

GREAT BRITAIN WINS NORTH SEA CASE; FIRING ON BRITISH TRAWLERS UNJUSTIFIED; ROJESTVENSKY SCORED FOR HEARTLESSNESS

Report Says No Hostility Was
Shown Russians by the
Sailing Fleet.

Blame Panic in the Baltic
Squadron to Message From
a Transport.

Paris, Feb. 25. — The decision of the international commission of inquiry into the North Sea incident was officially announced at the closing session of the committee. The decision sets forth at considerable length the circumstances and incidents and gives the opinion of the admirals on the various points involved.

The decision says the delay of the Russian transport Kamschatka following the breakdown of her machinery was perhaps the cause of the incident. The commander of the Kamschatka signalled to Admiral Rojestvensky during the evening that he had been attacked.

The admiral, therefore, had reason to believe he might be attacked, and gave orders for strict vigilance against the possible approach of torpedo boats. The majority of the commission considers that Admiral Rojestvensky's orders were not excessive in time of war, particularly under the circumstances, and that he had every reason to consider the situation very alarming.

"THE COMMISSIONERS," THE DECISION SAYS, "RECOGNIZE UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE FIRING FLEET COMMITTED NO HOSTILE ACT, AND THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSIONERS BEING OF THE OPINION THAT THERE WERE NOT EITHER AMONG THE FISHING BOATS, OR IN THEIR VICINITY ANY TORPEDO BOATS, THE OPENING OF FIRE BY ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY WAS NOT JUSTIFIED."

The decision further says the Russian commissioner did not share in the latter opinion.

"In any event," the decision con-

tinues, "the commissioners are glad to recognize unanimously that Admiral Rojestvensky personally did all he could from the commencement to the end to prevent the trawlers from being the object of fire by the Russian squadron."

Concerning the squadron's proceeding without assisting the damaged trawlers, the decision says:

"The commissioners are unanimous that under the circumstances preceding and following the incident, that there was such uncertainty concerning the danger to the squadron as to warrant Admiral Rojestvensky in continuing his route."

"However, the majority regrets that the admiral did not inform the neighboring maritime powers of what had occurred."

The decision concludes as follows: "The commissioners declare that their views as formulated are not of a nature to cast any disrespect upon the military valor nor upon the sentiments of humanity of Admiral Rojestvensky and the personnel of his squadron."



ADMIRAL BEAUMONT,
Who Represented Britain on the North
Sea Commission.



ADMIRAL FOURNIER,
of the French navy, president of the
International Commission on the
North Sea incident.

FOREIGNERS RIOT AT MONTREAL

Serious Fight Between Italians
and Russians in the C. P.
R. Angus Shops.

Montreal, Feb. 25. — A riot, which may result fatally, broke out this morning at the Angus shops of the C. P. R., in the east end of the city, Italian and Russian workmen being the opposing parties.

It seems that there had been bad blood for some time between the two nationalities, the Italians coming to resent the presence of the Russians. Shovels, pickaxes and other implements were used as weapons, and before the fight was stopped two were seriously injured that they may die. Others sustained slight injuries.

IS GOOD WHEAT LAND

Hays Tells of Route To Be Followed
by the G. T. Pacific.

Montreal, Feb. 25. — Mr. Charles M. Hays, president of the G. T. P. R., was the guest of the Canadian Club at dinner last night, after which he delivered an address on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway plans. With the aid of a map he traced the course which the new line would follow in crossing the continent. He said the surveyors had found the land in the Northwest through which the railway will run, of a very productive quality, and it is estimated that in wheat-producing will yield 20 bushels to the acre.

A FATAL EXPLOSION

A Hamilton Women Victim of an
Experiment by Her Husband.

Hamilton, Feb. 25. — Mrs. George Sims, 123 Canada street, died at the city hospital here this morning as the result of injuries received yesterday by the explosion of a quantity of gunpowder. Mrs. Sims' husband was experimenting with a quantity of gunpowder, which he invented, and was trying some of it in a pan in front of the stove, when it exploded. Mrs. Sims was standing near the stove, and was severely burned that her injuries resulted fatally this morning.

