

WAR RESOLUTION SIGNED BY PRESIDENT; HALIFAX DEATH TOLL MAY TOTAL 2000

SNOW AND ICE ADD TO HORROR OF DISASTER

Flames Break Out Anew in the Stricken Canadian City; Definite Estimates of Killed and Injured Not Yet Obtainable.

Property Loss Will Reach Into Millions; Debris Hinders Recovery of Victims From Ruins; All Business in City Suspended

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—(U. P.)—(By telephone to St. John, N. B.)—The appalling death toll here as the result of the explosion of the French munitions ship *Mont Blanc*, when she was rammed by the Belgian relief ship *Imo* Thursday, can only be estimated.

HALIFAX NARROWS, WHERE TERRIBLE EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE

GENERAL VIEW OF HALIFAX HARBOR, showing the construction work on the new docks and a portion of that part of the city of Halifax which was destroyed by the explosion of "T. N. T." and subsequent fire. The vessels shown in the harbor are lying approximately where the collision took place between the French steamer *Mont Blanc* and the Norwegian vessel *Imo*, flying the Belgian Relief flag, which caused the cataclysm. This photograph was taken by Porter Brothers of Portland, who are constructing the Halifax docks.



GERMANS REPORT TAKING OF HEIGHT

Monte Sisemo Captured With 4000 Italian Prisoners, Says Berlin Statement.

WAILS OF VICTIMS HEARD THROUGH NIGHT IN HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 7.—(U. P.)—The scene as dawn broke over the city today was indescribable. Here and there about the smoking ruins of what had been their homes men and women, scantily clad, clawed at the wreckage frantically with bleeding hands in an effort to find lost relatives.

APPLE MEN FIGHT FREIGHT INCREASE

Delegates to Be Chosen by Meeting in Progress Here to Appear Before I. C. C.

GERMANS LOSE 2000 IN ATTACKS ON BRITISH

Two Violent and Fruitless Assaults Around Vial Wood Fall, Massed Troops Being Wiped Out in the Second.

British Army, Defending Hindenburg Line, Looks for Biggest, Possibly Final Drive by Teutons in Near Future.

By William Philip Simms
WITH the British Army in the field, Dec. 7.—(U. P.)—At least 2000 Germans perished in two violent and fruitless attempts to break the British lines around Vial wood today.

HALIFAX ONE OF WORLD'S CALAMITIES

HOW THE HALIFAX CATASTROPHE COMPARES IN LOSS OF LIFE WITH OTHER DISASTERS:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(U. P.)—President Wilson signed the resolution declaring war on Austria-Hungary at 5:03 p. m.

CONGRESS DECLARES WAR UPON AUSTRIANS

Resolution Is Passed by Both Houses With but One Vote in Opposition, That of Meyer London in the House.

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WEATHER BUREAU STABS CITY AGAIN

Order Stopping Daily Map Held Dangerous by Shippers, Fruit-growers and Farmers.

Big Bomb Found on Minneapolis Car

Minneapolis, Dec. 7.—(U. P.)—A gas pipe bomb containing enough dynamite to blow a street car and its occupants to fragments was found today on a Snelling-Minneapolis street car.

State Commission To Visit Projects

The state irrigation securities commission Monday will start on a tour of the projects in Central Oregon.

British Officer Is Victim of Robbers

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Captain William D. Boshell of the British army, on his way from Colombia, where he has been recuperating from wounds received last year in East Africa, was robbed Thursday of a dispatch box containing papers of an important character after the British aviators after a record-breaking flight from the western front, across the Alps to northern Italy may now be printed.

New Nominations By President Wilson

Washington, Dec. 7.—(U. P.)—The president today sent to the senate the following nominations:

Slavic League Asks For War Against All

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Freedom for all forever.

Hoover Puts Lid on When Firm Disobeys

Washington, Dec. 7.—(U. P.)—Many big food dealers throughout the United States are in imminent danger of being put out of business by the Food Administration.

Harry Stark Dies In Naval Hospital

Telegraphic information was received today telling of the death of Harry Stark, first lieutenant of the first class in the navy, at the United States naval hospital at Portsmouth, Va.

CASUALTIES IN FORCES OF U. S.

Washington, Dec. 7.—(U. P.)—General Pershing reported the death of five American soldiers in France to the war department today.