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Japanese Make Successful Attack on One Position Held by Russians.

ARTILLERY DUEL BEGINS ON THE LEFT

Firing Lasts All Night and All Day and Spreads to the South.

MIKADO'S MEN TAKE THE OFFFNSIVE ment or give way to his opponent, R. La

Chinese Say Extensive Preparat # Are

Making to Turn the Russian 1 25 RUSSIANS PUBLISH OFFICIAL OF

Canr Tells Kouropatkin that He N Expects Him to Win a Decisive Victory and End the War.

o'clock last evening southeast of Mukden. The Japanese have advanced to the village of Jendagan, which they are reported to have captured after a fight lasting until

this morning. There was an artillery fight on the night of October 26 on the north shore of the Shakhe river, directly south of Mukden. The cannonading, which was heavy, was continued today, the Russians attacking the Japanese unsuccessfully. The fighting, it is believed, will continue up to the walls of Mukden.

which began yesterday and lasted during Great Britain addressed a protest to Tur- both about five inches below the knees. the night, has spread south.

are cold and some of the Russian troops, Great Britain, decidedly opposed; Germany under the train. are suffering from the cold.

Suspicious movements of the Japanese The Chinese say positively that the Japanese are preparing to turn the Russian right or break through a vulnerable point of the lines,

1:15 a. m.-News has just been received It is rumored that the Japanese have

between Hunslan and Findapu, on the road standing the infimate relations between the from Mukden to Bentslaputse, but the re- houses of Savoy and Romanoff, has no rea-

clude the possibility of an attack by them. evitable. It is the general opinion here that serious events will not develop for some days, but

This morning occasional shots were heard by its Black sea fleet. on the western front.

appointme commander-in-chief of the land forces in the far east. The one idea among the men is to advance. There is every indication that when the next fight comes it will be of a desperate character.

commission been created for the purpose of paying for all food and forage has astonished the natives beyond measure, but there have been remarkable scenes during the disbursements by the commisthnaked the Russian officers for repay-

WITH THE RUSSIAN EASTERN ARMY, Via Mukden, Oct. 27.-The heavy firing last night and this morning was only the artillery exchanging shots. Both firing lines are now facing each other without outposts.

Publish Official Orders.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. M.-Two imperial rescripts are published in the official Messenger this morning, the first of which is covered by Vicercy Alexieff's order ROME REPORTS GRAVE RIOTING of the day announcing the appointment of General Kouropatkin to the chief command of the Russian forces in the east.

opatkin as commander-in-chief of all the military and naval forces at the scene of war. It concludes with these words; Your military experience, strengthened by your action in Manchuria, makes me feel confident that you will break the obsti-nacy of the enemy's forces at the head of your glorious army and will thereby assure to Russia peace in the far east.

The second is addressed to General Kour-

NAGASAKI, Oct. 27,-11 a. m .- The British steamer Sishan has been released by

IS PIG LEAD CONTRABAND OF WAR

Question is Argued Before the United

States Supreme Court, WASHINGTON, Ool. 27.—The United States supreme court has been asked to mob. The captain of the carbineers and decide whether pig lead is contraband of two of his men were wounded and there that tribunal today. The controversy arose | One hundred soldiers were immediately disin 1894 during the war between Japan and patched to the disturbed district and order China and the parties to it are the North- was re-established. era Pacific Railway company and the

American Trading company. The case grows out of a delay of about six weeks' duration in the shipment of a consignment of 200 tons of lead which the trading company had sold to the Japanese government, subject to the condition tha there should be no excessive delay in its delivery. It was carried from New York to Tacoma, Wash., by the Northern Pacific, but after it had been loaded onto a connecting steamer a United States deputy revenue cutter refused to issue clearance papers to the vessel with the lead on board on the ground that it was contraband. Delay ensued and when the lead reached its destination the war had closed. Consequently Japan refused to receive the signment at the agreed price and the trading company was compelled to accept \$11,000 instead of \$38,000, the price first agreed Ship Carryiny Coal, Presumably for upon. The company asks an award of damages equal to the difference and the case turns on the question as to whether the shipment was properly prohibited, and if Steamship company of London, which, with sponsible for the prohibition. The trial been awaiting orders from the agent of the court decided the case in favor of the rail- owners here for the last ten days, has mysroad company, but that decision was re- teriously disappeared. It is rumored that versed by the circuit court of appeals for the vessel's cost supply is intended either the north circuit. The case was presented for Vladivostok or Port Arthur. by C. W. Bunn of St. Paul, general counsel for the Northern Pacific, and F. B. Jen- liers have sailed from Java and Sumatra nings of New York for the trading com-

