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The Size of Russia.
Russia is about twenty times larger than Germany and France put together, having an area of 8,505,000 square miles, and is larger than all of North America. The population of Russia is supposed to number about 165,000,000, fully 100,000,000 more than that of Germany before the war.

CATASTROPHE IS WORLD'S WORST

Soldiers From Front Say Halifax Disaster Worse Than War.

WOMEN WITH DRY EYES

WATCHED THEIR HOMES DEVOURD BY THE FLAMES.

People Feared Dockyard Magazine Would Blow Up—The Halifax Newspapers Were Put Out of Commission.

Halifax, Dec. 8.—"The most awful catastrophe which has befallen any city in the world." Such is the opinion of officers and men who have returned from the front, and who have been in the thick of the fighting since Canadians went into action. Men behind the trenches or in the rear, and men who have been through the times of distress in London and on the southeast coast, when Zeppelins and aeroplanes bombed the capital of the Empire and the coastal towns, all declare that they never saw such dire calamity as befell the city of Halifax to-day.

The lads at the front, in their everyday grim and arduous task of fighting Fritz, know the fearfulness of shell fire. They have seen Belgian and French towns, filled with women and children, bombarded by the artillery of the pitiless Hun. When their turn came to escape for a ten days' leave from the horrors of warfare, they have landed in London to be greeted by Fritz in the air, bound on one of his inhuman air raids. Perhaps they have been in the localities where the bombs fell and did their murderous work, and to cap it all, returned to their comrades and "gone over the top" in open warfare. And yet despite all these hair-raising experiences, the returned soldiers in Halifax declare that to-day's experiences were unequalled by any overseas. They had heard some awful explosions in France and Belgium, but when the munition ship blew up in the harbor to-day, the returned men said: "This is the worst yet."

Feared Dockyard Magazine.

After the explosion, the whole population was thrown into a state of excitement by reports that a second munition ship or the magazine at the dockyard might blow up. Au-

tomobiles rushed through the streets warning the people to rush for the open spaces in the south end of the city. In less than half an hour five thousand people, many lightly clad, had gathered on the common and hundreds of others sought refuge in the fields. The magazine was flooded and by noon all the danger had passed.

Scores of people are reported missing, and it is not known whether they are dead or at the homes of friends.

No Papers Published.

The concussion shattered the big gasometer, and thousands of feet of gas escaped. All the power plants in the city are out of business, and the newspaper offices have been so badly wrecked that the publication of the papers is impossible.

By the side of many of the burning ruins were women who watched the flames as they consumed the houses which in many cases held the bodies of loved ones. With dry eyes, they watched their homes devoured by the flames, and as others passed with inquiries as to whether they could render any aid, they shook their heads in a dazed manner, and turned their gaze once more to the funeral pyres.

All the guests in the hotels of the city are safe. Some of them were cut by flying glass, but all escaped serious injury.

A committee of citizens is formed and assistance from all outside points is asked. Things most needed at once are glass, tar paper, beaver board, putty, bedding and blankets, the latter in particular, as practically two sides of every building in Halifax and within five miles of the city and Dartmouth have been demolished.

To Give All Assistance.

General instructions have been issued to the officers commanding the Maritime districts and to the G.O.C.'s at St. John, Quebec and Halifax, to render every possible assistance immediately.

The Quarter-Master-General has sent special instructions regarding the distribution of all comforts, such as blankets and clothing of any kind, to the sufferers. The Director-General of Medical Services has been ordered to give every assistance without any delay, and the Military Hospitals Commission have been instructed to do all that lies within their power to alleviate any suffering. No stone has been left unturned by the Militia Department to see that the victims of the disaster are accorded every relief possible in as short a time as possible. It is expected that rules and regulations will be put to one side in view of the terrible tragedy, and that the general order from headquarters to help, and help at once, will be the first consideration. Col. Sharples of the Military Hospitals Commission is leaving Ottawa at once for the scene of the disaster.

Captain of Imo Missing.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)
New York, Dec. 8.—The Captain and six of the crew of the steamer Imo, which was in collision with the Mont Blanc yesterday, are reported missing to the owners of the vessel at the New York to-day.

LADIES' AID HOLD SALE.

The Queen Street Methodist Church Ladies Raise \$120.

The Ladies' Aid of Queen Street Methodist Church held a tea and sale in the Sunday school hall on Friday afternoon, and raised \$120. The hall was nicely decorated with red, white and blue colors. Those in charge of the event were: Tea table, Mrs. John Nicolle and Mrs. R. Meek; fancy work table, Mrs. W. H. Warren and Mrs. John Evans; home-made table, Mrs. G. A. Bateman and Mrs. James Johnston; candy table, Mrs. R. J. McClelland and Mrs. McBride. Mrs. N. Vanwinckel took the money at the door from the visitors, who were received by Mrs. J. D. Ellis and Mrs. W. Cockburn.

