date. The ambassador's stay did not last

French Minister is Interested.

Benckendorff. There are evidences of in-

longed conference. They then proceeded

Subsequent to their meeting at Lans-

the French embassy and later the state-

ment was issued by the Russian embassy

saying it was in constant communication

with the British government; that as a

result of these communications the em-

bassy hoped that there would be a speedy

and satisfactory settlement, and that the

whole aspect of the situation had decidedly

Did Not Fire on Norwegian.

The London agents here of the Norwegian

steamer Skaatol say that the statement

cabled from Copenhagen last night that

the vessel was fired upon by a Russian

warship on Sunday is incorrect. The

Dover, but there was no firing or other

Interview with Rojestvensky.

gives a few interesting statements not

yet published. The admiral is quoted as

sian squadron found themselves surrounded

get their screws entangled in the nets.

toward the squadron at full speed. It

LONDON, Oct. 28 .- The Daily Chronicle

omorrow will publish an interview with

attended by the whole ministry.

more than a half hour.

occurrence.

improved.

manifestation.

PRICES ON REMNANTS SATURDAY'S SELLING Without a Parallel

A splendid list of special savings for Saturday's selling. After the largest October dress goods business in years, the result is, that of many good styles only short lengths are left, such as waist lengths, skirt lengths and many full dress patterns. These are all treated as remnants.

Now the Remnants of Black Dress Goods Must Go.

By all means attend this great sale of black dress goods remnants. Keep in touch with these sales, and you won't have to pick over trashy, shop-worn dress goods-but what you do get will be bright, clean and fresh. If you can find the wanted length, you can get it Saturday morn- the cabinet meeting today the fullest deing at about one-half our usual low remnant prices.

NOTE-The balance of the colored dress goods remnants will go on sale at the same time at next to nothing in price. Read each item carefully, note the kind and quality of goods to be sold. There are hundreds of remnants to select from. All go on sale Saturday morning, 8 a. m.

Remnants of Black Dress Goods BLACK SILK FINISHED BRILLIAN-TINE-regular 75c quality-6% yards in

remnant-for \$2.67. BLACK ETAMINE-regular \$1.50 quality 3 yards in remnant-for \$2.98. BLACK NOVELTY BRILIANTINE-handsome black brilliantine with a tiny black dot scattered over the surface-5% yards in remnant-for \$2.19.

BLACK PANAMA-one of the season's nant-for \$3.98. prettiest fabrics-regular \$1.00 quality-44inch-6 yards in remnant-\$2.98. IMPORTED SILK AND WOOL EOLI-ENNE-beautiful silk luster-regular \$1.25 quality-61/2 yards in remnant-for \$3.98. BLACK ALL WOOL VOILE-8% yards in

remnant-for \$2.09. with small dot or dash scattered here and lining-regular \$1.50 quality-6% yards in there-just the material for waists, skirt or full suits-21/2 yards in remnant-for 79c. PARIS-one of this season's newest fabrics for \$2.86. -regular \$1.25 quality-5% yards in remnant-for \$3.19.

Children's Underwear

Union Suita and two piece garments for fall and winter wear. Children's natural gray fleeced cotton

vests, pants and drawers, medium or heavy weights, sizes 16 to 34. Prices 23c to 25c, according to size. Children's heavy weight cotton fleeced

vests and pants, cream color, 35c and 50e per garment. Boys' shirts and drawers, heavy fleeced cotton, color blue, all sizes, 25c each. Boys' union suits, heavy weight cotton, ecru color, all sizes, \$1.00 each,

Boys' union suits, heavy weight wool, color blue, all sizes, \$1.00 each. Children's union suits, fine medium weight wooi, made with drop seat, color blue, sizes 1 to 7, price 70c to

Winter Coats for Children and

We do not think any store shows such pretty coats for the children or the growr up girls as we do-besides we know we sell these garments for less money than any other house in the Come in Saturday and convince yourself.

