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HARD TO HOLD BRITISH PUBLIC IN ABSENCE OF RUSSIAN POLOGY

CZAR GIVEN ONLY SHORT TIME TO MAKE ASSURANCES OF APOLOGIZING

Admiral Rojestvensky in Direct Communication With His Government and His Report Should Be Published.

ADMIRAL SHOWS ACTIVITY FROM EVERY NAVAL STATION AT GIBRALTAR SOME OF BRITAIN'S WAR VESSELS ARE UNDER ORDERS TO CHASE THE LUNATIC RUSSIAN SQUADRON.

London, Oct. 27.—At 3 o'clock this morning there is no sign when Admiral Rojestvensky's report will be made public, but if unofficial reports should turn out to reflect the admiral's official report, it is evident the Russian officers made an extraordinary blunder in mistaking trawlers for torpedo boats and fired on their phantom foes. This astonishing explanation is regarded here as not fitting in with the state of panic which prevailed among the officers of the second Pacific fleet, and in that case, it is suggested the Russian government should find no difficulty in removing and punishing the officers responsible. The newspapers this morning evince more heat and impatience than heretofore at Russia's delay, which is considered absolutely indefensible in the present circumstances.

Tension increases as time passes without a definite settlement of the situation created by the Russian blunder in the North Sea. Ambassador Benckendorff's tentative communication to Foreign Minister Lansdowne today and the fact that it was regarded as unsatisfactory, only serves to inflame the public mind; and while official circles are giving out intimations that the admiral's report will be published, it is now quite evident that only a short time will be allowed Russia in which to give the desired complete assurances of her intention to comply with any and all demands that Great Britain may make within reason.

The arrival of Admiral Rojestvensky at Vigo and the certainty that he is in direct communication with his government, removes at once the possibility of any delay on account of the Russian government together with the official statement of the members of the fishing fleet, it is unlikely that the British public or the British government will allow another 24 hours to pass quietly without receiving a satisfactory reply to the ultimatum which was issued a week ago. Meanwhile the admiral is not idle.

Reports from all naval stations show that a tremendous state of activity exists. This is especially true of Gibraltar, from which it is announced that some of the best of Great Britain's war vessels are under orders to proceed in the direction of the Russian second Pacific squadron, and that all the ships of the British Channel fleet are ready to go to sea at a moment's notice. Hitherto there has been no indication that a time limit has been set by Great Britain for Russia's reply to her demands, but the fact that three battleships and three cruisers are under orders for the morning of Oct. 28, is construed in some quarters to mean that Great Britain will not wait longer than that date before unleashing her sea dogs, while it is also evident that the Russian cruisers and smaller boats of the squadron are in difficulty in passing the gateway to the east, unless the crisis is completely averted by the Russian government.

Everything Arranged. Information has reached the Associated Press that an authoritative source puts a brighter light upon the situation. It is stated that practically everything has been decided upon to the satisfaction of Count Lamoriniere, the Russian ambassador, and that the Russian government has agreed to accept the terms of the ultimatum. It is further understood that Great Britain is not demanding trial and formal written undertakings before announcing that she is satisfied. It is stated that an undertaking in general terms on the part of Russia will be accepted as sufficient guarantee for the crisis has passed.

Colonial Secretary Lyttelton, speaking at a luncheon to-night, said he had no further information to disclose, but he had no doubt Russia would make full reparation and punish the offenders. He said that the report was not a political arrangement.

ROJESTVENSKY'S EXCUSE.

Vigo, Spain, Oct. 26.—The Associated Press has succeeded in obtaining an interview with Admiral Rojestvensky, who expressed great regret over the North Sea incident. The admiral stated that the unfortunate occurrence was purely accidental. The weather, the night in question, was rather hazy, about 11 o'clock, two torpedo boats, which the Russians supposed to be Japanese craft, suddenly appeared between the two divisions of the squadron and seemed to discharge torpedoes. The Russians immediately opened fire. They saw no fishermen, and were not aware that any damage had been done. Evidently, the admiral said, the fishermen had shown no lights. The admiral reported that he greatly regretted that any injury had been done fishermen, and added that he had no doubt the Russian government would make ample re-compense.

ROJESTVENSKY SAYS JAPS AMONG HIS BATTLESHIPS

But His Explanation Does Not Explain—London Papers Express Ultimatum to Russia Expires This Afternoon—British Government in Serious Mood.

London, Oct. 27.—There is an accumulation of feeling in Great Britain over the delay of the Russian government in procuring from the command-in-chief of the second Pacific squadron his version of the attack on the Hull fishing fleet. Admiral Rojestvensky, who is at Vigo, Spain, has so far as the admiral is informed, made no official explanation of events of the night of Oct. 21, but in an interview with the Associated Press, he has put forward the statement that two torpedo boats, presumably Japanese craft, appeared among his ships off Dogger Bank, and falling to comply with a command to retire or state their nationality, were fired upon.