Candidates Named for Parliament Will Face an Active, but Short Campaign.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Oct. M.-Today Was candidates of both the liberal and conservative parties were efficially named in more than 200 electoral districts which Engineer, Who is Made Joint Defendselect members of Parliament Thursday next, and which will decide whether Sir Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the liberals, is to remain in control of the federal govern-Borden of Halifax, leader of the opposition

forces. The principal issue of the campaign is the proposed construction of a transcontinental railroad by the Grand Trunk Pacific company, backed by the government. On this issue, Portland, Me., largely figures, the conservatives and anti-railroad liberals charging that the new road will build p that city, which is the eastern terminus the Grand Trunk road, at the expense of padian ports.

to resignation of A. G. Blair of this ay as chairman of the railroad commission, has been the most rensational de-MUKDEN, Oct. 27.-Fighting began at 10 velopment of the contest, Mr. Blair could not support the Grand Trunk program. The opposition is active and the outcome is uncertain.

QUESTION OF THE DARDANELLES

Attitude of Nations of Europe on Use of Straits by Warships. ROME, Oct. 27.-Although no request has the Dardanelles by ships of war, the ques-

days are warm and sunny, but the nights ferent powers appears to be as follows: and with Moore's assistance got out from whose winter overcoats have not arrived, considers itself an unconcerned spectator. whose interests in the disputed matter have been observed west of the railroad. by whatever solution might be reached; Austria always upheld the principle that the Dardanelles should be open to all or ance with Russia, views the question in a sued jointly with the company, and Edson different light from that in which it re-Rich and C. L. Dundy the Union Pacific. here that the Japanese assumed the offen- garded it at the time of the Crimean war, sive on the east front and made a slight when, allied with England in the treaty of Berlin, it favored the prohibition of war- four counts of negligence charged-three taken all the Russian positions at Erdagou, ships passing the straits; Italy, notwith-

There was a reconnaissance in force last participated as the ally of England. The the company alone, but if it found on the night by the Russian western flank and Italian angiophile feeling is voiced tonight fourth count then the engineer must be indesultory firing continued till 2 o'clock a. by the Tribuna, a leading government cluded. The Japanese were discovered to be paper, which calls Admiral Rojestvensky a were that the train carried no lights to hurriedly fortifying along the whole line, lunatic, adding that if complete and prompt

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 27.-The Foreign office authorizes a denial of the statement judging by the hurried manner in which that Russia is prepared to sound the conthe Chinese are settling their money af- tinental powers as to whether they will fairs in Mukden they are of a different object to the removal of the restrictions ness chair with his leather covered stumps

Men Appointed to Administer Service Find Irregularities.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Hayti, Oct. 27 .- Advices received by the Associated Press correspondent here from Monte Cristi, San Every precaution has been taken by the Domingo, announce that J. C. Abbott, the supreme court. It was pointed out by one Russians to deal generously with Chinese American agent in charge of the custom who have suffered through the fighting in house at Puerto Plata, and J. E. Strickland, their territory. Not only has a special the agent in charge of the Monte Cristi custom house, both in the interests of the commission which awarded \$1,500,000 to the mandeered, but compensation is awarded to San Domingo Improvement company of houses in villages destroyed. This course New York, for the seizure of its proper ties during one of the revolutions in San Domingo, about fifteen years ago, have discovered important frauds in the customs Chinese who had suffered by the service, which is imperfectly organized and loss of property fell upon their knees and which they have instructions to reform. From this it appears that American intervention in the customs of San Domingo has already produced a salutary effect in causing the discovery of the falsifications It is estimated that the receipts at the customs house will now exceed by 25 per cent those provided under the regular administration of the customs. The revolutionists of San Domingo have been dispersed and peace has again been established in that republic.

Pensants Object to Arrest of Leader and Soldiers Are Compelled to Act. ROME, Oct. 27 .- Serious riots have occurred at San Pler Vernoticio, a village of 3.000 inhabitants, near Lecce. The dishead of the peasant league on a charge of swindling. The peasants surrounded the prison in which the accused man was confined and attempted to liberate him. In the meantime reinforcements of carbineers has been sent hurriedly to the scene of the trouble with orders to trans- daughter by an indescribable desire to order of the Japanese naval court at fer the prisoner to a larger town. Learning kill, and after dealing at length with the of Kratz & Donardi of this city, who of this, the peasants built barricades, and when the carriage containing the alleged swindler appeared threw themselves in the road in order to prevent it from passing. The carbineers, however, succeeded in removing the prisoner, although stones and other missiles were thrown at them by the war, and the question was argued before were several casualties among the peasants.