THE M. C. R. WILL BORE

No Joint Building of a Tunnel Be-
neath the Detroit River.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 25. — It can be authoritatively stated that there will be no joint building of a tunnel under the Detroit River. The Michigan Central will construct the double steel bore if it is a possibility, and it is believed it is. If the other roads, the Pere Marquette, the Wabash, Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific, desire to utilize it they will be able to do so by paying a reasonable remuneration for the use thereof.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Westerly Winds; Fair

London, Saturday, Feb. 25.
Sun rises: 7:00 a.m. Moon rises: 12:08 a.m.
Sun sets: 5:00 p.m. Moon sets: 10:44 a.m.

Toronto, Feb. 24, 8 p.m. — Mild weather has prevailed in nearly all parts of Canada today, with unusually high temperature in Southern Alberta and Western Assiniboia. Light falls of snow and sleet have occurred in Western Nova Scotia. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 18 below—4; Port Simpson, 36—48; Victoria, 44—52; Kamloops, 34—40; Calgary, 22—30; Qu'Appelle, 24—30; Winnipeg, 20—38; Port Arthur, 10—40; Parry Sound, 25—40; Toronto, 16—35; Ottawa, 12—30; Montreal, 10—28; Quebec, 10—28; St. John, 24—26; Halifax, 20—26. Local temperatures: Highest, 34 above; lowest, 25 above.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary..... 36..... 22..... Clear
Winnipeg..... 22..... 12..... Clear
Port Arthur..... 20..... 10..... Cloudy
Toronto..... 22..... 10..... Cloudy
Ottawa..... 12..... 4..... Fair
Montreal..... 10..... 4..... Fair
Quebec..... 10..... 4..... Fair
Father Point..... 10..... 4..... Snow

FORECASTS.

Cloudy and mild with light local falls of sleet or rain.

Sunday—Westerly winds and fair.

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather continues quite mild throughout the Northwest Territories. It is milder over the greater part of Ontario, and moderately cold in Quebec. Snow and sleet continue to fall at intervals in the Maritime Provinces, with no very good prospect of much change.

CLARENCE DONALDSON IS STILL IN CRITICAL STATE

Peritonitis Developed and Doc-
tors Could Not Operate—
Looking for Assailant.

Little Clarence Donaldson, the 8-year-old Simcoe street boy, who, as announced in yesterday's Advertiser, was so brutally kicked on the way to school by some unknown man, is lying at death's door in Victoria Hospital.

The unfortunate incident was being discussed throughout the city last night, so unusual and so sad were the circumstances surrounding it, and so unwarranted was the act of the unknown man. The police are actively searching for the latter citizen, especially in the south end of the city, and in the neighborhood where the bright little fellow is known, have seldom been roused to such a height of indignation.

Several of the child's little companions were with him when he was injured. They say that they were all riding upon a light sleigh shortly before 9 o'clock in the morning, on the way to school, when a railway horse passed. Attracted, no doubt, as children always are, by the sight of the big, flat sleigh and the heavy Clyde horses, they at once ran after it. There was only one other person besides the driver, on the lorie in question, a man sitting at the back with his legs hanging over the side. The children naturally took scarcely any notice of the fellow, being intent on their play, and anticipating any evil. Little Clarence happened to be the nearest to the man, and as he started to clamber onto the sleigh, he was struck on the head with his legs hanging over the side. The children naturally took scarcely any notice of the fellow, being intent on their play, and anticipating any evil. Little Clarence happened to be the nearest to the man, and as he started to clamber onto the sleigh, he was struck on the head with his legs hanging over the side. The children naturally took scarcely any notice of the fellow, being intent on their play, and anticipating any evil. Little Clarence happened to be the nearest to the man, and as he started to clamber onto the sleigh, he was struck on the head with his legs hanging over the side.

In the stomach. The child suffered intensely, but being full of pluck, put on a brave face and continued his way to school.

