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Outposts and Desultory Firing.

Elevation of Kouropatkin is Expected to Result in New Life to

Army and Change in Fortune. MUKDEN, Oct. 26.-The appointment of journed until November 8.

chief was received with universal approval. It will greatly facilitate the military oper A Japaness attack is now expected shortly. The Russian batteries continue to

General Kouropatkin as commander-in-

haracs the Japanese. Otherwise all is The Japanese dead recently found shows! by their warm clothing that the Japanese are prepared for a winter campaign, whereas the Russians have not received

their winter outfits. GENERAL OKU'S HEADQUARTERA, Monday, Oct. 24.-4 p. m .- (Via Fusan, Oct. 26.)-The position of the opposing armies is unchanged. Yesterday Russian cavalry drove back the Japanese outposts on the extreme left, in turn retiring before a detachment of Japanese cavalry.

Desultory artiflery fire continues daily and sniping goes on between the infantry in the trenches.

delay in making further movements is not of Dreyfus. The witness did not give the obtainable.

## Hope for Better Results.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 26.-12:50 p. m .-- martial. The quiet now prevailing at the theater of war is considered to be only the calm be- GERMANY WANTS A CONFERENCE fore a storm. There is every indication of the immigence of the resumption of fighting on a large scale, as the proximity or the two armies make it impossible for them to much longer defer a renewal of the battle. The correspondents at the front are strangely silent concerning the coming developments, but from the slight move ments reported and the continual reconnoitering of the Japanese positions it is regarded as certain that General Kouropatkin has a perfectly free hand accorded him by his elevation to the post of commander-in-

order of October 5 and is regarded as having definitely established the authorship of that ill-starred document. While Alexien takes particular pains in turning over the supreme command of the land forces to Kouropatkin to inform the soldiers and the world of the marks of imperial confidence reposed in him, and to announce that he will remain as viceroy, the order is considered as virtually his farewell address and that it will soon be followed by his

return to St. Petersburg. His elimination as a factor in the military papers all welcome the announcement of Kouropatkin's appointment to the chief command as a well merited recompense for the manner in which he discharged the difficult role imposed upon him, and, reading between the lines, as a promise of better results now that Alexieff is eliminated and there is no longer a prospect of the elevation of a grand duke to the

General Kouropatkin telegraphs tha there was no lighting of importance Oc-

supreme command.

A desultory artillery are was maintained all day long upon the front of our right lank by both the enemy and ourselves. On the night of October 3 Russian volunteer sharpsnooters ambushed advancing lapanese outposts and forced them to retire southward. Another detachment resovered a Russian gun carriage.

On the Russian center a detachment drove back the Japanese advance near the village of Yautchal, but upon the appearance of strong Japanese reinforcements the detachment returned to the village of Shakne siter burying the bodies of several Russians killed during previous fights and colecting large quantities of arms and ambunition.

# Troops Are Under Tension

MUKDEN, Oct. 26.-The situation is one of great tension for the troops on both sides. General Kouropatkin and Field Marshal Oyama seem to be watching each other and it is impossible to tell which will make the first serious move. There are occasional exchanges of desultory firing at the outposts, but nothing of great importance has transpired. On Sunday night the Japanese made a feeble attempt upon Lone Tree hill, but the attack was not pressed. The Russians used several slegs guns of great range on Monday, bombarding the Japanese positions near Shakhe. The Japanese replied with samose shalls. The Chinese say the Russian are destroyed three Japanese field pleces.

The Japanese have evacuated Shakne railroad station, but it and the railroad bridge between the lines are in the field of fire of both sides.

Although it is reported that there is no activity in the Russian left flank, little is really known concerning the situation there. A Japanese movement from the west along the railroad is reported, but this has not been confirmed. On Monday a quite heavy artillery fire was heard west-

The Japanese prisoners say the cold weather is causing an increase of illness among the troops.

The tree which gave its name to Lone Tree hill has disappeared. It was cut down Monday night for firewood.

