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AGAINST THE BRITISH

International Commission's Decision in North Sea Case.

Declaration That Rojstvenky Legitimately Believed His Squadron in Danger, and That He Was Justified in Doing as He Did—Report to Be Sent to Russia and Britain Prior to Its Publication.

Paris, Feb. 22.—A semi-official statement appeared last 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 Russian Government's engagements to indemnify the victims of the deplorable incident.

The report will be sent to-day by special messengers to the Russian and British Governments, not because it is liable to modifications at the instance of one or other of the Governments, the Commission's decision being without appeal, but the Commissioners do not wish the powers interested to simply learn through 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 last 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.

London Newspapers United in Sound- ing Note of Dis- cord.

London, Feb. 22.—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 Commission, giving to Russia the victory, but it is all 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 Daily Mail goes as far as to declare that the decision has dealt a death blow to arbitration. Some of the newspapers blame the Government strongly for ever consenting to subject such a matter to arbitration, while some of the Government organs find that the cold comfort in the fact that the Government 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 cost will be met fully; 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 thus established, 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 hardly believe that an 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 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.

TRAPPIST MONKS KILLED.

Two Fatalities at Oka Caused by Grinding Explosion.

Montreal, Feb. 22.—Two Trappist monks were killed and a lay worker seriously injured Tuesday at Oka, where the celebrated monastery is located on the hillside of the Ottawa River. Attached to the monastery are several industrial establishments, managed and worked by the monks. In one of these some kind of grinding was going on, when an explosion took place, which killed Brother Marc instantly, and so badly injured Brother Abel that he died in a short time. One of the lay assistants was injured at the same time, but his name is not known. Following the explosion, fire broke out in the mill, which caused damage to the extent of several thousand dollars. The worldly names of Brothers Marc and Abel were Cousineault and Ducharme, respectively.

Conspired to Control Price of Coal.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 22.—The Illinois Supreme Court yesterday, in the case of Wilmington Coal Company v. the People, sustained the judgment of the Cook County Circuit Court and the Appellate Court in the cases where the Wilmington Coal Company and 16 other coal companies were found guilty of a conspiracy to control the price of coal.

PUNISH THE UNWORTHY

Gen. Oku's Method Would Gain Victory At Any Cost.

One of His Secret Orders to Commanders Captured and Given to the World—Lt. Gen. Mischenko Tells of Japanese in a Panic—Cossacks on a Raid—Naval Battle Inevitable.

Mukden, Feb. 21.—A secret order issued by General Oku has been captured. It says:

"Through 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 everywhere. Nevertheless, we have not yet been able thoroughly 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 treachery in the face of the enemy, 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. Lieutenant-General Mischenko, commander of the Eastern Cossack Brigade, who was wounded in the knee during the attack on Sandepas last month, permitted the following important statement to pass the censor last night:

"On Jan. 27, I saw for the first time a real panic among the Japanese. We penetrated into the village of Saerpon and captured 200 men. The rest fled to the next village, where they were strongly reinforced. The Cossacks, who followed the Japanese, were received with volleys."

"I was standing in a square and called up a battery, which opened fire. We were short of ammunition, while the Japanese were all the time receiving reinforcements, and the place became too hot for us."

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

Cossacks on a Raid.

A company of Cossacks, which has returned from a long and perilous reconnaissance, has penetrated into the mountain passes as far as Hsagoun, eighteen miles northwest of the Yalu River, where they burned a large depot of Japanese provisions. The Russian Cossacks captured a transport of supplies, of which the small command was in great need. During the course of the night Japanese surrounded the command on three sides, where the position of the Russians was desperate, but a Chinese guide discovered a mountain pass, by which they escaped to Khualshen Mountain, 100 miles due north of the Yalu River, from whence they reformed the army by way of little known trails.

Caused Indignation. The news of General Gripenberg's attack on General Kuropatkin has caused great indignation at Russian headquarters here, and in army circles. Gen. Gripenberg's departure was a surprise, as he had received no orders from General Kuropatkin to quit his post. He left Manchuria unceremoniously, without taking leave of the Commander-in-Chief.

KUROPATKIN IN RETREAT.

