

The Russian Baltic Sea Squadron Fires On a British Fishing Fleet!

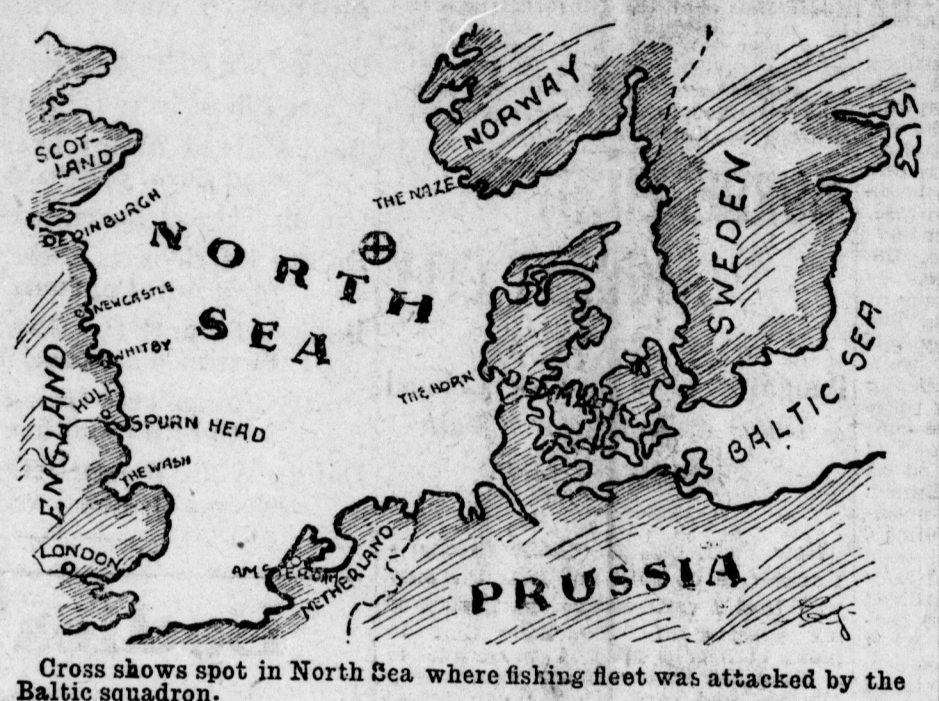
BOMBARDED FLEET OF TRAWLERS IN THE NORTH SEA, TWO HUNDRED MILES OFF HULL, ENGLAND

One of the Boats Sunk and Two of the Crew Decapitated by the Russian Shells.

Extraordinary Act Creates a Tremendous Sensation at London and St. Petersburg—Foreign Secretary Lansdowne Hurries to Capital to Investigate the Affair.

Hull, England, Oct. 23.—A. M. Jackson & Co. solicitors for the owners of fifty Hull fishing boats, have notified the foreign office and admiralty of an attack on the fishing fleet by the Russian Pacific fleet (commonly designated as the Baltic squadron).

ordinary procedure of the Russian warships. Lansdowne Investigating. London, Oct. 24.—Foreign Secretary Lansdowne will arrive in London from the country this afternoon. Until then no official action will be taken in regard to the North Sea incident, in which the Russian Second Pacific Squadron sank one or more British fishing boats and killed or wounded several fishermen.



Cross shows spot in North Sea where fishing fleet was attacked by the Baltic squadron.

Premier's Ontario Tour Closes—Was a Triumph

Carlton Place, Oct. 22.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's tour of Ontario, which practically closed with the meeting here today, though he speaks at Alexandria on Monday, has been a remarkable event in the political annals of the country. His progress through the Province—and his visit covered all parts of it except the newest district in the north—was one continual triumph.

After the bulk of the squadron had passed, opened fire, nearly all perished in the firing. The crane was struck below the water line and raked above deck. Skipper Smith and Third Hand Leggett had their heads carried clean away by a shot, many of the crew being seriously wounded.

Sensation at Hull.

The news has created an intense sensation and indignation in Hull. The Moulmein arrived with her flag at half-mast. Her skipper states that the trawlers were fishing about 200 miles east by north of Spurn Head, early Saturday morning, the weather being hazy, when the outlines of several vessels, apparently warships, sailing in a line, were dimly seen.

St. Petersburg Dumbfounded.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 24, 2:15 p.m.—No official information from Vice-Admiral Rojstevsky, commander of the Second Pacific Squadron, or from other Russian sources has reached the authorities here as this dispatch is written, in regard to the firing by the Russian Pacific fleet on British fishing boats early Saturday morning in the North Sea. The authorities are dumbfounded.

