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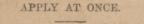
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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 .- The war scare raged with great violence in Wall street for a time to-day, and ravaged the speculative price level to which the market had lifted. But before the close of the day day quieter counsels prevailed, and the question began to be asked whether in the event of actual hostilities between Russia and Great Britain, American investment properties would be hurt in the proportion indicated by the headlong plunge of prices during the morning. Reassuring advices concerning the prospect for an Anglo-Rus-sian settlement were of no influence for a time, but the market made a substantial recovery in the quieter mood of the later trading, and the losses were largely re-The bull control was again assertpaired. ed and the market showed the relief afford by the shaking out of unwieldy speculative accounts. U. S. steel pfd rallied and Ontario and Western suffered from an alleged hitch in the new Haven control movement. The closing tone was generally firm and active.

Bonds were weak, with some recovery. Total sales par value, \$7,395,000.

U. S. bonds were unchanged on call. CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—Possibility of an Anglo-Russian war was the main cause of 11%c advance in wheat prices here to-day. Subsequently much of the advance was lost en realizing, due to rumours of an amic able settlement of the North Sea incident. At the close December wheat was up %c. The May option showed a gain of 1/8c. Com made a net gain of 1/4 to 3/3c

Oats are up % and provisions 7½ to 12½. NEW YORK, Oct. 27.-Close: Prime mercantile paper 4 @ 5 p c; sterling exchange, frong; closing easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.86.70 @ 4.86.75, for demand, and at 4.84 @ 4.84.05 for 60 days. Posted rates 4.841/2 @ 5 and 4.87 @ 1/2. Com-Piercial bills 4.83%. Bar silver 58%. Mexican dollars 46¼. Government bonds steady. Railroad bonds weak. Money on call steady at 13/4 @ 21/4 p e:

Cotton markets:-Galveston-quiet, 9 1-16. Charleston—quiet, 9%. Memphis—easy, 9½.



But a Peaceful Solution of the Trouble With Russia is Hoped For.

dagou, between Huensian and Findiapu, on the road from Mukden to Bentsiaputz, but the report has not been con-There was an artillery fight on the night of Oct. 26 on the north shore of cent history and one that is attended for the peace of the whole of Europe, after eighteen Russian men of war ONTARIO WILL the Shakhe river, directly south of Mukden. The cannonading, which was heavy, was continued to day, the Rus-sians attacking the Japanese unsuccess-

exists to night with no sign of immedi-ate solution. The tension that arose when the dispute between Great Britain and Russia resolved itself into the simple question whether Russia would or would not guarantee in advance that some punishment should be administer ed to the offending officers of the Baltic squadron has been modified by the introduction of an entirely new set of contentions contained in Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's report; yet even the most astute diplomats, who recognize a tem-

porary improvement in conditions, are puzzled by the complications that so curiously cause it. However, there is to-night at the embassies of powers not concerned in the dispute a very strong conviction that a way out will be found other than in recourse to war.

The Foreign Office, apparently as puzzled as the onlookers, pursues the policy of silence, and the British press is almost totally uninformed. The volumin

ous exchanges daily occurring between London and St. Petersburg continue, the statement that no reply from Russia has been received adding to the implication that Russia is intentionally ignoring the British representations. It is this misconception which is chiefly responsible for the stirring up of a popular agita-tion against which the government may find it hard to stand out in the possible

event of Foreign Minister Lansdowne withdrawing the demand that Russia uarantee punishment before inquiry is Had Admiral Rojestvensky's report not arrived, it is probable the dispute

vould have been settled one way or the other to-night. Its terms, however, are generally held to prevent the presentaion of the ultimatum which Great Britain undoubtedly intended to send. Although Lord Lansdowne has frankly said that the circumstances reported by Admiral Roestvensky are to him incon-ceivable, the foreign minister is not prevented from seeing that new light has been thrown on the "outrage" and that diplomatic usage now compels less urgent action than the British government

first contemplated. In the present temper of the British nation it is not at all likely that preparations for hostilities will be relaxed or that the popular outcry will be di-minished by Admiral Rojestvensky's report, but it is understood that Great of Palermo, of the Prince line, which was Britain would run the risk of forfeiting in some degree the good will of France, and certainly that of Germany, if she lying at the pier, is burning and it is be-lieved cannot be saved. The pier, which is 700 feet long, is occupied by the Bush Terminal and Warehouse Company, and is stored with cotton and general mer-chandise. The fire is now threatoning

proceeded to substitute warlike for di-plomatic steps of which intention, so it is stated at the Russian embassy to night, there is no indication in Lord Lansdowne's communication.

