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TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR

IN THE NORTH SEA INQUIRY

International Commissioners Declare That Rojestvensky Was Justified in Doing as He Did.

Paris, Feb. 22.-A semi-official state ment appeared to night relative to the work of the international commission which has been considering the North

Sea incident. It is as follows: The commission gives no opinion on the question of the presence or absence of Japanese torpedo boats in the North Sea, declaring that the Russian admiral quite legitimately believed that his squadron was endangered and that he had the right under the circumstances to act as he did. The commissioners refer to the Russlan government's engagements to indemnify the victims of the deplorable incident.

The report will be sent to-morrow by special messengers to the Russian and the British governments, not because it is liable to modifications at the in-FEARS FOR LIFE UT HUSDAIN

stance of one or the other of the governments, the commissions accision being without appeal, but the commissions decision being without appeal, but the commissions active do not wish the powers interested to simply learn thru the press of the last public action and the conclusions arrived at. There is nothing in this preliminary communication or report except an act of deference.

The public sitting for the reading of the conclusions will probably be held on Saturday.

Members of the commission who were seen to night refused either to confirm or deny the statement; but officials having favorable opportunities to judge of the results of the enquiry consider the report to be substantially correct.

BRITAIN INDIGNANT.

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London, Feb. 23 .- A strong chord of indignation is sounded by the London daily newspapers this morning over the semi-official statement relative to the decision of the North Sea Commis sion, giving to Russia the victory, but it still is hoped that the publication of the full text of the commission's report may modify the impression produced by the preliminary version, which is

one of intense disappointment. THE DAIL MAIL goes so fas as to declare that the decision has dealt a death blow to arbitration. Some of the strongly for ever consenting to subject such a matter to arbitration, while

tablished, under which the commander of a belligerent fleet may attack and destroy neutral unarmed vessels without any other plea than that he conceived his ships might be in danger. This doctrine is so monstrous and inconceivable that we can only yet hope the official report will give a different reading."

Just before parliament rose last night, replying to the question whether any precaution to protect the fishing fleet on the Dogger Banks was taken during the passage of the third Russian Pacific squadron. Premier Balfour said that his majesty's government placed implicit reliance on Russian assurances that they had taken every precaution to guard against the recurrence of any such incident and that special instructions had been issued to the whole Russian fleet with this object in view.

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men have been detained as prisoners on board their vessel.

No Charge Proved.

There was no charge proved against them, altho there had been a sort of trial before the supreme court of Uruguay. Mr. McKenzie observed that transaction was natil matter but it was a serious affair for the parties concerned and he hoped the government would see that justice was secured, also as compensation was likely to be made to the owners it was only right that the crew should be considered, as the men were not on wages but on shares. The charge alleged against them was poaching seals, but there were no laws in Uruaguay on the subject of sealing.

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Mayor Laird, a leading Conservative, and formerly president of the Conservative Association, said: "Aside from the agreeable announcement that Regina is to be continued the capital of the new province and the grants usually made upon the formation of the provinces the features of the test of the continued the capital of the province and the grants usually made upon the formation of the provinces the features of the test of the continued the capital of the usually made upon the formation of new provinces, the features of the bill which are of particular interest to us are first and foremost the question of public lands, and, secondly, control of education. The government evidently admits that our claim to the lands is undeniable, otherwise they would not have made a grant in lieu thereof.

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'There are two sides to the question, and there is considerable in the government's contention that they are in a better position to handle public lands and guide an immigration policy than a province would be. At the same time they should remember they are taking from us the only source of revenue which we as an agricultural province will have to carry on our affairs. If will have to carry on our affairs. Canada generally gets the benefit this at our expense the grant should be liberal and it would involve considerable research before forming an opinion as to whether the amount they have given us is sufficiently liberal as

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The school question does not concern embodied the separate schools feature in their bill the chances are that the new provincial administration would re-enact the old legislation without practically a dissenting voice. At the same time the administration of our school system is purely a domestic matter, and properly belongs to the proter, and properly belongs to the pro-vince and I consider the government

DECISION AGAINST BRITAIN KUDAPATKIN'S IN RETREAT OUTFLANNLY BY JAPANESE

Rumors Current in St. Petersburg That He Has Been Compelled to Retire from the Shakhe River.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—Rumors are current in this city to-night that Gen. Kuropatkin has been outflanked by a strong force of the Japanese army in the vicinity of Sinmintin and compelled to retire from the Shakhe River; but official despatches, so far as made public, and the Associated Press' Mukden advices give no intimation that such a contingency is even remotely possible. Military circles scout the report entirely and say no body of Japanese of sufficient strength has been observed operating on the right Russian flank to force Gen. Kuropatkin to abandon his exceedingly strong position on the Shakhe without a hard fight lasting several days.