Does It Mean War?

London, Monday, Oct. 24.—The first report of the firing by Russian warships upon a British fishing fleet in the North Sea received in London were regarded as almost incredible. When, however, cumulative evidence no longer left doubt of the general accuracy of the reports, astonishment became bewilderment as to what possible motive could have led Russian officers into such an extraordinary and inexplicable course of action.

WOUNDED BY ELEPHANT

Son of John Reginald Yorke Was Fatally Hurt. London, Oct. 24.—Mr. John Reginald Yorke, formerly M. P. for Tewkesbury and afterwards for East Gloucestershire, has received intelligence of a serious accident to his second son, Mr. Charles Joseph Yorke, at Unoro, West Uganda. Mr. C. J. Yorke, who served with the Glamorgan Regiment in the late South African war, was appointed sub-commissioner of Uganda two years ago. It appears that he was hunting big game when an infuriated elephant, previously wounded, charged him, and pinning him against a tree, inflicted injuries of a grave nature.

Russian Heartlessness.

London, Monday, Oct. 24.—As Foreign Minister Lansdowne and Russian Ambassador Benckendorff were out of town yesterday and all the Government offices in London were closed, no official view could be gleaned of the firing by Russian war vessels upon a British fishing fleet in the North Sea. The worst feature of the story, as played by the Russian fleet in steaming away without taking the trouble to ascertain even whether their fire had inflicted any damage, and without any effort to rescue the victims.

Their Signals Ignored.

From interviews with members of the trawler crews, it appears that the admiral of the fishing fleet burned green (Continued on page 4.)

APPEAL MOTION WAS DISMISSED

Supreme Court Delivers Judgment in L. E. and D. R. Vs. Marsh Case. [Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 24.—In delivering the judgments of the supreme court today in the case of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company vs. Marsh, Mr. Justice Nesbitt in effect said that special leave to appeal would not be granted in any case which did not involve a question of public interest or important questions of law. He said further that even in such cases special leave would not be granted where the judgment of the court leaves to be made at the discretion of the court.

BLAIR WITHDRAWS HIS RESIGNATION?

Reported That the Announcement Will Be Made at Montreal Tonight. Montreal, Que., Oct. 24.—The report is current here today that Hon. A. G. Blair has withdrawn his resignation as chairman of the railway commission. Mr. Blair is in the city today, having arrived here last night from Ottawa. He has not as yet been seen in connection with the report. The report goes on to say that the announcement will be made at the Laurier meeting in the Monument Nationale tonight.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Tomorrow—Clear and Colder. London, Monday, Oct. 24. Sun rises, 5:42 a.m. Moon rises, 5:39 p.m. Sun sets, 5:23 p.m. Moon sets, 6:41 a.m. Forecasts: Oct. 25, 26, 27. Since Saturday the weather has been generally fine and clear. The Atlantic has subsided and the weather has been a change to a more settled one. West Territories light local rains and there has been a change to a more settled one. It has also been reported that the temperatures have remained much the same.

PRECIOUS GEMS ASTRAY

\$25,000 Worth Left on Seat in a Railroad Station. Albany, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Police in all parts of the country were notified yesterday of the loss of \$25,000 worth of jewelry by Mrs. E. P. Gavit, of this city, wife of the secretary of the Municipal Gas Company, and daughter of Anthony N. Brady, the well-known millionaire gas operator. Mrs. Gavit inadvertently left a small hand-satchel containing the jewelry on a seat in the Grand Central station in New York city Friday afternoon, and did not discover her loss until her train, which makes no stops between New York and Albany, was well on its way. The satchel contained a diamond necklace, a diamond bracelet, a pink sapphire brooch and other valuable pieces.

MUST APOLOGIZE.

London, Oct. 24.—Lord Lansdowne is expected in addition to making the usual claim for indemnity for the vessels sunk, compensation for the wounded and pensions for the widows of those killed, to demand a most ample apology and assurance that other British shipping which may fall in with the Russian squadron shall not be submitted to similar treatment. These demands, it is believed at the Russian 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.

DEATH OF LADY DILKE

Wife of Celebrated English Statesman Ruptured Blood Vessel. London, Oct. 24.—Lady Dilke, wife of Right Hon. Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke, died suddenly this morning at her residence in Woking. She was born Sept. 2, 1840. She was said to have died as the result of the rupture of a blood vessel.

