o'clock Sunday, December 9, under the direction of J. H. Fimms.

Saturday to Be Dental Dispensary Day in Omaha

Get your corn ready to help the kiddies Saturday on Dental Dispensary day.
Mrs. Charles Leslie, chairman of a committee of 1,000 women who will manage the big drive for funds to finance the free dental dispensary for Omaha children, reports all advance preparations completed.

Bemis Bag company has donated 1,000 bags. Fifty thousand lavender

crosses, emblem of the dental dispensary, are ready to be sold.

Body of Soldier Taken Home.

Camp Cody, N. M., Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—The body of Private Hegarty of Stanwood, Ia., who died in the base hospital of pneumonia, was taken to his home town by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Hegarty, who reached camp too late to see their boy alive.

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We're very fortunate in being able to offer this unusual overcoat value at this time. A purchase now means a clear several dollars' saving. With quality coats selling at this price, certainly few men should be without one. These coats are regular \$24.50 values and would be cheap at this price. So, if you need an overcoat don't pass these Saturday at \$19.50—All the newest models, in patterns and colors galore. All sizes.

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Our Enormous Stock of Shoes Will Be Placed on Sale Beginning Saturday, Dec. 8th

For Less Than Wholesale Prices.

We were fortunate in buying the complete stocks of jobbers' samples from leading travelers and manufacturers at price that will allow us to sell them to you at less than other shoe merchants have to pay for them—and they are the very latest designs, patterns and materials.

Notice our display prices and quality.

Ladies' Shoes from \$1.45 to \$6.95—Values to \$15.00
Men's Shoes from \$1.95 to \$5.95—Values to \$10.00
Slippers from .95 to \$2.45—Values to \$ 5.00
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Models and colors from the most conservative to the extreme and a good assortment in every style. Belted back and belted all around models; single and double breasted. We can fit men and young men; tall, short, slender and stout. Were we to go into the market now for these goods, the price would be \$20

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Every one of these Suits and Overcoats is guaranteed to give satisfactory wear, or we give you a new one free.

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Night Shirts 89c
Domet Flannel Night Shirts, good heavy winter weight. Actual value, \$1.50. On sale.....

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Heavyweight wool; usually sells for 35c. On sale Saturday.....

Sweater Coats 98c
An extraordinary offer men's heavy Jumbo Knit Sweater Coats. Made with large roll collars and deep pockets. Sizes 34 to 42. \$1.50 values, for.....

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Heavy ribbed winter weight ecru shades, sizes 34 to 46. Actual value \$1.50, for.....

SHIRTS 69c
Men's Fine Percalé Shirts, with soft or stiff cuffs, made to sell for \$1.00, for.....

PANTS For Men and Young Men

\$2 PANTS \$1.35
In this lot you will find a great variety of neat dark patterns in good durable fabrics—priced in this sale.....

\$3 PANTS \$2.00
Carefully tailored trousers in a vast range of Scotch, cassimeres and worsteds—priced in this sale at.....

\$4 PANTS \$2.45
A wonderful assortment of stylishly cut trousers in the newest Fall and Winter colorings—excellent fabrics—priced in this sale.....

\$5 PANTS \$3.00
An exceptional quality in worsteds, cassimeres and corduroy trousers—finely tailored throughout—priced in this sale at.....

\$6 PANTS \$3.85
Fine quality worsteds, cassimeres and all-wool blue serges are included in this great group—priced in this sale at.....

Bargains in Boys' Clothing

Boys' \$5 Juvenile Suits \$2.95
A large number of dandy little suits for boys. 2 1/2 to 8—choice of staple blue serges, nifty Shepherd checks or the wanted blue and gray novelty mixtures—all have fancy cuffs and collars—Saturday, at.....

Boys' Durable \$4.50 Suits \$2.95
Here is a wonderful assortment of Cassimeres Suits that will strongly appeal to those who desire stylish models, strong, durable fabrics and serviceable patterns at a low price—sizes 6 to 18—sold elsewhere at \$4.50—Saturday, at.....

Two Pants Suits \$3.95
A truly remarkable value. Newest Trench and pinch-back model suits in a wide selection of light and dark patterns—strong, wear-resisting cassimeres fabrics that will more than fulfill your ideas of durability; sizes 6 to 18. Saturday.....

Boys' \$7.50 Wool Suits \$4.95
It is just such values as are embodied in these stylish wool Suits that has made our Boys' Department the economy center of Omaha—newest trench and pinch back models in both 1 and 2 pants suits—6 to 18—Saturday, at.....

Boys' Fine \$9 Suits \$5.95
No greater assortment of fine quality suits has ever been shown at a price like this—rich pure wool suits, in scores of the classiest Fall patterns; many with 2 pair of full-cut and full-lined knickers—7 to 18—Saturday, at.....

\$5 Juvenile Overcoats \$2.95
Splendid heavy-weight Overcoats in a large number of the newest and most desirable Fall and Winter patterns and colors—warm, durable fabrics—choice of plain or pinch-back styles—sizes 2 1/2 to 8—Saturday, at.....

Boys' \$8 Wool Overcoats \$4.95
Hundreds of heavy-weight, all-wool Overcoats to choose from—in sizes 10 to 18—all the newest styles and patterns in pretty gray and blue cassimeres and chevrons—plenty of pinch-back collars, as well as full-length models with convertible collars, at.....

Boys' Fine \$9 Overcoats \$5.95
Fine quality all-wool Overcoats for boys from 4 to 18—scores of pretty patterns in classiest gray and brown novelty mixtures, with beautiful plaid linings—newest pinch-back with big patch pocket models—Saturday, at.....

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Boys' Black Cotton Hose; guaranteed fast color; special Saturday, at..... 12c
Boys' \$1.00 Flat Fleece or Ribbed Winter Weight Union Suits; sizes 24 to 34; Special Saturday, at..... 69c
Boys' and Youths' Extra Fine Heavy Ribbed Sweater Coats; gray, blue, maroon; all sizes; special values Saturday, at..... 89c
Boys' Inband Winter Caps, made of blue serges and warm Mackinaw fabrics and overcoatings—special Saturday, at..... 49c
Boys' Hats That Will Stand the Rough Winter wear of the sturdy youngster; sizes 12 to 8; special Saturday, at..... \$1.98

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