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> Defenders Vainly Attempt to Check Advance of the Besiegers by Making Sorties.

RUSSIAN RESISTANCE

Chefoo, Oct. 31 .- 2 p.m .- The general assault upon Port Arthur, which began in a preliminary way on October 24th, ped into a fiercely raging battle yesterday when, according to a hitherto infallible source, the Japanese flung heavy forces against the fortress in their third npt to secure a commanding postion. The result of yesterday's fighting

The Japanese thave been preparing for his assault for a month. It is believed hat the Japanese did not expect to cap-ure the town on this occasion, but aclish another important forward step. This plan was adopted in an-attempt to swarm over the fortifications by a mere rce of numbers regardless of losses. This assault, like the previous one, was climatic incident of weary weeks of rench digging, gun mounting and small ngagements. In the opinion of experts e assault will cease when the Japanese

ave secured such position as will en-ble them to creep closer under the noses Boxer rebellion in China. of the Russian guns. It is believed that two more general assaults will be necessary before the distance between the igerent lines is sufficiently short enough to make an attempt to enter the ain forts and make the end of the siege

tion the Japanese opened fire with their artillery along the whole line, incidental-Russians replied, the sounds, as of distant thunder, telling the inhabitants of Port Dalny that the long-expected assault on the fortress was imminent.

The bombardment continued furiously which has been frequent for several which has been frequent for several days, past. afternoon of October 26th, days' past. when the Russian guns on Ets. mc. n-iais, Antse mountain and Riblung mount tain became silent. At 4 o'clock that afternoon a regiment of Japanese swept out from behind a recently captured hill adjacent to Rihlung mountain and aded into the Russian trenches lying between Rihlung mountain and the railoccupying them after hours of fighting. The Russians stuck to their posts of supplies to belligerents, and in Japanese were within a few ards, both sides hurling hand grenades

The Japanese infantry are now using nical devices which enable them to hrow grenades with great accuracy and

the meantime another body of se assaulted the trenches on the says that a Russian loan of \$270,000,000 and stopped some distance above was signed on Saturday. The Rothslope and stopped some distance above Japanese outpost, where the seent of Rihlung mountain became alloan.

The Russian trenches seamed the slope. To advance against them over an unbroken slope, thich was mined, even without Russian would have been a difficult the slope had been torn up, es having been blown in at vaces by the bombardment, and the availed themselves of these ns, which offered combined and protection against bullets. neanwhile the fire of all their artillery was directed against an trenches, the Russians evenring, whereupon the Japanese

minutes constructed trenches o shield themselves. Russians exploded mines, but the claim without result. he retirement of their troops the pened fire from Liati mounthat night they made a sortie, Japanese had in the meanwhile p machine guns with which the

for the knowledge that the bomwas continued, all information the period between October 27th Askold. ber 29th is lacking, but pres much of the same character gradually assuming the propor-the general attack of yesterday. ting is reported to have been ere from Rihlung mountain down whole east side of the town. mer, which has just arrived here eard firing at Port Arthur last to-day until she was out of indicating a continuance of the which began October 24th in a ary manner and developed yessecure a commanding position

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drafted. It seems to be assured that the Japanese will be able to meet Gen. Kouropatkin on an almost, if not quite, an equal numerical footing.

The Japanese will be assured that prepared the way, while the pioneers and ing August 19th and 20th, and an attack on Panlung mountain.

Electric Wire Entanglements series of desperate encounters at close projected the latter position. The Japanese projected the latter position.

While this form of attack is less spectacular than repeated assaults, it is no less conclusive in its results, demandole to frustrate.

ACTIVITY AMONG JAPANESE TROOPS.

Mukden, Nov. 1.—The situation is rather puzzling. Neither side apparently is willing to assume a genuine offen sive, although the Japanese are showing great activity. They are fortifying themselves, however, as if they intended to winter in their present positions. SKIRMISHES, BUT

NOTHING SERIOUS. St. Petersburg, Nov. 1.-Gen. Sakharoff reports that the night passed quietly.

According to to-day's advices from the theatre of war, no general engagement has yet begun. There was some skirm-Ishing yesterday, but nothing serious. No Japanese offensive has developed so far as the official reports show, although advices from the extreme east are belated. General Kaulbars, who is to succeed General Kouropatkin in command of the first army, has arrived here. He is a man of great energy and resource, and

JAPANESE REPLIED TO RUSSIAN FIRE.

