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FORTY-FIFTH YEAR.

## Distinctly Incomplete

Lord Lansdowne Declares That Russla's Reply Does Not go Far Enough.

Britain Demands Ample Apology, Compensation and Punishment of Gullty.

Foreign Secretary Expresses His Belief of an Early Settlement.

London, Oct. 26.—The Russian reply to Great Britain's note on the subject of the North Sea trawiers has been received by the British government. It expresses deep regret at the occurrence, and promises reparation as soon as an official report is received by Ambassador Benckendorff during the night, and was forwarded to Foreign Secretary Lansdowne in the shape of a formal letter in which the ambassador, writing on cabled instructions from St. Petersburg, gave the above assurance, adding that while the Russian government at the time of cabling was still without official knowledge from its own sources of the occurrence in the North Sea, if feels certain it was an error, that it whises at once to express its regret, and assures the British government that full compensation will be made so soon as the details are received.

Ambassador Benckendorff himself drove to Lansdowne house before noon and had half an hour's conference with Foreign Secretary Lansdowne and subsequently proceeded to Downing street and saw Premier Balfour.

During the conference Lord Selborne, first lord of the admiralty, called in Captain Frince Louis of Battenburg, the director of naval intelligence. Attorney-general Finlay was also present. The Premier, Frince Louis and Selborne are all members of the defence committee. The conference lasted about an hour.

Lord Selborne's speech at the Pfl. grim's dinner yesterday evening is accepted as revealing the precise nature of the British demands, namely an ample apology, generous compensation, the pushwment of the guilty and an adequate guarantee against a repetition of the Office.

The first lord of the admiralty has fully confirmed the Associated Press adding there is no sign when the Russian admiral's report will be made out.

Omaha, Oct. 26.-The Cudahy Pack

PRESIDENT OF TRINITY.

Hartford, Conn., Oct. 26.—In the presence of dignitaries of the Episcopal church and distinguished heads and representatives of many of the greatest institutions of learning in the country, the Rev. Flavel S. Luther, L.L. D., was inaugurated president of Trinity College today.

CHINESE RETRENCHMENTS.

Shanghai, Oct. 26.—The work of construction on the Canton-Hankow railway has been stopped and the engineers are returning home.

The imperial authorities at Peking have cut off the appropriation in the support of Nanyang college. The college was considered the foremost seat of learning in China.

## BRITAIN ANGERED AT

ASTOUNDING OUTRAGE

The Government is Demanding Immediate Explanation and Apology for Baltic Fleet's Inexplicable Attack Upon North Sea Fishermen.

## THE SIGNIFICANT WORDS OF KING EDWARD

Of British Press His Majesty Sends Message of Condolence to the Mayor of Hull and Characterizes Incident as "Unwarrantable" --- Demonstration Against Ambassador.

> London, Oct. 24.—There was a hostile demonstration at Victoria station tonight Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador to Great Britain. A crowd gathered and hooted him and attempted to

### KING'S SIGNIFICANT MESSAGE

London, Oct. 24.—The text of the King's message to the mayor of Hull was as follows: "Buckingham Palace, Oct. 24, 1904

"The King commands me to say that he has heard with profound sorrow the unwarrantable action which been committed against the North sea fishing fleet, and asks you to express the deepest sympathy of the Queen and His Majesty with the families of those who have suffered from this most lamentable oc-"KNOLLYS."

### WILL NOT BROOK DELAY

London, Oct. 24.—Great Britain today sent a long and urgent note to the Russian government, officially detailing the circumstances of the amazing and unexplained attack by the Russian Pacific squadron dur-

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## was made today of the formation of the employers' association of Boston by about five hundred wholesale and retail merchants, manufacturers and others, the purpose of which is to prevent inter-ference with business by labor contro-versies and "to guard against oppressive and unfair legislation and discrimina-tion,"

EMPLOYERS FORM A UNION.

LESSON OF THE WAR.

S. Naval Board Changes Program Owing to Experiences in Far East.

Washington, Oct. 26.—The secretary of the United States navy, Mr. Moore, attended a meeting of the general board president. The subject under discussion was the types and the number of ships to be asked for at the next session of Congress. The results of the far eastern war have forced a return to the former programme adopted by the general board, and it is probable that large battleships will be favored in this year's recommendations.

### Russia's Position An Awkward One

To Refuse Compliance With Great Britain's Demands Means War.

Punishment of Offending Officers May Necessitate Recall of Fleet.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27.—An official of the admiralty stated at 1:30 a. m. that no word had yet been received from Vice Admiral Rojestvensky. The official continued: "The delay in getting the Russian version of the North Sea affair is proving exceedingly embarrassing to this government. It is felt that, in the inflamed state of British public opinion, the inexplicable absence of any official inflamed state of British public opinion, the inexplicable absence of any official report is becoming a most serious factor and renders it still more difficult to han-dle the situation.