VATICAN SOUNDS THE POWERS

Holy See Wants to Be Represented at

The Hagne Conference. ROME, Oct. 27,-The Vatican is sounding different powers on the subject of the admission of its representative at The Hague conference on the same ground as the suggested admission of the South American republics, which were not represented at the first conference. The Vatican emphasized the fact that it was excluded from the first conference, chiefly because of the opposition of the Italian government, supported by Great Britain, which asked in exchange Italy's support for the exclusion of representatives of the Boer republics.

BRITISH COLLIER SAILS ONE

Port Arthur, Has Left Manila. MANILA, Oct. 27.-The British collier Ellamy, an iron vessel owned by the Simpson whether the railroad company was re- a cargo of coal from Cardiff, Wales, has

A is unothclally reported that nine ports in the direction of Manile, but that their destination is unknown.

Man Who Loses Both Legs Wins from the Union Pacific.

nomination day" throughout Canada and GETS TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

aut, is Relieved from Respons sibility-Railroad Will Appeal Case.

The largest verdict ever given in the district court of Douglas county in a personal njury case was obtained late yesterday by John T. Connelly from the Union Pacific. The amount of the verdict is \$27,500. The rallway will appeal the case. This is the fourth trial of this case, the jury disagreeing on the three former hearings.

The accident which led to this heavy judgment occurred in South Omaha early n the morning of August 11, 1902. The vicmarket on the Burlington with a car of stock. He had crossed to the stock yards to the chute house, which is east of the Exchange building, to give orders as to the disposition of the cattle, J. A. Moore, also a western man, was with him. They were rossing the many tracks on their way to the city when a passenger train made them halt. This train had just passed when a Union Pacific freight train which was switching ran them down. The train had een received by the Italian government been cut in two and the leading cars were from Russia regarding the removing of the being backed along by the engine. Moore international restrictions on the passage of was thrown to the east of the track and Connolly under the cars, the wheels passtion has been more of less discussed be- ing over his limbs and completely severing The artillery firing on the Russian left, tween the powers since last January, when one and almost cutting through the other, key against the passage of the straits by Several cars passed over the injured man. The weather has again cleared up and is much better for active operations. The sion was reached the attitude of the dif-

> The matter was taken into the courts the victim was able to feave the hoswould be neither furthered nor prejudiced pital. In the third trial the jury stood ten to two for damages of from \$20,000 to \$30,000. In the present trial T. J. Mahoney and J. A. C. Kennedy represented Connolly, A. W. none; France, because of its present alli- Jeffer's the engineer, E. E. Fair, who was

Engineer is Exempt. The verdict exempts the engineer from 1856, which was confirmed by the treaty of responsibility. In the petition there were against the company and one jointly against Engineer Fair and the company. Judge Estelle in his charge to the jury port has not been confirmed and looks im- son to change from the attitude assumed instructed it if it found on any of the in the Crimean war, in which Piedmont three it should bring in a verdict against The counts against the company warn pedestrians of its approach, that the but this does not, on the contrary, pre- satisfaction is not given, war will be in- company had no lookout to protect people crossing the tracks and that there was no watchman on duty at the crossing.

The case has been pending in Judge Estelle's court for over a week on this hearing. The plaintiff, Connolly, sat in the witgoverning the passage of the Dardanelles hanging down and told of the accident convincingly. He sustained his evidence under cross-examination. The jury was taken to The whole army is delighted with the CUSTOM. FRAUDS IN SAN DOMINGO South Omaha early in the week to view the scene of the accident. The argument was finished at 5 o'clock Wednesday evening and the fury brought in its verdict some what earlier Thursday.

It is understood the Union Pacific lieves it can reverse the decision in the of the attorneys in the case that the verdict relieving the engineer will cause the verdict to fall in the supreme court.

MRS. KRAUSS PLEADS GUILTY Stepdaughter is Given a Life

Sentence.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Oct. 27.-In-

The audience listened intently while the confession was being read, after which the jury retired for fifteen minutes, returning with a verdict of guilty. iediately Judge Vaughn passed sentence, which carries with it imprisonment for life in the woman's prison in Indianapolis, and within half an hour, the prisoner, escorted by two officers and followed by a suicide theory. mob, hissing and uttering cries of vice train which was to carry her to prison.

