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BRITISH HARD TO HOLD

Absence of Russian Apology Increases the Tension.

ndon Papers State Britain's Ultimatur to Russia Expires This Afternoon-Rojestvensky Says He Saw Japs Among His Battleships, But His Explanatio Does Not Explain-At Gibraltar British War Vessels Are Under Orders to Chase

London, Oct. 27 .- At three o'clock London, Oct. 27.—At three o'clock this morning there is no sign when Admiral Rojestvensky's report will be made public, but if unofficial reports should turn out to reflect the admiral's official report, it is evident the Russian officers made an extraordinary blunder in mistaking trawlers for torpedo boats and fired on their phantom foes.

The newspapers this morning evince more heat and impatience than here-ofore at Russia's delay, which is considered absolutely indefensible in the present circumstances.

Tension Increases.

Tension increases as time passes without a definite settlement of the situation created by the Russian blunder in the North Sea. Ambassador Benckendorff's tentative communications ication to Foreign Minister Lans-downe yesterday and the fact that it was regarded as unsatisfactory, only serves to inflame the public mind; and while official circles are giving out intimations that it is their confident belief the whole mat-ter will be satisfactorily arranged, it is now quite evident that only a ort time will be allowed Russia in which to give final and complete as-sur ces of her intention to comply with any and all demands that Great Britain may make within rea-

Admiralty Not Idle. arrival of Admiral Rojestver y at Vigo and the certainty that is in direct communication with side of the occurrences of the night of Oct. 21. With this official version of Oct. 21. With this official version before the Russian Government, together with the official statement of the members of the fishing fleet, it is unlikely that the British public or the British Government will allow another 24 hours to pass quietly without receiving a quick answer. Meanwhile the Admiralty is not idle.

Navy Grows Active. Reports from , all naval stations show that a tremendous state of ac-tivity exists. This is especially true of Gibraltar, from which place it is announced that some of the best of Great Britain's war vessels are under Great Britain's war vessels are under orders to proceed in the direction of the Russian second Pacific squadron, and that all the ships of the British Channel fleet are ready to go to sea at a moment's notice. Hitherto there has been no indication that a time limit has been set by Great Britain for Russia's reply to her demands, but the fact that three battleships and three cruisers are under orders for the morning of Oct. 28, is con-strued in some quarters to mean that Great Britain will not wait longer than that date before unleashing her sea dogs, while it is also evident that the Russian cruisers and small-er boats of the squadron may find difficulty in passing the gateway to the east, unless the crisis is comtely over by the time they reack entrance of the Mediterranean. Everything Arranged.

Information has reached the Associated Press from an authoritative ource that puts a brighter light up-n the situation. It is understood that practically everything has been decided upon to the satisfaction of Count Lamsdorff, the Russian Foreign Minister, except the question of the punishment of the offending of-ficers of the second Pacific squadron. It is further understood that Great Britain is not demanding final and formal written undertakings before announcing that she is satisfied, but that an undertaking in general terms on the part of Russia will be accepted as sufficient guarantee for an official announcement that the crisis

has passed, Colonial Secretary Lyttelton, speaking at Leamington last night, said he had no further information to disclose, but he had no doubt Russia would make full reparation and punish the offenders.

Reflect Grave Situation

All the public utterances of minis-ters and influential men reflect the gravity of the crisis, but also confi-dence that Russia will give the required satisfaction. Premier Balfour will make a speech at Southampton on Friday, which is awaited with in-tense interest. Lord Selborne, first Lord of Admiralty, left London late last night for Portsmouth to give his personal attention to naval preparations there.

While the good faith of the Rus sian Government, in its efforts to probe the affair is not questioned, it probe the affair is not questioned, it is evident from British enquiries 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 nor a position to brook unreasonable delay. It is realized here that each day's delay will render the temper of day's delay will render the temper of the people of both countries more un-certain. The hope is expressed at the Admiralty that the report may be received to-day.

ROJECTVENSKY'S EXCUSE. Admiral Says He Saw Japs Among His

Vigo, Spain, Oct. 27.—The Associated Press has succeeded in obtaining an interview with Admiral Roing 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, the night in question, was rather hazy. About 1 a.
m. two torpedo boats, which the Rus-

sians supposed to be 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 reported that he greatly regretted that any injury had been done the fishermen, and added that he had no doubt the Russian Government would make ample recompense.

