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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1904.

WEATHER—S. and S. W. gales, showery tomorrow.

ONE CENT

THE FOLLY OF RUSSIA.

The Baltic Fleet Commits a Colossal Blunder by Firing upon a British Fishing Fleet—The Act Condemned on Every Hand as Inexcusable—Must Explain or Fight.

Hull, Eng., 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 Hull fishing fleet by the Russian second Pacific or Baltic squadron (commanded by Vice Admiral Rojestvensky).

"On Wednesday evening a telegram from the Czar for Admiral Rojestvensky (of the Pacific fleet), arrived in the island of Langeland. The admiral's orders were to send two destroyers in a motor launch to deliver the despatch.

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DEATH OF LADY DILKE.

London, Oct. 24.—Lady Dilke wife of Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Westworth, died suddenly this morning at her residence in Woking. She was born Sept. 2, 1840.

Lady Dilke died as the result of the rupture of a blood vessel. Lady Dilke was the fourth daughter of Major Henry Strong, H. E. I. C. S., and grand daughter of Strong, Esq., of Augustus, Ga. Her first husband was Mark Pattison, Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, whom she married in 1862. Her second husband was Sir Charles Westworth Dilke, Bt. M. P., whom she married in 1865. She was educated by Miss Bowditch, sister of the celebrated African traveller, and was a contributor to the Saturday Review in 1864; to the Academy and was for many years Fine Art critic; Annual Register, Art Register, Art Journal, Magazine of Art, Gazette des Beaux Arts, etc.

Lady Dilke was a member of the Women's Trade Union League, for which she has frequently spoken. Among Lady Dilke's publications are: 'Revelations of Art in France, 1878-1881'; 'Modern States of the Art of Louis XIV, 1684'; 'Claude Lorraine's 'apres des documents, indidit, Biographie of Lord Leighton, (Dumas' Modern Artists), 1881; 'Shrine of Death and other stories, 1882'; 'Shrine of Love and other stories, 1882'; 'Shrine of the Eighteenth Century, 1890; 'French architects and Sculptors of the Eighteenth Century, 1900.

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HE CHEATED THE STATE.

Convicted Murderer Hanged Himself in His Cell. WAITING SENECE. He Would Have Been sent to the Electric Chair Today but Preferred to be his Own Executioner Instead—Strangled to Death.

New York, Oct. 24.—Frank Gustafson, a convicted murderer, who 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 adjusted his 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 strangled to death. When the guard again reached the cell on his rounds, Gustafson was dead.

On the night of June 10 last, Gustafson, in their home in West Fifty-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 Blusson. The two latter victims recovered. His trial, last Tuesday, took just thirty minutes. He offered no defence and seriously made quick work of his case. He was then committed to the Tombs prison for sentence today. Gustafson, according to the prison keeper, was quiet and tractable, and gave no indication of any intention to kill himself.

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POLITICAL SENSATION.

Rumor that Members of the Government Have Secured Blocks of G. T. P. Stock—Is it in Return for Services Rendered?—Provincial Counties Join in Opposition to Policy of Gift and Graft.

Toronto, Oct. 24.—(Special.)—It is reported here that large blocks of Grand Trunk Pacific Stock have been secured by members of the government. The report has created a great sensation.

Rogers in Cumberland. One of the counties over which there is considerable speculation at present is Cumberland, N. S., where it is said one of the greatest contests will take place. Cumberland from the time of Confederation up to 1896, was considered a conservative stronghold. In the latter year, however, H. J. Logan, the liberal candidate was elected, and he was again returned in 1900. In the approaching election, Mr. Rogers, the conservative, will defend the present representative.

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JAP ENVOY TO AMERICA.

Mikado's Special Representative to the St. Louis expo. Sails From Yokohama.

Yokohama, Oct. 23.—Lieut. General Prince Fushimi, special imperial envoy to the St. Louis Exposition, sailed today for his suite on the steamer Manchuria for San Francisco amid great enthusiasm. He is accompanied by a large staff of officials of the Imperial household, the American Minister, and the consular officials of the American consular officials.

What Does This Mean? Cear and Kaiser Becoming Too Thick for Mere Disinterested Friends.

Burned to Death Before the Altar. A Centenarian Meets a Horrible Fate in a Southern Church.

Ended in Murder. Whorem, Mass., Oct. 23.—Kyriakos Chondreas, a Greek, was stabbed and mortally wounded during a quarrel at a boarding house, 231 Main street, this morning. He was removed to the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where he died this afternoon. John Pappas, another Greek, was involved in the quarrel, and it is alleged that he did the stabbing. He has disappeared and the police are looking for him.

Killed Right Man. Berlin, Oct. 23.—A telegram from Djalzyk, of the government of Grodno, Oct. 19 says: "This evening a man about 20 years of age and attired as a workman entered the office of the Prefect of Police and threw a bomb. The terrific explosion which followed killed the microant and injured some policemen and civilians."

Consecrated a Bishop. Boston, Oct. 23.—Leading officials of the episcopal general convention participated in the consecration of Rev. Father Edward W. O'Connell of this city, for many years superior of the American branch of the society of mission priests of St. John the Evangelist, as Bishop Coadjutor of the diocese of Springfield, Ill., here today. A feature of the imposing ceremony was the presence of the venerable bishop of that diocese, Right Rev. George Franklin Seymour, D. D., L.L.D., who was himself consecrated by his assistant. Among other bishops present were Rt. Rev. Chas. E. Chapman of Groton, Fond Du Lac, Wis., and Rt. Rev. Arthur O. Hall, of Vermont.

MR. SINGER SAYS STORY IS FALSE.

Another Version of Saturday Evening's Fire on Brussels Street.

Leslie M. Singer, in whose apartment a fire occurred, on Saturday evening, called at the Times today to say that the Sun's statement of the affair was almost entirely incorrect.

Mr. Borden proposes that the government shall provide facilities and own the road that brings the trade.

Fatal Collision. Natchez, Miss., Oct. 23.—Three men were killed and two severely hurt in a head-on collision between a North-bound passenger and a South-bound freight train on the Natchez-Jackson branch of the Yazoo and Mississippi valley railroad today.

Will Probably Be Settlement. Between Management of Iron and Steel Co., and the Company's Machinists.

Ashamed of Itself. Rat Portage, Oct. 24.—(Special.)—The town council has decided to change the name of this town.

After New Ideas. San Francisco, Oct. 24.—Prince Aziz Nassan, nephew of the Sultan of Turkey, and a cousin by marriage to the Khedive of Egypt, has arrived here. He has been making a tour of America and is about to sail for home to the Orient.

Asphyxiated by Accident. Chicago, Oct. 24.—Frederick Sothorn, 78 years old and his daughter, Cecilia, 30-years old have been found dead at their home from gas asphyxiation. A rubber tube connected with a gas stove was detached. It is thought the deaths were accidental.

New Military Chief Now at the Capital. General Lake Arrived at Ottawa this Afternoon and Will Start Work at Once.

Toronto Buys Gas. Toronto, Oct. 24.—(Special.)—The by-law to purchase the Consumers Gas Co. stock has passed the city council by a large majority.

MR. BLAIR IN OTTAWA.

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