A remarkable part of the sad affair is the fact that the plucky little child remained in school all morning. His teacher, Miss Morris, noticed that he was ill, and gave him permission to go home, but, although he was taken violently ill three times during the morning, he refused to do so. When the school bell rang at noon, Clarence was so ill that he was unable to make his way home alone, and he was taken thither by a number of his schoolmates. Drs. Drake and John D. Wilson were at once called in by the lad's mother, and they found him in an almost lifeless condition. They at once had him removed to Victoria Hospital, where his condition grew rapidly worse. For a while his life was despaired of, but he rallied later on. There is a bad rupture in the abdomen and internal hemorrhage has set in. The physicians intended to operate on him in the evening, but on account of peritonitis, were unable to do so. About midnight, it was reported by the attendants that the child's condition was somewhat improved, but the chances are still against recovery. There was no change in his condition this morning. The Crown Attorney McKillop was notified yesterday, and the whole machinery of the police was set in motion to discover the perpetrator of the foul deed. The detectives are working on the case this morning. The law provides heavy penalties for such an offense, and if the poor child dies, the offender will, of course, have to face a charge of manslaughter.

There is a possibility that the man who inflicted the injury was under the influence of liquor. Several of the children who were with Clarence say the man on the lorie appeared to be intoxicated, as he could not sit erect and was rolling from side to side.

OSLER MEANT WHAT HE SAID TERROR REIGNS IN CAUCASUS

Creative Usefulness Declines Streets of Three Cities Glutted
After Forty. With the Murdered.

CHLOROFORMING WAS A JOKE ARMENIANS AND MUSSULMANS

Is at Work On an Essay to Prove The Strike in Poland More Critical—
His Point—Quoted Darwin as Forty Thousand Idle Workmen
an Illustration. in St. Petersburg.

New York, Feb. 25. — A Baltimore dispatch to the Tribune says: Dr. William Osler returned from New York today (Friday), and appeared surprised over the discussion caused by his statement that a man's creative usefulness began to decline when he was 40.

"I meant just what I said, but it's disgraceful the fuss the newspapers are making about it," said the doctor. "I know there are exceptions, but they only serve to illustrate the rule. I have spent some time writing an essay entitled 'La Crise de Quarante Ans' (The Crisis of Forty Years), which will prove what I say. I have not yet finished the essay, and I have been years in accumulating the facts it contains.

"As to chloroforming men at 60, that was only a pleasantry," and the doctor laughed heartily. "I was quoting from Anthony Trollope's story, 'The Fixed Period,' which hinged on the chloroforming of the old fellow at 60. The few exceptions to the rule that I have seen cited only illustrate it. Darwin's whole theory of the 'Origin of the Species' was thought out and written when he was a young man constantly under 40. I repeat emphatically that we should not be where we are today if all the work of men over 40 were wiped out."

Dr. Osler was asked how he reconciled what he has said with the fact that his first book, 'The Cerebral Palsies of Children,' was written when he was just 40, and all his other books thereafter, notably his famous work on 'The Principles of Medicine,' were in its fifth edition—were written after he had passed the age limit.

"No man," he replied, "ought to think of writing a book until he is 40. Up to that time he should be engaged upon other and more important things, creating what he intends to write about. That is the way it was with me. I was too busy up to 40 to write."

SHOOTS UP STREET CAR

A Man Tries to Open a Bottle of
Champagne With a Bullet.

Chicago, Feb. 25. — A bottle of champagne and a huge revolver produced in a West Lake street car early today created a panic among the passengers, and the motorman and conductor, badly frightened, from their posts, and resulted in the arrest of H. D. Boyington and H. B. Benjamin on charges of disorderly conduct and carrying concealed weapons.

Boyington, who is wealthy, was returning to Austin from down town. After trying to pay their fares with checks, he and his companion became angry at the conductor and maintained a hostile attitude toward him. After the car had started, he reached for a bottle of champagne. "I don't care for any," said the conductor, but the men insisted on opening the bottle.