General Kuroki's Headquarters, Oct. 31., via Fusan, Nov. 1.—The Russians took advantage of the bright moonlight last night to cannonade the Japanese front positions on the left wing of the trillery along the whole line, incidental-y continuing their daily practice of tropping shells into the harbor. The Russians replied, the sounds, as of dis-

OPEN PORTS IN EAST. London, Nov. 1.-The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Tien Tsin says: "The Chinese government has formally declared itself against any further infringements of neutrality in the dispatch connection has sent troops to Shanhaik-

wan. This leaves Russia without open ports in the East." MORE MONEY FOR THE RUSSIANS. London, Nov. 1 .- A Brussels dispatch

childs guarantee the success of the whole JAPANESE GUNBOAT

SUNK BY A MINE. Tokio, Oct. 31.-The steamer Chiyoda discovered a floating mine off Chefoo and brought it to Moji. The gunboat Yamato sent a boat to secure the mine, and in transferring the mine it exploded, sinking the gunboat, injuring the Chi-yoda and wounding several.

erchantmen plying the Gulf of Pe Chi for mines. The storms and heavy winds are carrying the Russian mines from

RUSSIAN SEAMEN LEAVE FOR SHANGHAI.

Chefoo, Nov. 1.-10 p.m.-The officers and crew of the Russian torpedo boat de-stroyer Ryeshitelni, cut out of this harbor

Chefoo, Nov. 1 .- The meagre additional details reaching Chefoo concerning the last general assault on Port Arthur, which began on October 24th and deanese to secure a commanding position, say that on the night of October 28th nature. daringly entrenched themselves on the ly to block every Japanese me side of the mountain.

is believed that the Japanese force and is still continuing. Hundreds of Japheen largely augmented both from the Largely augme

portant covers on Sungshu mountain captured after desperate fighting owing were destroyed. One fifteen centimeter to the enfilading fire of the neighboring gun was dismantled and another dam-

shu and Rihlung mountain, and against the trenches on the south side of Pohsian ountain. All were heavily damaged. "A portion of our right wing charged against the trenches on Sungshu mountain and a portion of our centre against those on Rihlung mountain and on Pohsia mountain and took them with-

out heavy loss. "The enemy in the near-by forts, together with those in the forts on West Sitai Yangkow, Mantao mountain, Golden hill, Paiyua mountain and Lao Lin-chus, concentrated an ineffectual fire without fatalities. "That night, to prevent the Russians making repairs, we shelled the forts of

done.

"Our engineer corps that night was sent against the northern part of East Keekewa mountain and destroyed the outer casement of a protected point. The enemy tried every means to obstruct our work, assaulting and using bombs, at the same time working hard to effect repairs.

"On October 28th the bombardment was continued with good results." A configgration occurred in the old city. A special content of the fleet's movements of the damiralty; Premier Balfour, Capt. Prince Louis of Battenburg, the director of naval intelligence, and Sir John Fisher, senior lord of the admiralty; Premier Balfour, Capt. Prince Louis of Battenburg, the director of naval intelligence, and Sir John Fisher, senior lord of the admiralty; Premier Balfour, Capt. Prince Louis of Battenburg, the director of naval intelligence, and Sir John Fisher, senior lord of the admiralty; Premier Balfour, Capt. Prince Louis of Battenburg, the director of naval intelligence, and Sir John Fisher, senior lord of the admiralty; Premier Balfour, Capt. Prince Louis of Battenburg, the director of naval intelligence, and Sir John Fisher, senior lord of the admiralty; Premier Balfour, Capt. Prince Louis of Battenburg, the director of naval intelligence, and Sir John Fisher, senior lord of the admiralty; Premier Balfour, Capt. Prince Louis of Battenburg, the director of naval intelligence, and Sir John Fisher, senior lord of the admiralty; Premier Balfour, Capt. Prince Louis of Battenburg, the director of naval intelligence, and Sir John Fisher, senior lord of the admiralty; Premier Balfour, Capt. Prince Louis of Battenburg, the director of naval intelligence, and Sir John Fisher, senior lord of the admiralty; Premier Balfour, Capt. Prince Louis of Battenburg, the director of naval intelligence, and Sir John Fisher, senior lord of the admiralty; Premier Balfour, Capt. Prince Louis of Battenburg, the director of naval intelligence, and Sir John Fisher, senior lord of the admiralty; Premier Balfour, Capt. Prince Louis of Battenburg, the director of naval inte

