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CZAR SENDS HIS REGRETS TO EDWARD; "NO COMPROMISE," SAYS BRITISH NOTE; INSTANT PUNISHMENT OF THE MADMEN

RUSSIA WARNED AGAINST SHELLING FISHING FLEETS OFF SPANISH COAST

Protest Has Been Laid Before the Emperor Nicholas by the British Ambassador—The Czar's Representative at London Expresses His Regret—An Ovation for King Edward in Streets of London—Tokio Believes Blunder Due to Fear of Japanese Mines.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 25. — Emperor Nicholas has telegraphed to King Edward expressing his deep regret at what occurred in the North Sea Saturday and his sympathy with the families of the killed and wounded fishermen.

London, Oct. 25, 6:12 p.m.—It is officially stated that no announcement will be made this evening with reference to the negotiations between the British and Russian Governments for the purpose of obtaining an explanation of the North Sea affair.

Lord Lansdowne was engaged with his private secretary until late this afternoon.

Benckendorff Regrets.

London, Oct. 25. — In an interview with Lord Lansdowne, Ambassador Benckendorff expressed in the most earnest and unreserved fashion his personal regret at the attack on the trawlers.

To Guard Fishermen.

London, Oct. 25.—The admiralty is understood to be taking measures for the protection of the British trawlers in the Bay of Biscay. Besides notifying St. Petersburg of the presence of trawlers there, it is thought probable that a warship may be dispatched from Gibraltar to watch over the fishermen.

RUSSIA WARNED

That There Are British Fishing Fleets Off Spanish Coast.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 25. — 1:25 p.m.—Ambassador Hardinge during the night received instructions from his Government on the subject of the North Sea incident, and will present them during the day, probably after Foreign Minister Lamsdorff sees the Emperor this afternoon.

Capt. Calthorpe, the British naval attache, in full uniform, accompanied by the embassy chasseur, wearing his full uniform, with hunting-knife and plumed hat, with the British colors, drove in state today to the admiralty, where the attache formally notified the Minister of Marine that there were other British fishing fleets on the Spanish coast. This formal warning probably indicates the temper of the British instructions, which, there is reason to believe, are couched in a vigorous and somewhat peremptory tone.

Up to noon the admiralty announced that it was not prepared to offer an explanation of the trawler incident, saying Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's report has not yet reached the admiralty, where it was explained that it was not Rojestvensky's portion of the squadron which stopped at Cherbourg. It is pointed out that Rojestvensky's message will probably be filed at Vigo, Spain, which presumably is the first stopping point of his squadron.

NO COMPROMISE

Britain Has Demanded an Instant Apology and Redress.

London, Oct. 25. — In the note dispatched to St. Petersburg yesterday the British Government put forward certain definite demands in language which, it is understood, leaves little opening for any suggestion of a compromise. These comprise apologies for the action of the Russian squadron in firing on the British fishing fleet in the North Sea Saturday morning, and full compensation for the sufferers. It is further insisted that a searching inquiry shall be instituted with all dispatch and under conditions which will insure that appropriate action shall follow the result of the investigation. In other words that the resposibility shall be fixed and punishment meted out to the offenders, whoever they may be.

Ovation for Edward.

London, Oct. 25. — That King Edward correctly interpreted the feeling of the nation in publicly sigmatizing the affair as "unwarrantable," was evidenced by the reception given him this morning when he started for the race-meeting at Newmarket. A big crowd awaited his majesty, both at Buckingham Palace and at the railroad station, and the heartiness of the cheering and the vigorous waving of hats, and handkerchiefs, with occasional shouts of "Good old Teddy," from the ultra enthusiasts, made up a remarkable demonstration and afforded the King evident pleasure.

The Russian ambassador, Count Benckendorff, called at the foreign office this morning, and had an interview with Foreign Secretary Lansdowne. In view of the popular demonstrations last night against the Russian ambassador, special precautions were adopted by the police to guard him against any unpleasantness, but they proved unnecessary. Henry White, the secretary of the American embassy, also visited the foreign office this morning.