Cooke's Tea and Sale.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Cooke's Church held a successful tea and sale in the school room on Thursday afternoon. The sum of \$105 was realized. The following ladies were in charge of tables:
Home-made, Mesdames J. R. Boyd and W. Burns; fruit, Mesdames T. Glassford and R. Leishman; fancy work, Mesdames C. Turner, E. Anderson, T. McLaughlin and James Dunlop; tea room, Mesdames James Dennison and R. K. Owens; candy, Misses L. Murray, H. Makins and M. Ferguson. The visitors were received by the president of the society, Mrs. R. McMahon, assisted by Mrs. W. J. Paul. Mrs. W. Cannem, treasurer of the society, was in charge of the exchequer.

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Told In Twilight

(Notice—Hereafter, the Whig, in common with other papers all over Canada, will make a charge of 50c for inserting an engagement, marriage or reception announcement.)

The annual conversation of the Queen's University Gymnasium. The affair, which was more informal than the conversats of former years, was very much enjoyed by the guests, who included the professors and their wives and Queen's students.

Miss Josephine Vrooman, Napanee, entertained at tea in honor of Miss Frances Wagar. The guests showered the prospective bride with many pretty gifts as a token of their friendship and good wishes for her future happiness.

Miss Wilhelmina Gordon entertained at a girl's dinner this week, when her guests included the members of the executive committees of the various societies at Queen's University.

Mrs. T. M. Callander entertained at an informal bridge on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. H. E. Braden, Calabogie, is visiting in Kingston this week. Mrs. (Dr.) Saunders, Kingston, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. George Hawley, Napanee.

Mrs. R. O'Hara, Kingston, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. O'Hara, 215 McKay street, Ottawa.

Miss Mattie Corrigan, Kingston, spent a few days of last week at her home at Carrying Place on her way to Nova Scotia.

Many friends will regret to learn that Lieut. M. H. S. Penhale, R. C. H. A., has been wounded, and is in hospital in England.

Mrs. W. A. Jones, who has been the guest of Mrs. R. J. Rodger, Sydenham street, left to-day for London.

Miss A. L. Lozier has returned to Ottawa after spending a few days with friends in town.

Mrs. W. J. Gibson, Gore street, will be hostess at the Bridge Club on Monday afternoon.

Miss Agnes Richardson, who has been at "Pettercairn," Chaffey's Locks, for several months, will return to town next week.

Mrs. Charles McGrail, William street, and her children are leaving shortly for Ottawa to visit relatives, and Mr. McGrail will join them for the Christmas tide.

Miss Frances Cotton, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Jeremy Taylor, King street, expects to return to Toronto next week.

Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Wilkins, Trenton, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Craig, Barris street, next week.

Mrs. Gordon Dewar, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harold Little, in Montreal, is expected home next week.

Miss Gladys Carroll is spending the week-end at her home in Gananoque.

Miss Etta Kirkpatrick, Montreal, is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Francis Kirkpatrick at "The Rectory," Sydenham.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Craig, Hoboken, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Craig, Earl street, and will spend the winter here.

Mrs. George Grover, who has been spending some time in England, has returned to Toronto, and is at 35 Spadina avenue.

Miss Helen McKay, Sydenham street, has returned from Montreal, where she was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Lionel Smith.

Q.M. Sergt. W. B. Small, 72nd Battery, and Mrs. Small, are staying at the Frontenac.

J. H. Birkett, Bagot street, has been spending a few days in Toronto.

Mrs. David Walker, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Robertson, Earl street, re-

WOMEN AT WORK IN BRITISH WAR PLANTS



A REAL MAN SIZED JOB

The hardest kind of manual labor has no terrors for the women of England. Those shown in the above picture are engaged in handling spirit oxide, a task which is not especially beautifying in its effect on daintily manicured fingers. At this moment there are 900,000 British women employed in war industries, and of those more than six hundred thousand are directly engaged in the manufacture of munitions.

Probs: Clearing and becoming very cold Sunday.

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180 fine Shetland wool spensers, in a large variety of the most fashionable shades — one of these would make a most acceptable gift. Regular \$2.25 values. **Tonight \$1.48**
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The world's gold production in the last quarter of a century equals that of the preceding 400 years, and the silver output since 1875 equals that of the preceding 400 years. But, whereas, the gold money of the world has doubled in the last twenty years, the silver money has decreased just one-half in the same time.