He Has Been Compelled to Retire From the Shakhe River.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—Rumors are current in this city to the effect that Gen. Kuropatkin has been ordered to the vicinity of Siminlin and compelled to retire from the Shakhe River; but official despatches, so far made public, and the Associated Press London advice gives 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 General Kuropatkin to abandon his exceedingly strong position on the Shakhe without a hard fight lasting several days.

Naval Battle Inevitable. Paris, Feb. 22.—Capt. Clado, who came to Paris to testify before the International Commission of Enquiry into the North Sea incident, will leave Paris to rejoin Vice-Admiral Rojstvenky immediately after the commission announces its decision. In an interview Capt. Clado said: "I believe Rojstvenky will seek to avoid an encounter, although I consider that a great naval battle is inevitable."

May Meet Rojstvenky. London, Feb. 22.—The correspondent of The Daily Telegraph states that Admiral Karamura and his squadron are in the Indian Ocean, and the correspondent believes that important naval developments are imminent.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—Emperor Nicholas is said to be dissatisfied with the conduct of Gen. Gripenberg in Manchuria, and he has not only sustained Gen. Kuropatkin, but has ordered Gen. Gripenberg to return to his post. It is gossip in court circles that Gen. Gripenberg's face was far from cheerful when he left the Emperor's cabinet.

To Build Destroyers. Tokyo, Feb. 22.—The Japanese Government has ordered the immediate construction of 25 torpedo boat destroyers. Fifteen are to be built in the Government yards, and ten in private yards.

It is reported that a steamer bound for Vladivostok has been caught and

22d in the ice in Koo Strait, between the islands of Kunashiri and Hokkaido, since Feb. 17. The name of the steamer has not been ascertained.

Japanese Nervous. Mukden, Feb. 22.—Reports from scouts show that the Japanese have constructed three lines of narrow-gauge railway from Belugit to Pad-yang, or Houhai Hill, and from Shaike to Sinchingu.

The staffs of Field Marshal Oyama and General Kuroki are at Liaoyang, which is strongly fortified. The ninth division, commanded by Gen. Nogi, has arrived at Liaoyang, and the first division now is arriving there. There are reports that the Japanese are reinforcing Korea. Chinese say siege guns are being retired.

Sharp Skirmishes. St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—A telegram from Huan Mountain, Manchuria, says sharp outpost fighting occurred on February 20 in the Tanchen Mountain district.

The Russian losses in the outpost skirmishes southwards of Tanchen Pass were 14 killed and 61 wounded.

Damaged Railway. Tientsin, Feb. 22.—About 300 Russian raiders reached and slightly damaged the railway between Hsicheng and Tachekiao on Monday night, and again disregarded the neutrality of the territory west of the Liao River. The presence of Chinese soldiers was not reported. It is evident that the village is in the hands of the Japanese troops. The damage to the railway was immediately repaired.

Siberian Line is Giving Out. London, Feb. 22.—According to The Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg despatches, the Siberian Railway is giving way under the tremendous strain to which recently it has been subjected. A general sagging of the rails and other serious defects are showing themselves, and though the railway is only capable of carrying barely sufficient provisions for General Kuropatkin's army, this is becoming increasingly difficult, and the number of trains daily soon must be reduced.

Perhaps They Can't Read. St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—It is explained at the Foreign Office that the departure from San Francisco of the three officers of the Russian cruiser Lena, breaking their parole, was owing to a misunderstanding.

CAZARINA COLLAPSES.

In Terror for Life of the Czar, She is in Delirium at the Point of Death.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.—Fear of the assassination of the Czar has brought specialists now in attendance on her in the palace in Tsarko-Selo. It is said the Imperial patient is in delirium and close to death, but so far no official announcements have been made, and every detail of her illness is closely guarded.

The Czarina, following the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius, became frantic at the thought that the Czar would be the next victim of the Terrorists. It has even been reported that she believed the revolutionists would not spare her baby heir to the throne and that she gave herself to such gloomy brooding that her mind became temporarily affected.

The specialists went to Tsarko-Selo Tuesday night on a special train from St. Petersburg. They held a conference yesterday morning. The Czar is greatly distressed at his wife's condition, and has requested a German specialist in nervous troubles to hurry to her bedside. The Czarina was one of the closest friends of Sergius, his wife being her sister. The pitiful grief of the widow has had a disastrous effect on the Empress.

Czar Grants All Demands.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—A despatch to The Lokal Anzeiger from Warsaw says the Russian Minister of Railroads has telegraphed that, by command of the Emperor, all the demands of the workmen on the state railroads are to be immediately granted.