Queen Alexandra has sent a letter to the mayor of Hull inclosing a draft of $500 for distribution among the disabled men and the widows and orphans of the killed, expressing sympathy and asking to be informed as to the progress of the injured.

The Premier Confers.

London, Oct. 25.—The foreign office up to 2 o'clock this afternoon had not received any word from Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador at St. Petersburg. The foreign office disclaims having made representations to Washington on the subject of the North Sea incident.

Premier Balfour went to the admiralty during the day armed with many papers, and had a conference with Lord Selborne, the first lord of the admiralty. Subsequently Mr. Balfour lunched with the foreign secretary at Lansdowne House.

WHAT TOKIO THINKS

Believes Russians Where in Fear of a Japanese Attack.

Tokio, Oct. 25.—The details of the sinking of the British trawler Crane in the North Sea by the Russian Second Pacific squadron are not known in Tokio, and popular and official judgment is awaiting fuller knowledge. The only information received came in a few brief telegrams conflicting between attack and accident. The Jiji is the only newspaper commenting on the incident.

It first discusses and then dismisses it as "absurd even for Russia, which has shown want of wisdom and discretion several times."

The suggestions are made that the crews of the squadron desire a pretext for their recall from the hazardous Oriental cruise, and that Russia desires to save her face by involving Great Britain. Then the paper proceeds: "The most likely explanation of the outrageous action of the squadron is found in the fact that some days ago, owing to a rumor that Japanese vessels laden with explosives had been reported in the Danish Strait, the Danish authorities sent an escore with the Russian squadron to prevent any violation of Danish neutrality. We know nothing of the supposed dispatch of our ships to that quarter, but it is likely that the Russian ships, apprehending attack by the Japanese, out of excessive fear, mistook the trawlers for Japanese vessels sinking mines, and attacked them without making any inquiry."

Russ Press Silent.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 25.—The press as a whole is significantly silent regarding the North Sea tragedy. The papers generally, publish, without comment, foreign telegrams concerning the sinking of the trawlers, indicating a desire not to embarrass the Government or complicate an already extremely delicate situation by any expression of opinion before all the facts on both sides shall have been ascertained. One exception, however, is the Novoe Vremya, which says that one of the minor powers, before the sailing of the second Pacific squadron, categorically informed Russia of an impending attack on the vessels. The paper begs that judgment may be suspended pending the receipt of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's report, but declares that full justice will be done by Russia.

An Expert Opinion.

New York, Oct. 25. — A London dispatch to the Herald quotes Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge, who vacated the China command of the British navy only this year, and who has been director of naval intelligence at the admiralty, as saying of the North Sea incident: "My opinion is that a fleet so plainly out of hand as this Russian fleet has shown itself to be is a serious danger to neutral merchantships peacefully engaged in their lawful calling. As the circumstances are reported, it looks as if searchlights were used, not to make certain of the character of the fishing vessels, but for some purpose, as in night-firing practice, namely, to assist the aim of the men firing the guns.

"It is difficult to excuse the act on the plea of panic. A couple of shots might be excusable on the ground of error, but not more. I used to know Admiral Rojestvensky when he was in London years ago as an attache, and always regarded him as a cool-headed and able officer, who showed no sign of being unfriendly to this country, but it seems to me that the responsibility rests in the first place on the admiral in command of the Russian fleet. As regards the ship that actually fired into those helpless fishing boats, it is to be said that the captain of the gun or the junior officer of quarters might have lost his head or misunderstood an order, and this might form some small excuse for one or two shots, or for firing continuing for a moderate number of seconds. Nothing, however, but a most discreditable state of affairs can possibly explain, and nothing at all can excuse more prolonged firing.

"Further, among seamen of all nations and classes, it is an accepted maxim of conduct that where there has been an accident or disaster, the survivors shall do their best to succor the sufferers and inform the sufferers' friends. So far as I know, there is no trace of either having been done."