Six of the best ships of the British Channel fleet are under orders to sail tomorrow, presumably to shadow the further movements of the Russian ships sailing for the Cape of Good Hope, and all the other vessels of the channel fleet are ready to put to sea at a moment's notice. Besides the five Russian ships at Vigo, there are others reported at Villa Garcia and elsewhere. They have been notified that they will not be permitted to coal in Spanish ports. Five German colliers are at Vigo. Admiral Rojestvensky has informed the Spanish authorities that his ships at Vigo have sufficient coal to last for 24 hours, and he is able to leave port within 24 hours allowed to warships of a combatant in a neutral port.

The tone of the London press is notably more bellicose to-day than it has been at any period of the existing crisis. The tone of comparative moderation and calmness hitherto shown by the press of London is observed to be yielding to one of an outpouring of bellicose words. The Daily Mail editorially speaks of war threatening and gives its scare headlines. "Ultimatum to Russia Expires This Afternoon," etc. Without going to these lengths, nearly all the other papers are discussing the possibility of war should the war party in St. Petersburg be able to influence the emperor and government into a decision to shield the officers of the second Pacific squadron.

The unofficial explanation of Admiral Rojestvensky telegraphed to the Morning Post and other papers as apparently a position in which, when the ultimatum of a position of responsibility is a menace to every vessel that navigates the sea.

The Daily Telegraph, representing the government view, says: "There is no doubt whatever of the government's seriousness. No responsible ministers would order a fleet at sea without the vessels of a foreign power Friday recognizing the responsibility of such a grave step; yet this is what his majesty's government has done with its eyes wide open."

An equally bellicose tone characterized the British correspondent's dispatches from St. Petersburg, which openly impute the Russian delay to the belief that Great Britain will press the question of a two-cent rate, and that Madrid despatches comment severely upon the attempt of the Russians to deny the fact that their vessels have been damaged, and by proceeding to coal from German colliers, and still upon Admiral Rojestvensky's alleged explanation that firing upon approaching vessels was necessary for the protection of his squadron.

Lord Rosebery, in sending a cheque for £500 for the sufferers, who are nearly exhausted when they succeed in reaching the North Sea, saw two miles away a two-funnelled steamer in the distance, which apparently was unable to reach her. It is suggested that the steamer had been attacked by the second Pacific squadron.

Explores This Afternoon. The ultimatum to Russia expires this afternoon. The British government is in a serious mood. The Russian government is in a serious mood. The British government is in a serious mood.

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SAMSON DECLINES A HAIR CUT



SAMSON CANUCK (to Danish Laurier): No, thanks, I'll need all my strength to overcome the greater Philistines that year sweet sunny smile has drawn here.

MARKET GARDENERS DESERVE FAIR SHARE OF ATTENTION. HALIFAX GREETED MR. BORDEN WITH FIREWORKS AND PARADE. SIR WILFRID FOR TWO SEATS WRIGHT AND QUEBEC EAST.

Sentiment Which Found Favor at Enthusiastic Meeting at Norway. Great Reception Accorded Leader of Opposition Who Arrived for Nomination Day.

Halifax, N.S., Oct. 26.—(Special).—L. Borden arrived to-night in the city to be present at the nomination tomorrow. When the train pulled into the station shortly after 8 o'clock, that building and the streets leading to it were crowded. Thousands of people had gathered there to welcome him.

The weather was threatening, a little rain having already fallen, and a procession was hurriedly formed, but this only seemed to fan the excitement, as a few minutes afterwards, when the procession had started, the cheering, which had been going on since the train arrived, swelled to an uproar which lasted many minutes. Fireworks were set off and red fire made the scene as bright as day. Over a hundred teams were in the procession, which went over a three-mile route.

The fireworks were added to by the searchlights of H.M.S. Arctique, the flagship on this station, which were kept playing over the city and across the sky.

Mr. Borden's barouche was Mrs. Borden, J. C. O'Mullin, his running mate, and Mrs. O'Mullin. All along the route the streets were crowded, and it is estimated that fully 4,000 people turned out to do honor to the great leader.

Buildings were decorated and illuminated, and fireworks were sent up from business houses and hotels. Hundreds of visitors are already in the city from all parts of the province to attend the great meeting tomorrow night.

QUEBEC FORECAST. P. E. Lablanc Makes an Estimate of Probable Conservative Victories. Montreal, Oct. 26.—(Special).—Hon. P. E. Lablanc, M.L.A. for Laval, who is looked upon as a cool headed and far-seeing politician and who probably knows his own compatriots as well as any other man in the district, declared to The World to-day that the opposition would carry the following constituencies in the Montreal and Three Rivers districts: Argenteuil, Hochelaga, Huntingdon, Jacques Cartier, Laprairie, Naperville, Laval, Maskinonge, Missisquoi, Montcalm, St. Antoine, Nicolet, Pontiac, Thibault, Stanstead, Terrebonne, Two Mountains, Veillonville, Dorchester, St. Lawrence, and Montmorency.