# Rules for Prisoners.

TOKIO, Oct. 26,-9:30 a. m.-Attempts to escape, assaults upon guards and various instances of refractory conduct on the part of the Russian prisoners of war under confinement in Japan have led to the formulation of a series of regulations which will henceforth be enforced as follows:

Captives resisting the guards will be im-The leaders of plots to escape, accom-anied by force, will be hanged or exiled no participants will be impressined. The leaders of organized assaults on uards will be hanged and participants herein whi be imprisoned. Captives released upon taking an oath

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QUIET AT THE FRONT TRIAL OF FINNISH STATESMAN HAY SPEAKS AT NEW YORK BIG MEAT ORDER FOR ORIENT WANT REPLY for Alleged Revolutionary

> Actions. 1 ABO, Finland, Oct. 26.-The trial of forner Senator Schaumann, father of Eugene Waldeman Schaumann, the assassin of the late Governor General Bobrikoff, arrested on July 2 on suspicion of having had knowledge of his son's crime, is arousing great popular interest. The indictment charges him with conspiracy against the govern ment hen his house was searched June 17.
>
> 'y after Bobrikoff's assassination, pector Molodkin found plans for a searched June 17. together with appeals exhorting 5 + prepared for any eventuality ness in his reply, does not deny Scha

Tilp of the plans, but contests RUSSIANS HOPING FOR BETTER WORK the r pleaded not guilty. Baron counsel for the defendant, t case be postponed until the them. Inngen asked t the accused could be sumwitness - that in the meantime Schaumoned mann be released on bail. The latter request was refused but the case was ad-

> SOME OF EVIDENCE IS SECRET fus Case.

PARIS, Oct. 26.-6 p. m .- The court-martial of four prominent officials of the war ministry-Colonels Dautrich, Rollin, Fran- characterized the president as a "man cols and Mareschal-charged with using whom all admire and love." military funds and otherwise influencing resumed today. connected with the War office prior to the ing." Dreyfus case, which brought out a detailed statement of the sum he paid a spy bearing the alias of "Austerlitz." The witness, with the late Colonel Henry, formerly of the headquarters staff, visited "Austerlitz" at Zurich and paid him sums varying from \$206 to \$2,000 for incriminating documents, The total paid this spy was about \$5,000. The last payment was in July, 1899, a Information regarding the reason for the month prior to the opening of the last trial nature of the documents or details of the identity of "Austerlitz". He reserved these facts for the secret session of the court-

According to Its Idea Universal Peace Must Not Be Considered. BERLIN, Oct. 26.-While the United States note inviting a second peace conference at The Hague for the purpose of broadening and strengthening the original convention has not yet been received by the German government the Foreign office again emphasizes to the Associated Press Germany's wish for another conference. This must, however, avoid plains for universal peace and aim solely at practicable

# WOULD PASS THE DARDANELLES

As to Feeling in the Matter, LONDON, Oct. 26.-The Associated Press learns that while there is no foundation for the rumor which recently emanated from Constantinople that Russian government is approaching the sultan with the view of obtaining his consent to the passing of the Black set fleet through the Dardanelies, Russia is actually taking steps to sound the other continental govsituation has caused a sign of relief. The ernments as to whether any objections would be raised in that event.

> River Steamer is Overdue. FORT WILLIAM, Ont., Oct. 26.-The steamer Rosemount, owned by the Montreal Transportation company, which left here October 17 for Montreal laden with wheat, is many days overdue. Nothing has been heard from it since it sailed.

## WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL Captain Guyer Detailed as Military

Instructor at Brook-

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 .- (Special Telegram.)-Robert E. Lincoln has been appointed regular and M. A. Colvin substitute rural carriers at Scotia, Neb. Captain George D. Guyer of the Sixteenth

infantry has been detailed as professor of military science and tactics at the South Dakota Agricultural college at Brookings. Senator Millard has secured a pension of \$8 per month for Mrs. Sarah Hyett of WANTS TO IMPROVE PAY CORPS

Rear Admiral Harris Makes Sugges-

tion as to His Department. WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.-That an apointee to the pay corps shall not receive his commission as assistant paymaster until he has served one year as an acting assistant paymaster, and until his physical, mental, moral and professional qualifications have been examined and approved by a board of pay officers appointed by the secretary of the navy, is the recommendation made by Rear Admiral Harris, paymaster general of the navy and chief of the bureau of supplies and accounts, in his annual report published at the Navy department today. The recommendation has the approval of the secretary, who probably will ask congress to enact the necessary legislation.

The temporary warranting from time to time of clerks to pay officers also is recommended by Admiral Harris. Enlistment of chief yeoman directly from civil life is urged, \$45,000 in stores having been lost in the last year by incompetent yeomen Increase of the naval supply fund to \$5,000,-000 is earnestly requested.

