

MAP SHOWS SCENE OF DISASTER



1—Approximate location of collision between the Mont Blanc, French munitions ship, and the Iona, a Belgian relief steamer. The Mont Blanc blew up. 2—Richmond, the section of Halifax which was practically wiped out by the explosion and fire. The darkened districts covers more than two and one-half square miles. 3—Dartmouth, where there also was heavy destruction of life and property. 4—Rockingham, where there was some damage. 5 and 6—The two harbors of Halifax, in which many ships were damaged and members of their crews killed or injured.

ONCE PROUD HALIFAX NOW "CITY OF DEAD"

Loss of Life Enormous, and Property Destroyed Worth Millions of Dollars.

DISASTER CAUSED BY ERROR

Mistake in Signals Resulted in Steamship Collision Which Wrought Havoc—City Has Had a Long and Interesting Record.

Halifax, N. S., wrecked by an exploding munitions ship, is a city of dead, caused by the explosion and fire which followed the collision in Halifax harbor between the Mont Blanc, a munitions-laden French ship, and the Iona, loaded with supplies for the Belgian relief commission.

Virtually all the north end of the city was laid waste and the property damage will run far into the millions.

The pilot of the Mont Blanc states that the collision was due to a mistake in signals during the storm that was raging.

Outside the toll of life claimed on land and sea by the great war, the catastrophe at Halifax is by far the greatest disaster in many years.

Numerous explosions have occurred in munition plants in this country and Europe, but 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 have probably exceeded it in the number of dead.

Pilot Frank Mackie of the Mont Blanc declared that the collision resulted from a confusion of whistles sounded by the Iona, causing a collision with the Mont Blanc, which arrived at a United States Atlantic port on November 9, laden with 3,000 tons of munitions for France. She was in bound from New York when she was rammed by the Belgian relief ship Iona.

Flames Caught Benzine.

The impact set fire to a deck load of benzine on the French ship and the flames quickly communicated with the munitions, resulting in a practical bombardment of the city.

The zone of destruction in Halifax itself extended from the North street railway station as far north as Africville to Bedford basin and covered an area of about two square miles in the section known as Richmond. The buildings which were not demolished by the force of the terrific explosion were destroyed by the fire which followed.

District Densely Populated.

The devastated district was the older part of Halifax and thickly populated. It contained, in addition to Citadel hill, many churches and schools, the railway station, government dockyard, Wellington barracks, Admiralty House (the official residence of the admiral in command of

DESIGNATED BY INDIANS GREATEST OF HAVENS.

Halifax Was a Settlement Before the Dominance of the White Men in America.

Long before the coming of the white man the site of Halifax had been occupied by an Indian settlement. The spot was called Chebucto ("greatest of havens") by the Indians because they recognised the almost impregnable position of the harbor and inner

A dozen public buildings, each with a history, also tended to soften the lines of "the garrison city." Houses originally built of wood and stucco and later of stone and brick and patterned after the English style, give the visitor the impression that Halifax is a corner of London itself, lifted and transplanted in Nova Scotia.

From the citadel a beautiful view of the entire city and harbor is given. Facing the water front, one looking from the fortress may see the entire business district of Halifax (lying parallel to the docks and extending back almost a mile from the water front. On three sides of the citadel the residence section slopes away to the water, which almost surrounds the promontory.

Unitarians always took the greatest pride in their public buildings. In the point of age, Old Martello Tower, built during the earliest days of the city's history, is second only to St. Paul's church. It was used as an outpost when settlers were unable to leave the fortifications of the colony without taking chances of being scalped by the Indians.

Other Noted Buildings. The Provincial Building, the Government House, the City Hall, the Dominion Building and the new Customs House were among the edifices of which the natives of Halifax boasted. Other buildings of prominence are the Dalhousie College, Provincial Museum, Academy of Music, Y. M. C. A. Building, Odd Fellows' Temple and the three principal hotels, Halifax, Prince George and Queen's.

Among the famous edifices of the city is the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, said to be the oldest Protestant church built in North America. It was constructed in Boston in 1750, a year after the town was founded, and carried in schooners to Halifax, where the parts were put together. The story is told that when Cornwallis wrote the Earl of Halifax he wanted to build a church the Earl replied by sending to Canada the architect who built St. Peter's in London.

The architect patterned the desired church exactly after St. Peter's. When parts arrived the colonists often had to lay down their implements and take to their guns to drive off the Indians, who made frequent attacks upon the workers.

St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, which was built during the late years of the eighteenth century, was destroyed by fire in 1857, only to be rebuilt.

Cathedral Also Noted.

One of the most beautiful buildings in the city is the St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral. With a tall white spire extending upward, it is visible for miles.

Religion of all denominations seems to thrive in Nova Scotia, for in a recent census of religions only 548 persons were listed as belonging to no sect. At present there are 129,000 Roman Catholics, 108,000 Presbyterians, 83,000 Baptists, 60,000 Anglicans, 57,000 Methodists and a few thousand spread through the Ardentists, Disciples and Jews. Of the latter there were 437.

Eighty years ago, when the province was small and practically uninhabited, the Presbyterians were the largest body, although there was a flourishing colony of Roman Catholics at Cape Breton. The Baptists then were an inconsiderable body of poor peasants with badly educated teachers and preachers. Today the Baptists stand third in the list of denominations.

One of World's Best Harbors.

"Halifax has one of the finest harbors in the world and is the chief Canadian gateway for exports. It is the capital of Nova Scotia, with a population of 60,000. The city is three miles long and a mile wide; is built on the eastern slope of a small peninsula.

"It is a garrison city and has eleven forts and batteries, including the Citadel, once one of the strongest fortifications in America.

"The harbor is open all year. Its inner haven is Bedford Basin, 20 miles in circumference, in which the collision and explosion occurred. I have seen as many as 140 ocean vessels in the basin at once.

"Fast new wharves and railway terminals are being constructed by the government at a cost of \$30,000,000, but these are near the tip of the peninsula at the south, and evidently were not harmed.

"Halifax is 616 miles nearer Liverpool than is New York for trans-Atlantic liners. It is 600 miles from New York.

"Colonel Edward Cornwallis left Britain in 1749 and founded the city. The French armada gathered there in 1757 bent on demolishing Louisbourg, only to meet disaster through storm and plague. Howe went to Halifax with his men after they were defeated at Boston. Great numbers of royalists from New York found refuge there to the revolution. Halifax was the chief British base of supplies.

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It appeared that she had copied the teacher's grocery memorandum for the next day.—Youth's Companion.

Was Bluing the Cat. Johnny saw his mother rinsing the clothes in bluing and asked: "What you doin' that for, mother?" "To get the clothes white." About an hour after she heard a loud yell from the house and running in, she saw Johnny trying to put the big black family cat into the bluing. Mother rescued the feline and upon demanding a reason for his actions, Johnny replied: "Well I don't like black cats an' I was goin' to soak her in the bluin' an' make her white."

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