Even Length Skirts

We received many new styles yester day for Saturday's selling. Our skirts are made by the best tailors-perfect hang. Prices \$7.95, \$10.00,

BLACK WORSTED CHEVIOT-50 Inches in remnant-for 97c.

BLACK MOHAIR GRENADINE-44 in remnant-for \$2.89. BLACK MELROSE-handsome silk luster

Remnants of Colored Dress Goods

Never were colored dress goods remnants sold so cheap as they will be Saturday \$1.19. You should investigate this. SCOTCH MIXED SUITING-all wool-DOTTED BLACK MOHAIR-plain black good weight-can be made with or without

remrant-for \$2.89. BLACK SILK AND WOOL CREPE DE bright, nice finish-9% yards in remnant-NEW ETAMINE WAISTING-color, new

Rain and General Utility Coats

No garment ever introduced in this country has taken the fancy of practical women-like the rain coats, we were the first house in Omaha to see the remarkable usefulness of these garments. Our styles have been unique and handsome, our designs are all our own exclusive ideas -at \$17.50 and \$18.00 we show some very choice

Winter Coats for Women

The season on heavy coats has been somewhat later this season than usual. We are now showing the very newest style coats, at our extremely low prices for fine garments. Astrakan coats made of extra fine choice selected skins, guaranteed to

wear-at \$40.00 and \$45.00. Stylish

cloth coats from \$12.50 to \$50.00.

Hosiery

Women's black cotton hose, made of long staple cotton, full fashioned forty gauge, high spliced heels and double soles-heavy weight-25c per pair.

Women's black cotton fleece lined hose -ail black or with Maco split soles, spliced heels and double soles, 25c a pair, or 3 pairs for \$1.00. Women's fine black cashmere hose, full

fashioned high spliced heels and toes -50c per pair. Women's black cotton hose with nat-

BLACK SILK AND WOOL CREPE DE | NEW NOVELTY WAISTING-color, red CHINE-just the material for the new soft. with a small tiny white dot scattered over dissipated. linging gown-7 yards in remnant-for \$2.98. the surface-regular 85c quality-2% yards

wide-regular \$1.00 quality-71/2 yards in NAVY BLUE ETAMINE-regular \$1.50 quality-71/2 yards in remnant-for \$4.00. NEW MIXED SUITING-all wool-56 inches wide-regular \$1.00 quality-3% yards inches wide-regular \$1.50 quality-3% yards in remnant-for \$1.64

MIXED STRIPED SUITING-regular \$1.00 -regular \$1.00 quality-7% yards in rem- quality-6% yards in remnant-52 inches wide-for \$2.61. NAVY ETAMINE-regular \$1.50 quality-

7% yards in remnant-for \$3.98. BROWN MIXED SUITING-52-inch-regular \$1.25 quality-314 yards in remnant-for STRIPED NOVELTY SUITING-54-inch-

all wool-regular \$1.50 quality-31/2 yards in remnant-for \$1.76. NAVY BLUE BRILLIANTINE-214 yards in remnant-for 98c NEW ZIBELINE SUITING-good weight, SILK AND WOOL EOLIENNE-44-inchnothing prettier for waists-regular \$2.00

quality-2½ yards in remnant-for \$1.76. NAVY BRILLIANTINE-regular 75c qual blue-regular 85c quality-2% yards for 86c. Ity-7 yards in remnant-for \$2.31.

Fur Scarfs

A neck scarf made of good fur is a pleasure to wear, but a whole newspaper could be filled telling about the imitations sold by unscrupulous manufacturers for genuine furs. In buying furs here we allow no misrepresentation-the best furs are to be found at Thompson, Belden & Co.

Genuine Black Marten Scarfs at \$5.00 Genuine Natural Marten Scarfs at \$3.75 Genuine Fox Scarfs at \$10.00, \$15.00. \$18.00 and \$19.50.