CONDEMNED TO DIE.

Grand Duke Alexis Says He may as Well Go to Funeral.

New York, Feb. 22.—St. Petersburg despatch to The Herald, dated Tuesday, says:

Grand Duke Alexis said to-night for Moscow. When remonstrated with, he replied: "I am on the list of those condemned to death, so it does not matter."

The Grand Duke Vladimir is too ill to go. The Emperor sent a representative to the frontier to meet Grand Duke Paul, bearing all his uniforms and decorations, and a message. He has been restored to full rank and all his titles and emoluments, which were sequestered at the time of his recent marriage.

Dantchenko, a famous Russian war correspondent, and a friend of General Kuropatkin, has made a sensational speech at the Hermitage Restaurant in Moscow. He denounces the war as futile, benefiting the bureaucrats only, and says it means ruin to Russia.

Coschman Succumbs to Injuries. Moscow, Feb. 22.—The coschman who was driving the coach in which Grand Duke Sergius was riding when he was assassinated, in dead of his injuries. He sustained 76 distinct wounds.

Sabbath Observance Argument. Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Argument in the Sabbath observance jurisdiction reference was continued yesterday in the Supreme Court by Mr. Patterson, counsel for Ontario, who argued in favor of the draft bill, which assumes the power to legislate in this respect to be vested in the Provincial authority. The observation of Their Lordships all through indicates that the court is strongly inclined to the view that such legislation is ultra vires of the Province, being a matter wholly within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

MEN NAMED FOR POSITIONS

Kent Executives Submit Certain Recommendations to the New Government.

Names of Gentlemen Suggested for the Various Positions—Jailorship Goes to East Kent.

With Philip H. Bowyer, M. P. P., and James Clancy, the executives of the East and West Kent Liberal Conservative Associations, met yesterday afternoon and submitted several recommendations. The two executives met separately and drafted the recommendations from their respective constituencies. Following these meetings a joint committee met with both Messrs. Clancy and Bowyer relative to matters affecting the whole county.

It is understood, as a result, that Sheriff Gemmill will be asked to appoint ex-Warden John Davidson, of Thamesville, to the vacant position of county jailor. Mr. Davidson is a merchant in Thamesville, who has had an extensive municipal experience. Three years ago he unsuccessfully contested East Kent in the Conservative interests for the Legislature. He is a stalwart Scotchman in the prime of life. Mr. Davidson is the first East Kent Conservative appointment made since confederation.

It is understood, also, that following the confirmation of Mr. Davidson's appointment, the Government will make a statement concerning the Rossie post-mortem cancellations of the nomination of Myles McCarron, of Walkersburg, in favor of Matthew Martin, an uncle of Arch. McCoig, the member-elect.

Other East Kent recommendations were left in abeyance, pending future consultations with the members.

The West Kent executive held a lengthy session, which resulted in the following recommendations being submitted to Mr. Clancy for approval:

In accordance with the policy of the new Government to strictly enforce and carry out the License Laws, Police Officers from Groves were recommended as Liquor License Inspectors. Mr. Groves is a Temperance man and should prove an effective official.

For Game Warden the name of Leonard Pardo, of Halesign, was submitted. Mr. Pardo is the Reeve of that township and a man thoroughly conversant with the duties of this office.

Ladore Pottery, at Dover, was recommended for the position of Fishery Inspector: Geo. Chalmers, of Tilbury, for Fishery Overseer, and Wheeler DeClute, of Romney, as Divisional Inspector.

The members of the Wallaceburg delegation were asked to recommend a Wallaceburg resident as License Commissioner and a committee appointed to submit the names of two others.

Both Messrs. Bowyer and Clancy took the position that there must be no removals from the civil service officials without adequate and fully proven cause.

The recommendations made are understood to have been forwarded to Toronto.

31 Dead Accounted For.

Virginia City, Ala., Feb. 22.—The bodies of 31 victims of Monday's mine disaster here have been taken out and the rescuers say they have just discovered a room in which they counted twenty more corpses, making a total of 51 dead accounted for.

Was Instantly Killed.

Sydney, N. S. Feb. 22.—Metro Melbourn, a Pole, was instantly killed yesterday morning at an open hearth furnace of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company by being struck on the head by a flying piece of steel.

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