The confession pleads that the crime was committed while the defendant was dispossessed of her senses, that she had confessed to her husband, W. R. Krauss, that she was prompted to polson her stepthe confession says were most pleasant, sorrow she endures.

Parker Returns to Esopus. NEW YORK, Oct. 27.-Judge Parker left the Hotel Seville today for Esopus. committee was an early morning caller.

FIGHT NEAR MUKDEN NOMINATION DAY IN CANADA RECORD VERDICT IN DAMAGES TEST OF MONTANA AIRSHIP FOLK TALKS ABOUT BOODLE NEBRASKA WEATHER FORECAST STUA and He Successfully Guides It

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 27.-Floating gracefully n the air at an average height of thirty BRIBERY KNOWS NO POLITICAL PARTY eet above the heads of the several thou sand spectators the airship designed and built by T. C. Benbow of Columbus, Mont., Dishonesty Not Inherent to Any One made what the inventor declares was a successful trial flight in the aeronautic oncourse at the World's fair today,

in Every Direction.

The big cigar-shaped balloon, bearing its burden of car, motor, machinery and operator, rose from the ground at 5 p. m. and after navigating the air for fifteen minutes, during which time Benbow directed the prow of his vessel toward all points of the compass, slowly descended to the ground near the starting place and was secured by the attendants without a break having marred the success of the flight

While Benbow appeared to have absolute control over the machine an anchor rope im, John T. Connolly, was a resident of about fifty feet long was used, one end of Buffelo, Wyo., and had come to the cattle which was held by an assistant during the entire flight. To the Aspectated Press Benbow made the following statement:

This trial was made to determine the feasibility of my airship. I had intended making a trip over the far grounds, but found that the rapid condensation of gas was fast reducing the lifting power and in order to maintain an altitude I threw out

afternoon that that fact alone prevented a ong trip, the cold atmosphere causing the indensation of gas.
I intend, if the weather permits, to make

The Benbow airship weighs about 600 pounds without an operator. The gas bag, which is cylindrical in shape, is seventybag contains 16,000 cubic feet of gas when inflated and upon this the ship depends for the ship is of aluminum and wood and the power is derived from a ten-horse power gasoline motor. Momentum is given to the airship by means of two large side wheels, or fans, each consisting of four blades, so constructed that they automatically fold after completing the stroke against the air and do not expand until again in position to force the airship ahead.

NEBRASKA MAN GOES UP A STEP Called to Management of Syndiente of Lending Indiana

Papers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 27 .- Mr. Ernest Bross has taken the management of the Indianapolis Star, the Muncle Star and the Terre Haute Star as the representative of Mr. J. C. Shaffer, publisher of the three papers and also of the Chicago Evening Post. Mr. Bross comes to the Star league from the Portland Oregonian, with which he has been connected for sixteen years, for the last seven as the managing editor and principal editorial writer. The papers will be strictly independ that and in the pending campaign will support Represent and that is the essence of true democracy. Mr. J. C. Shaffer, publisher of the three and principal editorial writer. The papers will be strictly independ and in the pending campaign will support Roosevelt and Fairbanks. The properties under the new nanagement have been incorporated for

organization. Ernest Bross is himself well known to Omaha people, having been in newspaper work both in this city and Lin-

Indiana Woman Who Murdered Her | NEIL S. PHELPS DISAPPEARS Battle Creek, Mich., Manufacturer is

Mysteriously Missing and Foul

HARTFORD CITY. Ind. Oct. 27.—Indicted this morning by the grand jury for the poisoning of her stepdaughter, Crystal Krauss, the defendant, Mrs. Rae M. Krauss, after demanding an immediate trial today, pleaded guilty to a charge of murder in the first degree and, walking calmiy to the bench, handed Judge Vaughn a signed confession, written October 16, while prisoner in the Blackford county jail.

