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Story From Tokio Not Confirmed and the Czar's Government Declines to Make a Statement One Way or Other.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 29.—(2.35 a.m.)—
Alarmist reports from foreign sources of the alleged critical situation of the Will Resign Even Without Port Arthur garrison and of a renewal of the Japanese atack upon that stronghold have created considerable popular anxiety here over the fate of the fortress, which, it must be confessed, had almost been overlooked by the public the past few days, owing to the absorbthe past few days, owing to the absorbing interest taken in the North Sea To the electors of Canada:

The government simply states that it maintains the firm belief that the gar- place. rison will be able to hold out.

The Japanese captured two machine guns. The Russian casualties are estimated at 200, and those of the Japanese at 170. The Russians occupied

Gen. Stoessel wired the Russian emperor and court recently:

"I now bid you all good-bye forever.

Port Arthur is my grave.

Gen. Stoessel has instilled the garrison of the beleaguered fortress with the spirit that to court a glorious death is preferable to capitulation.

The Japanese shells are inflicting great damage to the Russian fleet in the harbor and to the force ations. The arsenal with its contents of ammunition and small arms has been destroyed and preparations are being stroyed and preparations are being made for the last deadly struggle at (Signer close questers. The water last deadly struggle at close quarters. The water supply having been cut off, wells are being sunk.

## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* JAPS SUCCEED.

two Russian steamers were sunk. Official confirmation of the above is lacking, but the reports are believed to be true.

Superannuation.

letter from Auditor-General McDougall to the electors of Canada was

"There seems to be some uncertainty is without direct advice, tho it realizes about my reason for withdrawing my that the situation in the fortress must application for superannuation, when be growing daily more difficult, but the dissolution of the commons took

"There was ground to expect that Tokio, Oct. 29.—(8 a.m.)—A press telegram from Gen. Kuroki's headquarters reports that on Thursday the Japanese captured Waitaoshan after sharp fighting. The attack began at 8 o'clock in the morning and ended at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the Russians retreating. The Japanese captured two machine you would see that the most pain-

mated at 200, and those of the Japanese at 170. The Russians occupied Waitaoshan on the 14th instant with eight companies and began constructing defences. The Russians retreated across the Shakhe River.

STOESSEL EXPECTS TO DIE.

"It,didn't seem necessary to say that I could not hope to keep out of an asylum for the insane if I attempted to do our great work here with the immense additions so soon to come to it without this help and therefore I should leave. When I asked to be superannuated, I tried to make it clear that my health was good and that I wasn't tired or work

(Signed) J. L. McDougall.

Provisions are scarce. Only tinned meats being left, the soldiers hold gala feasts on horses killed by the Punishment Meted Out to Man Who remier.

Tokio, Oct. 28.-It is reported that the Japanese opened a desperate attack on the seastern forts of the Keekwan group, north of Port Arthur, during the morning of Oct. 26, and silenced the Russian batteries. A shell exploded the Russian magazines. Simultaneously the Japanese attacked the forts on Russian batteries and stormed and occupied the forts in front of these mountains. On the night of Oct. 26 there was a conflagration in old Port Arthur, and Oct. 27 a shell hit the Rus-sian battleship Sevastopol and

Shanghai, Oct. 28.—A private letter from Port Arthur, dated Oct. 21, received here to-day, says:

Gen. Stoessel wired the Russian emperor and court recently:

Nothing to Do With Arbitration.

## BALTIC FLEET'S ATTACK ON TRAWLERS TO INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION

lieving He Saw Torpedo Boats

Remains to Be Proved.

ALL OVER NOW.

der the rules of The Hague Peace Conference will be thru the coroner's inquest at Hull, an investigation by the British board of trade and the examination of officers of the Russian ships which fired upon the fish-

Details of the agreement between Russia and Great Britain upon a

Premier Balfour, in Speech at mode of settlement of the questions arising out of the firing upon the British trawlers in the North Sea by the Russian second Pacific squad-Southampton, Breaks Silence That Has So Long Irritated for the National Union of Conservative Clubs at Southampton. The ascertainment of the facts for submission to a commission formed un-

**ERRATIC FLEET STAYS AT VIGO** TILL INVESTIGATION FINISHES

the British Public.

But Any Person Found Guilty
Will Be Tried and Punished Adequately.