THAT FAIRY TALE RE YANKEE FUNDS

'Pipe" Yarn Due to Innocent Visit to Esopus.

SOLIDLY LIBERAL NOVA SCOTIA

Every Indication That the Government Forces Will Sweep That Province From End to End.

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—A few days ago papers published a story from the Associated Press, under a New York date, to the effect that an emissary of the Dominion Liberal Government had called on Judge Parker, the Democratic presidential nominee, and had asked him to secure aid from the Democrats for the Liberal campaign fund in Canada. A western newspaper stated that the emissary was Mr. M. P. Davis, a wealthy and prominent Ottawa contractor. Mr. Davis was told the story today and he gave it a flat contradiction. "Yes, I was in Esopus all right," said Mr. Davis, "but that is the end of the story so far as I am concerned. I was in New York and went down to Esopus to see my wife and daughter, who were staying with Mrs. W. T. Sheehan, wife of the chairman of the executive of the National Democratic executive. Mr. Sheehan's family and my own have been close friends for fifteen years. Had my wife not been in Esopus I certainly would not have been there."

"Did you not see Judge Parker?"

"I certainly did. Do you suppose I would miss the chance of making the acquaintance of a man who is so strongly in the public eye of the continent? Hardly."

"Did you ask Judge Parker for funds for the Liberal party?"

"I certainly did not. My conversation with Judge Parker had nothing to do with funds of any sort. Why should I ask for funds for any party in Canada?"

"It has been stated, Mr. Davis, that you are in charge of the Liberal campaign fund."

"That is not true," Mr. Davis replied. "I know nothing whatever of it."

"Is it true, as stated, that you engineered the sale of the Canada Atlantic to the Grand Trunk?"

"That is another silly statement. I knew nothing of the sale till I saw about it in the papers."

Mr. Davis, reverting to the Esopus story, explained that Mr. Sheehan's summer cottage is at Esopus. He did not ask Mr. Sheehan for campaign funds. The story was entirely without foundation.

Liberal Nova Scotia.

Halifax, Oct. 24.—A solid Nova Scotia for Laurier and Fielding has become more than a rallying campaign cry. Reports received tonight from all counties of the province show that the Liberals have a splendid chance of carrying every seat. The defection of C. Ernest Gregory and his declaration against Mr. Borden's policy was a bombshell for the Conservatives, who have been hysterically featuring Mr. Blair. Now that it is definitely known that Mr. Blair has no intention of taking the stump there will be a great slump in Conservative hopes in the Maritime Provinces.

Mr. David Russell, of Montreal, has also been heralded as a rising hope of the Tories, but that gentleman's bluff was quickly called at Moncton on Saturday night. He was in St. John looking over the situation, and on arrival

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Big Fire at Hague, N.W.T.; Merchants the Sufferers

Rosthern, N. W. T., Oct. 25. — At Hague, a village twelve miles south of here, yesterday afternoon, nearly the whole district was wiped out by the fire. The total loss on the property and merchandise is estimated at $40,000. The fire started in the Leland Hotel, spread to an adjoining implement warehouse, and within two hours the whole street of five business houses was burned to the ground.

The losers are the Leland Hotel, Canada Territory and Corporation Implement Agency, I. F. Frezen, hardware; T. E. Mahaffy, general merchant; John Kehler, general merchant, and Henry Bourne, livery stables.

The hotel was insured for $9,000 and the others were also fairly well insured.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 25.—L. Maber's department store, with contents, on Logan street, was completely destroyed by fire last night. Loss estimated at $35,000, insurance $28,000. Four roomers above the store had a narow escape, being carried out of their beds by the firemen.

BLAIR'S NEW JOB

Rumored That He Has Taken Position With Vanderbilt System.

Montreal, Oct. 25. — Hon. A. G. Blair arrived in the city from Ottawa yesterday morning, and his actions since his arrival indicate that he has likely assumed a position with the Vanderbilt ralway system. After breakfasting at the Windsor Hotel Mr. Blair, without telling anyone where he was going, went off with Mr. J. Wesley Allison, of New York, one of the principal financial representatives of the Vanderbilts. It is expected that they are in some office down town making their arrangements.

