

Germans in Halifax Placed Under Arrest; But Few Are Released

Military Authorities Give Instructions for Wholesale Round-Up of Alien Enemies, Who Had Been Allowed Full Liberty in Fortress City—No Intimation Given Out That Action is as Result of the Recent Explosion

Many Injured Blinded

Death Estimate Varies From 1200 to 3000—Identified Victims Number 900—2000 Unaccounted for—All Hospitals Overcrowded—Every Vehicle Commandeered—Organization Being Perfected

HALIFAX, Dec. 10.—Revised figures in connection with casualties resulting from the explosion here follow:

Known dead, 1200; identified, 900; unaccounted for 2000; injured, 8000; homeless, 25,000.

HALIFAX, Dec. 10.—Acting on instructions of the military authorities, Chief of Police Hanrahan has begun a wholesale arrest of German residents in Halifax. There have been a number of citizens of German birth who have been allowed full liberty and only required to report once a month. Sixteen have been placed under arrest, and it understood that following some investigation by the military authorities a few of them were released.

Some are being held at the county jail. No information has been given out as to the reasons for the arrests. The authorities refuse to say if it was done through any evidence they had secured in regard to the explosion.

Many Children Dead.

MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—The president of the Bank of Montreal, Sir Vincent Meredith, has received a telegram from one of the bank's superintendents at Halifax which reads:

"Present situation is two to three thousand, including large numbers of children, dead; 5,000 casualties, many blinded; 20,000 homeless and estimated damage \$30,000,000. No trains running. Every vehicle of every sort commandeered for public service. Streets darkened, no gas for cooking or illuminations; all hospitals overcrowded; relief pouring in from all sides. Organization now being perfected."

Emerging From Chaos.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 10.—Day-break today found Halifax rapidly emerging from the chaos into which the city was plunged by the explosion

last Thursday. The successive snow and rain storms which followed the disaster greatly hampered all efforts to alleviate the suffering of thousands of injured and homeless people, but the return of fair weather yesterday made possible more systematic work.

All relief agencies now have been co-ordinated. Enough doctors and nurses have reached the city to take care of the hospital duties. A considerable quantity of supplies already has arrived and more are on the way, so that the danger of famine has been averted and there is ample clothing for all. These supplies must be carefully conserved, however, and the authorities today were doing their best to enforce the requests published yesterday that non-residents not here on urgent business should leave the city and that other should not come here for the present.

The work of repairing the innumerable damaged buildings was well under way. Lumber, glass and other building materials are needed in great quantities.