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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

Swirl 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 Felt, 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 to you in this big sale of ours. Our Axminster 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 eider, 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 silkolones 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 Cotil, 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, 14 yds. wide, even thread, great for washing well 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, helio, and turquoise, regular value 25c a yard, Expansion Sale price is 15c.

Thomas Stone & Son

RUSSIAN FLEET SHELLS AND SINKS BRITISH FISHERS

Inglorious Beginning of War Career of Baltic Fleet.

Off British Coast in North Sea the Russian Battleships Turn the Searchlights On the Hull Fishing Fleet and Without Warning Opened Fire and Dealt Death and Destruction—Ignore Green Flares and Run Like Cowards in the Dark.

Hull, England, Oct. 24.—A. M. Jackson & Co., solicitors for the owners of fifty Hull fishing boats, have notified the Foreign Office and Admiralty of an attack on the Hull fishing fleet by the Russian Pacific Squadron.

The official information is that early Saturday morning the Russian squadron fell in with the Hull fishing fleet in the North Sea. The first portion of the fishing fleet passed safely. Then the Russian fleet turned their searchlights on the British vessels for some time and a little later opened fire. The steam trawler Crane was sunk and the decapitated bodies of her skipper and mate have been brought to Hull. The boat-swain and other members of the crew, who are understood to be seriously injured, are on board a missionary ship. The only slightly injured member of the crew has arrived at Hull. The steam trawler Moulmein and Mino have arrived at Hull, seriously damaged by shots, the latter having 16 holes in her hull. It is feared that other damage was done to trawlers and that at least one more trawler was lost with all hands.

Where It Occurred. According to other reports the affair occurred 200 miles off Spurn-head. The Russian ships were steaming in line. The leading ships passed without incident, though most of the vessels turned searchlights on the trawlers long enough to prevent any mistake as to identity. After the bulk of the squadron passed it opened fire, nearly all participating in the firing. The Crane was struck below the water-line and raked above deck. Skipper Smith and Third Hand Leggett had their heads carried clean away by a shot, many of the crew being seriously wounded. Another trawler also was sunk, but the Sea Gull, which brought the news to Hull, has no particulars as to her fate.

The news has created an intense sensation and indignation in Hull. The Moulmein arrived with her flag at half-mast. Her skipper states that the trawlers were fishing about 220 miles east by north of Spurn-head, at one o'clock Sunday morning, the weather being hazy, when the outlines of several vessels, apparently warships, sailing in line, were dimly seen. Whilst the crew were watching the warships, searchlights were flashed upon them, in the glare of which the Moulmein's crew observed that they took to be torpedo boats approaching apparently with the intention of boarding the Moulmein.

Horrified By Fire. They steamed away, however, and soon the fishermen were horrified to find they were being fired upon. First one and then another trawler was struck by flying shot. What seemed to be a round shot went through the Moulmein's gallery. The Mino, lying near by, also was struck with many shots, but fortunately the damage was above the water-line and none of her crew was struck. The bombardment lasted twenty minutes. When it had ceased the fleet sailed southward, and some of the trawlers sent up rockets. The Moulmein steered in the direction of the rockets. Soon cries were heard, and the Crane was found sinking, with another trawler taking off some of her crew. Those seriously injured were removed to a mission ship and the bodies of Smith and Leggett were placed aboard the Moulmein. The other men with minor injuries were put aboard the trawler

Sea Gull, which at a late hour had not arrived at Hull. Crowds have gathered around the dock, but no further information is available.

Representatives of the fishing fleet started late last night for London to consult with the authorities there.

No motive can be assigned for the extraordinary procedure of the Russian warships.

One Solitary Survivor.

The only survivor of the Crane, who has reached here is J. A. Smith, son of the deceased skipper, and who, with the captains of the Moulmein and Mino, is going to London to consult with the authorities. Young Smith was asleep in his bunk when the firing aroused him. Just as he was getting up a shot struck the starboard and penetrated to the fore-castle, smashing a lamp near where he was standing. He rushed on deck, where the searchlights revealed the horrible sight of his father and Leggett lying headless and the deck strewn with the injured. It was soon found that the vessel was sinking, and signals for assistance were sent out.

Smith and others concur in the details of the firing that have already been given.

Ignored Green Flares.

From interviews with members of trawler crews, it appears that the admiral of the fishing fleet burned green flares to show that they were harmless fishermen, but these signals were ignored.

Eighteen injured men are here under treatment.

One trawler, the Wren, is missing, and it is feared she has been sunk.

There were many distressing scenes at Hull during the day and night, relatives enquiring after friends.

There is a rumor that the Great Northern fishing fleet was also chased by the Russians. This report has not yet been confirmed.

Survivor Tells the Tale.

London, Oct. 24.—The steam cutter Magpie, belonging to the Gamecock trawler fleet, which was fired on by the Russian Baltic fleet, arrived in the Thames last night. Her captain, Peaker, confirmed the details of the story received from Hull. He says:

"Friday night there were about 40 vessels of the Gamecock fleet fishing in lat. 55 degrees, 15 minutes, and long 5 degrees 6 minutes, east. It was a misty, drizzly night. We spread over an area of some miles. Our admiral had just previously signalled by rockets and colored lights the fishing direction for the night. Whether that has anything to do with what followed, I do not know. The whole thing is a mystery."