Negotiations are at present being made by Mr. David Russell to banquet Hon. Mr. Blair at the Windsor, but things have not taken shape that will assure their being carried out.

THE DREYFUS CASE

Four Officers of the War Ministry To Be Court Martialed.

Paris, Oct. 25.—A sequel to the Dreyfus case was the opening of the court-martial today of four prominent officers of the war ministry. Colonels Dautrich, Rollin, Francois and Marechal, charged with using military funds and otherwise influencing witnesses against Dreyfus at Rennes. The court is composed of Gen. Bertin, four colonels and two lieutenant-colonels. The previous ministerial investigation partially vindicated the accused, who demanded a court-martial. Lieut. Rich, a witness, testified that during the entire court of the proceedings at Rennes, he followed the orders of his superiors.

NO FUNDS TO WAR

Paraguayan Revolution Causes Bank to Suspend.

Buenos Ayres, Oct. 25. — No news has been received here concerning developments in the Paraguayan revolution, either in regard to the terms of settlement that are being discussed by the Government and the insurgents, or of armed conflicts. Both sides lack funds to actively pursue the campaign.

At Asuncion conditions are daily growing worse. The amount of the liabilities is not yet known, but it is believed to be small. The bank had regularly paid an 18 per cent dividend since its establishment a few years ago.

HAZERS AT KINGSTON

Negro Medical Students Stripped and Painted White.

Kingston, Ont., Oct. 25. — During the night negro students at Queen's Medical College were stripped and their backs painted by masked men, who had taken them from their boarding-houses and carried them to the medical college. It was said the men were "too fresh."

Action Against C. P. R.

Toronto, Oct. 25.—Two Misses Hewitt, of Toronto, were killed in the C. P. R. collision at Sintaluta, N. W. T. when Lord Minto's car escaped. The mother has begun an action against the company for damages, and also for the recovery of rings worn by the young women, by which the bodies were identified, but which have not yet been returned.

Creelman Re-Elected.

Toronto, Oct. 25. — George C. Creelman, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, has been re-elected secretary of the American Association of Farmers' Institutes in convention at St. Louis. He has held this office for about four years.

Had Nothing to Say.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 25. — Mr. George P. Graham, M. P. P., of Brockville, whose name has been prominent among the candidates for the reconstructed Ross cabinet, has a conference with the Premier today, but had nothing to say to the press.

Woolen Mills Sale.

Toronto, Oct. 25.—Mr. Justice MacMahon announced this morning that he would hand out the judgment this afternoon in the matter of the sale of the Canada Woolen Mills and he would set aside the sale to W. D. Long, of Hamilton.

North Grey Case.

Toronto, Oct. 25. — No further items of particulars have been filed in the North Grey election protest against the return of A. G. Mackay, Liberal. The trial was partially held, and has been adjourned till Nov. 7. The new particulars say four Toronto men received railway fare to go to vote and that many voters in the riding were offered positions to induce them to vote for Mackay.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow - Cloudy and Cold.

London, Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Sun rises..6:44 a.m. Moon rises..6:23 p.m.
Sun sets...5:20 p.m. Moon sets...7:41 a.m.

Toronto, Oct. 24—8 p.m.

Cool weather has been general today throughout Canada and scattered showers have occurred ni Manitoba and more generally over Western Ontario. Elsewhere it has been fair. Strong winds have prevailed on the lakes.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 14—26; Victoria, 42—60; Kamloops, 30—50; Calgary, 20—50; Qu'Appelle, 32—36; Winnipeg, 32—36; Port Arthur, 34—40; Parry Sound, 32—44; Toronto, 28—50; Ottawa, 32—44; Montreal, 32—34; Quebec, 34—44; St. John, 40—48; Halifax, 42—58.

FORECASTS.