Saturday Basement Specials

Special sale of Shaker Flannel-reguiar 514c goods, at 214c yard.

Special sale of Flannelettes-regular 10c and 12%c goods, at 5c yard. Special sale of Crib Blankets-white

cotton with pink or blue border, size 30x42-regular value 50c, at 25c pair, Special sale of Gray Blankets, woo! and cotton mixed, size 72x84 Inches, weight 5 pounds-regular price \$2.65, at \$1.48

a pair. Special saie of Pendleton Blanketssix rounds of all wool, gray, size 70x 82, made by the celebrated Pendleton mil'-regular price \$4.60, at \$2.95 pair Special sale of Gray Blankets, 10-4 size, heavy cotton and wool mixed, a splendid horse or camping blanketregular price \$1.50, at 79c a pair.

Special sale of Silkoline, 36 inches wide, regular 10c and 12%c quality-beaustyle-special price Saturday

and was lost sight of among the trawlers. The admiral added there were two men injured on his flagship. One, a priest, had hand shot off. Six shots fired during the incident hit the Russian vessels. The Aurora was hit and has not yet been re-

> In reply to an inquiry regarding the alleged presence of torpedo boats among the Hull fishing fleet Dr. Jackson, solicitor of the owners of the fleet, wires as follows:
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> I have personally interviewed the crews of the Moulmein, Mino and Gull and the boatswain of the Crane and the other injured men from the Crane. They unanimously and emphatically deny Admiral Rojestvensky's suggestion concerning veasels like torpedo boats moving rapidly among the fishing fleet, which they characterize as a fabrication. Trawlers could not be mittaken for war vessels nor our fishermen for Japanese.
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> The steam trawler Kennett has sent in a report that the last Russian vessel fired at it at 7 a. m., the shot passing between its funnel and mainmast. The Moulmein and the Mino saw the Russians at 4 a. m. and 6 a. m. respectively.
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> Dr. Jackson suggests that the British the owners of the fleet, wires as follows:

Dr. Jackson suggests that the British consul at Geffe, Sweden, should secure full statements from the Swedish steamer Aldebaran, "fired at by the Russians two hours before our vessels."

Germany Ignores Firing on Bont. BERLIN, Oct. 28 .- The German governnent is not disposed to take up the case of the German fishing vessel Sonntag. which was fired on October 26 off Horn's reef by Russian warships, unless the owner asks for an indemnity. The Foreign office, although without confirmation of the report, does not consider it improbable that the vessel was fired on. Yet, as no damage was done and no complaint has been lodged by its commander, Germany will avoid ecoming involved in the Anglo-Russian ontroversy.

Swedish Officers Examined. GEFLE, Sweden, Oct. 28.-The captain and crew of the Swedish steamer Aldebaran, from Hull, previously reported to affirmed their conviction that the cruiser fired shot and not merely blank charges. The captain deposed that shells were seen to burst in the air near his steamer.

The guns used are supposed to be quickfirers. The ships were a half mile apart at the attack. The witnesses said they were convinced that the warship from which the shots were fired saw distinctly the Swedish flag on the Aldebaran,

Russia Stops the Ships. ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 28.-2:45 p. m. Orders have been telegraphed to Vice Admiral Rojestvensky to detain at Vigo all the warships which took part in the North sea incident.

LONDON, Oct. 28.-1:24 p. m.-Orders have been issued and acknowledged by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky that the Russian squadron remain at Vigo until the conclusion of the present Russo-British negotiations. This eliminates what was regarded here as one of the most dangerous features of the situation, namely, the possibility of a premature clash between the British and Russian squadrons

Movement of Vessels. GIBRALTAR, Oct. 28 .- The British cruisers Lancaster, Suffolk, Hermes, Dorig, Endymion and Theseus sailed to the west,

ward this morning. The Hermes is bound for Vigo. LONDON, Oct. B.-The first division of the home fleet left the Firth of Forth this morning and is expected to arrive at Isle of Portland tomorrow.