## CASE GOES TO SARGEANT Geisha Girls Inquiry is Suspended Pending Appeal to Immigra-

tion Commissioner. ST. LOUIS, Oct. 26.-Until Commissioner General of Immigration Frank P. Sargeant, at Washington, D. C., passes on the question of whether the hearing of the fourteen geisha girls who were brought to the World's fair to work in a concession and are now held on a charge of violating the allen contract labor law, is a judicial process or merely an investigation, the hearing will be postponed.

Attorneys for the geisha girls raised the question when they demanded to be allowed to cross-examine the girls. The immigration inspector. Dunn, denied the attorneys the right to cross-examine, saying that he was making an investigation, and not introducing a judicial process.

Secretary of State Given a Great Ovation at Carnegie Hall.

ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY ABLY DEFENDED

Republican Success Means Continuation of Policies that Have Proved So Fruitful of Prosperity for Fifty Years.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26-The crowd at the republican mass meeting in Carnegie hall night was so large that the doors were available space within the ball was filled and several thousand people were crowded about the entrance seeking admission. The meeting was under the auspices of the Twenty-ninth district republican organization and Senator N. A. Eisberg presided. John Hay, secretary of state, who made the first speech, was given an ovation when he appeared. The band played and flags were waved in every part of the

ouse while the audience cheered. Alexander T. Mason, the republican leader of the district, called the meeting to pounds of beef will be packed in South order and introduced Senator Elsberg, who Paris is Again Interested in the Drey. referred to President Roosevelt as "the party to victory."

Secretary Hay was introduced as "one of witnesses against Dreyfus at Rennes, was the greatest living Americans and the fore-The courtroom was most diplomat in all the world, a man received by an Omaha packing company as confident that the communication adcrowded. Great interest was taken in the whose name in every cabinet in the world examination of Colone! Mareschal, who was is synonymous with honesty and fair deal-

Cheers Greet Hay.

Great cheering greeted the secretary as he arose. He said in part:

This extraordinary campaign is drawing to a close. On the 8th of November the bickering and confusion of tongues will cease. The people who have been filling the air with siander of the man who has so well and so nobly served the country will recognize with gratitude his excellent work and will be glad they are still to enjoy the benefits of it. Without referring to what might be the results of a democratic success we shall see as plain as day what we have gained by a republican victory; no new or untried courses, but a continuance of the policies which have proved so fruitful in advantage for the last fifty years. The constitution, our great charter of public and private rights, will be found intact. The doctrine of protection, given forth by Washington and Hamilton, amplified and perfected by the experience of a century of trial, will still be available to fill our treasury and to foster our manufactures. The gold standard of currency and our banking laws in the hands of those who established them and who do not have to protest the sincertive of their adherence to them will he arose. He said in part: them and who do not have to protest the sincerity of their adherence to them will keep our finances firm as the hills. The principle of nationality, derived from our principle of nationality, derived from our revolutionary fathers and consecrated by the blood and toll of the civil war, will guard this indissoluble union of indestructible states against all attack from within or without. The Atlantic and Pacific oceans will still be equally the field of our trade and commerce. Our possessions beyond the seas will be governed with firmness and liberality with an ever-increasing measure. Oyama is reported to be fortifying his whole line south of the Shakhe river, showing that he is preparing to meet the Russian onset. Not a ray of light as yet has been shed upon Kouropatkin's plans. Viceroy Alexieff's order of the day, announcing Kouropatkin's appointment, is in the same grandioss vein as Kouropatkin's possible to subscribe to its terms.

While the conference cannot have any direct effort upon the Russo-Japanese war, since neither side wishes outside interference, still questions of international law of freedom, as they develop the faculty of

oted, prosperity and peace.

It quickens the pulses to think what plendid progress we are to make on every ne of national welfare in the next four line of national welfare in the next four years with Theodore Roosevelt at the heim. In the strength of his young manhood, with lofty hopes and nurposes, with large experience of life, with the country his only care and God his guide he will fill his high office, with reverence for the law and the constitution "as ever in his great Taskmaster's eye." His just fame in history will add a new splendor to the glory of his will add a new splendor to the glory of his

native state.

Men of New York! Will you allow it to be said that while the rest of the country stood by him you fell away? When President Roosevelt ascends the steps of the capitol next March, shall it be said that his mother state has no part in his triumph? If that shall be so, yours will be the loss, not his.

BRYAN CLOSES INDIANA TOUR

Nebraskan Makes Many Speeches in Northwestern Part of State.

HAMMOND, Ind., Oct. 26.-William Bryan tonight ended his second tour of In diana for the national democratic commit tee by making two speeches at Hammond after making nine speeches during the day. A large number of persons heard Mr. Bryan at various places.

