Lord Lansdowne Deems a New Light Has Been Great Britain's Protest to Porte Thrown on The Russian Outrage By Admiral Rojestvensky's Report.

## OFFICIAL STORY NOT RECEIVED

Admitted That Account Will Now Prevent Ultimatum Great Britain Had Prepared For Presentation At St. Petersburg.

London, Oct. 27.—One of the most complicated diplomatic questions is seen years exists tonight with no argue of immediate settlement.

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## Try To Unlock he Dardanelles

Russia Addresses Great Powers on Question of Vital interest.

Last January Revived the

Rome, Oct. 27.—A request has been received by the Italian government from Russia regarding the removing of the international restrictions of the passing Russia regarding the removing of the international restrictions of the passing through the Dardanelles by ships of war. The question has been more or less discussed between the powers since last January, when Great Britain addressed a protest to Turkey against the passage of the straits by Russian torpedo boats. While no conclusion was reached, the attitude of the different powers appears to be as follows:

Great Britain—Decidedly opposed.

Germany—Considers herself an unconcerned spectator, whose interests in the dispited matter would be neither furthered nor prejudiced by whatever solution might be reached.

Austria—Always upheld the principle that the Dardanelles should be open to all or none.

France—Because of her present al-

Washington, Oct. 27.—Diplomats in Washington view the Russian-British situation with unusual complacency even after reading the London despatch telling of the extreme state of public feeing there. Inquiry at the embassies developes the fact that the chancellories of Europea are not yet alarmed at the surtation as the European ambassador, and even he has not yet learned of the official explanation of Rear Admiral Rojestvensky.

ASSASSIN'S FATHER

PLACED ON TRIAL

Father of Bobrikoff's Slayer Is Indicted for Conspiracy Against Rulers.

Abo, Finland, Oct. 26.—The trial of former Senator Schaumann, father at the second Pacific squadron.

It may not be generally known that the United States army of the future will include a command of Japanese composed there months ago. Over 100 employees were no longer needed. There are specially on the standard at the surgical properties of the company has plenty of orders, and even in the Sandwich Islands, It is needless to say that a very large portion of the propulation of the islands, and especially on full its attended exclusively by Japanese citizens in the Sandwich Islands, It is seedless to say that a very large portion of the propulation of the islands, and especially on full its attended exclusively by Japanese citizens of the city.

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is much better for active operations.
Suspicious movements of the Japanese have been observed west of the railroad. The Chinese say positively that the Japanese are preparing to turn the Russian right or break through the easy points of the line.

News has just been received here that the Japanese assumed the offensive on the east front and made a slight advance.

Among Russians COMPLICATIONS IN Copenhagen; Oct. 27.—The correspondent of the Associated threes learns the Associated threes learns the Associated three and intended of the Associated sharp of the Associate

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HUGE ARMIES ONLY FOUR MILES APART

Russians Take Precautions to Entreach as They Nova Forward.

"I suppose the owners will be surprised when they hear about they schooner being sunk. If they don't hear about us by the end of Octobe they will be getting anxious about us.'

Abo, Finland, Oct. 21.—The trial of former Senator Schaumann, father of Eugene Waldemar Schaumann, the assassin of the late Governor-General Resistance of the late of the lat

"The cold weather will soon set in here. I lost the best and largest part of any clothing, which was in my trunk on board the schooner when she was sunk. So far the Russians have been very kind to us, and I am glad to say that I have nothing to complain of yet. The only difficulty is none of us can speak Russian, so it makes it hard for us to get along.

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# NORTH SEA AFFAIR

Wreath From King Edward Among Many About the Coffins.

### The Statement Is a Falsehoo

Colonel Prior Refutes Calumnia Published in Organ of the Liberal Machine.

Prospects of Conservative Vid tory are Bright-Meeting in North Ward.

A very successful meeting was held it e North Ward schoolhouse last ever g in the interests of Colonel -E. G ior, the Liberal-Conservative cand ing in the interests of Colonel E. (
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date for Victoria. The feature of ti
meeting was Colonel Prior's refutation
of the accusations made against him the
organ of the local Liberal machin
and his manly speech was heartily a
plauded by those present. Mr. W. H. Price was elected to

was close at hand and at behoved the electors to get to work and do all the could to secure the election of Colone Prior. (Hear, hear.) He pointed out that at this juncture in the affairs of the province it was highly desirable that Victoria should return a strong man to Ottawa, and one who was well able Ottawa, and one who was well abl to present the case for the provinc in the House of Commons, Colone Prior, as they all knew, was a mar who could, and would, do all that i possible to advance the interests o British Columbia. (Applause.)

