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# HAPPENINGS IN NOVA SCOTIA

## TRURO.

Truro, Oct. 19—One of the social events of the season was the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Stevens, "Parkside." Invitations had been issued to some 100 people, and on Monday evening nearly that number gathered at "Parkside" to congratulate the happy aged couple, who "received" in state. Fifty years ago they were married at Wallace by Rev. Mr. McCarty, assisted by Rev. Richard Smith. The latter sent his best wishes at this celebration. All of the five children are living, and all but one were present on Monday. The absent son is living in Minneapolis, and owing to the serious illness of his wife, was unable to take part in person at the celebration. He sent, however, a handsome wedding cake and a beautiful bouquet, which was presented to the bride of fifty years by two little grandchildren—Greta and Ruby Stevens. Of the children, three—Mrs. Harris and Messrs. Allison and William Stevens—reside in Truro, while Mr. Richard Stevens makes his home in St. John. The latter had not been home for eighteen years. Many valuable and handsome presents were given the aged couple, including a purse of gold from the children and gold from friends. Music was furnished during the evening by Mr. DeForest and family and Miss Eva Fulton. Miss Thompson read an appropriate poem, speeches were made, and a delicious luncheon served.

A quiet home wedding took place at the residence of Mr. J. W. Baird, when his youngest daughter, May, was married to Mr. C. E. Taylor, of Halifax. The bride was gowned in white silk, and carried a bouquet of cream roses and maiden hair fern. The bridal party stood under an arch of evergreen and autumn leaves. After the ceremony a dainty lunch was served, and the bride and groom left for their wedding tour, which will take in Boston, New York and Buffalo. Their future home is to be in Halifax.

Miss Hubley, who has been in town for some months, first in attendance upon the late Dr. McKay, and more recently as companion for Mrs. McKay, went to her home in Halifax on Tuesday. Her circle of friends regret her departure.

Miss Ethel Waters, of Slocum, Michigan, has been voted the most popular young lady of the place, and was presented with a handsome plush and gold photo album, and a standard wish drawer attached for pictures. Miss Waters is a niece of Miss Annie Waters, of Shubenacadie.

Last week quite a number of golf players went to Windsor and engaged in a friendly match with the golf players of that town. Among those who went were Mr. and Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Wetmore, Mrs. and Mrs. Holyoke, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Phillips, Miss Bigelow, and Messrs. Rice, White, Watt and Campbell.

A pretty event took place at the residence of Mr. John Scott, Alton, not long ago, the occasion being the marriage of his daughter, Nellie, to Mr. John R. Campbell, head of the firm of John R. Campbell & Co., of Jamesville. Nuptial mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Kinsella, of Truro, who was a particular friend of the bride. Miss Jessie Scott, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and the groom was supported by Mr. R. S. McKinnon. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for Halifax.

A sewing circle has been formed in connection with St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The first meeting was held at Mrs. Martin Dickie's, Prince street, on Tuesday. The money raised by the circle is to be devoted to beautifying the windows of this church.

Mr. P. F. Moriarty returned to his work in the Halifax Y. M. C. A. on Monday.

Miss McConnell, of Moncton, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Geo. McEwan, Dominion street.

Mr. H. L. Doane is improving after his attack of typhoid fever.

Rev. J. W. Aikens lectured in Brunswick street hall on Tuesday evening, taking as his subject Shams in Life.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Fuller, of the government farm, have gone to St. Louis to attend the exposition.

Miss Annie Mitchell has returned from an extended visit at her home in Burin, Newfoundland.

Miss May E. Coffin has been appointed president of the Young Ladies' League for the coming year. Miss Minnie Barnes is secretary.

Miss Blenkinsop has been visiting in New Glasgow.

Ex-Mayor Stuart arrived in town on Saturday.

Mrs. Bool, Pleasant street, has had a slight paralytic stroke, which came upon her suddenly on Monday morning. Her friends entertain hopes for her speedy recovery.

Rev. L. G. Macneil, late of St. John (N. B.), and formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church at Maitland, was in town this week.

Rev. D. Stiles Fraser, of the Presbyterian Witness, Halifax, was in town on Monday.

Mrs. D. Gunn left last week for the upper provinces to attend the annual board meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Mrs. W. F. Linton returned on Saturday from a visit with friends in St. John and Moncton.

