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MILLINERY!

The busiest and best millinery season on our records. values have done it. Attractive styles, exclusive effects, and moderate prices, combined to make our Millinery the most popular and attractive we have ever shown. Leave your order NOW FOR YOUR HAT, you will get it promptly, you will be pleased with it, and the price will not worry you.

Stylish Black Velvet Hats trimmed with elegant long Black Plumes, on sale very special at \$5.50

Small Black and Colored Velvet Toques, elegantly trimmed with Paris Pom-Poms, Wings and Birds, on sale very special value at \$3.75, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.00

Ready-to-Wear Special—A lot cleared from a Toronto Wholesale Millinery House—goods that had just arrived, but were too late for them to handle profitably. They are handsome Camel's Hair Felts, trimmed with splendid quality Ribbon Velvet and Wings in White and Black, White and Navy, White and Green, Castor and White, regular \$5.00 each, on sale for \$2.50

Rug Selling

A saving of 10% on a large room rug means a big item to you, and that is just what we are offering you in this big sale of ours. Our Minister Rugs are of unexcelled value for appearance and durability. The new designs for Fall are here and for necessary quick selling we are offering these reductions—

\$20.00 Rugs for	\$18.00
\$25.00 Rugs for	\$22.50
\$30.00 Rugs for	\$27.00
\$35.00 Rugs for	\$31.50
\$40.00 Rugs for	\$36.00

Ladies' Dressing Gowns,

Full length, made of heavy rich cotton elder, nicely trimmed, in good dark and medium colors, regular value \$2.75 on sale for \$2.00.

Sale of Men's Umbrellas

Most men want an umbrella with a steel rod, but MANY men still prefer the good old wood stick, and it is to these men we address this sale—

Men's umbrellas with paragon frame wood stick, stylish handles, covered with extra quality fine black silk and linen gloria, regular prices \$3.00 and \$3.50, on sale for \$2.00

Comforters at 83c

As a rule we don't handle the lowest grade of comforters, but we bought these to sell at \$1.00 and were not satisfied with the quality when we opened them. They are covered with dark silkolene and filled with a mixture of cotton and fibre, for certain purposes they may be just what you want and this week we give you a chance to buy them for 83c

W. B. Corsets for 98c.

New model W. B. American Corsets, made of fine French Coutil, in grey only, dip front, low bust, long hip, nicely trimmed with lace around the top, all sizes, inclusive from 19 to 26, on sale very special at 98c

\$1.50 Lace Curtains \$1.12

Fine White Nottingham Lace Curtains with beautifully designed border and handsome floral centre, 3 1/2 yds. long, 50 in. wide, made of good serviceable washing net, regular price \$1.50 a pair, Expansion Sale Price is \$1.12

15c Lawn for 11c

Fine bleached Victoria Lawn, 1 1/2 yds. wide, even thread, great for washing with regular value, 15c a yd., Expansion Sale price is 11c.

\$1.10 for Spreads 84c

White honey comb Bed Spreads full eleven quarter double bed size, fine soft finish, regular value \$1.10 Expansion Sale price is 84c.

\$1.25 Silk for 98c.

\$1.10 Silk for 74c

Our Special Sale of Silks has attracted such attention and the selling has been so brisk that we decided to continue our offer for this week.

Black Peau de Soie, fine French make, heavy weight and lustrous finish, fully warranted for wear and appearance, suitable for coats, waists and dresses, regular value \$1.25 a yard, Expansion Sale Price, 98c

Heavy Black French Taffeta, elegant gros grain finish, recommended for good wear and rich appearance, correct weight for waists, skirts and shirtwaist suits, regular value \$1.00 a yard, Expansion Sale Price, 74c

9c Factory Cotton for 8c

1 yard wide Unbleached Cotton, extra heavy, even thread, suitable for sheeting and general wear, regular price 9c a yard—on sale for 8c.

25c Ribbons for 15c

No. 60 Satin Duchesse Neck Ribbons, fine soft finish, in black, white, cream, pink, sky, blue, and turquoise, regular value 25c a yard, Expansion Sale price is 15c.

Thomas Stone & Son

NO RUSSIAN APOLOGY

Official Report Awaited, But Deep Regret Expressed.