machinery building near the harbor was posts on 203 metre hill. "At clawn 100 of the enemy assaulted our line extending toward Riblung fort;

but were repulsed with heavy loss. Simul- the forenoon of that day. They also captaneously a similar force of the enemy ssaulted our line projected against Sungshu mountain.

nountain fort reached the outer limit of the fort last night. A portion of the outer the hill, which the Japanese prepared as limit of the fort was blown up. limit of the fort was blown up.
"A mine was directed against the

outer casement of the eastern point of the fort lying north of the East Keekewan mountain. Dynamite was applied twice last night, causing wide openings "Our bombardment is proving increas-

ingly effective.
"Of five Russian ships which were bombarded, three were heavily damaged and the other two set on fire."

COSSACKS LOST FORTY KILLED OR WOUNDED.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 1 .- General Sakharoff reports that reconnaissances were made October 30th on the Russian left flank in a southwesterly direction to a chain of mountains south of the village of Sandzytsy, where volunteer sharp-shooters and half a squadron of Cossacks drove a company of Japanese infantry and a squadron of cavalry out of the range. The Russians advanced three miles southwest.

The same day Russian cavalry made a strong reconnaissance on the bank of the Hun river towards the fortified village of Futeyanduadzy. The Japanese were on August 12th by the Japanese, departed to-night for Shanghai, where they will
the crew of the Russian cruiser

the crew of the Russian cruiser tacked a Japanese battery and the Russian scouts advanced. The Cossacks lost forty men killed or wounded.

Tokio, Nov. 2 .- 7 p. m .- The official veloped into the third attempt of the Jap- since August 1st, form a recital of almost continuous fighting of a desperate

vchwang (6.30 p.m.), reports the Japanese, who, on October 26th, had The Russians first struggled desperateslope of Rihlung mountain, forced them-selves further and drove the Russians from their last trench. The Russians re-terly, since the Japanese have made treated from their trenches to the other parallels and traverses and extending mines, the Russians have been constantly

tember and October.

The chief interest in the tremendous attack which was begun October 23rd ally held it with unflinching determinary around Sunshu more

Dispatches indicate the resumption of fighting on both extremities of the Russian front. It appears that the Japanese are becoming aggressive along the whole front.

The latest reports from Port Arthur are by no means encouraging. Gen. Stoessel is making a good defence, but the Japanese are now very close to important Russian positions.

Still admitted the resumption of the Russian positions.

Series of desperate encounters at close range and tell a dramatic story.

The reports, beginning with the attack of October 26th, follow:

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"From October 26th, the north of Sungshu and Rihlung mountains, the eastern forts on Keekewan-mountain and a fort lying north of the latter were bombarded. The parapet of Rihlung mountain the Japanese are now very close to important Russian positions.

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TY mountain and by noon had captured two-thirds of it. The Russians, who con-tinued to hold the fort, kept resisting desperately, aided by the fire of the west fort, and forced the Japanese to abandon the position occupied.

The deep centre immediately reformed

stormed and captured the west fort, forced the abandonment by the Russians of the east fort and mastered the entire On the night of August 23rd the Japanse centre, with the right co-operating, attacked the heights northwest of Wang-

tai and the north fort east of Keekwan mountain, but the troops were forced to against the points where our assailants were progressing. A large mine exploded on the slope of Rihlung mountain on account of the heavy losses sustained St. Petersburg, and then testify before the international commission, is considered by the international commission of the agreement, and the international commission is considered by the international commission of the international commission is considered by the interna

was continued with good results. A conflagration occurred in the old city. A second conflagration was observed near Golden hill.