MORGAN WOOD TO STUMP

Well-Known Preacher to Speak for the Republican Party. Detroit, Oct. 24.—Rev. Morgan Wood (for some time pastor of the Bond Street Baptist Church, Toronto, and later of Detroit, and Cleveland), is announced as one of the star features of the new Republican campaign in Cleveland. His first appearance on the stump will be tonight at the meeting of the Republican committee which will make it a gala occasion.

MAY BE ABANDONED

Windsor Belt Line Railway Project at Standstill. Windsor, Ont., Oct. 24.—Owing to the inability to make suitable arrangements with property owners, the Windsor belt line railway project, it is said, has been abandoned. The road was to have run from Waverly to the Saginaw, Salt and Lumber Company's works in Sandwich, where ships were to have been constructed to enable the ferrying of cars to and from the United States side of the river. The Ontario Legislature has granted the company permission to operate a car ferry system.

CAUGHT ON CROSSING

Prominent East Zorra Man Killed While Out Drivng. Woodstock, Ont., Oct. 24.—William Anderson, of lot 16, con. 14, East Zorra, one of the best known men in the township, was instantly killed at the Canadian Pacific Railway crossing at Woodstock at about 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning, when he was struck by the 10:30 P. M. express train. Mr. Anderson was driving a high wind buggy, prevented him and a child from getting out of the vehicle. The child was unhurt. Coroner McLaughlin opened an inquest on the body Sunday afternoon.

CHEATED THE CHAIR

Wife-Killer Hangs Himself When About To Be Sentenced. New York, Oct. 24.—Frank Gustafson, a convicted murderer, who today was to have been sentenced to death in the electric chair, committed suicide last night by hanging himself in his cell in the Tombs Prison. Taking advantage of the absence of the guard between rounds, Gustafson attached his leather belt to the iron rail at the head of his bed, placed his head in a loop at the other end of the belt, and then, allowing his body to hang, slowly raised himself until he was suspended by the neck. Gustafson was 46 years old, in his home in West First street, killing her instantly, and at the same time shot and seriously wounded his brother-in-law, Eric Johnson, and a visitor at the house, Miss Ellen Huson. The two latter victims recovered. His trial last Tuesday, took just 20 minutes. He offered no defense, and the jury made quick work of the case. He was then committed to the Tombs Prison for sentence today.

The Ermark in Trouble.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Oct. 24.—The Russian ice-breaker Ermark has arrived in the roads with her stern tube damaged.

Engines for the G. T. P.

Kingston, Ont., Oct. 24.—The G. T. P. Company has placed an order for 25 new locomotives with the Canadian Locomotive Works company, of this city, to be built during the next eight months. The engines are for the G. T. P. transcontinental line.

Devlin to Stay.

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—Mr. E. B. Devlin is not likely to retire in Wright to make way for Laurier. His brother, C. R. Devlin, M. P. for Galt, who is working in Hull, said this morning in a statement in the field to stay until the vote is counted.

Headed at Washington.

Washington, Oct. 24.—Official news of the action of the Russian Baltic fleet, in firing on British fishing vessels headed Washington today in a fresh arrangement to the state department from the American consul at Hull. He related the facts as stated in the press dispatches, and that great excitement prevailed there.

GREAT BRITAIN CALLS CZAR FOR NORTH SEA BUTCHERY

Foreign Secretary Lansdowne Interviews the King and Hurries Protest to Russian Government.

ST. PETERSBURG FEARS DEMANDS MAY CAUSE WAR

London, Oct. 24.—Foreign Secretary Lansdowne reached London this afternoon, and after gathering the last details known at the foreign office regarding the firing on the British fishing boats by the Russian squadron, proceeded to Buckingham Palace, where he had a lengthy interview with King Edward. The latter telegraphed a message of sympathy to the mayor of Hull.