Mr. C. E. Tanner, M. P. P., of Pictou, is in town and will address a meeting tonight.

Miss L. A. Mason, graduate of Victoria Hospital, Halifax, and now engaged in the Highland View Hospital at Amherst, is a guest with Miss Florence McDuffie, at Lower Truro.

Mr. J. E. Corbett, barrister, formerly of Truro, left by the Ocean Limited on Tuesday morning for Montreal. He has had a protracted illness, and is now returning to Denver to resume his practice. He was accompanied by Dr. Ross Faulkner, who intends taking a post-graduate course in London and Edinburgh.

Mr. Walter L. King, son of Mr. W. P. King, Pleasant street, holds a responsible position with the Copper Consolidated Mining Company, of Arizona, which is one of the largest copper producing concerns in the world. Mr. King is first assistant to the purchasing agent at Douglas, Arizona.

Mr. Arthur Morris has recently returned from a vacation spent in New York, Arlington (Mass.), and other places. He had quite a thrilling experience on his trip from Halifax to Boston, when the steamer encountered a violent storm.

Mrs. George W. Gillespie, of Pictou, is visiting her son, Mr. Charles Gillespie, Walker street.

Mr. W. T. Suckling is again at King's College, pursuing his course in theology.

Rev. Clarence and Mrs. McKinnon passed through Truro last week, en route to New York.

Mr. H. B. Clark, pastor of Brunswick street church, preached in the Salvation Army barracks on Sunday.

The friends of Mrs. Peter Hall, Penny's Mt., were pained to hear of her death last week. She has been a sufferer for several years. Sympathy is felt for her sorrowing husband and family.

The news of the death of Miss Harriet Morton, daughter of Rev. A. D. Morton, Methodist minister, of Bridgetown, came as a shock on Friday. Miss Morton is well known in Truro, having made many friends during her father's pastorate in this town.

Mrs. Ryland McG. Archibald is receiving this week at Mr. P. McG. Archibald's residence, Elbic hill.

Mr. P. F. Moriarty, a former Y. M. C. A. secretary, of this place, addressed the men's meeting on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Thomas Ralph left on Saturday for Windsor, where he intends to conduct a confectionery business.

Mr. Wm. Creelman, Pictou county, has gone to Revelstoke to make an extended visit with his son.

Miss Mae Mann, of Sydney, is visiting Mrs. I. N. Hopper, Muir street.

Mrs. R. A. Loughead, Church street, has returned from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. F. McCurdy, at Baddeck (C. B.).

Mr. Wm. Cummings preached in Zion Baptist church (colored) on Sunday.

Last Sunday evening Rev. J. W. Aikens, pastor of Pleasant street Methodist church, began a series of sermons on the Story of the Crucifixion.

The Misses Margaret and Viola Gillespie are visiting their aunt, Mrs. E. R. Gilmore, at Eureka.

Mr. J. O'Brien has been in New Glasgow, a guest with his brother, Conductor E. K. O'Brien, of the I. C. R.

Mr. J. Moormary, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, returned on Saturday from a business trip in St. John, Montreal and Toronto.

Mr. E. S. Morrison, of Jamaica Plains (Mass.), was in town last week, en route to his old home in Five Islands. He has been employed with the Boston Ice Company for the last fifteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marsh, of Bridgetown, are in town, guests with Mrs. Wesley Boyd, Dominion street.

Mrs. A. W. Flemming and Mrs. Urquhart attended the funeral services of the late Mr. Alfred Putnam at Halifax and South Maitland.

The friends of Mrs. H. V. Bigelow are glad to learn that she is recovering from her recent severe illness.

## PARRSBORO.

Parrsboro, N. S., Oct. 20—Rev. F. M. Young spent Sunday in Springhill, where he supplied the pulpit of the Baptist church most acceptably, and returned on Monday.

Mrs. Grant is having a "rummage sale" for the Presbyterian church on Saturday.

Mr. Frizzle, of the Union Bank of Halifax, spent Sunday with his parents in Truro, and returned on Monday.

Mrs. James Allen Price has been spending a few days with her brother, Dr. Dyas, in Amherst.

Miss Lizzie Dyas is at home with her parents, for a short visit.