Our Recipient Blundering Admiral's Communication, But It Has Not Been Made Public, and Government Is Slow to Act—Czar's Minister Mobbed By Battered Leaders—Only One Trawler Sunk—Sympathy From the King.

London, Oct. 25.—Great Britain yesterday sent a long and urgent note to the Russian Government officially detailing the circumstances of the amazing and unexplained attack by the Russian Pacific squadron during the night of Oct. 21, on British fishing boats in the North Sea. The text of the note has not been given out, but it is officially stated from the Foreign Office that it contains the significant announcement "that the situation is one which in the opinion of His Majesty's Government does not brook delay."

Meanwhile the conservative public and press are remarkably undemonstrative. As usual, the jingo element demands war, and even in official quarters go so far as to say that it may be necessary to stop the Pacific fleet, pending settlement of the whole affair, though this extreme measure, it is believed, will not be necessary. Everywhere there is evidence of the positive opinion that this is not the time for the usual diplomatic dilly-dallying, that there must be no delay, and no limit set by Russia to her apology, or the extent of compensation for sufferers by what King Edward himself terms "the unwarrantable action" of the Baltic squadron commanders.

Deep Regretment of People.

The deep regretment of the whole British public, however, was reflected by the incident at Victoria Station last night on the arrival of Count Benckendorff from the continent. The Count barely escaped a mob of angry people at the Victoria Station, which followed him almost to the Embassy. A special force of police was compelled to guard it all night. There is no attempt anywhere among men of responsibility to magnify the occurrence into a deliberate act of war, but in view of the present inability to find an explanation, there is being poured upon the heads of the officers of the squadron a flood of invective and insinuation, though incompetence first, and thereafter complete panic is the most generally accepted explanation.

Thus far no word has been received from St. Petersburg as to the attitude of the Russian Government. The fact that it had been decided during the day to prepare a semi-official note expressing the regret of the Russian Government and its willingness to make full reparation so soon as the responsibility is fixed, was communicated by the Associated Press to Lord Lansdowne, and was the first information on the subject he had received from St. Petersburg.

Cause of Delay.

The absence during the day of Count Benckendorff, the Russian Ambassador, necessarily caused some delay, but the Russian charge d'affaires, who called at the Foreign Office on request by note from Lord Lansdowne, unofficially expressed deep regret and, as far as it was possible for him to go, gave assurance of speedy action by the Russian Government. Lord Lansdowne, in this interview, told Mr. Sansonoff, the charge d'affaires, that he desired to see Ambassador Benckendorff Tuesday morning. Lord Lansdowne asked Mr. Sansonoff if he could offer any explanation of the affair, and the latter replied that he only knew what appeared in the papers, and that he had not received any word up to that time from St. Petersburg. Lord Lansdowne gave no suggestion as to what might be done in the matter.

At the Russian Embassy it was stated "that the whole affair was so obviously a mistake, from whatever cause, that Russia's course was plainly dictated, namely, apology and ample compensation."

No Russian Apology Yet.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 25.—No official or unofficial Russian explanation of the unfortunate affair of Dogger Bank was forthcoming up to midnight, and the world must wait until to-day to hear Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's version of the firing upon the British fishermen. Rojestvensky has communicated direct to the Emperor, but at 11.30 o'clock last night the Admiralty announced that it had not yet received a report. At the same hour the Foreign Office issued a statement, expressing the regrets of the Government for the deplorable incident, but explaining that no formal action is possible until Admiral Rojestvensky's official report of the affair has been received.

Deep Regret Expressed.

While no official action has been taken, the deepest regret is expressed in all quarters, and the purpose of the Government to make amends if Rojestvensky shall be found to have been in fault has been proclaimed in every Government department. Emperor Nicholas himself was greatly aggrieved when he heard the news while he was inspecting the cruiser Oleg at Cronstadt yesterday afternoon; and Foreign Minister Lamsdorff expressed to Ambassador Harding his deepest personal regrets. The Russian Embassy at London has also been directed to convey similar expressions to the Govern-

ment of Great Britain. It is felt that this is all that can possibly be done pending the receipt of Admiral Rojestvensky's statement.

That a horrible blunder has been committed is recognized and deplored everywhere and nowhere has an attempt been made to justify the firing upon innocent fishermen.

Gave Him a Chance.