The afternoon of September 19th the Japanese, using siege and naval guns, opened a general bombardment, and at 6 o'clock in the evening made assaults "During the night of October 29th a on Forts Suishiyan and Kouropatkin, and

tured four additional forts south of Suishyan mountain and two forts southeast of 174-metre hill, inflicting serious casu-"Our men bravely withstood the at-alties on the retreating Russians."
The Japanese attacked 203-metre hill The Japanese attacked 203-metre hill dersnot camp says orders have been in tack, but were forced to lose a portion of the mine, which, however, was re-"A mine directed against the Rihlung managed to reach and secured a foothold in the northwest part of the summ't of

endeavored to capture the entire position. The Russians, however, were reinforced and desperate fighting followed. The gallant little company of Japanese Without Food or Water managed to hold the position throughou September 21st until the night of September 22nd, when they retreated. Dur

ing the fight the Japanese threw bombs and stones at the Russians.

On September 25th the Bussians centred their fire upon the Japanese trenches leading to Rihlung mountain. A de-tachment of one hundred Russians then advanced and attacked the Japanese miners. Thirty Russians charged into the trenches and twenty were killed before bassador hoped, however, to receive with-

the survivors retired. On September 27th the Russian again During September 28th the Japanese bombarded the Russian fleet. Seven or eight shells struck the Russian warships.
On September 30th the battleships

Peresviet and Pobieda were each hit five The night of October 2nd the Russians desperately attacked the Japanese miners, and also the Japanese siege line, but were repulsed after a fierce battle. The Japanese continued to shell the Russian leet, and hit the Poltava, Peresviet and

During the night of October 4th the Japanese surprised the Russians, and destroyed two guns on Exchange hill.

The Russian attacks on the Japanese Tokio, Nov. 2.—7 p. m.—The official miners and the Japanese shelling of the reports of the Port Arthur operations forts and fleet continued throughout the early part of October, the Russians varying the rountine on October 10th with a

night attack, in which They Used Dynamite against the west fort on Panlung moun-

tain. They were repulsed.
On October 11th the Japanese captured the railroad bridge south of Lung Yen, and on October 12th and 13th mines, the Russians have been constantly mines, the Russians have been constantly making sorties. They rushed into the Japanese trenches and engaged in furious fire to another warship, name unknown. On October 16th the Japanese centre, HUNDREDS OF GUNS
SHELLING FORTRESS.

Making solutions and engaged in turious struggles with the engineers and pioneers.
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Desperate fighting also took place

ANGLO-RUSSIAN CRISIS CLOSE TO ACUTE STAGE

ing Only Four Subordinate Officers to Give Evidence.

London, Nov. 1 .- 1.56 p.m .- London has been bewildered all day long by alarming reports indicating a renewal of the Anglo-Russian crisis, and showing that the utmost activity is prevailing at Gibraltar. The first news received, and the different batteries of the Rock. nouncing the sailing of the Russian squadron from Vigo, leaving only four to be in readiness at a moment's notice. subordinate officers to give evidence at St. Petersburg, and then testify before from machine gun fire from every di- and the interchange of visits between announcing the mobilization of the gar-That mght, to prevent the Russians making repairs, we shelled the forts of Rihlung mountain, East Keekewan mountain and Sungshu mountain, together with the warships and machinery buildings.

"The enemy holding Sungshu and Rihlung mountains under the protection of a shell fire undertook several unsuccessful night attacks.

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The attack was continued at dawn on September 20th, with the result that the Japanese occupied Fort Kouropatkin in of the admiralty earlier in the day, has just received a visit from Lord Selborne. who was accompanied by Admiral John

A dispatch to a news agency from Aldershot camp says orders have been is- strictly guarded. to leave for Gibraltar at short notice.

Interviewed the King. London, Nov. 1-Count Benckendorff, he Russian ambassador, was received in audience by King Edward this afternoon. It is assumed that the ambassador was the bearer of a message from Emperor Nicholas.

The ambassador had a most cordial in

erview with the King, who, it is understood, expressed for transmission to St. Petersburg satisfaction at the present method of settling the dispute.

Up to the time he saw the King, Count
Benckendorff had received no notification that a detachment of officers fro the Russian squadron at Vigo would attend the session of the international com mission, nor had he heard of the sailing out delay information concerning officers detached.

The ambassador informed the Associ shelled the Japanese miners and twenty Russians charged the Japanese, twice throwing bombs into the trenches.