Accordingly the bottle was set on the stove and Mr. Boyington, producing a revolver, endeavored to shoot the cork out of the bottle. After the first shot he and Benjamin were the only ones in the car. The bullet tore its way along the car and out through a window, followed by the passengers, the motorman and the conductor.

British Ship Ashore.

Washington, Feb. 25. — A dispatch received at the life saving service today says that the British steamer Dangor has gone ashore half a mile south of Little Island station near Norfolk, Va. The life saving crew boarded her early today, but the crew of 25 declined to leave the vessel.

Streets of Three Cities Glutted
With the Murdered.

Forty Thousand Idle Workmen
in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25. — The reports today from Poland and from the Caucasus are very disquieting. Owing to lack of direct telegraphic communication with many places in the Caucasus verification of the countless rumors afloat is impossible, but it is positively known that almost a reign of terror exists in the territory between the Caspian and Black Seas. Private vengeance have glutted the streets of Baku, Batoum and Tiflis with dead Armenians and Mussulmans. The reports, however, of the capture of Russian garrison and of the firing of the Black Sea fleet on Poti, etc., are no ground.

In Poland the strike situation is once more assuming a critical stage, and it is feared the authorities may again be forced to adopt violent measures. The railroad strike situation in Southern Russia is also more menacing. Traffic on half a dozen roads has been stopped, causing still further difficulties in the transportation of grain and coal and bringing business to a standstill. Over a hundred thousand men and carloads of grain await movement in the Volga district, and several thousand tons of coal for the iron and steel manufactories cannot be hauled from the Donetsky collieries. Here in St. Petersburg the workmen are in a constant state of agitation. The employes are unable to deal with the strikers, who appear to be acting under alternate days. There are now over forty thousand men idle and walking the streets.

Constantinople, Feb. 25. — Advice from Batoum says the prefect of police and several leading merchants again have been murdered by Georgian strikers. The prefect has drawn up a list of the Russian consuls, and the situation, and the latter has promised the necessary protection. Revolutionary fanatics in favor of a republic are being circulated broadcast at Batoum. The movement is not confined to the city workers, but has many adherents among the peasants and agricultural classes who claim that the landowners are treating them as serfs.

The whole of the Caucasus is said to be seething with dissatisfaction. Armenians, Jews and people of other nationalities and creeds are aiding the strikers, who appear to be acting under the orders of a secret committee at St. Petersburg.

THE ALABAMA HORROR

One Hundred Bodies Recovered From
the Virginia Mine.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 24. — Up to noon today 100 bodies of victims of the explosions at the Virginia mine had been recovered. Three more have been sighted.

New Lake Line.

Windsor, Feb. 25. — It is definitely announced that the new Port William package freight line is a go, and that the line will be operated by the Eber Ward, John M. Nichols and the old Anchor Line Junia, which has been renamed the Windsor. The eastern terminal will be at Buffalo and stops will be made at Cleveland and perhaps one or two other Lake Erie ports before Detroit is reached. It will be impossible to stop at Canadian way ports, the tariff regulations forbidding it, so the course will be direct to Port William from the Soo River.

GREAT FIRE AT HOT SPRINGS

75 Buildings Destroyed at Loss
of \$1,500,000, and 1,000 Citi-
zens Are Homeless.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 25. — Fire, early today, destroyed more than seventy-five buildings in the southern portion of the city. A high wind prevailed and the water supply failed.

There are 1,000 people homeless, including many visitors.

The estimated loss is placed at a million and a half dollars. The fire burned for more than eight hours.

The fire was checked at the Methodist Church, the district where the Hotel Moody was located having been entirely destroyed. The burned section comprises about one-fifth of the entire area of the city and was occupied almost exclusively by the poorer classes. The main hotels, the Eastman Park, and Arlington, are safe, and also both railway stations. The fire was in the southern part of the city, the northern limit being the Methodist Church.

Three or more lives are reported to have been lost.