London, Oct. 28.-All danger of war between Russia and Great Britain has superannuation I have earned, if pos-sible, but if I cannot get that, then only points in dispute regarding the That Admiral Made Mistake in Be- London Daily Mail Pleased But Other attack' by Russia's second Pacific squadron on British trawlers, Oct. 21, has been referred to an international

commission under The Hague Convention.

Premier Balfour, speaking at a meeting of the National Union of Conservaing of the Essex, Oct. 28.—Last night, at Cottive Clubs at Southampton to-night, and day, expressed the greatest plea- will be one of the representatives on

# ermen. In his speech Mr. Balfour cast ridicule upon the official explanation of Admiral Rojestvensky, but praised the spirit in which the Russian emperor and government had met the crisis.

Papers Not So Enthusiastic Over the Outcome.

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## (Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

BRITONS FAVOR PROTECTION.

London, Oct. 28.—Fourteen hundred members were present at the annual conference of the National Union of Conservatives, which opened to\_day at Southampton. Mr. Chaplin's resolution was carried with but two dissentients, calling for reform in the fiscal policy of the country and cordially supporting Premier Balfour's demand for power to deal with the evils arising from the unfair competition caused by dumping. It likewise welcomed the recent declaration of the prime minister that if again returned to power he will invite a conference with delegates from the colonies and India to meet to discuss, first, whether the idea of fiscal union commends itself to them; and, second, how it is to

be carried out. An amendment by Moore Bailey, a Birmingham free fooder, to throw out the first paragraph, which he interpreted to mean a tax on food, found only thirteen supporters. The other resolutions, dealing thiefly with protection for the home industries, were carried. Contrary to expectation, Mr. Balfour confined his speech to the Russian crisis. The Daily Graphic says a colonial conference would be a long step towards the goal which every imperialist has in view, and which sooner

or later must be reached. The Morning Post says that the result shows that Mr. Chamberlain has rightly interpreted the opinions and desires of all wishing to see the empire made stronger and more united.

The Daily Chronicle is doubtful whether Premier Balfour accepts Mr. Chaplin's support, and urges him to speak out.

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## JAPS OCCUPY FORT RIHLUNG AND THOSE MARKED WITH A FLAG

The Promised "Rousing Rally" Developed Into Nothing More Than an Ordinary Ward Meeting.

LAURIER WIRED TO ROBINETTE ABOUT THAT UNION LABEL BILL

A. T. Hunter Advised Audience to Get all the Fun Possible From Campaign and Keep Free of the

Seats for a few hundred more could easily have been found in Association Hall last night at the students and Young Liberals' rally. The main doors were kept tight until 8 o'clock, and the unco guid, the highly respectable and the press gained admission at the rear, while a patient throng of under 100 waited outside. A procession of perhaps 100 students, with a band playing "Bluebell," arrived at 8 and filed into the first few rows of sears and the Young Liberals, represented as is usual in young political organizations,

by these no longer young, venerable and hoary seniors, followed after. An \* inveterate objection to hats characteristic of students in all parts of the world in places of public resort kept things lively while the general public filed in, and the college yens rose with a rhythmic clang. A bunch of Osgoode men sought recognition thru the chant: "Weste good, whose good? Osgoode," but echo answered "No good, no good," and Varsity broke into melody. "There's a Place Where the Law. "There's a Place Where the Law

ody. "There's a Place Where the Law-years Ought to Go."
"They know it," was the sententious remark as it ended.
D. B. Gillies performed the duties of chairman. A reference to "this large and enthusiastic audience" was greeted with "Oh, oh!" and "This fine oid City of Toronto which our Conservative—"
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The chairman had an elaborate compliment prepared for the ladies present, the point of which was that their presence would prevent the natural reversion to type of the Liberal voters who might otherwise adopt the election who might otherwise adopt the election methods of the cave men. Applause greeted his announced intention not to make any extended remarks. He made a considerable number of unextended these and the collections. J. J. Harpell who read letters of regret from Chancellors Burwash and Wallace and the Victoria Liberal Students, who had better attractions elsewhere, Sub-

sequently a letter from H. H. Dewart was also read. The Speech of His Life. A. I. Fisher, R.A., representing Osgoode Hall, was introduced and want up and down the platform to stitulate his emotions. He would not have dared to appear but for the bold-hearted and white-haired men behind him and some sweethearts from Wentworth County who were, he said, in the audience to 

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