Rev. Mr. Estabrook and Rev. Mr. Des Brisay, of Springhill, have been in town for a few days.

Miss Faulein Price is visiting friends in New Brunswick.

Mrs. Lyons and Mrs. D. D. Layton have been visiting friends in Delhaven, and returned on Tuesday.

Mrs. C. C. Langille spent a day or two in Springhill this week.

The ladies of the Baptist church have a notice out that they will feed the hungry multitude on election day.

J. R. Cowans, with his family, returned to Springhill on Tuesday, after having enjoyed their summer outing at Partridge Island.

Mrs. Parsons, of Londonderry, and Miss Pugsley, of Amherst, are visiting at Dr. Townsend's.

Miss Wood, of Moncton, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. Clifford Black, of Springhill, spent Sunday in town, and went across the bay on Monday.

The Methodists are giving a Hallowe'en tea on the 31st.

Capt. Cook spent Sunday at home, and left on Monday for Calais and St. John.

Mr. H. Hatfield was in town on Wednesday, at the home of his father, Mr. Moses Hatfield.

Mrs. Thos. McGuire and daughter left for a trip to Boston on Monday.

Miss Bessie Cochran has gone to New York, where she will spend the winter, visiting her sister.

Mrs. Phinney, after an extended visit among friends here, has returned to Boston.

Mrs. Robert Aikman is enjoying a trip to New York.

A "willing worker" society has been formed by the young people of the Baptist church, and meets on Tuesday evenings at the parsonage.

## ANNAPOLIS.

Annapolis, Oct. 22—Liberal meetings have been held during the week at Bear River, Clementsvale and Dalhousie, which have been well attended. The speakers were Hon. J. W. Longley, S. W. W. Pickup, the nominee, and others. L. D. Shafner, the Conservative nominee, has also been prosecuting his canvass vigorously.

Mr. White, chief of construction for McKenzie & Mann in Nova Scotia, arrived here on Saturday last and since made a tour of inspection over the western section of the Middleton & Victoria Beach railway. He was accompanied by Louis Whitman, chief engineer for this section of the road.

James Harnish, son of Isaac Harnish, met with a painful accident a few days ago. While working in his fathers' mill he had his left hand badly cut by the trimming saw, and two fingers badly torn and cut.

The tern schooner being built for S. D. Shafner at Granville Ferry is nearly completed, and will be launched in a few days. She is a fine specimen of marine architecture.

Government steamer Lansdowne arrived today with supplies for the lighthouse, and sailed again in the afternoon.

Mrs. J. B. Mills left on Wednesday for Litchfield (Conn.), where she will spend a couple of weeks and proceed to Vancouver (B. C.), to join her husband. She was accompanied by her sisters, the Misses Rose.

Judge Savary was a passenger from St. John on Wednesday, returning from a trip to Massachusetts.

## AMHERST.

Amherst, N. S., Oct. 20—Mrs. Salter and sons, Clare and Kenneth, spent Sunday in town visiting her father, Charles Smith, on her return home from St. John, where she has been with Capt. Salter.

The friends of Miss M. B. Chapman will regret to learn that she lies seriously ill at the home of her father, C. S. Chapman.

Mrs. Aubrey H. Lancey received her bridal calls on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons of this week at the home of Mrs. Douglas Chapman.

Mr. George McDougall, who has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. McDougall for the past few days has returned home to New Glasgow.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Smith left today on the Ocean Limited for California, where they intend to spend the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Smith carry with them the best wishes of their many friends.

Hon. F. J. Sweeney, of Moncton, spent a day of the week in town.

Mr. Temple, son of Dr. Temple, of Toronto (Ont.), has accepted a position as clerk in the Bank of Montreal here. Mr. Temple is expected to arrive in Amherst tomorrow.

E. Albert Reilly, of Moncton, was in town on Tuesday, the guest of Mr. William Schwartz.

Mr. A. R. McKinnon, of the Bank of Commerce, has been transferred to the New Glasgow branch, his many friends here deeply regret his departure.

Mr. N. Curry went to Montreal on Monday.

A surprise party was held on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. R. Turner. About sixty people were in attendance and a most pleasant evening spent in games and dancing.

Mrs. H. V. Murdock and Miss Murdock, of Westfield (Mass.), is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Murdock, Spring street.

