

Stood On Brink of War, Says Balfour; Lauds the Czar and Scores the Admiral

British Premier Tells of Narrow Escape From a Conflict—Considers Admiral Rojestvensky's Report an Insult to Britain and Believes Commission Will Show Falseness of Russian Contention—St. Petersburg Is Greatly Relieved.

London, Oct. 28.—All danger of war between Russia and Great Britain has been averted and the settlement of the only points in dispute regarding the attack by the Russian second Pacific squadron on British travelers, Oct. 21, has been referred to an international commission under the Hague convention. Premier Balfour, speaking at a meeting of the National Union of Conservative Clubs at Southampton to-night, broke the news which had been so long preserved, and had brought the people of the United Kingdom to a condition of almost desperate irritation, and which had given rise to misconceptions which Mr. Balfour himself tonight exposed. "The Russian ambassador," said Mr. Balfour, "has authorized a statement to the following effect: 'The Russian Government, on hearing of the North Sea incident, at once expressed its profound regret, and also promised most liberal compensation. The Government has ordered the detention at Vigo of that part of the fleet which was concerned in the incident, in order that the naval authorities might ascertain what officers were responsible for it; that those officers and any material witnesses would not proceed on the voyage to the far east; that inquiry would be instituted into the facts by an international commission, as provided by the Hague convention.'"

That, Mr. Balfour continued, "was nothing to do with arbitration; it was the constitution of an international commission, to inquire into the facts, and any person found guilty would be tried and punished accordingly. The Russian Government undertook to see that precautions would be taken to guard against recurrence of such incidents. Special instructions on this subject would be issued. Mr. Balfour said there would be the coroner's inquest at Hull over the dead fishermen, a board of trade inquiry, and an inquiry by Russian officials at Vigo. The board of trade inquiry would be conducted by the British Government, to include representative men. The Russian embassy had been asked to send a representative and give assistance. Apology and compensation have been offered. Nothing now remains but to determine which account is correct, Rojestvensky's or the truth."

Mr. Balfour plainly said on Thursday evening Russia and Great Britain seemed to have been at the point of war, and gave the warmest praise of the attitude preserved throughout by the Emperor and his government. "While the Premier was unable to praise the attitude of the Government towards the Russian report, declaring that it was an insult to Great Britain, as a neutral nation, and ridiculed its probability. The immense audience received Mr. Balfour's announcement of the settlement of the affair with unbounded enthusiasm, which was echoed throughout the kingdom when the evening news came out and set tongues a-going."

The day was an eventful one in the metropolis. The people seemed convinced that war was inevitable. The cabinet meeting at noon served to increase rather than allay anxiety. Throughout the country there had been spread a deep-rooted idea that Great Britain had been insulted by Russia. The Russian ambassador, Count Benckendorff, had been in London for some time, and his presence was a source of great uneasiness. The Premier was unable to praise the attitude of the Government towards the Russian report, declaring that it was an insult to Great Britain, as a neutral nation, and ridiculed its probability. The immense audience received Mr. Balfour's announcement of the settlement of the affair with unbounded enthusiasm, which was echoed throughout the kingdom when the evening news came out and set tongues a-going."

CAN DEPEND UPON ESSEX COUNTY THE COLONIES. MAN OUTRAGED

Taken From Home and Tarr'd and Feathered by a Masked Band.

Essex, Ont., Oct. 28.—Last night at Cootan, a few miles from here, a band of masked men went to the house of a farmer who was reported to have ill-used his wife, pounced upon him as he came out of his house to do his night's chores, bound him, carried him to a secluded spot, applied half a dozen pails of tar, plenty of feathers, and then rolled him in the road. The people who perpetrated the outrage, are believed to be neighbors, but the man did not recognize any of them. The tar, feathers and gravel act was accomplished without a word, signals, or anything of the kind. The man was taken from his home and tarr'd and feathered by a masked band. The man was taken from his home and tarr'd and feathered by a masked band. The man was taken from his home and tarr'd and feathered by a masked band.

Liberals of W. Middlesex Rally Around Mr. Calvert

Great and Enthusiastic Gathering at Mount Brydges Give Him an Ovation.