CZARINA COLLAPSES INTERROR FEARS FOR LIFE OF HUSBAND

Canadian Captain Imprisoned in Montevideo Till Government Can Legislate Against Him.

Ottawa, Feb. 22-(Special)-D. D. tention of the government in the to-day to the plight of several Nova such a matter to arbitration, while some of the government organs flud only cold comfort in the fact that the country by doing so avoided war with Russia. No question is raised that the decision must be respected and Great Britain's share of the heavy costs will be ruefully paid; but it is considered that the decision leaves the question of a neutral rights on the high seas in a deplorably unsatisfactory state and creates a dangerous precedent.

THE MORNING POST says: "A new dogma of international law is thus established, under which the commander of a belligerent fleet may attack and destroy neutral unarmed vessels with any other plea than that he contained approved against the sound any other plea than that he contained that the sound approved against the sound approved that the decision leaves the question of a neutral rights on the high sound approved that the decision leaves the question of a neutral rights on the high sound approved that the decision leaves the question of a neutral rights on the high sound approved that the decision leaves the question of a neutral rights on the high sound approved that the school that the cost of poaching seals. The facts of the case seem to be that the school that the cost of poaching seals. The facts of the case seem to be that the school that the cost Scotians who are prisoners of the South

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Mayor Laird of Regina Thinks Government is Wrong.

Regina.Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Newspapers of the ment at once communicated with the result that after exchange of one of two cables the men had been released. But the government of Uruguay insisted on keeping the captain a prisoner while a new law was being prepared to meet the case (laughter). Further representations had since been made to the home government but to them no reply had yet been received.

Can't Be Helped.

Ontario Alliance, annual meeting,
Guild Hall, Io.
Empire Club, Webb's, D. J. Goggin,
on "Northwest Autonomy," 1.
McAll Auxillary, annual meeting,
428 West Bloor-street, 3.
Children's Aid Society, annual meeting, 229 Simcoe-street, 3,30.
University of Toronto Riffe Association, annual meeting, 4.
Durhami Old Boys'—reunion, Webb's,
7,30.
Central Business College at-home

7.30.
Central Business College at home,
Labor Temple, 8.
University of Toronto Glee Club concert, West Hall, 8.
Astronomical lecture, Chemistry
Building, 8.
C.O.O.F. concert, Massey Hall, 8.

V.C. Cigarettes for saleeverywhere 24)

REJECTS OFFERS OF BELL COMPANY WATERLOO WANTS CHEAPER PHONES

Special Agent Scott Willing to Instal a Rural System for \$15

Which does not belong to them. Why should Nova Scotia or any other province dictate to us what school system we did or did not adopt?"

Have a smoke. Try a Lord Nelson. 26

The losses in connection with the Phoches first school, first have been adjusted at \$15.94.

Second-class hardwood, \$5.56 a cord, for present delivery. P. Burns & Co. Phones 181 and 192.

George Percival of Montred has taken over the New Carlton Hotel at a purchase for several weeks among the farmers, for several weeks among the farmers for the whole county.

The Food Portion Hotel at a purchase for the work will be first of about \$40.000 and to gether they heard W. C. offers of about \$40.000 and the first division now is arriving the farmers, who want a \$15 rate to afford them first connection with Berlin and Waterloo. The work will be for the work will be first and to deal with the matter. Soot of the Bell Phone Co. make several propositions.

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GAIN VICTORY AT ANY COST GENERAL OKU'S ARMY ORDER

In a Secret Message He Says Commanders Must Punish the Unworthy Without Mercy.

Mukden, Feb. 22.-A secret order is sued by General Oku has been captured.

It says:

"Thru all fights all, from the chief to the last soldier, have done their duty. They have not spared their stomachs, and have driven back the enemy everydriven back the enemy everywhere. Nevertheless, we have not yet been able thoroly to defeat the enemy. The most difficult and heaviest fighting is yet before us, and the end of the war is far distant. Let commanders instruct subordinates that any hesitation or irresolution increases the loss, and a determined attack causes less. It is, therefore, imperative to advance with determination. Commanders must punish the unworthy without the slightest mercy. There must be no following personal inclinations, but in the strict line of duty."

Tells of a Panic.

Japanese were all the time receiving reinforcements and the place became too hot for us.

"I gave instructions to have the ditches of the village well examined to avoid abandoning wounded men, and then ordered the battery to retire and began slowly retiring myself with the Cossacks. At that moment a bullet hit me in the leg."