Tourist—"Are there any absentee landlords hereabouts, Pat?" Pat—"Sorra a one, sor. Shure they're all away at prizent."

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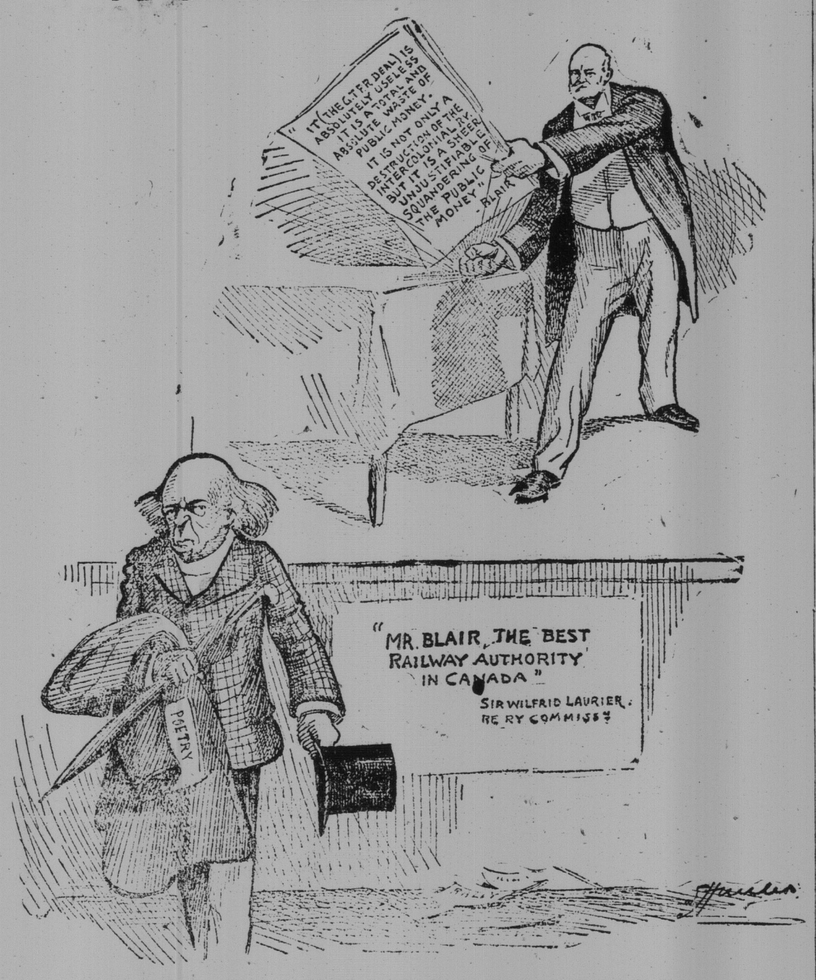


SIR WILFRID—"And it was I who introduced him."—[From the Toronto World.

## BRITAIN DEMANDS QUICK REPARATION OF RUSSIA

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Lord Lansdowne is expected in addition to make a claim for indemnity for the vessels sunk, compensation for the injured and pensions for the widows of those killed, a most ample apology and assurances that other British shipping which may fall in with the Rusisan squadron shall not be submitted to similar treatment. These demands, it is believed at the Rusisan and other embassies here will speedily be granted. Further than this Lord Lansdowne apparently is unable to go. Had any British official, however minor been concerned, Lord Lansdowne might have demanded a public salute of the British flag as well as an apology, but such a course in the present case would be unprecedented.

Of the 160 fishing vessels through which the Russian squadron passed, five are still unaccounted for, and some anxiety exists regarding their safety. The Wren, one of the boats reported last night as missing, has arrived at Hull. It probably will be some days before the foreign office is in full possession of the facts, although the examination of the witnesses at the foreign office today establishes the general correctness of the first accounts.

### Here's an Explanation.

Rome, Oct. 24—The Russian embassy here explains the attack of the Russian Pacific squadron on the Hull fishing fleet by the statement that a report had been received at St. Petersburg that the Japanese would try to injure Russian ships with explosives thrown from fishing boats. Indeed, the ambassador said, he suspected that the squadron opened fire only after an attempt had been made to attack some of the ships.