The arrival here of the Russian battleships Emperor Alexander III., Borodino, Orel and Kniaz Souvaroff and the transport Anadul, which have anchored in this port, has caus-ed considerable excitement. The commander of the port immediately boarded the Russian flagship and in formed Admiral Rojestvensky that the Spanish Government could 'not permit the warships to coal within the port. Admiral Rojestvensky re plied that his vessels needed repairs and that for that reason he had separated from the remainder of his quadron. The commander of the port promised to inform the Span ish Government of the admiral's statement and communicate the Govment's reply as soon as it was re

German Coalers Alongside In spite of this five German coalers anchored in port alongside the bat tleships, whereupon the commande of the port sent an aide-de-camp to beg Admiral Rojestvensky not of the Spanish cruiser Estramadura to notify the colliers that they must obey the port authorities. Eventual-ly 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 Tangier. Short-ly afterwards three colliers sailed for Tangier, but two remained alongside the Russian warshins.

Conscience Pricks.

As far as can be seen, the crews of the battleships are very uneasy. Sentinels are closely watching every

It is learned that three other Russian warships have anchored in Arosa Bay. The Government has refused them permission to coal in Spanish waters.

The Spanish warships Marqyes de la Victoria and Vasco Nunoz de Balbao are keeping watch along the

The authorities have ordered that all fishing boats shall fly the na-

tional flag, in order to avoid a repetition of the Dogger Bank incident. The Press Bellicose. London, Oct. 27 .- The tone of the

London press is notably more belli-cose to-day, than it has been at any period of the existing crisis. The tone of comparative modera-tion and calmness hitherto shown by the press of London is observed to be yielding to one of an outspken bellicose nature. The Daily Mail editorially speaks of war threatening and gives in scare headlines. "Ultimatum to Russia Expires This Afternoon," etc. Without going to these lengths, nearly all the other papers are discussing the possibilities of war should the war party in St. Peters-burg be able to influence the Emper-or and Government into-determina-tion to shield the officers of the sec-

unofficial explanation of Admiral Rojestvensky telegraphed from Vigo is stigmatized by The Morning Post and other papers as apparently that of a lunatic, whose continuance in a position of responsibility is a menace to every vessel that navigates the sea.

The Daily Telegraph, representing

the Government view, says: "There is no doubt whatever of the Govern-ment's seriousness. No responsible Ministers would order a fleet athwart the path of the vessels of a foreign power without recognizing the responsibility of such a grave step; yet this is what His Majesty's Govern-ment has done with its eyes wide op-

en."
An equally bellicose tone characterized the British correspondent's despatches from St. Petersburg.
Lord Rosebery, in sending a cheque for \$500 for the sufferers, describes the North Sea affair as "an unspeakable outrage."
The Morning Post's Copenhagen correspondent gives the report that the captain of a British steamer, after passing the second Pacific squad-

ter passing the second Pacific squad-ron Friday night in the North Sea, saw two miles away a two-tunneled steamer in distress, which apparently sank before he was able to reach her. It is suggested that the steamer had been attacked by the second Pacific squadron.

Killed By a Splinter.

Parry Sound, Oct. 27.—George Brethour was struck on the side of the head by a flying splinter while working in the Parry Sound Lumber Co.'s mill Tuesday morning, and died from the effects of the accident died from the effects of the accident in the evening. The splinter of wood entered his head below the ear, shattering both jaws and inflecting terrible injuries to the mouth. It became firmly imbedded in the head and was removed by the surgeon from the opposite side of the head. Brethour was a resident of this town, He leaves a wife and one child.

Stray Bullet Kills.

Havelock, Oct. 27.—Porter Preston, a pioneer resident of Belmont Township, was found dead in his swamp about 9 o'clock Tuesday evenswamp about 9 o'clock Tuesday evening. He had been absent from his home since noon. He was found by a search party, evidently killed by a stray bullet. He had been chopping a log, and his axe lay on one side of the log and his body at the other side in about two feet of water. A bullet hole was found about an inch beneath the right ave beneath the right eye.

Armies Cannot Much Longer Defer Renewal of Battle.

Russ and Jap Strengthen Their Positions and Are Prepared to Resume Fighting At Any Moment-Sharpshooters Are Active-Throughout the Night Sniping Is Continued From the Trenches-Jap Sacrifice to Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27.-General Kuropatkin telegraphs that there was no fighting of importance Oct. 25. He adds:

"A desultory artillery fire was maintained all day long upon the front of our right flank by both the enemy and ourselves.
"On the night of Oct. 24 the Rus-

of the hight of Oct. 24 the Russian volunteer sharpshooters ambushed advancing Japanese outposts and forced them to retire southward. Another detachment recovered a Russian gun carriage." sian gun carriage."

Ready to Resume Fighting

Mukden, Oct. 27.—There was no incident of importance Tuesday. Both armies are resting and preparing to esume the slaughter. There is a rumor among the Chinese at Mukden that the Japanese are ready to attack.

Eattle Soon to Be Renewed.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27.—The quiet now prevailing at the theatre of war is considered to be only the calm before a storm. There is every indica-tion of the imminence of the resump-tion of fighting on a large scale, as the proximity of the two armies makes it impossible for them to much longer defer a renewal of the battle.
Field Marshal Oyama is reported to
be fortifying his whole line south of
the Sha River, showing that he is
preparing to meet the Russian onet. Not a ray of light as yet ha een shed upon Kuropatkin's plans. Authorship Traced.