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While the good faith of the Russian government in its efforts to prove the affair is not questioned, it is evident

### Strict Independence.

Montreal, Oct. 26.—There has grown up in the public mind, and mot without reason, the impression that campaign subscriptions mean something sinister; and indeed, according to present usage, there is much to justify this feeling. At the same time the legitimate expenses of an election campaign are heavy and justifiable, and it is for defraying these outlays that subscriptions are received by both parties. The habit of taking campaign funds from almost any source has become a matter of some notoriety, and, having this in mind, Mr. Borden has decided not to accept any contribution from any one who would afterwards claim any special consideration on account of assistance granted at election time. The leader of the Conservative party has, therefore, is study the following:

To Whom It May Concern,—To avoid misunderstanding, it has been thought best to distinct.

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The Spanish warships Marques de la Victoria and Vasco Nunez de Balbon are teeping watch along the coast.

The authorities have ordered that all. fishing boats Montreal, Oct. 26.—There has

sky's report renders the recall of the second Pacific squadron necessary, it will weigh greatly in Japan's favor and have a serious bearing on the future course of the war in the Far East.

## Report That Northern Securities Litigation Will Shortly End.

St. Paul. Oct. 26.—Private advices from New York indicate that the settlement of the Northern Securities Company trouble is near at hand. The most important feature is that the Great Northern and Northern Pacific will be separated without reference of the one separated without reference of the one to the other. The plan of settlement is that Great Northern and Chicago, Milwaukee and & St. Paul are to be aligned and the Northern Pacific, Burlington and the Union Pacific are to be grouped together.

## The Russian's Explanation

Rojestvensky Reaches Vigo and Gives Account of His Blunder.

Declares He Saw Torpedo Boats Discharge Missiles and Opened Fire.

Officer of III-Omened Squadron

Gives a Grotesque Version

of Affair.

Vigo, Spain, Oct. 26.—The arrival of the Russ... battleships Emperor Alexander 11... Borodino, Orel, Kniaz and Souvaroff, and the transport Anatol, which have anchored in this port, has caused considerable excitement. The commander of the port immediately boarded the Russian flagship and informed Admiral Rojestvensky that the Spanish government could not permit the warships to coal within the port. Admiral Rojestvensky replied that his vessels needed repairs, and for that reason he had separated from the remainder of his squadron. The commander of the port promised to inform the Spanish government of the admiral's statement and communicate the government's reply as soon as it was received. In spite of this five German colliers nent's reply as soon as it was re In spite of this five German anchored in port alongside the battle-ships, whereupon the commander of the-port sent an aide-de-camp to beg Ad-miral Rojestvensky not to violate Span-ish neutrality, and he also ordered the-commanding officer of the Spanish cruiser Estvamadura to notify the col-liers that they must obey the nort ancommanding omeer of the Spanish cruiser Estramadura to notify the colliers that they must obey the port authorities. Eventually Admiral Rojestvensky promised that he would not coal in Spanish waters, at the same time begging the commander of the port to obtain the government's permission for each warship to take on 400 tons of coal with which to reach Tangiers. Shortly afterwards three colliers sailed for Tangiers, but two remained alongside the Russian warships.

During the afternoon Admiral Rojestvensky, accompanied by the commanders of his battleships, visited the military governor, the French consul and the commander of the port, receiving the usual honors.

As far as can be seen, the crews of the battleships are very uneasy. Senti-nels are closely watching every move-ment within the harbor. All four of the warships seem to be cleared for action

servative party has, therefore, issued the following:

To Whom It May Concern,—
To avoid misunderstanding, it has been thought best to distinctly declare that the Conservative party will receive subscriptions only from those who favor its general policy, that such subscriptions are not to be understood as creating claims to consideration for any interest likely to be affected by any special feature of that policy, and that no subscriptions are solicited from any such interest, such a declaration is deemed desirable in order to be affected by any special feature of the party to power. If any subscriptions, have been given in other spirit they will be returned the party to power. If any subscriptions, have been given in other spirit they will be returned on application to James Crathern, treasurer, Montreal.

(Signed) A. E. BLOUNT,

Sec. to Mr. Borden.

The Associated Secretal Secret

New York, Oct. 26.—John W. Fla-herty, an old-time Democratic leader-who was a prominent figure in Brooklyn-politics a quanter of a century ago, died today, aged 72 years.

INDICTED FOR MURDER.

Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 26.—The grand jury today handed down an indictment against Erwin Smith for murder in the second degree. He is accused of causing the death of Cora B. Hart, in Webster, in July last.

METHODIST EPISCOPALIANS. Conference of Board of Bishops Opens-at New Haven.

and the Northern Pacific, Burlington and the Union Pacific are to be grouped together.

ON EMBEZZIEMENT CHARGE.

Pomeroy, Ohio, Oct. 26.—After investigating for a month, a grand jury today indicted County Treasurer Thos. C. Chase, charged with the embezzlement of \$14,500 from the Meigs' county treasury on September 9, when he said the treasury was looted in daylight by two masked robbers, who locked him in a vault. Chase's bond was fixed at \$10,000. He was sent to jail.