The fire started at 3:30 o'clock this morning in the Grand Central Hotel, at the corner of Central avenue and Chapel street, in the southern part of the city. A high wind was blowing and the flames quickly spread to the south and west. The Plateau Hotel, the Hotel Moody, the Garner flats, and several lodging houses were quickly destroyed. The fire department was quickly alerted, but service until 6 o'clock, when the water pressure gave out and the threatened area was left to the mercy of the flames. The fire was in the southern part of the city, the northern limit being the Methodist Church.

More than two thousand people are homeless. Fortunately, the cold weather has passed and springlike temperature prevails. The streets are filled with merchandise taken from stores in the threatened district.

The charred bodies of three women are reported to have been found in the ruins of the Grand Central Hotel.

JULIA MARLOWE IN PERIL.

Train Carrying Troupe Has Narrow
Escape From Bad Accident.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 25. — The E. H. Southern-Julia Marlowe "Romeo and Juliet" Company and three carloads of other passengers had a narrow escape recently in a remarkable wreck which occurred to the Pennsylvania Flyer from Philadelphia to this city.

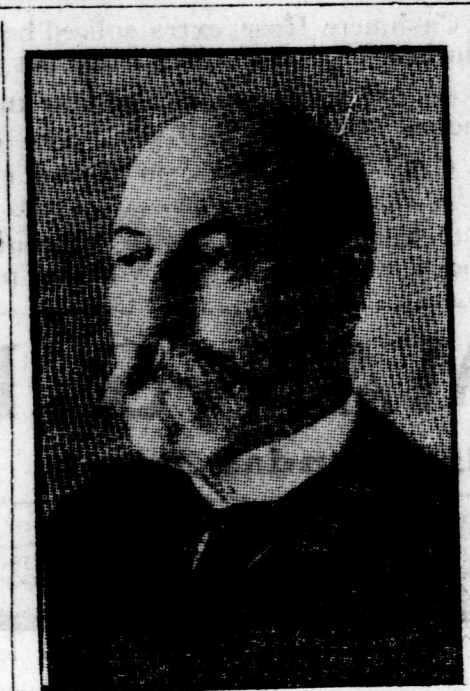
The Flyer was running at a high rate of speed along the Susquehanna River bank near Retreat when the tire of one of the forward driving wheels of the engine came off and broke the driving rod. At one revolution of the wheel this broken rod tore out the side of the boiler and the engine came to a stop within half a minute. Had the rod plunged into the ties the engine would have been hurled over into the river and pulled the four cars after it.

Chronic Cabinet Crisis.

Budapest, Feb. 25. — Count Julius Andrássy has returned here after another unsatisfactory audience with the Emperor-King at Vienna. The cabinet crisis continues, Francis Joseph, it is stated, having declined to entertain either the military or the economic demands of the Independence party.

Succession Duties.

Toronto, Feb. 25. — In connection with the report from Hamilton that the Ontario Government had issued a writ to recover an unpaid amount for succession duties on the estate of the late Henry Kuntz, brewer, it was said at the succession duties department today that the action was instituted when the price paid by the syndicate for the Kuntz brewery became known. That price was much higher than the value of the property as estimated when the Government received \$1,000 succession duties from the estate some time ago.



REAR-ADMIRAL DAVIS,
Of the United States Navy, One of the
North Sea Commissioners.

RUSS PEASANTS GRABBING LAND

Were Told Czar Had Decided
to Divide Them.

WORK OF REVOLUTIONARIES

Once Truth Is Learned Grave Trouble
Is Feared—Ignorant Believe
War Is Over.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25. — 2:15 a.m. — The beginnings of a very dangerous movement have been observed among the peasantry of some of the southern provinces, where revolutionary agitators are circulating reports that the Emperor will on March 4 issue a manifesto providing for a general division of lands. A new allotment has been the dream of the moujik ever since emancipation, and, according to private reports, the stories have spread like wildfire and are implicitly believed.