At Logansport Mr. Bryan was met by Thomas Taggart, chairman of the national democratic committee. Chairman Taggart, who had not seen Mr. Bryan since becoming chairman, accompanied him to Monticello, Rennsalaer, Hammond and Chicago. At the meetings Mr. Taggart met some of the state leaders, but made no speeches On the train Chairman Taggart had a talk with Mr. Bryan, who has spoken in West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana, and the political situation was discussed. Chairman Taggart said he was exceedingly hopeful for democratic success in Indiana and expressed himself pleased with the outlook in

Indiana. Mr. Taggart said: Mhat I have seen in the counties and towns of Indiana that I visited today convinces me that Indiana is now in better condition politically than it has been for the last fifteen years. Every indication points to democratic success in Indiana this full. Conditions are also very satisfactory in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Connecticut and Virginia.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Oct. 26.—After mealing at Know and North Indiana Memorial of the convenience of

speaking at Knox and North Judson, Mr. Bryan addressed a gathering in Winamac

He said:

We have been trying to point out to republicans the fact that President Rooseveit is changing the ideals of the nation and substituting the "big stick" for the light of liberty, but many have refused to believe. Now an appointee of this administration has come to our an and diclared this change in language so plain and forcible that no republican can longer doubt it. I refer to an article written by John Barrett, United States minister to Panama. It is a campaign document contributed by the presidents appointee and spread broadcast as an argument in favor of Mr. Roosevelts election. I call your attention particularly to a paragraph which reads as follows:

"If they who today are stumping the land against President Roosevelt could have gone to foreign parts in the old days when the flag stood for nothing, when American merchants and travelers were everywhere shubbed, when our army and navy were the laughing stock of the word, when we had no influence in the councils of the nations; and if then again they could have journeyed around the world now when the flag means more than the atandard of any other nation, when our merchants have access to all markets, when our navy is respected in every port, and when our advice is sought in every conclave of powers they would in sheer sense of stricken conscience renounce their present attitude and pray for the success of a party which has accomplished this mighty to nige and a leader whose name is honored in the most remote portions of the earth."

Republicans, what do you think of this?

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Republicans, what do you think of this?
What do you think of the old days when the flag stood for nothing? Washing on held that flag in his hands. Did it stand for nothing then? Did it stand for noth-ing when our revolutionary fathers foling when our revolutionary fathers followed from Bunker Hill to Yorktown? Did it stand for nothing when it was in the hand of Jefferson, the author of the archiration of independence? Did it stand for nothing when it was held aloft by the elder and younger Adams? Did it stand for nothing when Madison held it, or when

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by the Cudaby Packing Company,

Judging from their orders for meat the Japs are not preparing to hoist the white flag over in the Orient,

The Cudahy Packing company at South Omaha has just received orders for 3,000,-000 pounds of packed beef to be shipped to Shanghal and fed to the forces of the contending armies.

"We do not know whether this meat goes to the Japs or the Russians," said one of he managers of the Cudahy plant, "for it was ordered by a merchant at Shanghai, but it is said to be for both locked at 7:30 o'clock. At that time all the armies. However we are not so much concerned in that; we will ship the meat to our customer in the Chinese city and let them all eat it if they want to.

"This beef will be packed in barrels and shipped within thirty or forty days from Tuesday, the day on which we received the order."

This is regarded as a good sized order but is by no means the first one that has come to the South Omaha packers from the Orient since the war began. They have sent other large stores, but none as large as this one over there. These 3,000,000 Omaha, save a little which will be sent from Sloux City. It is believed the meat most inspiring leader who ever led a great is for Japan, as Russia does not receive goods through Shanghai. Cudaby's ship-The audience rose as one man when he ments to Russia were to St. Petersburg. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 26 .- D. H. Mc

Mullen, a Tacoma, Wash., lumber man who arrived here today from Omaha, says was given by the Russian government. He said:

The beef must be shipped out of San Francisco within thirty days. There were two Japanese agents in the packing house office at the time that the Russians were there to give the order, McMullen added that the Japanese had given a small order for meat at the same

time. He continued: All sorts of stuff is shipped out of Seattle and Tacoma every week for the combat-ants. He said that beyond a doubt much of this was being sent into Port Arthur, Shipping masters, he said, sake Shipping masters, he said, take a great risk, of course, but I know it is being done.