### Russian Admiral's Action a Mystery.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24—Ambassador Hardinge, although momentarily expecting instructions from the British government on the subject, had not received any at noon today. In the highest quarters, where the reports were circulated, the gravity of the affair was fully realized and the incident was greatly deplored. That Russia will offer apologies and reparation and make honorable amends admits of no doubt, but with the inflamed state of public opinion in Great Britain and coming on the heels of the finding of the Vladivostok court in the Knight Commander case and the Red Sea incident, the situation may become active unless the cool heads among the British statesmen proceed calmly.

Unfortunately in meeting such a situation, the Russian government machinery is so cumbersome as to render the prompt action which such a situation seems to demand almost impossible. Everything will depend upon the character of the British demands. Here, it is considered, lies the principal danger of a possible rupture. If the British go to the extent of demanding the punishment of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, or even the recall of the squadron, as some of the British newspapers intimate, it is likely to create a situation here which would make it hard, if not impossible, to humble Russian pride to such an extent.

"Unfortunately," said a high-placed admiral to the Associated Press, we have not yet received the report of Admiral Rojestvensky, upon which we can act. The press reports are incredible to me. I know Rojestvensky as a careful, prudent man, and I cannot believe that he would order his squadron to fire into a fleet of fishing smacks in such a cold blooded fashion as reported by the despatches. There must be some explanation of which we are still in ignorance."

"Did you have any reason to believe that an attempt might be made to attack the squadron?" asked the correspondent.

"Yes," replied the official. "We had some information which imposed particular care upon Rotjvensky."

"Could it have been the act of a captain who perhaps was haunted by a fear of an attempt on the squadron, lost his head and directed the fire without authority?"

"No, I do not think so, only the admiral could assume such authority, especially as the despatches represent the squadron as sailing in squadron formation. We all intensely deplore the incident, and if a mistake has been made, as appears to be the case, Russia will make every amend possible. You are safe in announcing that."

### Czar Hears from Rozestvensky.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24—Midnight—No official or unofficial Russian explanation of the unfortunate affair off Dogger Bank is forthcoming up to this time, and the world must wait until tomorrow to hear Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's version of the firing upon the British fishermen.

Rojestvensky has communicated direct to the emperor, but at 11.30 tonight the admiralty announced that it had not yet received a report. At the same hour the foreign office issued a statement expressing the regrets of the government for the deplorable incident, but explaining that no formal action is possible until Admiral Rojestvensky's official report of the affair has been received.

While no formal action has been taken, the deepest regret is expressed in all quarters, and the purpose of the government to make amends if Rojestvensky shall be found to have been in fault as has been proclaimed in every government department. Emperor Nicholas himself was greatly aggrieved when he heard the news while he was inspecting the cruiser Oleg at Cronstadt this afternoon, and Foreign Minister Lamsdorff expressed to Ambassador Hardinge his deepest personal regrets.

The Russian embassy at London has also been directed to convey similar expressions to the government of Great Britain. It is felt that this is all that can possibly be done, pending the receipt of Admiral Rodjestvensky's statement.

### Horrible Blunder, Say Russian Officials.

That a horrible blunder has been committed is recognized, and deplored everywhere, and nowhere has an attempt been made to justify the firing upon innocent fishermen. It is felt that Rojestvensky is too good a man and officer to be summarily condemned. It is agreed that he is entitled to a hearing, but even the dmiralty regretfully admits that it is at a loss to understand what explanation could justify such an apparently cold-blooded act as the affair is made to appear by foreign reports.

It developed during the day that the admiralty had strong reason to believe that an attempt would be made against the squadron during its passage through the Great Belt or English Channel. So specific was the information that even the present crisis has not diverted attention from the possibility of an attack yet occurring. The failure of the steam trawlers with their nets out to obey the signals from the Russian warships, or the nervousness of some officer who imagined that fishermen working with their nets in the water were laying mines, may be responsible for the blunder. As soon as the facts are established, it is certain that the Russian government will voluntarily offer the fullest reparation.

### Czar May Send Regrets.

It is even hinted that the emperor tomorrow will send a formal message to King Edward, conveying his profound sorrow for the incident, and offering to make what reparation is possible as soon as the responsibility can be fixed. These advance assurances, it is hoped, will be met in an amicable spirit by Great Britain.