Tuesday, Oct. 25—8 a.m.

Today—Fresh westerly winds; clearing and cooler.

Wednesday — Strong southwesterly winds; cloudy and cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	38	32	Clear
Winnipeg	28	26	Snow
Parry Sound	46	40	Cloudy
Toronto	46	44	Rain
Ottawa	46	38	Cloudy
Montreal	40	36	Rain
Quebec	34	32	Rain
Father Point	34	28	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

Showers occurred during the night, with strong winds, in both Ontario and Quebec. Conditions are much disturbed over the Northwest Territories, and another storm is moving quickly towards Lake Superior.

CRUSHED BY RAILS

Four Men Have Narrow Escape From Death Near Clearville.

St. Thomas, Oct. 25.—While engaged in sawing rails on the farm of Alex. McRitchie, near Clearville, yesterday, four men nearly lost their lives, and are lying in a very dangerous condition. A big pile of rails was standing on end near the machine, and fell over, completely covering the men who were engaged in piling rails alongside.

QUITE IMPRACTICABLE

Is Colonial Representation on the Imperial Council.

London, Oct. 25. — The Spectator, referring to Mr. Pollock's suggestion of an imperial council, says we agree strongly with the Times that representation of the colonies in the House of Commons is quite impracticable.

TO HURT H. C. CLARKE

Action of Windsor Gas Co. Is So Construed by Politicians.

Windsor, Ont., Oct. 25. — The United Gas and Oil Company has decided to remove its pipe lines in South Essex, and this act has been construed by the politicians in that district as an attempt on the part of the Gas Company to revive the gas question, and thereby to harm H. Clarke, the Liberal candidate. A prominent resident of Kingsville has instituted proceedings against the company for an alleged violation of the Canadian alien labor law, importing laborers from the United States. He alleges that the company has hired a number of Italians from Detroit to assist in removing the pipe, and claims this is against the meaning of the law.

SOUTH HURON LIBERALS

Big Gathering at Seaforth of Mr. Fraser's Supporters.

Seaforth, Oct. 25.—A rousing meeting of the supporters of Mr. Thomas Fraser, the Liberal candidate for South Huron, was held in Cardinal's hall last evening. Mr. M. Y. McLean, of the Seaforth Expositor, was in the chair, and the speakers included Messrs. M. G. Cameron, M. P. P., of Goderich; and George C. Gibbons, K. C., of London. Upwards of 800 electors were present, and they listened with intense interest to the addresses, touching upon the great growth in Canada in the eight years of Liberal Government. The attendance included many farmers, who drove from all parts of the riding.

GEN. KUROPATKIN IS ENTRENCHING

Heavy Jap Reinforcements Put Him on Defensive.

OYAMA DRAWS FROM BESIEGERS

The Outposts Are Now Within Seven Hundred Yards of One Another.

St. Petersburg, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2:30 a.m.—The indications are that both sides are heavily entrenching, though it is believed that General Kuropatkin will be ready for a forward move at an early moment, unless heavy Japanese reinforcements compel him to remain on the defensive. Reports that Japanese reinforcements are arriving, taken in connection with the enforced inactivity of the Russian forces on account of the weather, are felt to be a grave factor in the situation. There is reason to believe that the Japanese are drawing heavily upon the Port Arthur army as well as on Japan, in hopes of securing a numerical superiority that will enable Field Marshal Oyama to inflict a crushing blow upon General Kuropatkin when hostilities are resumed. There has been no resumption of fighting of a general character on the Shakhe River. The outposts are within 700 yards of each other and less than four miles separate the main armies. A scarcity of fuel is causing the soldiers great suffering since cold weather set in.

Russians Advance.