### MEET METHODIST BISHOPS Consolidation of Benevolen: Organizations and Publishing Houses

to Be Considered. NEW HAVEN, Oct. 26.-Gathered from all parts of the earth, over a score of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church assembled here today for the semi-annual Goodsell of Boston, Warren of Colorado, Andrews and Fowler of New York City, Foss of Philadelphia, Walden and Spellmeyer of Cincinnat!, Mallalleu of Auburndale, Mass., Fitzgerald of St. Louis, Joyce of Minneapolis, McCabe of Philadelphia, Cranston of Washington, Moore of Portland, Ore, Hamilton of San Francisco, Herry of Buffalo, McDowell of Chicago, Wilson of Chattanooga, Tenn., Neely of

Hartsell of Madelra Islands the coming sessions, devoting the afternoon largely to a general discussion of the needs of the church and the best way of Cincinnati as president, the meetings will be under the guidance of the various

bishops in turn. Among the most important duties will be the naming of several committees, to which will be delegated the duty of considering questions which for some time have been fruitful of discussion, chief of these being the concentrations of the vast enterprises in which the church is interested, and which are now divided into several branches. The leading plans are for consolidation of the benevolent organizations, of which there are nearly a dozen, whose contributions yearly run into hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the consolidation of the publishing enterprises run by the organization. Another question to go to s committee is that of the support of superan nuated preachers and other conference

# CHINESE PLAN A REVOLUTION Members of Society in America Would

Institute Uprising on Chinese

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 26.-The Ore gonian prints an article to the effect that the Chinese Reform association is preparing to start a revolution against the empress of China during the celebration of the next Chinese new year, which occurs in February. An order has gone forward from the officials in Vancouver, B. C., directing all Chinese to prepare to return to their na tive land forthwith. The association has large membership in every city on the Pacific coast and as far east as Denver.

The article continues: The article continues:

As an insult to the Empress Tsi An, the reigning monarch of the Celestial empire, the members of the association have been ordered to cut off their queues. The queues is a mark of submission to the reigning power. They have determined to work through members now in China to oust the empress and place the young and deposed emperor, little Juong Suey, on the throne. The emperor can be easily influenced, if this transpires, by the organization, which will then use him as a figurehead and as a tool, while Yip Yen, the head of the association, who is in Vancouver, B. C., will be the real ruler in his position as prime minister. nister.

minister.

It was declared by a member near to Yip Yen in Vancouver that there were official, and men in China ready to move at a minute's warning and that the move, when made, would be conclusive. FIVE DIE IN FREIGHT WRECK Man of Party Tries to Commit Suicide, but is

Rescued. BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Oct. 26.-J. Franisco, a cigarmaker of this city, and four tramps were killed in a wreck of a Wabash freigh train at Sadorus, Champaign county, after having been put off the train three times.

Martin Tracy, also a cigarmaker, of Bosion, who was suspended four hours with his head hanging close to the dead bodies of his companions, tried to commit suicide by strangulation, but was discovered by the trainmen and released.

## FOLK COMES THIS AFTERNOON St. Louis Boodle Prosecutor Will Reach Omaha from St. Joseph at 3 O'Clock.

Hon, Joseph W. Folk, who is to address mass meeting at the Auditorium toright, under the auspices of the democratic state committee, will arrive in Omaha at 3 o'clock this afternoon, coming from St. Joseph. He will be escorted from the depot to the Paxton hotel, where he will be entertained during his stay in the city. His address at the Auditorium will be open to the public, and all are invited to attend.

Russia Must Make a Satisfactory Shewing by Noon Today.

OTHERWISE BALTIC FLEET MUST STOP Greatest Activity is Noted in All British

Naval Centers.

ARE READY TO CONVERGE ON OFFENDERS Night and Day Shifts Working on Vessels

Now Out of Commission. ADMIRAL SERVES NOTICE RUSSIAN

He Will Fire on Any Ship Which Approaches His Sounds ron While on Its Journey

to Orient.

(Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1964.) LONDON, Oct. 25 .- (New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee. -While responsible members of the cabinet that the order for 3,000,000 pounds of meat like Lord Onslow are expressing themselves dressed to the Russian government with | ready to put to sea at a moment's notice regard to the North sea outrage will be received in the greatest friendship and in a satisfactory manner, public impatience is that they will not be permitted to coal growing by leaps and bounds. To the in Spanish ports. Five German colliers average man, unacquainted with the details are at Vigo. Admiral Rojestvensky has inof diplomacy, the announcement contained formed the Spanish authorities that his in the British preliminary statement of the case to the effect that the question admitted of no delay, seems to poin to a practically immediate settlement one way or he other of the issue.