"Presently through the mist there appeared the lights of many vessels, big and small. Knowing that the Baltic fleet was en route, we naturally assumed that they were Russians, but I cannot say for certain. They were signalling one another, and with powerful searchlights spied out every one of our fleet. Suddenly some of the warships started firing at about 20 boats which were nearest them. We at first supposed they were blank shots, and the boatswain of the Tomtit, which was close in, held two big fish out at arm's length. Some say he was offering them to the Russians in fun, and others that he meant to acquaint the Russians with the fact that we were peaceful fishermen and not disguised enemies. In any case, there was no mistaking our occupation, for we were close enough for the Russians to see that our men were all engaged in gutting fish. When we realized that the Russians were firing shot, and that men were being wounded, all became terror and confusion. Nets were cut away, steam was gotten up, and the trawlers hurried away as fast as possible.

Judging by the rapidity of the shots, they were from quick-firing guns. I have seen some of the shots embedded in boats. They are about the diameter, but not the length of a big cucumber, and with brass heads.

"What with the darkness, the rain and the glare of the searchlights, we were unable to identify the warships. After about half an hour the firing suddenly ceased, and the fleet steamed away speedily in the direction of the English Channel."

Captain Peaker confirms the details of the fate of the trawler Crane

and her crew and speaks with intense indignation of the conduct of the Russians. He says:

"It is impossible that we could have been taken for anything but trawlers. I can only imagine that the Russians lost their heads and blazed away in confusion, and when they discovered their mistake steamed off."

AN APOLOGY DUE.

London Papers Declare the Situation Demands Satisfaction Or An Ultimatum.

London, Oct. 24.—As Foreign Minister Lansdowne and Russian Ambassador Benckendorff were out of town yesterday and all the Government offices in London were closed, no official view could be gleaned of the firing by Russian warships upon a British fishing fleet in the North Sea. The first reports of the affair received in London were regarded as almost incredible.

Heartlessness of Fleet.

The worst feature of the story as viewed here, is the heartlessness displayed by the Russian fleet in steaming away without taking the trouble to ascertain even whether their fire had inflicted any damage and without any effort to rescue the victims.

While admitting the necessity of a suspension of judgment for investigation and explanation, the morning newspapers are unanimous in demanding that the Government instruct Ambassador Harding to make the strongest representation to the St. Petersburg Government and obtain reparation and apologies and assurance of the Russian Pacific fleet's good behavior for the future.

Demand Immediate Satisfaction.

Considering the circumstances in the case, the newspapers treat the matter with commendable calmness, but are firm in demands for immediate satisfaction.

The Chronicle says: "The next 24 hours must settle it one way or the other. Only two modes of settlement are possible. Either explanation, apology and generous compensation to the victims' families or an ultimatum."

The Standard says: "An explanation should be promptly and sternly demanded for the intolerable outrage. The Russian Government should be informed that it is expected to recall its ill-starred squadron, first, in order that proper investigation may be held, and second, to keep it out of harm's way for the future."

Queen Might Have Been In It.

It is remarked that but for an eleventh hour alteration of arrangements for Queen Alexandra's departure from Copenhagen the Royal yacht, which arrived home with the Queen yesterday, might have been in the neighborhood of the Russian fleet when the trawlers were fired upon.

M. Sazonoff, one of the officials of the Russian Embassy, last night expressed deep regret for the North Sea incident. He was convinced, he said, that the unfortunate event was the result of accident. If there had been firing, it could only have been due to suspicion of some hostile attack upon the fleet.

Baltic Fleet Moves.

London, Oct. 24.—The Russian Pacific (Baltic) fleet, comprising seven battleships and four cruisers, passed Dover in three sections between 6 o'clock yesterday morning and 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and later passed Eastbourne. They were watched by large crowds from shore.

Nothing has been seen of the torpedo flotilla, which may, however, have passed during the night, as Lloyd's at noon reported four Russian torpedo boats passing St. Catharines Point. "Apparently boarding a steamer bound east."

A despatch from Cherbourg reports that three Russian torpedo boats, escorted by the volunteer cruiser Krie, are moored in the roadstead there to take coal, water, etc.

Searched Merchantmen.

Portsmouth, Oct. 24.—The report is confirmed here that vessels of the Russian Baltic fleet stopped and searched merchantmen off the Isle of Wight.

And At Cherbourg.

Cherbourg, Oct. 24.—Four more Russian torpedo boats have arrived here, conveying a collier. They will not leave until Monday.

ANNIVERSARY

Rev. Dr. Briggs, of Toronto, the Methodist Book Steward, preached at the anniversary services held in the Park street Methodist church yesterday.

The church was crowded on both occasions and the sermons given by Mr. Briggs were eloquently given and favorably received. Mr. Briggs is a powerful speaker and an excellent one.

The choir, under the direction of Miss H. Eddy Hill, gave excellent music of a special order. Two splendid anthems were rendered by the choir and solo parts were taken by Miss Hill, Miss Potter, Miss White and Mr. Hallman. A duet was also given by Miss Hill and Jasper Wilson.

A violin solo was rendered at each service by Miss Smith, of Portland, Oregon, who is a guest of Mrs. Daniel Jordan.

A congregational At Home will be held this evening so that the members of the congregation may become better acquainted. The admission is free and an excellent program will be rendered, consisting of speeches and music.

TWO NEW BOOKS.

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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:—

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