

\$15,000,000 FIRE PLACES CAP ON ERIN TROUBLES

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BRITISH TROOPS IN SOUTH IRELAND.

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Business is at a standstill in Cork. Even the restaurants are closed. The city is without gas.

Many streets that were bustling arteries of traffic forty-eight hours ago, were only piles of fire blackened brick today. Four blocks were wiped out entirely. Only the walls of the city hall remain.

Flames from Dublin arrived during the morning. They were met in the suburbs and conveyed to the scene of the fire by troops.

It is reported that some lives were lost in the burning buildings, but it was impossible to check the civilian population of the general panic and the exodus of thousands.

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