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ANNEXATION BEATEN BY 16 EAST TORONTO STAYS OUT

Total Vote of 382 and Ward One Alone Gave a Majority in Favor.

East Toronto, Oct. 26.—(Special).—With the closing of the polls to-night, one of the keenest contests in the history of the city was brought to a close when the proposition of annexation to the city was voted by 16. The question of annexation with the City of Toronto has long been a live topic. For weeks past the advocates and opponents of annexation have discussed the merits and demerits of the measure, and the adverse verdict is generally regarded as disposing of the matter for some time. Throughout the day no effort was spared by either party in conveying voters to the polling booths, and the result, totaling a vote of 382, is abundant evidence of the great interest taken in the matter.

Mayor Walters to-night said the vote taken was a vindication of the position of the well-known fact that Wards 2 and 3 were opposed to annexation, while Ward 1 supported the measure, its interests were already identical with the city, and in effect it is part of the city. Wilson Panton attributed the result to the influence of the liquor interest, the superior organization of the anti-annexation forces, and the fact that no expense was spared to defeat the measure. "When we consider the odds under which we labored," said Mr. Panton, "we are greatly encouraged with the result."

The vote by wards was: Ward 1, 168; Ward 2, 114; Ward 3, 100. For, Against. Ward 1, 168; Ward 2, 114; Ward 3, 100.

Majority against bylaw. 16. Thomas McCabe, engineer, G.T.R., received the sad intelligence to-night of the death of his sister, Mrs. W. W. McCabe. Mrs. McCabe was the wife of Engineer W. W. McCabe and was born in the city of Toronto. She was 70 years of age and had been ill for some time.

STRAY BULLET KILLS. Havelock, Oct. 26.—Porter Preston, a pioneer resident of Belmont Township, was found dead in his swamp about 9 o'clock last evening. He had been seen on his home since noon. He was found by a search party, evidently killed by a stray bullet. He had been working in the swamp for some time.

KILLED BY A SPLINTER. Harry Sound, Oct. 26.—George Brothour was struck on the side of the head by a flying splinter while working in the Harry Sound Lumber Co.'s mill yesterday morning. The splinter entered his head and inflicted terrible injuries to the mouth. It became firmly imbedded in the head and was removed by the surgeon from the opposite side of the head. Brothour was a resident of this town. He leaves a wife and one child.

HAVE RESPONSIBILITY. (Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, Oct. 26.—Colonial Secretary Lyttelton, speaking at Warwick, said a grave responsibility would be incurred if the colonies, being willing to meet in conference, Great Britain was pusillanimous enough to refuse discussion. In spite of the Russian crisis, Premier Balfour will speak to the National Union of Conservative Associations at Southampton tomorrow night, and will make a definite announcement of the government's intention in connection with the proposed fiscal changes.

DIED WHILE SHOOTING. Chatham, Oct. 26.—(Special).—The friends of John Pidgeon of Chatham Township, speaking at Warwick, said of his sudden death while duck shooting at Bear Creek yesterday. How the accident occurred is unknown. He was accompanied by a friend, Simon Thibodeau, who was shooting. Thibodeau had just fired his gun when he heard a cry and found his friend lying prone on the ground and death following almost instantly.

The Premier Purifies. The W. & D. Dineen Co., corner Yonge and Temperance streets, have upon display their showrooms a complete and attractive stock of fur garments. An elevator carries visitors from one department to another, and inspection is invited. The Dineen Co. are manufacturing fur garments—buying native pelts from the hunters and trappers and procuring foreign skins direct. All garments are made up on the premises after the latest patterns in style.

SNOW FLURRIES. Meteorological Office, Toronto, Oct. 26, 8 p.m.—A storm has developed to-day on the Atlantic coast and gales are likely to be general in eastern Canada. Showers of sleet have fallen in Ontario, and rain has fallen in Quebec and New Brunswick. The weather is fine and warm in the Northwest Territories, having been above 70 in Alberta, Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 10-18; Victoria, 42-69; Kamloops, 62-84; Calgary, 32-74; Edmonton, 28-70; Prince Albert, 28-70; Winnipeg, 28-40; Port Arthur, 24-32; Toronto, 35-46; Ottawa, 28-49; Montreal, 38-47; Quebec, 38-47; Halifax, 28-38.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong northwesterly winds; cold and mostly fair; local snow buries. Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Strong northwesterly winds; cloudy to fair and colder; local snow flurries. Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and Maritime—Westerly gales; heavy and colder. Superior—Moderate variable winds; fair and cold. Manitoba—Strong winds; fair and warmer.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS. Oct. 26. At. From. Armenia, New York, Liverpool. Canada, New York, Boston. Germania, New York, Marsellie. Great Wall, Dover, New York. Ontario, Liverpool, New York. Ontario, Liverpool, New York. Ontario, Liverpool, New York.

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