It is felt that Rojestvensky is too good a man and officer to be summarily condemned. It is agreed that he is entitled to a hearing, but even the Admiralty regretfully admits that it is at a loss to understand what explanation could justify such an apparently cold-blooded act as the affair is made to appear by foreign reports. It developed during the day that the Admiralty had strong reason to believe that an attempt would be made against the squadron during its passage through Great Belt or the English Channel. So specific was the information that even the present crisis has not diverted attention from the possibility of such an attack yet occurring.

The failure of the steam trawlers with their nets to obey the signals from the Russian warships or the nervousness of some officer who imagined that fishermen working with their nets in the water were laying a mine may be responsible for the blunder. As soon as the facts are established it is certain that the Russian Government will voluntarily offer the fullest reparation.

Rojestvensky Crazy.

Paris, Oct. 25.—The Matin's Cherbourg correspondent reports that he interviewed the commander of the Russian torpedo flotilla which left that port Monday, who said that during Sunday night a wireless message from Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky had been received as follows: "Redouble precautions and vigilance. Enemy signalled in channel."

Only One Trawler Sunk.

London, Oct. 25.—The actual casualties during the one-sided Russian bombardment of Dogger Bank can be correctly stated since the arrival at London last evening of the carrying ship Swift, reporting the safety of the missing trawlers. The Swift left the fleet at 10 a.m. on Oct. 23. Her captain says: "The Russians gave not the slightest warning prior to the commencement of the firing. The admiral of the fishing fleet sent up a rocket warning them and then the firing commenced. He again sent up four green rockets, but this only seemed to increase the ferocity of the bombardment. The poor marksmanship of the Russian gunners was the only thing that saved the entire fleet within range of the searchlights and guns. The Russians were only 150 yards from us at the time. The Swift was slightly damaged."

At the inquest at Hull yesterday it was stated that one vessel, the Crane, was sunk, and that four of five were more or less damaged. In the statement of the coroner to the jury, that official said it was a question of very grave and possibly international importance; but it would be their duty to find who were the murderers of the dead men. After the identification of the bodies the inquest was adjourned to Nov. 2.

King Edward has sent to the Mayor of Hull \$1,000 as his donation for the families of the victims of the North Sea firing.

Premier Balfour has telegraphed the Mayor of Hull as follows: "Your telegram received. You may have full confidence in the Government's action."

Blunderers At Cherbourg.

Cherbourg, France, Oct. 25.—The advance guard of the Russian second Pacific squadron, consisting of torpedo boats, is in the outer harbor. The main squadron is expected here, but it is not yet certain whether the warships will enter the harbor. The vessels which first arrived were not with the larger ships when the latter fired on the British fishing boats in the North Sea Saturday morning. Therefore it is not yet possible to obtain the Russian version of the affair.

Sympathy From the King.

London, Oct. 25.—The Mayor of Hull has telegraphed to Premier Balfour as follows:

"The greatest indignation prevails here at the unprecedented and wanton attack on the Hull fishing fleet by Russian warships, resulting in the loss of valuable lives. We appeal to the Government to take the speediest and strongest measures to ensure full redress and complete security against further Russian outrages."

The text of the King's message of sympathy to the Mayor of Hull was as follows:

"From Francis Knollys, "Buckingham Palace, Oct. 24, 1904. "To His Worship the Mayor of Hull.—The King commands me to say that he has heard with profound sorrow of the unwarrantable action which has been committed against the North Sea fishing fleet, and asks you to express the deepest sympathy of the Queen and His Majesty with the families of those who have suffered from this most lamentable occurrence. (Signed) "Knollys."

Charybdis Ordered.

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 25.—The British cruiser Charybdis, Commodore Paget, received orders last night to be in readiness to proceed to England on a moment's notice. The training ship Calypso has been ordered to arrange for the mobilization of 500 men of the Newfoundland Naval Reserves. There is much excitement in naval circles here.

Anybody desiring a supply of good rain water can secure it from the catch basin in the sidewalk in front of Con. Shea's establishment.

RUSSIANS GO TO JAPS

Czar's Troops Are Entrenching As They Go Forward.

The Two Armies Are Now Separated By Less Than Five Miles—Whole Field of Operations of Both Armies Can Be Finally Seen—Russian Losses at Shakhe River Total 13,333, and 769 Prisoners Taken—Japs Fortify Village.

