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GREAT BRITAIN
Took Square Grip With Russia in Defence
of Her Coal Trade.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—A parliamentary
White Paper issued today gives the
correspondence between Great Britain
and Russia relating to contraband of
war between February 12, 1904, and
October 24. It covers generally every-
thing already known and shows the
firm attitude of the Foreign Secretary,
Lord Lansdowne, in dealing with Rus-
sia's contentions.

The paper is chiefly interesting in
showing the astuteness of the contro-
versy at one period. Lord Lansdowne
in a despatch to Sir Charles Hardinge,
British Ambassador at St. Petersburg,
on August 10, describes the situation
arising from Russia's "unprecedented
attitude" with reference to contraband
as one of the utmost gravity and said
that unless this condition of things was
ended without delay Great Britain
would be constrained to take such pre-
cautions as she thought desirable to
protect her commerce.

Another despatch from Lord Lans-

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GRAND DUKE SERGIUS ASSASSINATED

Blown to Pieces While Driving Through the Streets---He Was Known as Russia's Evil Genius and Was Condemned to Death Last December by the Nihilists.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—A despatch to
Reuters from St. Petersburg says a
telephone message has been received
there from Moscow announcing that an
explosion has occurred at the Krem-
lin, when Grand Duke Sergius has been
killed, and that it is rumored that the
Grand Duke was killed. The despatch
adds that no confirmation of the
report has been obtained and that the
population of Moscow is greatly excited.
According to another report a bomb
was thrown beneath Grand Duke Ser-
gius' carriage and the latter with the
grand duke was blown to pieces.



GRAND DUKE SERGIUS.

January however, it was announced
that the Grand Duke had sought re-
fuge in one of the palaces of the
Kremlin. He has been classed as the
most reactionary member of the im-
perial family, as the head of what is
referred to as the war party and has
been stigmatized by the Liberals as
Russia's evil genius. The Grand Duke
was born in 1857, and was married in
1884 to Princess Elizabeth of Hesse-
Darmstadt. They have no children.

DEFENDANT'S STORY.

Harry Turner Took the Stand
This Morning

And Denied All Complicity in the Alleged
Conspiracy Against the Alphabetical
Greek.

Harry M. Turner, defendant in the
case brought against him by the Greek
Anatolios Papageorgiou, took the
stand and testified that he had no
complicity in the alleged conspiracy
against the Greek litigant and the two
Assyrians Louis Corey and George
Morey.

The defence was opened yesterday
afternoon by District Attorney Dyer,
who contended that the defendant, Turner,
could be justified as to his alleged con-
duct in this case by the laws of the
United States. As to Serafic, the district
attorney stated he was a United
States inspector, but the defendant
Turner was in no way responsible for
his acts. Serafic might be to blame,
but he worked independently of Turn-
er. He had been unable to procure the
attendance of Serafic. The man could
not be compelled to appear in Canada,
since he was in the States and beyond
the reach of the process of this court.

HALIFAX FERRYBOAT
Laid Off Owing to No Coal Being
Available.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 17.—Owing
to the scarcity of coal, one steamer on
the Halifax-Dartmouth ferry service
has been laid up. The snow blockade
on railways makes it impossible to
get an adequate supply of coal from
the mines or local dealers.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 17th, 1905.

JAY COOK DEAD.

Philadelphia Financier Who Had a World
Wide Reputation.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 17.—Jay
Cooke, whose fame as a financier is
world wide, died tonight at the home
of his son-in-law, Charles D. Barney,
at Ogara, a suburb of this city.

Mr. Cooke was eighty-three years
old. He had been complaining of de-
bility, the result of old age, for sev-
eral years. His condition was not con-
sidered serious, however, and his death
tonight came rather suddenly. Last
Monday he entertained as his guests
125 young ladies attending the
Ogara school and their friends. On
that occasion he appeared to be in
good spirits and was the last to leave
the reception room.

MAY BE SENT BACK.

The following taken from a Maine
paper relates to a St. John man:

William E. Maloney, an aged Brit-
ish soldier, who for nearly a year past,
has been a charge on the town of Mar-
ion, was taken to Yanceboro via Ban-
gor, Monday, by United States Immi-
gration Inspector Peter Miller, where
a board of special inquiry will deter-
mine Mr. Maloney's right to remain in
this country. Nearly a year ago the
aged man walked into Dennyville
when the cold was severe and on his
arrival it was found that his feet were
frozen. He was taken care of and
kindly treated by the strangers into
whose hands he had fallen, and has
since resided in that vicinity. It is
said that Maloney had a ticket from
St. John to Yanceboro on his arrival
at the border, but instead of continuing
from that point, he walked to St.
Stephen and thence to Dennyville, a
distance of over 50 miles, arriving at
the latter place in the condition before
stated. He will in all probability be
sent back to St. John or which ever
point in the provinces he started from
last year.