Mukden, Oct. 24., via Pekin. — The Russian forces on the left again crossed the Shakhe River on Oct. 21, and are now pushing forward toward the Japanese position, entrenching as they advance. At the same time, Russian batteries are continually bombarding the Japanese who can be plainly seen busily engaged in the making of trenches. This plan of the Russians to entrench as they advance was adopted because it was found in the recent big battle that it was impossible to advance without some protection in the face of the Japanese shrapnel fire. The Russian batteries are now better screened than they were in former engagements, but the troops on both sides apparently make no great effort to conceal themselves. The Russian and Japanese armies are now separated by less than four miles, and the whole field of operations of both armies can be plainly seen. The question of fuel is becoming a serious one. The greater part of the Chinese corn has already been used for fuel and for fodder, while most of the houses in the Chinese villages have been destroyed and their wood used for fuel. Without fuel and without shelter beyond that provided by tents it seems impossible for the armies to remain in the field during the increasing cold weather.

Jap Warehouses Burned.

Che Foo, Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m.—A junk which arrived here today from Antung, on the Yalu River, reports that eight Japanese warehouses containing rations, clothing, ammunition and prizes secured at the battle of the Yalu, were burned recently. Incendiarism is suspected. Two Japanese officers who were responsible for the care of the buildings committed suicide.

Oyama's Losses.

Tokio, Oct. 25. — Field Marshal Oyama reports that the Japanese total casualties were 15,879 officers and men at the battle of Shakhe River.

PROSPERITY EXHIBIT---NO. 3.

7 YEARS LIBERAL	7 YEARS CONSERVATIVE
116,000,000 bushels	44,000,000 bushels.
VALUE $87,500,000	VALUE $30,500,000

CANADA AS THE EMPIRE'S GRANARY.

The increase in exports of Canadian wheat to Great Britain since 1897 has been very remarkable. Up to that time the exports never exceeded seven million bushels in any year. In the fiscal year 1903 alone the exports were $22,999,745, equal to the exports of any four years of the Conservative regime.

Laurier, Montreal's Idol; Premier Has a Triumph

Monster Crowd Acclaims the Minister Upon His Arrival—Ten Thousand Hear Speeches in Monument National and Sohmer Park—Issues Challenge to Borden.

Montreal, Oct. 24. — Sir Wilfrid Laurier tonight invited Mr. Blair's friends to come out with the bombshell that he had heard they had threatened to throw into the Liberal camp. It had been said that the crash was to come in a few days. Well, he for one did not like insinuations—insinuations of scandalous revelations. It would be better for them to come out and give them to the public, so that they might be refuted. This challenge was made in the midst of great enthusiasm at a monster meeting held in the Monument National. The occasion was but one incident of a remarkable demonstration in which a vast multitude took part. It is impossible to estimate the number of citizens that turned out this evening to greet the Premier. The demonstration began when the Canada Atlantic train arrived from Ottawa with Sir Wilfrid aboard. An immense crowd of people surged in and around Bonaventure Station, lined the streets for two miles and increased to a greater concourse in the vicinity of the Monument National, and ended in a compact mass of 10,000 at Sohmer Park, with thousands of citizens and processionists in the streets outside unable to get within hearing distance of the Premier. The people of Ontario may form some idea of the esteem in which Sir Wilfrid is held by his fellow-countrymen by imagining a crowd standing en bloc from 8 until after 10 waiting patiently without any entertainment for his appearance. No seats were provided, for the structure is in the shape of a vast pavilion with entrances on all sides. Into this open space the people crowded, and although they had to stand for two hours before the chairman took his seat, they remained there until the chief speaker had said his last word. Meantime a similar scene was progressing at the Monument National, a hall that seats a little more than 2,000. This accommodation was altogether inadequate for the great throng that had gathered in the streets, and, notwithstanding the two meetings, it is safe to say that not one-tenth of the number that turned out to greet the Premier were able to get near enough to hear his voice.