Mukden, Oct. 25.—(Via Pekin.)—The Russian forces on the left again crossed the Shakhe River on Oct. 21 and are now pushing forward towards the Japanese positions, entrenching as they advance. At the same time Russian batteries are continually bombarding the Japanese, who can be plainly seen, busily engaged in the making of trenches. The Russian and Japanese armies are now separated by less than four miles and the whole field of operations of both armies can be plainly seen.

The question of fuel is becoming a serious one. The greater part of the Chinese corn has already been used for fuel and for fodder, while most of the houses in the Chinese villages have been destroyed and their wood used for fuel.

Without fuel and without shelter beyond that provided by tents it seems impossible for the armies to remain in the field during the increasing cold weather.

Nine Abandoned Guns.

Gen. Oku's Headquarters, Friday, Oct. 21, via Fusan, Oct. 25.—While clearing the field near Shakhe the Japanese found nine abandoned Russian guns.

Russian Losses.

Tokio, Oct. 25.—The Japanese headquarters here yesterday, without referring to the general situation in the vicinity of the Shakhe River, published the following report received the day before: Since the last telegram referring to the enemy's dead, the bodies left on the field have been increased to the following: Found by the right army, 5,200; found by the left army, 5,603; found by the centre army, 2,530; total, 13,333. The number of prisoners captured totals 769.

Russian Prisoners 3,000.

New York, Oct. 25.—The Russian prisoners in Japan number 3,000, according to a Tokio despatch to The Times.

Both Sides Entrenching.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 25.—There was no news of immediate importance from the Far East last night. The indications are that both sides are heavily entrenching, though it is believed that General Kuropatkin will be ready for a forward move at an early moment, unless heavy Japanese reinforcements compel him to remain on the defensive.

Japs Fortify Village.

Harbin, Oct. 25.—A number of Japanese prisoners have been brought to this place. The Japanese are heavily fortifying the village of Lamung.

It is reported that the Russians have buried 700 Japanese who were killed defending Lone Tree Hill. It is snowing to-day.

FOUR MEN NEARLY KILLED.

Big Pile of Rails Fell On Them and Their Injuries Are Varied and Serious

Duart, Oct. 25.—While engaged in sawing rails on the farm of Alex. McRitchie, near Clearville, Elgin County, yesterday morning, four men nearly lost their lives. A big pile of rails standing on end near the machine fell over, completely covering and jamming them to the ground. Mr. McRitchie, with the assistance of some neighbors, soon removed the pile of rails and found George Hendrie unconscious with his head badly cut and arms and shoulders ground almost to a pulp. Henry Scott, while conscious, was bleeding badly from a deep cut in the head, and had one leg broken in two places. John McFarlane was partially saved by two rails crossing, but his head was jammed down into the ground and he received a deep scalp wound which required several stitches. William J. Ferguson had a deep cut on the head, and was injured on the shoulder and back.

Sent to Penitentiary.

Winnipeg, Oct. 25.—Three years in the penitentiary was the sentence imposed yesterday by Magistrate McKicken on John Fraser Drummond, a young man who pleaded guilty to misappropriation of some \$5,400 from the Manitoba Mortgage and Investment Co.

In the case of Melvin Bartlett, who appeared for sentence for having misappropriated the funds of the marriage license branch of the Department of Agriculture, George Patterson, acting for the Crown, asked for a remand of sentence till Nov. 14, pending the result of the investigation to be made by the commission into the affairs of the department in which Bartlett was employed.

Charged With Arson.

Guelph, Oct. 25.—High Constable Merewether arrested yesterday John Douglas, a tenant on Janet Carter's farm near this city, on three charges, arson, perjury and attempting to obtain money by fraud from the Galt Mutual Fire Insurance Co. The fire occurred on Aug. 18, when the barn was burned, under suspicious circumstances. The case was adjourned for a week.

TWO NEW BOOKS.

"OLD

GORGON

GRAHAM."

By the author of "The Letters of a Self-Made Merchant." Its a great book by a great author. "Old Gorgon Graham" says:—

"A lot of men who are used to getting only one dollar's worth of food for a five dollar bill down town, expect their wives to get five dollars' worth of food for a one dollar bill at the corner grocery, and to save the change toward a pair of diamond earrings."

This new book by the "Self-Made Merchant" will appear in Sept. Better put in your order in advance.—WM. BRIGGS, Publisher, Toronto.

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