Notwithstanding the provocation which may seem to exist for most vigorous and uncompromising demands for redress, Ambassador Hardinge has not presented any instructions from his government up to 3 o'clock this evening, and up to midnight it had been impossible to ascertain whether instructions had actually been received.

In diplomatic circles the gravity and delicacy of the situation is recognized. Unquestionably nervousness exists, but in view of the sentiment in government circles here, the feeling prevails that an amicable adjustment will be reached.

This evening the censor passed all telegrams relating to the subject, which immediately became the all-absorbing topic in every public resort. The war in the far east seemingly was temporarily forgotten.

Notwithstanding the latent sentiment of hostility against Great Britain which smoulders in almost every Russian breast, the reports of the blunder of the Baltic fleet have aroused only expressions of sincere regret, coupled with hopes that when Rojestvensky's report arrives it will place a different complexion on the incident.

### Hostile Reception for Czar's Minister.

London, Oct. 24—Count Benkendorff, the Russian ambassador, returned to London tonight from celebrating the silver wedding with his wife's relatives in Silesia, and barely escaped assault from a crowd at the Victoria station, which followed him almost into the embassy. Fortunately for the issue of peace or war, nothing resulted; yet throughout the night a special force of police was compelled to guard the Russian embassy.

Count Benkendorff has been always regarded in official circles here as a friend of peace, and he was as much opposed as was Count Lamsdorff to the Russo-Japanese war. Indeed, he is almost an Anglophile in sentiment. There is no doubt that Count Benkendorff was deeply hurt by tonight's demonstration. After escaping from the hostile crowd that met him at the station, he drove at a gallop to the embassy. Half a dozen rowdies followed, but the ambassador arrived unharmed. His noisy pursuers encountered a cordon of police that had been hurriedly dispatched to guard the embassy.

After singing Rule Brittania, the disturbers dispersed, no arrests being made, but the police continued to guard the embassy as if it were a British fortress. With such a vigilance did they carry out their task that when Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, a cousin of the new Russian minister of the interior, and second secretary of the embassy, arrived, he had hard work in getting in. Count Benkendorff had telephoned him to come to the embassy to write a long cipher message to St. Petersburg, describing tonight's hostile demonstration. In reply to a request for some statement to the Associated Press, the ambassador sent word that he could say nothing, but it was gathered that he had sent a despatch to St. Petersburg which may add to the existing delicacy of the situation.

Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky said:—

"The attack on the trawlers was obviously an act of war or a great mistake. No sensible man can now think it was an act of war, and therefore it was a mistake, and when you have made a mistake all you can do is to apologize and pay for it. Neither country concerned wants to go to war with the other. It is annoying to our diplomatic relations with Great Britain, but it is quite different from the sinking of the Maine. Incidental mistakes, however much as they may be deplored, do not create wars between great powers, unless those powers have some ulterior reasons for going to war. Neither the trawler nor tonight's affair is likely to produce a clash between two powers who have every reason from a selfish point of view, to preserve peace between themselves."

### Will Photograph Bodies of Hull Victims.

London, Oct. 24—In order that there should be no possible error regarding the peaceable occupation of the fishermen killed by the fire from the Russian warships in the North Sea, the foreign office has communicated to the Hull coroner a request that "the bodies from the Crane should be photographed and unimpeachable medical testimony called to show that the grasp of articles in the dead men's hands was due to riger mortis and not to being subsequently placed there." The articles referred to are a fish and a knife found in the hands of the dead captain on the Crane.

It is understood that the government has also invited the Russian embassy to send medical men to examine the bodies.

### King Edward Sends $1,000.

London, Oct. 24—King Edward has sent to the mayor of Hull $1,000 as his donation for the families of the victims of the North Sea firing.

Premier Balfour has telegraphed the mayor of Hull as follows:

"Your telegrams received. You may have full confidence in the government's action."