Mount Brydges, Oct. 27.—The nomination meeting for the riding of West Middlesex, in connection with the coming Dominion elections, took place in the town hall here this afternoon, and it was a very successful one. The Liberals of W. Middlesex rallied around Mr. Calvert, and gave him a great ovation. The meeting was held in the town hall, and was attended by a large number of people. Mr. Calvert was the center of attraction, and his speech was well received. The meeting was a success, and the Liberals were encouraged.

EXPLOSION IN COLORADO MINE KILLS LARGE NUMBER OF MINERS

It Is Feared That From Thirty to Sixty Men Have Perished.

Trinidad, Col., Oct. 28.—Thirty to sixty men lost their lives in a terrific explosion, which occurred at mine No. 3 of the Rocky Mountain Fuel and Iron Company, at Trinidad, this afternoon. The explosion was caused by a gas mine, and the bodies of the miners were found in the mine. The explosion was a terrible one, and the loss of life was great. The miners were working in the mine, and the explosion was caused by a gas mine. The bodies of the miners were found in the mine, and the explosion was a terrible one.

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BIG FUR ROBBERY WRECKED THE STATION

Montreal Company Burglarized to the Extent of \$20,000. Fast Mail Hits Caboose and Knocks It Through Depot.

Montreal, Que., Oct. 28.—A big robbery of furs in the establishment of Charles Desjardins & Co., on St. Catherine street, was discovered yesterday night, when the clerks arrived. Extensive manacles, boxes and the like were found, and the loss was estimated at \$20,000. In their hurry to get away the thieves who seemed to be a high speed team, they left a quantity of furs in the yard valued at \$5,000. The men got in by the rear and carried off the furs, and the loss was \$20,000. The furs were worth \$20,000, and the loss was \$20,000.

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WOMEN PLEAD VAINLY King Refuses to Take Back Princess Who Ran Off With Tutor.

Dresden, Oct. 28.—While the unfortunate Princess Cecilie of Saxony, who eloped with the French tutor, is being sought for by the police, Saxony is swept with a wave of sympathy for the king.

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"Russia Has Surrendered," Says London Daily Mail

But Standard Thinks England Has Surrendered More—Commission Meets at Vigo.

London, Oct. 28.—The Daily Express asserts that Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge will be one of the representatives on the commission to inquire into the North Sea affair, which the Express adds, will sit at Vigo, under neutral chairmanship. The Russian ships will anchor off Vigo, and the Russian Government at once expressed its sorrow and promised reparation, and at the very beginning intimated that any wrongdoer ought to receive punishment. One difficulty was that the fleet which committed the outrage was on its way to the illimitable east. That difficulty has been gotten over, but there is another, namely, that the Russian admiral, a theory of the rights and duties of a belligerent fleet, and a theory of the rights and duties of a belligerent fleet, and a theory of the rights and duties of a belligerent fleet.

RATS SAVE EIGHT MINERS

Run Squealing From Weak Pillars—Roof Falls In at Once.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 28.—Squealing rats saved the lives of eight miners in the Coalbrook colliery of the Delaware and Hudson Company, near Carbonade, the other night. The men were working in the mine, and the rats were running on the pillars. The rats were running on the pillars, and the pillars were falling. The rats were running on the pillars, and the pillars were falling.

ADULTS KILLING DAUGHTER

Stepmother Confesses to Poisoning Girl With Strychnine.

Hartford City, Ind., Oct. 28.—After many weeks of stout denial in the face of almost absolute proof, Mrs. Rae Kraus today confessed to the court here that she administered the strychnine which killed her step-daughter, Crystal Kraus, who died in convulsions. The confession was a surprise, and the court was very much interested.

WORLD'S LARGEST BRIDGE Contract Is Let for a Structure 10,270 Feet in Length.

New York, Oct. 28.—The Pennsylvania Steel Company of Steelton, Pa., has entered into a contract to build the Blackwell's Island Bridge at New York, the largest ever constructed. It will be 10,270 feet long, containing 100,000 pounds of steel, 135 feet high, and will cost \$10,000,000. The bridge will be the longest and heaviest of the world, and will connect the city of New York with the island of Manhattan. The bridge will be the longest and heaviest of the world, and will connect the city of New York with the island of Manhattan.