The ambassador informed the Associated Press that the departure of the squadron would naturally follow the description of the squadron with the description of the squadron of squadron would naturally follow the detachment of these officers in accordance with the arrangements reached between himself and Secretary Lansdowne last week. Nothing has yet been decided regarding the details of the international commis-

sion. Another cabinet meeting has been summoned for Wednesday to consider the Anglo-Russian convention covering the inquiry into the North Sea incident. The government has received a notifi-cation from the British consul at Vigo that the Russian squadron had sailed to-day, and some irritation was felt at the fact that the Russian government ha ment regarding the detachment of officers. Ambassador Benckendorff i hourly expecting official advices. Whil the foreign office obviously is annoyed a not knowing officially that Russia had carried out her part of the bargain, n erious consequences are anticipated It was officially stated to the Associated Press that with the exception of

the foregoing omission to notify the gov-Count Benckendorff had a long confer ence last evening with Premier Balfour Lord Selborne, first lord of the admiralty. as well as Foreign Secretary Lansdown were present. It was stated that the draft of the proposed convention relative to the scope, composition and venue of the international commission was drawn up. As this must be submitted to St.

Petersburg for acceptance or revision, it will necessarily entail delay.

The lack of information vouchsafe officially to the British press regarding the causes of these delays, leads to alkinds of suggestions of bad faith on the lack of Bussia and tends to enreed. part of Russia, and tends to spread from Gibraltar became more serious, un-rumors for which it is difficult to find til at last the climax was reached with which had been ordered to start for King Edward, who is taking a warm

affair, has sent Sir Frederick Treves, the royal surgeon in ordinary, to superintend an operation that is to be performed on tswain Hoggart, of the steam traw ler Crane.

Cleared For Action. Gibraltar, Nov. 1.—12.50 p.m.—Vice-Admiral Beresford's flagship, the battle-ship Caesar, has just fired a gun recalling all the officers of the Channel squad ron on board their respective ships. A

the ships are cleared for action. British warships strictly patrolled the Squadron Has Sailed From Vigo, Leaving Only Four Subordinate Offileave the London Bridge, bound from Barry for Port Said, and brought her in here at noon.

Russian Ships Sail. Vigo, Nov. 1.-All the Russian warships left here at 8 o'clock this morning. Heavy firing was heard in the offing this morning. It was attributed to arti-

Channel Fleet Ready. Gibraltar, Nov. 1 .- The garrison has been mobilized and the artiflerymen have No Explanation.

Ambassador Benckendorff and Lord starting rumors of a hitch in the arrange-

believe that the action of the Russian embassy it is positively stated cept for the striking instance it has afadmiral has again brought the Anglothat there is no hitch in the negotiations, forded of the willingness of the British Russian crisis dangerously close to an except Russia's failure to notify the Britained at the feet and the fe

ish government of the names of the offithe regular mobilization terminated October 30th. All the quick-firing batteries have been manned this afternoon, and detachments of infantry have been detailed on duty on the commercial and detached moles. The searchlight stations are being Details Not Settled.

St. Peterslurg, Nov. 1 .- According to latest advices received at the foreign office here the details of the international commission, which is to inquire into the North Sea incident, are not yet finished in London.

Watch Officers Detained. Watch Officers Detained. dor soon made amends for this omission.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 1.—6.55 p. m.— Both the Russian embassy and the for-It was publicly announced here yester-day that an officer from each of the four Russian warships, which participated in the firing in the North Sea during the night of October 21st-22nd would be detained to appear before the international ommission, and that the squadron would roceed. They, are the watch officers who were on duty at the time the affair occurred. Of course Admiral Rojestvensky is not among them. They are returning to St. Petersburg.

Carried Dispatches. Villagarcia, Spain, Nov. 1 .- The British first-class armored cruiser Bacchante, flagship of Rear-Admiral Sir Baldwin Walker, commanding the cruiser divis-ion of the Mediterranean fleet, anchored n the harbor this morning. The British cruiser Doris arrived during the day with dispatches for the fleet here and again this afternoon.

Vigo. London, Nov. 1 .- Negotiations between Great Britain and Russia looking to a settlement of the North sea affair are progressing favorably, and there is not the slightest danger of any friction arising between the two governments. The constitution of the commission under The Hague convention is on the verge of

In spite of these pacific conditions, Great Britain to-day experienced a war panic that can only be compared to that which followed the sinking of the British trawler by the Russian squadron.