Report Firing on German Boats. BREMEN, Germany, Oct. 28.-The port authorities have officially reported to the German government the firing on the German fishing vessel Sonntag by Russian warships

sembling this morning of crowds in Down-NASH PLEADS FOR HIS LIFE ing street. These gatherings soon became so thick that the police were obliged to

disperse them into the neighboring White-Begs Citisens Not to Vote Bonds to Build Premier Balfour was early at work at-Electric Light Plant. ' tending to his correspondence and receiving

visitors, among whom was Lord Roths-PROMISES TO LIGHT CITY FOR COST Russian Ambassador Benckendorff paid

another visit this morning to Foreign Secretary Lansdowne at the latter's private Accuses E. Rosewater of Attempting residence. The visit was made before 10:30 to Blackmail Him and Says His o'clock. The ambassador conveyed to the Company is Not Going Out ninister further dispatches from the Russian government. The carliness of the call of Business. is accounted for by the necessity of plac-

ing the foreign minister in possession of At a meeting of the West Leavenworth the latest views of the St. Petersburg gov-Improvement association at Forty-eighth ernment regarding the North sea incident, and Leavenworth streets last night the proso that Lord Lansdowne would be in a postposed bond issue for the construction of an tion to communicate to his colleagues at electric lighting plant was vigorously dis-Fred A. Nash was introduced as a gen

tleman able to give "close information

the matter under consideration. Mr. Nash The cabinet meeting broke up shortly said: "I am here to talk to you not from before 2 o'clock, the ministers staying and the standpoint of the president of an elecchatting and being apparently in the haptric lighting company, but as a business plest frame of mind, thus confirming the man. You all need light. If the city can belief that the crisis is in a fair way to be buy electric light cheaper than it can make It, it ought to buy it; but if it can make it cheaper than it can buy it, it ought to Ambassador Cambon again was present make it, and it ought, if necessary, to run and remained at Lord Lansdowne's office a in debt to make it. The proposition we few minutes after the departure of Count make to the city government is \$57.25 for each arc light per year. As you probably creasing belief among well informed persons know, we have a contract with the city that the dispute between Russia and Great by which we pay it 3 per cent of our earn-Britain will not lead to serious complicaings; that is, we say if you will pay such tions and that an amicable settlement will a price for your lighting we will pay you be reached. Russia, so far as is known, is 3 per cent of our gross income, not countshowing every disposition to meet the Briting, of course, what the city pays to us. ish views and it is conceded that the delay The city of Chicago, on a \$3,000,600 investin replying to the British demands is readment, has produced electric arc lights for ily explainable on the ground that the \$54.50, but this doesn't take into account Russian government naturally desires to depreciation. Detroit are lights cost \$61.65. be placed in possession, from its own and this includes interest and depreciation sources, of all details connected with the at 3 per cent for the latter. If we could transfer the Detroit plant here it would be Subsequently Mr. Balfour and Foreign impossible to reduce the cost per are light Secretary Lansdowne had a somewhat probelow \$71.65 because of the cost of coal. Accuses E. Rosewater. to the meeting of the cabinet, which was

"You cannot put up an electric lighting plant for \$500,000 that would light the city: It might make a 500-light plant and run it downe house Ambassador Benckendorff and | for a year, but not thereafter. I am pre-Ambassador Cambon had a conference at pared to prove that the lighting fund is more than sufficient to light every corner of the city. It has been said that the proposition that I now make to the city has been inspired through fear of municipal ownership, but I made a better proposition a year ago. I showed plainly a year ago how the city might be lighted for less than now. By the vilest conspiracy it was turned down, and the man who turned it down is Mr. Edward Rosewater, because he could not come to me and get a contribution. Mr. Rosewater came to me and said 'You have got to settle with Mr. Andrew,' and I said to him 'You cannot blackmail me,' and turned my back to him and have never spoken to him since. He wrote Skaatol passed the Russian squadron off to a party that 'Mr. Nash must come off with his opposition to the lighting and power scheme of Mr. Andrew Rosewater and let it go through, but we will sell it to you and with it steal a franchise;' the franchise was for heating, but I simply said I would not give 40 cents for it.