Play is Suspected.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Oct. 27.—Neil S. Phelps, well known in the cereal food business and builder of the Phelps sanitarium, has been missing since Sunday afternoon and sensational rumors have been set affoat by his disappearance. Within the past two years Phelps has made and lost a fortune. A year ago his creditors entered into an agreement to refrain from interfering with him and his cereal business for one year, until November 4, 1994.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Oct. 27.—Neil S. Phelps, as rule, toward britery is the acceptance of a railroad pass. In Missouri the law makes it a misdemeanor for a man to accept a railroad pass. That is not the law in Nebraska. That is not the law in Nebraska. That is not the law in Nebraska affoat by his disappearance. Within the past two years Phelps has made and lost a fortune. A year ago his creditors entered into an agreement to refrain from interfering with him and his cereal business for one year, until November 4, 1994. Play is Suspected. ness for one year, until November 4, 1904. His family are giving credence to a rumor of foul play. Phelps was last seen on the

turbances were caused by the arrest of the lence was on her way to the interurban ABSCONDER UNDER ARREST

domestic relations of the family, which is alleged to have absconded with \$18,000, concludes with an invocation of God's Papers for his extradition are being prehelp in supplying strength to bear the pared. On September 14, four days before he was to have been tried here on a charge of embezzlement, Kratz was reported to have committed suicide at Long Beach, near Los Angeles. It is said that Kratz has been living in Cananea under the name

HITCHCOCK'S LATEST PLEA FOR VOTES

of G. A. Wood.

עקסמרעו עקסמרעו

צי די יודישע וואַטערם פין אמאחא אנד דאַנלאם קאַנטי אזרי וויא איר האמ ניוואָם פאַר מיר מים ב יאָר ציריק פאַר קאנגרעסמאַן אווי בעחם איך אייך דאס זעלבע דיועס יאָר. סיין פריינדשאפט צי אייך איזם אַללעסען פייוויכם אין אסאהא אין ספעשלי ווען איך קען מיען ניטעס פאר יתודים ווען איך בין אין קאנגרעס.

ינילמאר מ." חימשקאק.

-עדועסטעריישין איום פרייםיג, אקטאבער 28 סען ענד שבת, נאוועסבע 6 טען. עלעקשין דינסטינ, נאוועסבער דעם 8 טען.

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EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

To the Jewish Voters of Omaha and Douglas County: As you have voted for me for congressman two years ago, I beg you to do the same thing this year. My friendship for you has always been shown in Omaha. especially whenever I can do anything for Jewish people when I am in Your Friend, GILBERT M. HITCHCOCK. Registration day is Friday, October 28 and then on the Sabbath, November 5. Election Tuesday, November 8.

Urges Nebraskans to Be on Guard Against Official Corruption.

Organization, but Dangerous to Any, and Should Be Vigorously Fought.

Joseph W. Folk, boodle prosecutor and democratic candidate for governor of Misouri, addressed 5,000 persons of both sexes and all political beliefs at the Auditorius last night. His personality and speech impelled a great deal of enthusiasm which sputtered out like a spent candle when George W. Berge, populist and fusion nominee for governor, began to address the assembly. By the time Mr. Berge finished, one-fourth of Mr. Folk's audience had left the chilly Auditorium, which was decidedly uncomfortable, owing to the lack of heating facilities. Congressman Hitchcock, who presided, talked but little. The reception to Mr. Folk was extremely said he has been having a very strenuous my airship lost sixty pounds of lifting power, and I realized that I could not make an extended trip. The airship was completely under my coatrel and responded nicely. The start was made so late in the afternoon that that fact alone prevented a ecommended the voters to support Berge. Mr. Hitchcock exhausted a vocabulary of actical demonstration of the dirigi-of my airship tomorrow and I will the start in the middle of the day the atmosphere is warmer.

Baldwin in Metcalfe's Box.

Mr. Berge's somewhat awkward poses. wild gesticulations and hoarse voice confive feet long and about twenty feet wide trasted too sharply with Mr. Folk's easy at the center, tapering at the ends. The and polished delivery to suit many of the audience and they swept outward in big bunches. While the fusion candidate was maintenance of equilibrium. The frame of declaiming about the evils of the pass system and railroad rule, John N. Baldwin was listening in a box to the right of the stage. With him sat Richard L. Mctcalfe, editor of Congressman Hitchcock's paper.

In part Mr. Folk said;

In part Mr. Folk said:

Nebraska is a great state and Nebraskans should feel proud of their commonwealth. The name of Mount Vernon suggests Washington; the name of Mouticello suggests Jefferson and the name of Nebraska suggests another name dear to the heart of every Missouri democrat, that of William Jennings Bryan.