> That Admiral Rojestvensky has not yet, as far as definitely known, sent in his report to St. Petersburg, is a fact received with some deriston.

London, however, is keeping its head admirably. There are no crowds nor demonstrations. Popular indignation is reserved for private conversation and also, it must be added, for newspaper editorials. One conference. The sessions are expected to evening paper indicated that if Admiral last four days. The bishops present are: Rojestvensky was not heard from or had not been recalled before he reached Gibraltar the British fleet waiting there would take good care that he got no further on his way to the Pacific.

England Getting Ready. It is, of course, generally supposed that

the announcement made by the Admiralty on Tuesday night, shows a part of the Buenos Ayres, Thoburn of Bombay and measures of protection which have been taken. While there is no confirmation of Confronted by a vast amount of business the report circulated yesterday that the the bishops today laid out their plans for navai reserve had been notified to hold itself in readiness, it is in any case evident that the Admiralty has laid its plans for meeting them. With Bishop Walden of immediate warlike action in case of neces-

In this connection the visits paid by Prince Louis of Battenberg, director of naval intelligence, to Downing street, are considered most significant. He created and elaborated the system now in operation at the admiralty, whereby the positions of all the warships in the world are recorded daily, so far as that vast un dertaking is possible. With the assistance of Captains Briggs, Ballard, Inglefield and Nicholson, Prince Louis indicates the shifting positions of the warships of the world on huge charts. Everyday naval agents send movements of ships. No ship can arrive at a port or leave it or move for any length of time at sea without the ad-

miralty tracing its movements. In the case of the Baltic fleet, the exac or approximate position of every vessel has been recorded since the ships moved It can, therefore, be assumed that the conference of the ministers with Prince Louis has direct reference to the possible necessity for intercepting the Baltic squadron. Sir Robert Finlay, chief law officer to the crown, was also called in for con-

Must Answer by Noon. While the Russian government is reported willing to make an apology and pay indemnity, as regards the other two points, the war party at St. Petersburg refuses at present to make the desired concession. On its part the British government is resolved not to give way, and it is understood that it has notified the Russian goverament that acquiescence in its two denands must be forthcoming by this after-

Failing this, the Channel fleet will, it is fleet to return. Should the Russian adtimes of crisis.

of departments Immediately on receipt of the report when it was received. certain telegrams from the continent. About a dozen of the chief experts at the Foreign office remained in attendance until late hour, ready to inform the other departments of state immediately on recept of definite news.

The admiralty was in communication with Portsmouth, Chatham and Devonport during the evening and special instructions were given to the resident clerk to remain on duty throughout the night.

Hair a dozen cabinet ministers within call, a most unusual thing before the commencement of the annual series of November cabinets.

The government has not consulted other lowers with regard to any concerted ac tion as to the outrage.

Great activity is being manifested at home aval stations in preparation for any eventuality. The overhauling of warships, which has been in progress for some time past, is being hastened by working overtime. Never before have vessels in the reserve fleet been more in a condition of preparedness than they are at the present Significant orders were received at Ports-

mouth yesterday, however, with the result (Continued on Second Page.)

NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST Fair Thursday and Friday: Warmer

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Hour, Deg. 1 p. m..... 50 2 p. m..... 52 Hour. Deg. 5 s. m..... 39 3 p. m..... 52 7 n. m..... 42 8 a. m..... 43 4 p. m..... 53 9 n. m..... 48 5 p. m ..... 6 p. m..... 48 7 p. m..... 44 10 a. m ..... 46 11 n. m ..... 12 m..... 49 8 p. m .... 41

## ANGLO-RUSSIAN CRISIS ACUTE Feeling in Great Britain Becoming

More Tense with Each Hour

of Delay.

There is an accentuation of feeling in Great Britain over the delay of the Russian government in procuring from the commander of the Baltic squadron his version of the attack on the Hull fishing leet. Admiral Rojestvensky, who is at Vigo, Spain, has, so far as the public is informed, made no official explanation of the events of the night of October 21, but Mediterranean Squadron Leaves Venin an interview with the Associated Press he has put forward the statement that two torpedo boats, presumably Japanese craft, appeared among his ships off Dogger bank

and, failing to comply with a demand to

retire or state their nationality, were fired Six of the best ships of the British Channel fleet are under orders to sail tomorrow morning, presumably to shadow the further movements of the Russian warships sailing for the Cape of Good Hope and all the other vessels of the Channel fleet are Besides the five Russian ships at Vigo, there are others reported at Villagarcia and Arosa bay. They have been notified ships at Vigo have sustained such damage that they will not be able to leave port within the twenty-four hours allowed warships of a combatant in a neutral port The tone of the London Press is notably more bellicose today than it has been at any period of the existing crisis.