POLICE COURT.

In the police court this morning, Wm.
Lanagan, arrested for drunkenness,
was remanded. Frank Keenan, who
was taken to the central station for
safe keeping is held till his friends will
take the responsibility of looking af-
ter him. Early last evening he kicked
up quite a disturbance on Sydney
street.

John Bent and Edward Riley, who
were arrested Wednesday for drink-
edness and on suspicion of hav-
ing been in the Labatt's agency and
taking from there several bottles of
ale, were before the court this morn-
ing for a few minutes and were reman-
ded till tomorrow morning at eleven
o'clock. The evidence of Mr. Beres-
ford, Labatt's agent here, was taken.
He said that Bent had strict orders not
to take anybody into the premises af-
ter business hours and not to go there
himself unless severe weather made it
necessary for him to attend the fur-
nace.

Bent started to cross-examine witness
and then to tell his side of the story,
when he was stopped, being informed
that any statement he had to make
would be heard later under oath.

GRAVE CHARGES

Against Gen. Kuropatkin, by
Gen. Gripenberg,

Create an Intense Sensation in Russian
Military Circles—Turned Victory
Into Defeat.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—Gen-
eral Grippenberg has returned from
Manchuria and has a serious com-
plaint to make against General Kuropatkin.
He says:

"I am glad to give an account of the
battle of my army, the telegrams I
have seen being far from the truth.
Kuropatkin, of course, authorized the
advance, but he imposed the condition
that it should not go beyond Heikoutai
and Sandepas. My plan was to cap-
ture Heikoutai and then outflank Sande-
pas. From the first army corps be-
fore Heikoutai, I detached a brigade,
which occupied Heikoutai January 25.
The Japanese cut in from the south
and the brigade came under a cross-
fire, but held out until I got up another
brigade to cover its retreat. The Jap-
anese were now concentrating on their
left. During the evening of January 25
I and my army were ordered under no
circumstances to fall back from our
positions.

The next morning my whole front
was engaged, the troops being disposed
as follows: On the extreme right the
first corps, then the first rifle corps,
the fifth division of the second corps,
which had just arrived from Russia.
Altogether I had 62 battalions. The
enemy had twice as many. The battle
of January 26 was continued until the
evening. We did not surrender an inch
of ground. My left flank, which was
clearing the road to Sandepas being
weak, I asked the commander-in-chief
who had sixty battalions available, for
reinforcements. He declined to send
any, apparently taking the Japanese
demonstration at the centre as being
a general advance. Nevertheless I de-
cided to storm Heikoutai the next day.
All the surrounding villages were al-
ready in our hands.

Early January 27 the fiercest fighting
occurred. We again held our own. The
road to Sandepas, the Japanese point
of concentration, was quite clear of the
enemy. I therefore again appealed to
the commander-in-chief for reinforce-
ments. If he had listened to my en-
treaties we would have riven the iron
ring of 100,000 of the enemy. The Ja-
panese being menaced by a strong
force of Russian cavalry on the south
and southwest evidently realized the
danger of tackling us. In desperation,
Jan. 28 they four times desperately
assaulted our outer positions and were
beaten off each time in such brilliant
fashion that it does my heart good
to remember the gallantry of my brave
comrades.

I might easily have followed up these
repulses by a headlong offensive, but
I was tied down by the commander-in-
chief's orders and his refusal to send
me reinforcements. How anxiously I
awaited a reply on both subjects. Just
what of what victory meant.

Complete victory was in our grasp.
The loss of thousands of lives was not
desired before such a result.

The reply of General Kuropatkin ar-
rived at seven in the evening in the
shape of an order to leave a small
force in our positions and move up the
army to his support in view of the ex-
pected Japanese advance on the centre.
How was it possible for the Japanese
to attack the centre when all their
available forces were diverted west?

It was then that I decided that my
presence at the theatre of war was not
longer possible and the next day I
handed in a report to the commander-
in-chief, demanding my relief.

THE WEATHER.

Friday, Feb. 17, 1905.
Highest temperature during the past
24 hours, 28.
Lowest temperature during the past
24 hours, 10.
Temperature at noon, 23.
Forecast—Fresh to strong westerly
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Synopsis—Moderately cold weather is
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