Political parties are for the purpose of serving the public. They are made for the people; not the people for the political parties. Men work out their principles and announce their intentions through parties. I believe a man may be a democrat. and announce their intentions through par-ties. I believe a man may be a democrat, a republican or a populist and yet may be just as patriotic as one as the other. I accord to every man the right to think as he pleases. I give him the same privi-lege I ask for myself.

Essence of True Democracy.

democracy.

I believe that the rights of one man extend to where the rights of another man begin. I believe that the constitution framed in the wisdom of our forefathers si,000,000.

Ernest Bross is a Nebraska man, being the son of Rev. Harman Bross of Lincoln, prominent in Congregational and Grand Army circles in this state, being the present department commander of the latter organization. Ernest Bross is himself well some gang if you want to. You are supremen. You can get just as good a government as you want to, and you will get just as bad a government as you deserve.

When we permit a corporation to run a state then the danger of corruption rises. I believe in giving to railroads and to corporations fair treatment. I have no sympathy with a demagogue who would rail against them simply because they are corporations. I say they should have every right the law gives them and no more. In investigating the corruption in my own state I found that one of the first steps a legislator takes, as a rule, toward

Boodle Has No Politics.

I have found that there is no politics in corruption, although there is a coarse corof foul play. Phelps was last seen on the bridge which crosses the mill race. This fact led the police to have the mill race emptied and a search was also made of nearby lakes, but no trace of Phelph has been discovered. His family discredits the suicide theory.

ABSCONDER UNDER ARREST

Man Who Decamped from San Francisco with \$18,000 Apprehended in Mexico.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27.—A. A. Kratz, formerly a member of a commission house of Kratz & Denandi of this city, who is alleged to have absconded with \$18,000. has been arrested in Cananea, Mexico. Papers for his extradition are being prepared. On September 14, four days before

Missourt's Fight Against Boodle Up to three years ago there had been try few prosecutions for bribery. In all very few prosecutions for bribery. In all the history of the United States only some fity cases had been tried, while something ike 500.000 cases of larceny and 100.000 cases of burglary had been tried. There had not seen a prosecution of an official boodler in been a prosecution of an official boodler in Missouri up to three years ago. In the last three years there have been more prosecutions for this crime than in the whole country for half a century. Mis-souri has now gained the lead in the fight for good government. Many states are now waging the war against corruption and many cities are fighting the power of boodle.

waging the war against corruption and many cities are fighting the power of boodle.

It is an honor to a state and not a disgrace to bring the rascals to the bar of justice. Disgrace lies in toleration, not in correction. The only way to stop it is to drag it out into the light and crush it whenever and wherever it raises its ugly head. Instead of Missouri being held up in shame by reason of these exposures, Missouri has been held up as a high example of civic integrity for other states to copy after. To show you that the state has not been injured materially I may say that isnd has advanced in value more than 25 per cent than during any three previous years, while the immigration to the state has greatly increased.

There has been a worderful change of sentiment in St. Louis since the agitation sgainst bribery was started. For twenty-five years no important legislation had got through the house of delegates without being paid for. Citizens sent signed statements to the mewpapers declaring it not wrong for a legislator to accept money for his vote, and even went so far as to declare the laws scalned bribery as dead and as uncless as the blue-stocking laws of New England.

as useless as the blue-stocking laws. Bribery Finally Defined.

Now, the people understand what bribery means. They know that government by bribery means government an a commercial basis and not by the people. They know that if bribery is allowed to go on they will no longer have a government of and by and for the people, but by a few with wealth enough to purchase official favors. Republics with as good prospects as ours (Continued on Second Page.)

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SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION

Russian Admiral's Explanation Turns Diplomatic Negotiations in New Channel.

Admiral Rojestvensky's explanation of the attack of his squadron on British trawiers, while it is received with in- Russian Commander Insists that He Fired credulity by the people and press of Great Britain, has probably turned the current of diplomatic negotiations into a new

channel. The British Foreign office is in courtesy obliged to accord an investigation into cir cumstances narrated by the Russian admiral, reinforced as it is by the testimony flattering. It is his only campaign speech of subordinate officers of the squadron and outside of Missouri this fall, where he by the report of the Danish minister of marine, communicated to the Russian govtime, though confident of success. His ernment, that vessels were known to have been chartered in Hull and in Sweden by the Japanese government for the purpo souri to eradicate these evils during the of attacking the Baltic squadron during its plicated diplomatic situations in recent hispassage of the North sea and English tory and one that is attended with the channel. There are on the one side stories most dangerous possibilities against the of Russian ships firing upon vessels of several neutral nations, and on the other superiatives in presenting the Missourian, of incidents tending to establish Admiral Rojestvensky's report that there were armed hostile vessels in the vicinity at least of the Hull fishing fleet.

