

CENTRAL SECTION OF CORK DESTROYED BY THE TORCHES OF INCENDIARIES

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Cork, Dec. 12.—The central portion of the City of Cork has been burned to the ground and other parts of the city are ablaze. The Municipal Buildings, the Carnegie Library and the Corn Exchange, which cover a large area, have been consumed by the flames. In fact the whole business part of the city has been practically destroyed. Over 139 houses and large shops have gone up in flames.

The situation grew so bad that the Dublin firemen were called out especially to save what part of the city could be saved. The firemen of the entire City of Dublin were called and were told that unless they made haste the entire City of Cork would be wiped out.

The Dublin fire department left on a special train.

Shortly after six o'clock, however, the fires were gotten under control. The total damage will exceed \$28,000,000.

The fires extended to St. Patrick's Street from Cook Street to Mayor's Street, and swept entire rows of buildings on both sides of White's Street, leading from St. Patrick's Street to Old George's Street.

The trouble began by the burning of a bomb at a police lorry which was on its way from Dillon's Cross Barracks to the city. When the terrific explosion wrecked the lorry, the bodies of fourteen "Black and Tans" were strewn in the roadway. The town and bleeding bodies were carried into neighboring shops and thence to the infirmary, where three died during the night. Eleven of the men are in a precarious condition. It was in the

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A despatch from Toronto says:—Contracts amounting to nearly two million dollars were awarded by the Provincial Hydro-Electric Commission at the special meeting held on Friday prior to the departure of Sir Adam Beck for his home in London.

Sir Adam and Lady Beck left on Saturday for England to spend Christmas with their daughter in the Old Land.

The contracts are for transformers, electrical equipment, cement and other materials needed in connection with the Chippawa power development, and the purpose in awarding them promptly at this time is to assist in increasing activity in the manufacturing industries affected, and to supply much additional work to those in need of employment during the present winter.

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The Government, it is said, has taken the position that the policy of stamping out the "murder gangs" in Ireland cannot be over-ridden because of overtures which are being made for peace in other directions.

BIG SHIPMENTS TO CLOSE THE SEASON

4,500,000 Bushels of Wheat Shipped in 24 Hours.

Fort William, Dec. 13.—Navigation from this port closed to-night. The insurance time limit was reached at midnight. Every effort was strained at the grain elevators to clear ships from port before that hour, and with the steamer Glenlyon's departure this work was accomplished shortly after eleven o'clock. In the past twenty-four hours nineteen ships have left this port for Eastern destinations, carrying 4,500,000 bushels of wheat. Grain henceforward moves east by trail alone.

The shipments of grain for the week ending Dec. 10th, as given in an official statement of the Board of Grain Commissioners, considerably exceeded the receipts. Hitherto in 1920, arrivals from the West threatened to overstock the elevator capacity, and only two weeks ago half the storage was taken up. The wheat receipts were 5,494,739, and the shipments 8,892,287; oats receipts 713,886; shipments 978,792; barley, 433,574 and 427,695; flax, 164,089 and 128,938; rye, 133,469 and 170,417. Thus there is left in store: Wheat, 10,954,347, as against 3,179,556 one year ago; oats, 3,563,141, as against 1,776,

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AIR HARBOR BEGUN AT PEACE RIVER

A Link in Aerial Route to Mackenzie District.

Peace River, Alta., Dec. 12.—Work has already begun on an air harbor at this point, in line with the movement from Edmonton to the Mackenzie off fields. A site for proposed navigation of an air route to the Mackenzie off fields. A site for landing places and airframe has been

Weekly Market Report

Toronto.
Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern \$1.22; No. 2 Northern, \$1.21; No. 3 Northern, \$1.20; No. 4 wheat, \$1.19.
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Manitoba barley—No. 3 CW, 92¢; No. 4 CW, 76¢.
All of the above in store at Fort William.
American corn—\$1.15, nominal, track, Toronto, prompt shipment.
Ontario oats—No. 2 white, 50 to 52¢; Ontario wheat—No. 2 Winter, \$1.85 to \$1.90 per car lot; No. 2 Spring, \$1.80 to \$1.85, shipping points, according to freight.
Peas—No. 2, nominal, \$1.75 to \$1.80; Barley—\$5 to 20¢, according to freight outside.
Black-wheat No. 3, \$1 to \$1.05, nominal.
Rye—No. 3, \$1.50 to \$1.55, nominal, according to freights outside.
Manitoba flour—\$11.10, top patents; \$10.50, Government standard.
Ontario flour—\$7.75, bulk, seaboard.
Milled—Cup lots, delivered, Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$35 to \$40; shorts, per ton, \$42; good feed flour, \$2.75 to \$3.00.
Cheese—New, large, 27 to 28¢; twins, 27 1/2 to 28 1/2¢; triplets, 27 1/2 to 29 1/2¢; old, large, 32 to 35¢; do, twins, 32 1/2 to 33 1/2¢.
Butter—Fresh dairy, choice, 49 to 50¢; creamery, 2nds, 55 to 58¢; finest, 58 to 61¢.
Margarine—35 to 37¢.
Eggs—No. 1, 65 to 69¢; select, 74 to 76¢; new laid, in cartons, 85 to 90¢.
Beans—Canadian, hand-picked, bus. \$4 to \$4.50; primes, \$3 to \$3.50; Java, \$3 to \$3.50; Lima, Madagascar, 10 1/2¢; California Lima, 12 1/2¢.
Honey—60-30 lb., \$5.25 to 26¢ per lb.; Ontario comb honey, at \$7.50 per 15-section case; 5 1/2-2 1/2 lb. tins, 27 to 27¢ per lb.
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