Among those who met the Premier at the station were: Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Hon. Lomer Gouin, Senator Mackey, Senator Casgrain, Mr. Camille Piche, Liberal candidate in St. Mary's; Mr. Robert Bickerdike, Liberal candidate in St. Lawrence division; Mr. Honore Gervais, Liberal candidate in St. James; Ald. Daniel Gallery, Liberal candidate in St. Ann's; Mr. Peter Lyall, Liberal candidate in St. Antoine; Mr. L. A. Rivet, Liberal candidate in Hochelaga, and Mr. Alphonse Boyer, Liberal candidate in Jacques Cartier. There was such a crush in front of the entrance to the car that it was difficult for Sir Wilfrid to alight. Way was made, however, but most of those who had been specially delegated as a reception committee failed to get near the man who has so long enjoyed the unfailing regard of the great mass of the people of Montreal.

The appearance of Sir Wilfrid all along the route was the cause of continuous cheering, and at the different street corners there was great acclaim. In front of the Monument National the crowd was so great that the Premier had to be taken in from a side street, and the people were for some time unaware that he had entered. When he appeared inside the audience rose and cheered again and again.

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine was chairman. He introduced the Premier in a few words.

Sir Wilfrid began by saying that after his tour of Ontario he did not think that the demonstrations there could be equaled, but he was forced to admit that he still had some friends in Montreal. (Applause). Everywhere he had been well received, and that was the best evidence of the result on Nov. 3. There was every reason for victory. There was no outlook for a change of Government, even if he added that he did not wish his hearers to think he was acting the prophet; he would leave that to Sir Charles Tupper and the present leader of the Opposition. But it was needless for anyone to question the result. It could be felt on all sides. It was in the atmosphere, it was everywhere. Sir Wilfrid here reviewed the record of the Government, and challenged anyone to find a trace of scandal. There was not a Canadian in the land who was not prouder today of being a Canadian than that same Canadian was in 1896. He did not mean to say that they could have more love for their country, but they were evidently all prouder of it. This applied as well to English-speaking as to French-speaking Canadians. The British preference had helped to bring this about, even if the Conservatives condemned it in Quebec and supported it in Ontario. Sir Wilfrid spoke of the difficulties that often beset him, but he was glad to say that the people of Canada had stood by him. "It is true," he added, "that my fellow-countrymen of the Province of Quebec have given me an almost unanimous support; but, thank God, I have never appealed to their prejudices. I look for a victory on Nov. 3, and, although the task is sometimes hard, and I am no longer young, I shall, if the people so wish it, continue to do my duty. (Loud and continued applause).

"I have heard it said," concluded Sir Wilfrid, "since coming to Montreal that a bomb is threatened to be thrown into the Liberal camp, and that revelations of a scandalous nature are promised. Well, I am not a lover of insinuations. I should say, give them to the public, so that they may be refuted. I here invite them to come out with their accusations at once."

Later in the evening he was compelled to rise and speak again in response to vociferous cries of "Laurier," when he made a brief speech of gratitude for the tribute paid him.

SPANIARDS BAR RUSSIAN CRUISERS

Baltic Fleet Will Not Be Permitted to Coal at Vigo.

Vigo, Spain, Oct. 25.—Five colliers from the Island of Teneriffe arrived here during the night, and four others have reached Arosa, to await the Russian squadron, which is expected to divide, half of it coaling here and the other half at Arosa (a small island in Arosa Bay, about 25 miles north of Vigo).

The Spanish warships Estremadura and Rio De La Plata are on their way here to see that neutrality is observed.

Vigo Oct. 25.—It is understood that orders have been received by the local authorities not to permit the Russian vessels to coal in port.

The Russian consul-general at Barcelona has arrived here to arrange for revictualing the squadron.

NOW HE'S GOING TO ST. LOUIS FAIR

This Is the Latest Rumor As to Intentions of the Hon. Mr. Blair.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 25.—"I have decided not to concern myself any more about newspaper rumors. I am not talking today," was the reply of Hon. A. G. Blair today to a question as to the St. John, N. B., story, that he would take the stump within 48 hours. There is some talk about Mr. Blair taking a trip to the St. Louis Fair, accompanied by his family, and Rev. Dr. Herridge and party.

It is confirmed that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had an interview with Mr. Blair on Sunday.