Pending developments in diplomatic exchanges the British Admiralty is showing the utmost activity in bringing fleets within the course of the Russian squadron. The Russian ships at Vigo, Spain, it is promised, will depart as soon as necessary repairs are completed. France and in Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's report; yet Germany may be regarded as throwing even the most astute diplomats, who recthe weight of their influence in the scale for a peaceful conclusion of the contro-

ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY'S REPORT Says Torpedo Bonts Attacked Sound-

ron and Fishers Aided Them. ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 28.-The naval dispatches from Vice Admiral Rojestven-

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The North sea incident was caused by two torpedo boats advancing to attack without lights, under cover of darkness, against the vessel leading the detachment. When the detachment turned on its search-lights and opened fire the presence of several small steamboats resembling fishing boats was discovered. The detachment endeavored to spare these and ceased firing as soon as the torpedo boats were out of sight.

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The English press is indignant because a torpedo boat left by the detachment on the spot until morning did not aid the victims. Now, there was not a single torpedo boat near the detachment, and none was left behind; consequently the vessel remaining near the small steamboats was that torpedo boat which was not sunk, but only damaged. The detachment did not sid the little steamboats because we suspected them of complicity on account of their obstinacy in cutting into the order of the positions of our vessels. Several of them showed no lights, and others only very late.

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Having met several hundred fishing boats the squadron showed them every consideration, except when they were in company with foreign torpedo boats, of which one disappeared, while the other, according to the fishers' own evidence, remained among them until morning. They supposed it was a Russian and were indignant because it did not aid the victims; but it was foreign and remained until morning, seeking the other torpedo boat, its consort, either to repair damage or through fear of betraying itself to those who were not its accomplices. If there were also on the spot fishermen imprudently dragged into the enterprise, I beg in the name of the whole squadron to express my sincere regret to the unfortunate victims of circumstances under which no warship, even in time of deep peace, could have acted otherwise.

Channel Fleet Clears Decks. GIBRALTAR, Oct. 27 .- The ships of the British channel fleet cleared their decks this afternoon. It is rumored that the whole fleet, with the exception of the battleship Caesar, will steam westward tomorrow morning with the alleged purpose of mak- power that if France had given definite ing a sham attack against the Rock of Gibraltar.

Several torpedo boats left Tangier this evening fully equipped. Work at the arsenal is proceeding under

high pressure. A division of the Mediterranean fleet. comprising six battleships, all the armored cruisers and twenty torpedo boats is ex-

British Ships at Malta. VALETTA, Island of Malta, Oct. 27. The British armored cruiser Bacchante, with Rear Admiral Baldwin-Walker on board: the battleship Albemarle, flying the fiag of Rear Admiral Hamilton; the battleship Montagu and six torpedo boat destroy ers have arrived here from Corfu. The battleship Queen and nine torpedo

boat destroyers sailed hence today for an unknown destination. Funeral of Victims. HULL England, Oct. 27 .- The funeral today of two of the victims of the North

sea tragedy was made the occasion of great public demonstration. SHERIFF BELL AFTER NEVILLE Saloon Keeper at Independence

Charged with Murder in Connec-

tion with Depot Explosion.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Oct. 27.-Sheriff Edward Bell today swore to a complaint before the assistant district attorney charging J. J. Neville with the murder of James A. Hartsock, who was killed in the Inde pendence depot explosion on June 6. Neville. who conducted a saloon in Independence prior to the explosion, in which more than twenty miners were maimed and killed, was recently arrested at Cody, Wyo., and brought to this city. He furnished a \$2,-000 bond on a minor charge preferred against him and then returned to Wyom ing. He will be brought back again if he can be located.

CELL A BOWER OF FLOWERS Friends of Richard Higgins, Charged

with Murder, Testify to Their Belief in His Innocence.

PEORIA, Ill., Oct. 27.-Magoon Barnes of Mrs. Thomasson to assist State's Attorney Tefft in the prosecution of Richard Higgins, charged with murder. Besides Tofft will assist the state. Frank and Michael Quinn, Joseph Weil, A. H. Burke and E. D. McCabe will represent Higgins. Higgins, who is charged with the murder of Mrs.