Viceroy Alexieff's order of the day announcing Kuropatkin's appoint-ment to the troops is in the same ment to the troops is in the same grandiose vein as Kuropatkin's order of Oct. 5, and is regarded as having definitely established the authorship of that ill-starred document. While Alexieff takes particular pains in turning over the supreme command of the land forces to Kuropatkin to inform the soldiers and the world of the marks of Imperial confidence with the suprementation. fidence reposed in him and to an-nounce that he will remain as Vice-roy, 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 of the military situation has caused a sigh of relief

Japs Must Sacrifice Many Men London, Oct. 27.—Under date of Oct. 22, the Port Arthur correspon-dent of The Daily Telegraph, describing the defences of that place, says the Japanese will achieve a wonder-ful success if they can capture the fortress with a loss under 30,000 men, for the garrison, though worn down and few in numbers, can hold their strong defences with no great daily casualties from the bombardment of the heaviest ordnance, and that the Japanese must sacrifice great numbers to gain even the ad-vanced defences, which are as strong as forts. This despatch reached The Daily Telegraph by way of Yinkow

UNCLE SAM REFUSES THEM.

Wealthy Gypsies Refused Entrance Into

Montreal, Oct. 27.-Twenty Rou Montreal, Oct. 27.—Twenty Rou-manian gypsies were up before Judge Fortier yesterday morning under a writ of habeas corpus. They had tried to enter the States but were deported, and then came to Canada. They were detained on the Ionian under orders from England, under the 'undesignable imprignation' law. The under orders from England, under the 'undesirable immigration' law. The party are said to have \$20,000 in Boston, and are not apparently dis-eased. On the argument, P. Ryan, for the Department of the Interior, opposed the writ of habeas corpus, claiming that the people were gypsies of notorious character, who lived by fortune-telling and roguery. This the people denied. Their queen came down from Boston in an effort to release them, but the case was enlarged until to-day, pending word from the department. The judge ordered the women and children to be released queder \$1,000 each hail. The gueen at under \$1,000 cash bail. The queen at once produced \$500 in American eagles, but the party had not the cash to make up the balance, and will have to remain on the Ionian until to-day.

Mrs. Hawes Took Rough on Rats. Toronto, Oct. 27.—Mrs. Sarah Jane Hawes, who has had more than her share of this world's troubles, is dead, from a dose of "rough on rats." She took the stuff Trough on rats." She took the stuff Tuesday, but subsequently repented, and used an emetic, after which she felt better and was able to attend to her regular duties. Later, howev-er, she died from its effects. Mrs. er, she died from its elects. Mrs. Hawes was 36 years of age. She has five children, the eldest being 14. Nine years ago her husband deserted her. An inquest will be held.

Healer Preceded Death.

Calgary, Oct. 27.—Inspector Worsley returned from Olds Tuesday, where a post-mortem was held on the body of a man named Newsome, who died a week ago. Newsome was convalescent from typhoid and dismissing his medical practitioner he called in Fyke, a magnetic healer, who burnt powder, gave other treatment and declared him well. Newsome took a full meal and died shortly afterwards. A warrant is out for the arrest of Fyke, who cannot be found.

Oftawa, Oct. 27.—Edgar Tripp, Canadian commercial agent in Trinidad, writes to the department here saying that there is a market for Canadian boots Of \$300,000 worth

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The doctor was at the minstrel how last night alright, but he wishes that he hadn't.

I don't think J. G. Kerr will take it on himself to be the opposition to Dr. Thornton any more.

Teli us some of the things Laurie, as done, Mr. Banner man. We know

Perhaps the people at the Stephens' political meeting at Big Point Mon-day got cold feet when they went out on George, I haven't yet noticed the Grit or

ganette apologizing to the farmers and the colored citizens for the insults offered. Wonder whose imagination J. G.

Kerr draws on for the blood and thunder details when he writes his

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It was real mean of those Fletcher people to cheer John Piggott for George Stephens' speech-vide Banner report of meeting.

1. s a puzzle to me to understand what the Banner hopes to gain by insulting the honest farmers of Kent County and the intelligent colored

When I saw John Kerr's own re-port of his own speech at Fletcher, I thought that he must have got into a western Texas town instead of peaceful law-abiding Fletcher.

I suppose that the reason the Banner recognizes personalities so quick-ly is owing to the ready way in which the local Stephens organette is able to deal in personalities of the worst kind.

AT FLETCHER.

Johnnie Kerr, the melodramic actor, (aside)—Is the broken glass all ready? Is the pile of bricks all ready? All right, I'll begin my speech.

The high puffed shoulder is inevit-

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