Thr. Geo. Jay was then called upor to address the meeting, and was received with applause. Mr. Jay entered a once upon a consideration of the rail way issue, and recounted the progress of the negotiations of the Grand Trunk Failway leading up to the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and showed from these that the intention of the company was to diver Canadian trade to its lines in the United States. At a meeting in London of the

States. At a meeting in London of the shareholders of the company, Sir Charle Rivers Wilson had urged as a reason why the company should acquire the Canada-Atlantic, a line running from Depot Harbor through Ottawa to state of Vermont, that it had except state of Vermont, that it had exceptional facilities for carrying grain. That might serve as a hint to the intentions of the company in regard to the destruction of the Northwest trade. Of course, that had been done some time ago, but he thought Sir Wilfrid Laurier should have insisted on safeguards in the contract which would have ensured the have insisted on safeguards in the con-tract which would have ensured the routing of all traffic on the Grand Trunk Pacific through Canadian territory to Canadian ports. (Hear, hear.) An amusing incident had occurred at a Lib-eral meeting, in Esquimalt last Friday. Mr. John Jardine had presided at the meeting, and the speakers had been Mr. B. J. Perry and Mr. Perry Mills. Ac-cording to the Times, when Mr. Ralph Smith arrived on the scene he remark-ed that he thought he was "in the com-pany of angels." If it was a company of angels, commented Mr. Jay, he, for of angels, commented Mr. Jay, he, fo his part, would prefer to be found in the company of the Conservative party (Hear, hear.) He hoped all presen would vote for Colonel Prior and his esteemed leader, Mr. R. L. Border (Appleage)

Colonel Prior, who was received wi

Colonel Prior, who was received with appliause, said that he was about to be nominated as the standard-bearer of the great Conservative party in Victoria. (Hear, hear.) The Conservatives had been defeated in 1896 on the strength of promises made by the Liberals which had never been carried out. It was, no doubt, fortunate for the country that the promised policy of free trade had not been instituted, for if it had been Canada would have been ruined. (Hear, hear.) The Liberals said that Canada had prospered because of their administration. The was tracted that Canada was prosperous, but so were the United States and so was Europe. An unexampled period of prosperity had been experienced in all those countries, but it was not due to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The country was properous Laurier. The country was properor dargely because the Liberals had broken their promises and had carried on the policy of protection initiated by the Conservatives. (Hear, hear.) But the Liberals had been half-hearted about protection and had neglected to utilize the system to encourage all Canadian industries and shut out the competition of United States manufacturers. Thus the lumber industry of British Columbia had been neglected notwithstanding the pro-tests of British Columbia's representa-tives at Ottawa. The Liberals had intives at Ottawa. The Liberals had increased taxation and increased the expenditure of the Dominion, squandering money in various directions. The Liberals had accused the Conservatives of carrying elections by improper means. There may have been abuses of that kind by members of the Conservative party and he would not defend them, but the criticism came badly from the Liberals, who had gone a great deal further in the art of unlawful election eering than the worst of the Conservatives had ever dreamed of. The wholesale importation of United States citizens to vote in an Ontario election recently was one instance. A whole shipzens to vote in an Ontario election recently was one instance. A whole slipload brought over on the steamer Minmie M. (Laughter.) Another instance
of bold corruption was the rewarding of
J: B. Jackson, convicted of suborning to
perjury in order to unseat a Conservative member, with a \$3,000 a year government job in England. Colonel Prior
read Sir Richard Cartwright's shameless defence of this man and Mr. Borden's condemnation from Hansard. He
did not intend to say much about the
Liberals' railway policy, but there was
one point worth remembering in consection with the matter of corruption, one point worth remembering in consection with the matter of corruption,
namely, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's
scheme provided for a line parallel to
the Intercolonial, which would ruin that
line, but necessitate an expenditure of
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Colonel Prior then took up the subject of charges against himself recently published in the Times. He said in part: "If I am as bad as that paper says, I have no right to even shake hands with an honest ma. and no right to champion any cause. (Laughter.) But I am not ashamed to stand before you. (Cheers.) I have made some mistakes in my life—and who has not?—but I have not done anything dishonorable or intentionally wrong. (Hear, hear.) The statement in the Times that I ever said I had been 'pulling the leg of the people of Victoria' is a deliberate false-hood. I never said anything of the kind. The Times says in another place that I was dismissed in ignomy from office by the Lieut.-Governor. Now, I'll tell you exactly what took place. The quotations for that Chimney Creek wire cable that were received in the Works Department were not tenders at all, but simply quotations which had been lying about the office for a month past. I plooked at the letters and saw that no Victoria firm had quoted on the cable, and said to Mr. Gamble, 'Why do you not get a quotation from E. G. Prior & Co.?' Mr. Gamble, 'Why do you not get a quotation from E. G. Prior & Co.?' Mr. Gamble, 'Why do you not get a quotation from E. G. Prior & Co.?' Mr. Gamble, 'Why do you not get a quotation from E. G. Prior & Co.?' Mr. Gamble, 'Why do you not get a quotation from E. G. Prior & Co.?' Mr. Gamble, 'Why do you not get a quotation from E. G. Prior & Co.?' Mr. Gamble, 'Why do you not get a quotation from E. G. Prior & Co.?' Mr. Gamble, 'Why do you not get on the confidence of the commission of the independence of the Parliament Act that he could not feel confidence in me as his adviser. But I did nothing wrong although I may have been foolish. (Hear, hear.) It is perfectly legitimate for a limited liability company to tender for government business although a partner or the government.

cipal partner is a member of the govern In conclusion Colonel Prior said he on oped that the people of Victoria still a's ad confidence in him. (Applause.) He