Russian Report Injects New Set of Cententions Into North Sea Affair.

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Unless Satisfaction is Made Soon Russians May Be Stopped at the Entrance to Mediterranean Sea.

LONDON, Oct. 27 .- One of the most compeace of the whole of Europe exists to-

The situation between Great Britain and Russia resolved itself into the sample question whether Russia would or would not guarantee in advance that some punishment should be administered to the offending officers of the Baltic squadron has been modified by the introduction of an entirely new set of contentions contained ognize a temporary improvement in conditions, are puzzled by the complications that so curiously cause it. However, there is tonight at the embassies of powers not concerned in the dispute a very strong conviction that a way out will be found other than in recourse to war,

The Foreign office, apparently as puzzled ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 28.—The naval as the onlookers, pursues the policy of general staff publishes the following two silence and the British press is almost totally uninformed. The voluminous exchanges daily occurring between London and St. Petersburg continue. The statement that no reply from Russia has been received, adds to the implication that Russia is intentionally ignoring the British representations. It is this misconception which is chiefly responsible for the stirring up of a popular agitation against which the government may find it hard to stand out in the possible event of Foreign Minister Lansdowne withdrawing the demand that Russia guarantee punishment before an investigation is made. Had Rojestvensky's report not arrived, it is probable the dispute would have been settled one way or the other tonight. Its terms are held to prevent the presentation of the ultimatum which Great Britain undoubtedly intended to send. Although Lord Lansdowne has frankly said that the mstances reported by Admiral Rojestvensky are to him inconceivable, the Foreign minister is not prevented from seeing that new light has been thrown on th "outrage" and that diplomatic usage now compels less urgent action than the British government at first contemplated. In the present temper of the British nation it is not at all likely that preparations for hostilities will be relaxed, or that the popular outcry will be diminished by the Russian admiral's reply; but it is believed that Great Britain would run the risk of forfelting in some degree the good will of France and Germany If it proceeded to substitute warlike for diplomatic steps, of which intention, so it is stated at the Russian embassy tonight, there is no indication in Lord Lansdowne's communica-

> Attitude of France. The attitude of France is held to be of the highest importance. It was said today by the representative of another great assurances that it would not support Russia in the event of war growing out of the North sea incident, a hostile issue would be almost inevitable, as the temptation to crush the Russian naval power after such provocation could scarcely have been refused by Great Britain. It is pointed out that it is greatly to France's interest to preserve peace and its efforts in that direction obviously will be strengthened by not committing itself except at the last moment. So long as Great Britain is not sure whether France will help Russia, it it not likely to engage in war, while Russia, with France neutral, would, so it is thought at most of the embassies here, scarcely invite defeat. The most probable solution of the rumors regarding France's position is said by a prominent authority to be that it has given the disputants to understand that it does not desire to be-

come involved, but has reserved its final Ambassador Cambon was exceedingly ac tive throughout the day, not only visiting Foreign Minister Lansdowne and Ambassador Benckendorff, but others of his col-

cagues. Japanese Ambassador Talks. Baron Hayashi, after reading the Russian admiral's statement, again relierated the statement that it was impossible that any Japanese torpedo boats were where the admiral thought them. He declared that Rojestvensky's own statement of Indiscriminate firing after such slight investigation proved that the Russian fleet was likely to menace the safety of all neutral seas and make international law merely a farce. War between England and Russia Baron Hayashi frankly admitted, would be greatly to Japan's advantage; yet, as a

friend of England, he would be sorry to

see it come, though such a war could

hardly consist of more than one naval engagement, the result of which would be a foregone conclusion. Exactly what method can be taken to investigate Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's statements does not clearly appear. The Russian embassy here can throw no light upon the alleged presence of torpedo boats in the North sea, the British admiralty has no information and fresh inquiry among the trawlers elicits no new facts. The Russian embassy thinks that a further and

more elaborate inquiry is proceeding at Vigo, where the testimony of the officera Lacon has been engaged by relatives of participating in the affair is being recorded, No representations have been made by the Japanese or the British government or account of the action of the Spanish auand Barnes, Mesers. McNamer and Weiss thorities toward the Russian fleet, both being satisfied with the correctness of the Spanish attitude. So far as is known here the United States is not moving in the present dispute, statements alleging ex-Thomasson, is in a cell in the county jail pressions of accord with the British atilwhich is a hower of flowers contributed tude on the part of the United States being emphatically denied by Charge White in