### London Papers Demand Punishment of Russian Officers.

London, Oct. 25—The feature of the editorial articles of the newspapers this morning is a practically universal demand that the government insist upon the punishment of the Russian officers responsible for the Dogger Bank affair as the only possible insurance against a recurrence of the kind. Without this, it is argued that the seas will be unsafe for any peaceful vessel. King Edward's telegram characterizing the affair as "unwarrantable" is considered to reflect well the national temper, and the fact that his majesty has taken the usual course to thus interfere in a diplomatic matter gives the greatest satisfaction as emphasizing the exceptionally grave nature of the crisis. A day's reflection on the matter only leads the newspapers and public opinion to great firmness in demanding that the amplest reparation shall be made without delay.

Regret is expressed that there should have been any demonstration against Count Benkendorff, the Russian ambassador, who personally, is credited with friendly feelings toward Great Britain.

The Standard declares that such a foolish demonstration is not worth talking about.

The Daily News claims to have obtained the following statement form Count Benkendorff:

"I am ill with the fatigue of a long journey and anxiety, but I authorize you to say from me to the people of England that I am absolutely certain that what occurred was a deplorable accident and nothing else. My regret and my country's regret it is, I am sure, unnecessary for me to speak of."

# GREATEST OF BANQUETS TO THE HON. A. G. BLAIR AFTER THE ELECTIONS

## In Recognition of His Efforts to Save Canada from G. T. Pacific Scheme

## Will Be Given at Windsor Hotel, Montreal, by Business Men as a Tribute to the Ex-Minister for Standing Up Against the Government's Deal With the Grand Trunk to Sacrifice Canada's Interests to Portland, Me---Special Train for New Brunswick Guests.

Montreal, Oct. 24—After the election a splendid banquet will be given Hon. Mr. Blair in the Windsor Hotel here, in recognition of his great public services and his efforts to save the country from the disastrous effects of the government's G. T. P. policy. The banquet, which will be held on or about Nov. 26, will be the most magnificent function of the kind ever held in Canada.

It will be given primarily by the business men of Montreal, but will take the form generally of a great public tribute to Mr. Blair for his stand in the public behalf against the un-Canadian and impracticable railroad deal which has been made in the interests of the Grand Trunk Pacific backers.

Neither pains nor expense will be considered. The idea has already met with the most enthusiastic reception, and there can be no doubt the occasion will be a most memorable one. It will reflect the spontaneous recognition throughout Canada of Mr. Blair's fight in defence of the rights of the taxpayers of this country, and in protesting against the forcing through of a scheme inimical to every Canadian interest.

A special train will carry New Brunswick guests to the banquet to and from Montreal. The function will be given irrespective of the outcome of the contest on Nov. 3.

Daily there come in increasing numbers from every section of the country, acknowledgements of the public service already done by the ex-minister of railways in seeking to defeat the completion of a contract made in the name of the people of Canada, but to which they have never given their consent and to which the majority of them are opposed.

From all sides come demands for Hon. Mr. Blair to speak. He has requests from all sections to take the platform against the rash and unbusinesslike railway policy of the government, and that he be heard on the public platform as often and in as many parts of the country as can be in the short time at his disposal, raising his voice in strong protest against the unpopular G. T. P. policy of the Laurier government.

## JAPANESE PREPARING FOR CRUSHING BLOW

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squadron at any French port, the embassy would forward it to St. Petersburg, where the government would determine on its ultimate action. It is explained that the squadron at Port Arthur has been reproached for lack of diligence in causing the initial disaster. This led to the adoption of measures of extreme precaution. The Russian authorities recently were informed that the Japanese spy service was organizing, particularly at Stockholm, plans of torpedoing the passing Russian warships. The Russian officers fully expected such attacks, and therefore were constantly looking out for floating mines and other destructive agencies. It is also declared that Japanese were detected prowling near the Russian hospital ship Orel, at Toulon.

The Russian naval authorities here say the coaling of the squadron will occur outside the ports touched at, so as to avoid questions involving neutrality.

It is stated that a new theatre is to be erected in Dublin on the site of what was originally a morgue.

## WRECKED SCHOONER NORWOOD SOLD

Digby, N. S., Oct. 24—(Special)—A survey was held on the wrecked schooner Norwood Saturday. She was condemned and sold at auction at 1 o'clock this afternoon. She was purchased by her former owner, Capt. Joseph E. Snow for $100.

The vessel and fittings were insured in the Boston Marine Insurance Company for $2,500. Capt. Byron Abbott, of Yarmouth, was in town in the interest of the insurance company.

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