Cossacks on a Raid.

A company of Cossacks, which has

aptain Imprisoned in Till Government Can nouncement Regarding New Public Buildings.

Description of Cossacks, which has returned from a long and perflows reconnaissance toward Korea, penetrated by mountain paths, as far as Hagourmin, eighteen miles northwest of the Yalu River, where they burned a farge depot of Japanese provisions. Turning south the Russians captured a transport of supplies, of which the small command was in great need. During the course of the night Japanese surpents of the premier in his introduction.

JAPS BUILD RAILWAY.

Mukden, Feb. 23.-Reports from Mukden. Feb. 23.—Reports from scouts show that the Japanese have constructed three lines of narrow gauge railway from Beiuligai to Padyaza, or Houhai Hill, and from Shakhe to Sinchinpu. The staffs of Field Marshal

"LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG "

MR. WEST (to Spinster Laurier): The dowry ain't so bad, old girl-but-say-blame me if I got much use for Sport here.

Fourths of the Young French

MANITOBA JUSTLY ANGERED EXTENSION PROJECT NIPPED

School Question to the Front,

Toronto custom house, alterations and rounded the command on three sides, when the position of the Russians was desperate, but a Chinese guide dispears definitely closed to any reason-

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No such value anywhere as "Clubb's Dollar Mixture," Smokes cool, will not burn the tongue. Sold at a popular price: 1 lb. tin \$1, 1-2 lb. 50c, 1-4 lb. 25c,

Compels Mr. Wyndham to Show That Sir Antony MacDonnell Was Given Wide Powers.

London, Feb. 22.-Encouraged by the Safe Wager, However, That Threereduced government majority in the di-Liberals Favor Free Schools.

Vision in the house of commons last night the Irish party unexpectedly returned to the attack to-day more flat that Drs. McBurney and Bevan coincided that Drs. McBurney and Bevan coincided in this opinion. Dr. Billings himself would express no opinion.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—It must be session opened, John Redmond gave the session opened to the session opened to

Want any Business Furniture? or possibly your office system is out of gear? Presents in the House of Commons The Office Specialty. 97-105 Wellington W. near York, will remedy it. Protest Against Separate Schools

Ottawa, Feb. 22.-(Special.)-The first protest made to parlia. ment against the separate school clauses of the new Northwest autonomy bill was contained in petitions presented to the house early in to-day's sitting by the member for East Grey. As an echo of the previous day's debate was the presentation to-day at the opening of the house of a couple of petitions bearing upon separate

Dr. Sproule at the first opportunity presented the petition of G. Wallace and others of Centre York, praying that in the bills providing for provincial autonomy in the Northwest Territories no enactment or other restriction should be placed upon the new provinces which will interfere with their freedom to control the question of education and the establishment, maintenance and operation of schools. Dr. Sproule also presented a petition to the same effect from E. F. Hicks of Calgary and others.

BUT HIS AFFLICTION CANCER Operating Surgeons Express a Reasonable Hope That the Disease May Be Checked.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 22-While at the University of Chicago hundreds of students were assembled to participate in prayers for his recovery, Dr. Harper, president of the institution, to-day nderwent a serious surgical operation in the Presbyterian Hospital.

For nearly two years Dr. Harper has For nearly two years Dr. Harper has been afflicted with severe pains in the abdomen and about one year ago underwent an operation for appendicitis. This did not result in permanent improvement, and it was finally decided that a second operation was necessary.

It was generally thought by physicians that it would reveal a cancerous condition of the intestines near the head of the colon. This diagnosis was confirmed by the operation.

Operation a Success.

The operation from a surgical stand-The operation from a surgical standpoint was a success. The patient ralied splendidly from the shock, and is to-night in a condition that gives every promise of an early recovery from the effects of the operation.

The ultimate recovery of Dr. Harper is a matter on which the physicians decline to commit themselves, but merely express the "reasonable hope that the diseases may be checked." It was found that Dr. Harper was afflicted with carcinoma of the posterior head of the colon, and the disease had progressed so far that it was found impossible to remove all of the diseased tissue.

Afflicted With Cancer.

After the conclusion of the operation, Dr. Senn of Chicago, who was one of the attending physicians, said that Dr.



Partly cloudy and not much change in temperature.
Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Easterly and northerly winds: moderately cold, with light local snowfalls.
Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong easterly winds: partly fair and cold, with light local snowfalls.
Maritime—Strong winds and gales east to north: cold, with a snowfall.
Superior—Fair, not much change in temperature.

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Manitoba—Fair and mild.

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