Not for years have so many alarmist reports and flaming extras flooded London. The most extraordinary feature of the situation, which was serious enough while it lasted, is that there was not one

single circumstance to justify it. The excitement started early in the day, when the newspapers announced the departure of the Russian second Pa-cific squadron from Vigo. The public were not in possession of the information cabled by the Associated Press that only the officers concerned in the firing on the British trawlers would be detained, and British trawlers would be detained, and lain's arm was shattered by a shot. The jumped at the conclusion that Russia had admiralty, however, declares that it has roken faith by not delaying the vessels not had any confirmation of the report.

involved in the affair. On top of this came reports of activity at Gibraltar. Hour by hour the news the fleet had sailed to meet the Russian squadron. In huge type the papers made he paralleled statement: "The Russian

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fleet has sailed." "The British fleet has cleared for action." No newspapers seemed to be able to explain these events. The reassuring information available in America that the sailing of the second Pacific squadron from Vigo was with the knowledge of, and agreeable to, the British government, was not even hinted at by the papers here. The news from Gibraltar became more and more alarming, and finally the foreign office was overrun by reporters, some of whom brought the rumor that Admiral Beres-ford had already sunk the remnant of Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet.

The Russian ambassador at that moment was quietly discussing with For-eign Minister Lansdowne the personnel of the international commission but it was rumored that he was receiving an ultimatum. Premier Balfour, Admiral Sir John Fisher, commander-in-chief at Portsmouth; Lord Selborne, first lord of the admiralty, and Prince Louis of Bat tenburg, director of naval intelligence, were all in conference, and it was openly hinted that they were planning the first stroke of war. As a matter of fact they like Lord Lansdowne, were engaged in considering names that had been suggested for the international commission.

When all London was in this state of mind, and while anybody who might be supposed to know anything was con-stantly being asked: "Has war been declared?" the foreign office, having to adopt a course most unusual for it, and in order to allay the public, gave out to the press the following statement: "Before the Russian fleet left Vigo lustructions were given the Russian admir-al with the view of preventing injury or inconvenience to neutral ships during the passage of the Russian fleet to the

public to believe that almost any development is possible after the North Sea affair, and for the enthusiasm produced by Gibraltor's warlike news. The foreign office is intensely irritated at the construction placed upon what they declare must have been fleet exercises. orders have been given the fleet at Gib-

raltar to make warlike preparations in connection with the departure of Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron. Some annoyance was caused in Downing street earlier in the day by the announcement of the sailing of the fleet coming from the British consul at Vigo before the Russian government officially informed the British government that the officers whose testimony was needed had been taken. The Russian ambassaeign office affirm that the negotiations were entirely confined to the of the international commission, which no hitch has occurred. En Route Home.

North Sea affair are expected to reach here in two days. The news of the departure of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron from Vigo has considerably relieved the tension here, though fears are expressed in some quarters that there may be further complications before the fleet gets through the Suez canal or around the Cape of Good Hope. It is reliably stated that the circum

St. Petersburg, No. 2.-2.15 a.m.-The

four officers detached from the second Pacific squadron to testify regarding the

stances of firing, as detailed by Russian officers, closely resembles the facts reported by the admiral of the fishing fleet. sian squadron was formed in two divisions, of which the cruisers steamed east and the battleships west, the lat-ter getting among the fishing fleet and opening fire when nearly clear of fishing craft, which were heading toward the battleships. Some Russian shells flew over the trawlers and struck the cruisers, one of which, the Aurora, was hit several times and some of her men were wounded, including a priest,

The transport Anatol apparently be came tangled among the trawlers, which she mistook for torpedo boats, and signalled for aid, thereby leading the officers of the battleships to believe the trawlers were attacking the Anatol. This, coupled with the appearance of two mysterious torpedo boats steaming towards the flagship, resulted in the

fatal cannonade.

The government has appointed Admiral Kaznakoff a member of the admiralty council, as one of the interna tional commissioners on the North Sea

Private information here confirms the Vigo report that the Russian cruiser Aurora was struck by missiles from the other Russian ships, and that her chap-

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