In the Government of Tula a large proprietor went to his estate last week and found the peasants at work mowing and staking off their shares. In response to his demands for an explanation they told him of the coming manifesto. Refusing to listen to his declaration that the report was absurd, they would only say: "We have heard the Little Father has decided." When the proprietor asked what would become of him, they replied: "Oh, we will leave you the buildings and forty acres."

Once the peasantry becomes possessed of the idea that the Emperor has willed a division of land it will be exceedingly difficult to disabuse their minds, and agrarian troubles on a large scale are feared. The moujiks are likely to turn upon the proprietors as they did several years ago in the provinces of Straloff and Poltava, when almost complete anarchy reigned for some time.

Among the revolutionists, agitators are spreading the story that the war is over, and that the instance is given of a fortnight ago at Riazan, where 200 reservists, who had been called in, fled to the front. They did not intend to serve.

"The war is over," said the leader. "We know you simply want to make money out of a contract for feeding us. We will not serve," and off they marched. The instance is also given of reservists who actually left a railway train after they had been started for the front.

Private reports also leave no room for doubt that the strikes in the whole region below Moscow are almost entirely political in character. The situation generally in the south of Russia is becoming worse instead of better, and contains many factors which are causing the authorities the greatest alarm. The possibility of the necessity for the dispatch of additional troops to the Caucasus is already being considered.

Another factor that is causing grave concern is the actual difficulty of transporting enough commissary supplies for feeding the army at the front. Those constantly increasing difficulties are strengthening the peace party.

20,000 CONVERTS BY THIS BOY

Lad of Eleven Claims He Is
Inspired and Tells of
Great Work.

New York, Feb. 25. — The Tribune says: Among the passengers on board the White Star liner Baltic, which reached port yesterday, was Lonnie Lawrence Dennis, the child evangelist. He is 11 years old, and, according to his mother, can remember incidents which happened when he was 9 months old. The boy is a mulatto and his mother a dark-skinned negress. The boy has made a tour of the Holy Land and preached in England, Ireland and Scotland. He is to lecture here on the Holy Land.

"I have had a most successful campaign in England," said he. "The result has been 20,000 converts for God. In London I preached at Leonard Weaver's American tent at Holloway. We had 4,000 people a night."

The boy described his work, and in reply to a question said:

"Yes, I believe that I am inspired. I preached in Wales. The Welsh are emotional and excitable, and at present an appeal is being made rather to their emotions than to their intelligence. I do not think the results will be as lasting as they would if an appeal were made to their intellects. Understand me, I do not doubt but that God's power is being felt."

The boy declared that he received a divine call to preach the Gospel at the age of 2 years.

CROKER FOR IRELAND

Ex-Tammany Leader to Close Out
All English Estates.

New York, Feb. 25. — It is reported that Richard Croker, who will sail for Europe today, after having arranged for the administration of his son Frank's estate, will hereafter reside permanently at his country place near Dublin.

From conversations which his friends have had with him, it is said to be evident that Mr. Croker intends to close out all his English interests, including Wantage. So far as known he did not govern himself as the action of those in control of Newmarket health in refusing to allow his trainer the use of the grounds there for his horses.

CHADWICK WANTS WORK

He Says He and His Daughter Must
Toil to Make a Living.

Cleveland, Feb. 24. — Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick said today:

"All I want is work. I have resumed my practice and many of my old friends have come back to me. I have been put in the hole and to get out I must scratch."

"My daughter, Mary, is with my brother's family in Jacksonville, Fla. It is true that she applied for a position as governess immediately on landing in New York, but did not get the place. She did not want to return to Cleveland and there was a place for her with my brother. She is engaged making maps in a lumber company's office. Her education has not fitted her for such work, but she is cheerfully trying to learn. We both must work now."

Every article in the library of the Chadwick mansion, where he sat, was ticketed and sealed by the Government.

Found His Roll.

Windsor, Feb. 25. — The roll of \$130 lost by George Hannan, of Woodstock, while visiting Windsor and Detroit, was found by Henry Nutson, of this city, near the ferry dock, and returned to Hannan as soon as Nutson learned who the loser was. Hannan has gone home.