Admiral Rojestvensky at Vigo today, which Mr. Nash's Doubts. "I doubt if you can negotiate 4 per cent saying that when the vessels of the Rusbonds. The council voted on the bond question without any plan of action; no scheme by the fishing fleet the warships had to for what they were going to do. Mr. stop their engines continually so as not to Michelson doesn't know what is contemplated. It is proposed to vote \$500,000 and The warships frequently gave way to the turn it over to be expended in the most trawlers. Suddenly the cruiser Aurora intricate of business and machinery. The saw ahead two torpedo boats coming machinery will cost \$200,000, and this does not take in poles or lines. Where will the turned its searchlights on them and then city put its lines? May be we will not noticed two floating mines close to it. An let you use our poles. We are not going order to fire on the torpedo boats was out of business. We have spent \$300,060 immediately given, with the result that one to put our wires underground. Have yo lighting is general-in the business district? The city cannot use our subways The city cannot have overhead wires and compel others to go underground. I have interests in this city paramount to the elecdoing things for the good of Omaha. The

tric lighting business, and a reputation for time has gone by when an electric lighting company can hope to make money out of city lighting. I stand ready to light this city, to light it well, and will light it for cost or go out of business." Councilman O'Brien, who hurried down

from the First ward, said: "I was in favor turns the fund loose to the mayor and of the ordinance and voted against it because I did not think the time was opportune, until we get rid of the water matter, and I guess we will have that on our hands for some time. It is going to cost a lot of money to acquire the water works, and Jones and you have got to pay the freight. One thing at a time. I am in favor of all improvements that will help waterworks first. Mr. Zimman, who inthe taxpayers of Omaha, but I do not believe the time is now."

Michelson Gives Reasons.

City Electrician Michelson said: "I be ieve in the city owning its own electric lighting plant, the same as it sweeps the streets. What is the difference to the taxpayers whether they pay 5 per cent of \$500,000 or taxes for electric lighting? Mr Nash told you I could not give you a reason, but I can, and not take you to Chicago, either. Lincoln has just acquired a 328light plant in addition to incandescents in city service, conduits, poles, wires, etc. except building, for \$60,000. We can lay conduits for \$20,000. Mr. Nash says no room but we surely can go below or to one side of his conduits. We can put poles in alleys; we can take the same rights that Omaha reserves with regard to fire and police wires and string them on any poles in the street. Mr. Nash's conduits cost \$300,000, but he supplies light for three cities have been fired on in the Skagerack by a and three villages. On the Lincoln basis foreign cruiser, apparently Russian, have you could build a 1,000-arc lamp plant for been examined on oath by a magistrate at \$180,000, or say \$200,000. I have figures on the instance of the government. All the 1,000-arc lamp basis. I see no reason why the electric light scheme would con flict with the water works acquisition. The city council voted on the bond proposition without plans, but did it ever do differently? Was the water works appraised before the voting of \$3,000,000 bonds? If they had been shortly,

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Some More Bargains for Saturday

2.95 for \$5.00 black Taffeta Waists, 1.45 for \$2.25 brown Tricot Waists— 4 styles to select from.

Isabella Fox 9.95 Ladies Scarf, at...... 9.95

Ladies' \$5 Hats at. Ladies' \$7 Hats at Hats at. This means Saturday Colors, black, only.

\$8.75 Another Big Purchase &

The success of our last week's clothing sale was the cause of another big purchase of men's sample suits and overcoats. This time we have a line of HIGH GRADE samples, regular value \$15, which we will place on sale Saturday. These goods are by far the best values we have yet offered.