## BRITISH FLEET ON WAR FOOTING Mediterranean Squadron Leaves Ven-

ice for Gibraltar. (Copyright by New York Herald Co., 1904.) VENICE, Oct. 26.-(New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee. -The Britain Mediterranean fleet left Venetian waters this morning and will proceed straight to Malta, then to Gibral-

Owing to the North sea incident, the orders to visit Pola and Fiume have been

Before leaving, Admiral Domville, through the British consul, extended thanks to the local authorities for their hospitality. GIBRALTAR, Oct. 26.-The battleships

Victorious, Illustrious and Majestic (flag- Kniaz Souvaroff and the transport Anatol, ship of Vice Admiral Beresford) and the cruisers Lancaster, Theseus and Endymoin are under orders to sail on the morning of October 28. It is reported that the pur pose is to shadow the Russian Baltic squadron, which is expected to go by way of the Cape of Good Hope. The Russian Baltic squadron's cruisers and torpedo boats are expected to pass through the straits of Gibraltar on the way to the Suez. The whole of the Gibraltar torpedo boat flotilla has been commissioned

The ships of the Channel fleet have filled their bunkers with coal and have replenished their ammunition and other stores and will be ready for sea at a moment's notice. The battleship Hannibal and the cruiser Doris are watching the straits closely. There is great activity at the dock yard where men are working night and day. The admiralty is making inquiries concerning the coal available here.

RUSSIA HAS NO OFFICIAL REPORT Delay Renders a Delicate Situation

Still More Difficult. ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 27.-3:25 a. m. An official of the admiralty stated to the Associated Press at 1:30 o'clock this morning that no word had yet been received from Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, The official continued:

The delay in getting the Russian version of the North sea affair is proving exceedingly embarrassing to this government. It is felt that in the inflamed state of British public opinion the inexplicable absence of any official report is becoming a most seri-ous factor and renders still more difficult an already delicate situation. While the good faith of the Russian gov

ernment in its efforts to probe the affair is not questioned, it is evident from renewed British inquiries at the Foreign office and admiralty on Wednesday that while no time limit for a response to the British note has been fixed, King Edward's government is neither in a humor or a position to brook unreasonable delay. It is realized here that each day's delay will render the temper of the people of both understood, be instructed to ask the Baltic countries more uncertain. The hope is expressed at the admiralty that the report miral refuse, it is expected that the British | may be received today. The possibility admiral will be obliged to compel it. Until of course remains that the information of late last night clerks at the Foreign of- the Associated Press yesterday afternoon ice and the admiralty were very busy may be correct that the report is already working at high pressure only usual in in the hands of the czar, but if so the delay in transmitting it to the admiralty is in The first lord of the admiralty gave the explicable, assurances having been extended Russian Publication Comments on officials special instructions to send with to the British embassy that there should il haste to himself and the various heads | not be the slightest delay in communicating

One danger of complications discuss here lies in the possibility that Great Britain may deem it necessary to dispatch warships to warn and protect British trawlers off the Spanish coast. other hand, if the nature of Rojestvensky's report renders the recall of the Baltle squadron imperative, it will weigh greatly in Japan's favor and have a serious bearing on the future course of the war in the far

Ambassador Hardinge has sent another note to Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, expressing his opinion that the measures reported to have been taken by the Russian admiralty to communicate with Admiral Rojestvensky were entirely inadequate.

France Watches Events. PARIS, Oct. 26.-2:20 p. m.-The Foreign

office here is kept constanty advised of the developments in the Anglo-Russian incident, and its influences are being informally exerted to calm the agitation and prevent the affair from drifting into a serious international aspect. Thus far the situation has not been considered sufficiently grave to warrant Foreign Minister Delcause to adopt formal steps toward reconciliation, as the advices continue to show that Russia is taking the initiative in the direction of making suitable amends. as a mistake and doubtless the government

# WARSHIPS

Russian Admiral Gives His Version of the Incident in North Sea.

JAPANESE CRAFT APPEAR SUDDENLY

They Discharge Torpedoes and the Czar's Fleet Opens Fire.