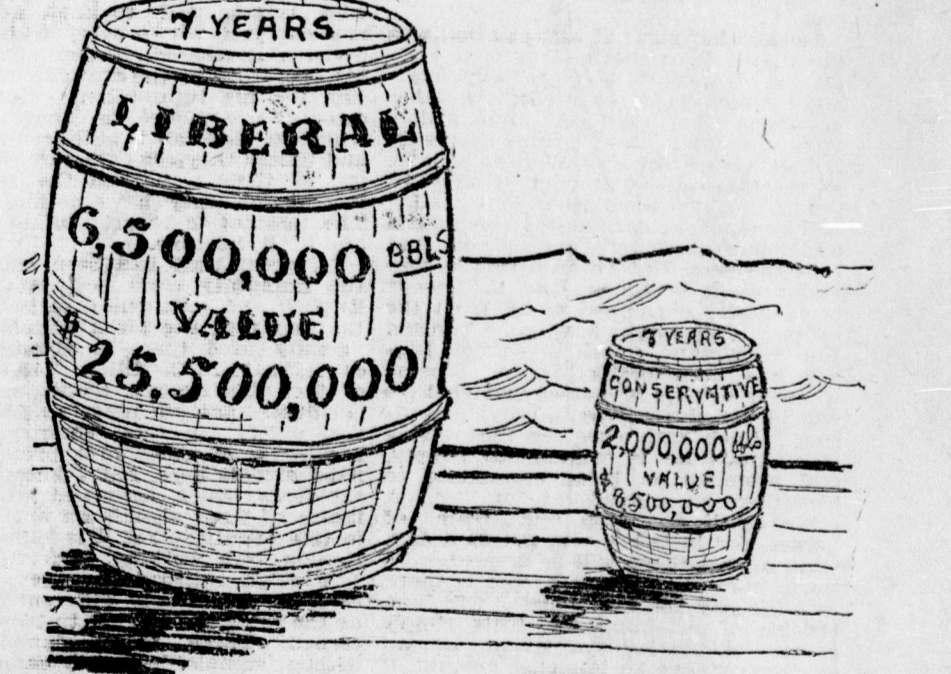
Wants Instant Redress.

London, Oct. 24.—The mayor of Hull has telegraphed to Premier Balfour as follows: "The greatest indignation prevails here at the unprecedented and wanton attack on the Hull fishing fleet by the Russian warships, resulting in the loss of valuable lives. We appeal to the Government to take the expedient and sternest measures to insure full redress and complete security against further Russian outrages."

Five Boats Missing.

London, Oct. 24.—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 will probably be some days before the foreign office is in full possession of all the facts, although the examination of the witnesses at the foreign office today established the general correctness of the first accounts.

CANADA'S PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY



EXPORT OF FLOUR.

MUST BREAK WITH VATICAN GENERAL LAKE AT THE CAPITAL

French Premier's Declaration Causes a Row and Attempt to Assault Him.

Paris, Oct. 24.—The debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the relations of church and state was resumed Saturday. Premier Combes declared that after the conduct of the Vatican in the matter of the disgraced French bishops permit the continuance of the present agreement regulating the relations of France and the Vatican. The Combes, he said, must be replaced by a fresh arrangement to the satisfaction of France and the Vatican. The Combes, after a stormy scene, during which a deputy attempted to reach M. Combes and drag him from the tribune, carried an order of the day approving the Prime Minister's declarations.

Officer To Act on Advisory Board Reports of the Government.

Montreal, Oct. 24.—Major Gen. Lake, who comes to Canada in an advisory capacity in military matters, arrived in Montreal Saturday evening on the Allan Line steamer Ionian. He left for Ottawa with his family, and will report at headquarters today. Gen. Lake stated that he had come out to Canada on the solicitation of the war office, but until he reached Ottawa he would not really know what his duties here would be. His appointment, as far as he knows, is to act as an adviser to the Major Gen. Lake is not a stranger to Canada, having been at headquarters as quartermaster-general. Afterwards he went to England, and now returns from the army headquarters. A staff attached to the second army division.

Japs Attack Outposts, But Are Driven Back

Japanese Tell of 13,333 More Russian Dead and 709 Prisoners. St. Petersburg, Oct. 24.—Emperor Nicholas has received the following dispatch from Gen. Kurapatkin, dated Oct. 23: "The night of Oct. 22-23 passed quietly. At 9 o'clock this (Sunday) morning, the whole of our volunteer sharpshooters harassed the enemy, while the Japanese tried to attack our outposts, but were everywhere repulsed by the Russian fire."

Tokio, Oct. 24.—Afternoon.—The Japanese headquarters here today, without referring to the general situation in the vicinity of the Shakhe River, published the following report received yesterday: "Since the last telegram referring to the enemy's dead, the bodies left on the field have been increased to the following: "Found by the right army, 5,200. "Found by the left army, 5,600. "Found by the center army, 2,530. Total, 13,332. "The number of prisoners captured totals 709."