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we might now own them, but it now looks like a bad guess as to the amount of bonds.

Judge Eller's Argument.

Judge J. W. Eller asserted that the bonds if voted "could be enjoined because the statutes did not give the city the right to issue securities to construct electric light works-it did give the right to acquire by purchase. Our city electrician says the plant will cost \$200,000 and yet the council votes \$500,000 to be spent in two years. It council to do as they please with. Do we trust this council? Do we want to give it \$300,000 to play with? This ordinance was not prepared by any one who knew what he was doing, or else it was deliberately planued in order to have money to spend. favor the city owning public utilities as rapidly as possible. Get through with the troduced the ordinance in the council, says that he does not consider it a good thing The council was pledged to municipal ownership and did not dare to go back on it. I have yet to find one Councilman who will stand for the ordinance."

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved. That we are opposed to the ssue of \$500,000 bonds as provided for by rdinance No. 5395, and will vote against he proposed bonds "for the construction fe conduits and subways and the construction, appropriation or purchase of an electic light plant," as provided for in said redinance.

TAKE : A

(Continued from First Page.)

today from General Sakharoff describes a Russian reconnoissance far south of Erdagou, thus putting an end to the rumor that the Japanese had taken it. He also reports the capture of two villages south west of Sinchinpu.

British Ships are Released. VLADIVOSTOK, Oct. 28.-The British steamers Allanton and Calchas, both selzed by the Vladivostok squadron, have been released. A deposit of \$300,000 was made in behalf of the latter vessel, whose cases on appeal at St. Petersburg

9.50

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JOHN A. PRESTON as NCOMAR BARBARIAN

Sunday-"YON YONBON,"



Situation is Improving.

should prevail. Only a few hours ago he

should himself have taken a very gloomy

view of the possibility of a natisfactory

and peaceful solution. He thought the

government did not ask of others anything

been in a similar position. The government

had no desire to take advantage of Rus-

how some parents pay their good money for shoddy clothing, when Lillip tian clothes can be bad for just a little more.

Boys' Suits, \$3.95 to \$9.50. Boys' Overcoats, \$150 to \$1000. Girls' Dresses, \$2.50 to \$12.00. Girls' Coats, \$5.00 to \$15.00.

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at once expressed its sorrow and promised reparation and at the very beginning intimated that any wrongdoor ought to receive punishment. One difficulty was that the fleet which committed the outrage was on its way to the illimitable east. That difficulty has been got over, but there is another difficulty, namely, that the Russian admiral has a theory of the rights and duties of a belligerent fieet as against neural which would really make the high seas a place of public danger.

Suppose some dark got over, but there is an other difficulty was the high seas a place of public danger.

Suppose some dark got liner or transflupes controlled the position of the difficulty where it had intended to divide and approached within the magic distance. According to the admiral's theory would be justified in sinking it. The position is one impossible for neutrals to tolerate. A fleet snimated by that policy would be a fleet which would have to be eliminated out of existence if civilized commerce was to pursue its way unimpeded.

I am glad to think that in this view the Russian government agrees and has given to the very difficulties to enforce its demands. It had done all it could consistently with honor to avert that a claimity. To say the eliminated out of existence if civilized commerce was to pursue its way unimpeded.

I am glad to think that in this view the Russian government agrees and has given to the very demands on either side, but first law to be dever the done of the tragedy that has filled our hearts with honor to avert that calamity. To say the Russian government agrees and has given to the very demands on either side, but first was not at the was not was the was not was the will make the probability. The British public through the very demands on either side, but might to govern in the good relations between nations and it was not at the was not was the same and the same and the probability of the results of the case. The world had the very defended to not easily the possible for neutrals to the forest manufact Britain through the most difficult parts of the controversy without the calamity of Mr. Balfour thought it must be admitted war would still preside over the council that the Russian government had shown of the nations and that the greatest of all an enlightened desire that truth and justice

pean nations, would be avoided. Mr. Balfour then said:

If war could be avoided with honor the settlement would reflect nothing but credit on the ruler of that great empire with which we have so nearly come into collision, but with whom it is my earnest hope and sincere belief our good relations will remain undisturbed. I hope I have said nothing which can in the smallest degree impair international relations, and though I have spoken under a heavy sense of responsibility and under considerable difficulty, I do think the events of the last few days, though they can never wipe out the trogic occurrence of last Friday, will not bring in their train any of those widespread calamities which at one time we almost feared they would bring with them. I congratulate this country and Russia, Europe and the world, on what I believe will be the result of the last few days' negotiations. Mr. Balfour then said: had shown himself an enlightened judge of what was right in the matter as between nation and nation. The British it would not gladly have granted if it had

calamities, that of war between two Euro-

lations. Lee, member of parliament, speaking for the admiralty, added that the navy was prepared for any contingence and ready to act, but he thanked heaven it would not be necessary. A vote of approval of Mr. Balfour's conduct of the negotiations was enthusiastically passed.

Russian Ambassador Talks. Ambassador Benckendorff, who has been working night and day, tonight expressed the greatest plea sure over the results, which he regarded as honorable to both nations. Until Premier Balfour spoke the ambassador said he was bound to silence, and hence much minsinformation had pervaded the British press, which had reiterated the statement that Russia had given no reply to the British note. He said: no reply to the British note. He said:

Only this morning the placards of the Times and the Daily Telegraph had flared through London, "Still no reply," totally ignoring the fact that the Russian government's reply had been announced by the Associated Press early in the week, as was confirmed by Premier Balfour tonight. While all this furore was going on, chiefly owing to the public belief that Russia had refused to apologise, diplomatic negotiations had been progressing smoothly.

On the authority of Count Benckendorff, it can be said that never at any time did.

it can be said that never at any time did Foreign Minister Lansdowne express the belief that a pacific settlement was not attainable, or endeavor to effect a settleent by velled menaces.

I know, however, I could not help know-ing, that there was a British fleet at Gib-raltar. If our fleet had left Vigo it prob-ably would have been war; but now all is well. There was only one danger; namely, the excitement of public opinion. To be

Benckendorff said:

There never was any question of apology and compensation. These were freely conceded, as announced by the Associated Press early in the week. The only approach to a hitch occurred in connection with the question of guarantee of punishment. When those differences appeared acute the whole situation was changed by the appearance of Rojestvensky's report. That was obviously made in good faith. It is possible our admiral's subordinates made the mistake. Neither he nor they are infallible. That they made a mistake in hitting trawlers is obvious; that they were mistaken in believing they saw torpedo boats remains to be proved. But if they are not infallible, how much less so are the fishermen? The British government said it was impossible for torpedo boats to be where the Russians thought them to be. The statements on both sides absolutely conflicted and so there was no other way of determining that point than by arbitration. As a friend of peace America will, I am sure, welcome that decision, which was arrived at after negotiations which in themselves were of nothing but the friendilest character.

Great Relief in All Quarters.

announced as long ago as Tuesday was

Police Disperse Pcople. The widespread interest in today's cabinet meeting was evidenced by the early as-

> for the coffee-wreck

There's a Reason.

Great Relief in All Quarters. The greatest relief was exhibited in all diplomatic circles when the news of the settlement arrived. As has been stated in these dispatches, the best informed opinion never inclined to the belief that war would ensue in spite of the enormous naval preparations and the belifcose tendency of the press. The government's continued silence until now, and the grave aspect in which the affair was placed before the British public are freely attributed in some quarters to political motives, the government desiring to strengthen itself in the eyes of the public on the eve of a general election. The opposition, seeing the tide of popular opinion, is going with it, lest the government should take all the credit for the settlement, which with such a prominent admiral as Lambton bluntly

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