DID NOT SEE ANY FISHING VESSELS Says if Any Were There They Had No

Lights Burning.

BRITISH FLEET IS ON A WAR FOOTING

Sea by Tomorrow.

fee for Gibraltar-Other Vessels Ordered to Be Ready for

VIGO. Spain. Oct. 26.-The Associated Press has succeeded in obtaining an interview with Admiral Rojestvensky, who expressed great regret over the North sea incident. The admiral stated that the unfortunate occurrence was purely accidental, The weather on the night in question was rather hazy. About 1 a. m. two torpedo boats, which the Russians supposed were Japanese craft, suddenly appeared between the two divisions of the squadron and seemed to discharge torpedoes. The Russians immediately opened fire. They saw no fishermen, and were not aware that any damage had been done. Evidently, the admiral said, the fishermen had shown no lights. The admiral repeated that he greatly regretted that any injury had been done fishermen, and added that he had no doubt the Russian government would make ample

compensation Prince Sees Eight Torpedo Boats,

Prince Keretelli, an officer of the battleship Emperor Alexander III, has been interviewed, and gives the following explanation of the attack by the Baltic squadron upon the British trawlers off Dogger bank; The transport Anatol, which was steam-The transport Anatol, which was steaming ahead of the squadron, was suddenly surrounded by eight torpedo boats, and requested assistance, whereupon the battle-snip division advanced and signalied to the unknown vessels to leave or disclose their nationality. The vessels refused to obey and advanced among the kussim battle-ships. Suddenly a cannon shot was heard from an unknown vessel. Then the admiral rescinded. There is great excitement in consequence among the sallors and the marines.

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feared the strange torpedo boats were Japanese, as the admiral was aware that the Japanese had purchased such boats in England. The arrival of the Russian battleships Emperor Alexander III, Borodino, Orel and

which have anchored in this port, has caused considerable excitement.

Says Vessels Need Repairs. The commander of the port immediately boarded the Russian flagship and informed Admiral Rojestvensky that the Spanish government could not permit the warships to coal within the port. Admiral Rojestvensky replied that his vessels needed repairs, and that for that reason he had separated from the remainder of his squadron. The commander of the port promised to inform the Spanish government of the admiral's statement and communicate the government's reply as soon as it was received. In spite of this, five German colliers anchored in port alongside the battleships, whereupon the commander of the port sent an aide-de-camp to beg Admiral Rojestvensky not to violate Spanish neutrality, and he also ordered the commanding officer of the Spanish cruiser Estramadura to notify the colliers that they must obey the port authorities. Eventually Admiral Rojestvensky promised that he would not coal in Spanish waters, at the same time begging the commander of the port to obtain the government's permission for each warship to take on 400 tons of coal with which to reach Tangler. Shortly after-

two remained alongside the Russian warships. As far as can be seen, the crews of the battleships are very theasy. Sentinels are closely watching every movement within the harbor. All four of the warships seem

ward three colliers sailed for Tangier, but

to be cleared for action. It is rumored that the object of the Spanish government in requesting the Russians to remain the shortest possible time at Vigo is to prevent the possibility of attack by Japanese agents, whose presence in the province of Galicia is suspected. The authorities have ordered that all

fishing boats shall fly the national flag, in order to avoid a repetition of the Dogger bank incident. Trawler Sylvin is Safe. LONDON, Oct. 26 .- The Sylvia was reported at the Orkneys today in good condi-

of October 2L PAPER CALLS IT A MISFORTUNE

tion, thus completely contradicting the re-

port that she had been lost during the night

North Sea Blunder. (Copyright, by New York Herald Co., 1904.) ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 26 .- (New York Herald Cablegram-Special Telegram to The Bee.)-The Russian government does not expect detailed reports from Admiral Rojestvensky on the subject of the North

sea misfortune before three days. An inspired article appearing today in the Journal de St. Petersburg says: "The misfortune is as much Russia's as England's. Grief is felt here that men having the honor of directing the bullet and aword against the enemy have inadvertently struck at the exposed breasts of absolutely defenseless people."

Discuss Bussian Act.

TOKIO, Oct. 35 .- The Nichinichi in comsenting upon the sinking of the trawler Crane in the North sea by the Russian Pacific squadron, says the action is beyond the capacity of comprehension of the ordinary sane mind.

"The vessels attacked," the paper continues, "were harmless fishing boats belonging to a neutral power, and to indulge in such a flagrant violation of international usages is only possible with one holding nothing in common with civilized people. "The act is too fingrant to be explained