loaded with cotton are ablaze. A police-LONDON, Oct. 28 .- Notwistanding the man and a fireman are reported as diplomatic check in consequence of Ad-miral Rojestvensky's report, it is evimissing. It is estimated that the loss ent that Great Britain is preparing for the possibility of war. Tremendous ac-

LONDON, Oct. 27 .- One of the most | of the Norwegian steamship Skaatol recomplicated diplomatic situations in re- ports from London that she was fired even in time of deep peace, could have on by a Russian ship on Sunday in the English Channel. The firing ceased English Channel.

> passed the Skaatol. war passed the Skaatol. ATHENS, Oct. 27.—All the vessels of

the British Mediterranean fleet now in Greek waters have been ordered to sail forthwith. The Pola British squadron Senator Kerr Promises the

sailed at midnight. FIUME, Hungary, Oct. 27.—The divi-sion of the British Mediterranean squadron now here has received urgent orders from the admiralty to unite with the division anchored at Pola, Austria, and

to continue their voyage eastward. LONDON, Oct. 27.—While no time limit for the receipt of Russia's reply has been fixed, it is generally understood to-day that the route of the Russian squadron past Gibraltar will be barred by the Channel squadron, commanded Vice Admiral Lord Charles Beres

At three o'clock this afternoon Lord Lansdowne expressed his belief that a peaceful settlement would be arrived at

MADRID, Oct. 27 .- M. Schovitch, the Russian ambassador to Spain, and Foreign Minister San Pedro had a long con-

ference here to-day. The government has authorized the Russian warships at Vigo to remain in port and complete repairs, on condition that they leave immediately after repairs are completed.

BERLIN, Oct. 27.-While most of the newspapers avoid editorial discussion of the Anglo-Russian crisis, breathless in-terest is felt by the public regarding the

developments of the next 24 hours. The press partly indulges in optimistic hopes, reflecting the government's views. Others, like the weighty Kreuz Zeitung, regard the situation as being extremely grave, since the negotiations must pro-ceed with unprecedented rapidity, be-

ishment of the guilty officers, while recognized as just, greatly complicates the situation for Russia, since yielding means the recall of the squadron for a long investigation, equivalent to the in-definite postponement of the expedition. on the current, and the trip was made without event.

The statements made by the Russian officers at Vigo are thought here to ag-gravate the tension, since. it is added, the officers utterly fail to realize the gravity of the occurrence and o not comprehend the precarious diplomatic situation.

LONDON. Oct. 28. - Admiral Rojestvensky's report seemed to stagger almost everyone. Its statements were received with incredulity and evidently the reply was regarded as merely an adroit counter in order to gain time. The text of the Admiral's telegram, received

at a late hour last night, is calculated to Promptly at 7 o'clock the first of the inflame instead of allaying the resent-ment of the British public. His state-ment that he "endeavored to spare the trawlers and ceased to fire as soon as the loop, a hearty cheer went up. As soon the torpedo boats were out of sight," as the five cars had been filled, the train together with the virtual accusation of was sent away. At the Brooklyn bridge an enormous crowd had gathered and the incomplicity with supposed Japanese torboats against the fishermen, is itial train was given a vociferous recephardly likely to reconcile an angry na-tion to the possibility that there is an-From station to station the train was other side to the case calling for in- beralded with noisy acclaim. As it proceeded up town the number of those who vestigation. "How much longer?" is the burden of desired to ride increased, and when the the newspaper editorial articles this terminus was reached every available inch Commenting upon the con- of space was occupied. No sooner had the morning. tinued delay of the Russian government and what is characterized as the amaz-disappeared in half lit shades of the great ing story which Admiral Rojestvonsky tunnel, when another train drew into City presents in defence of his action, little Hall station, and it was just as quickly disposition is displayed to listen for a filled. The second train too received as filled. The second train too received as moment seriously to the Admiral's story. warm a welcome as the first. The service was inaugurated with a three Some St. Petersburg special correspondents even go so far as to suggest the explanation "home manufactured." The minute schedule for locals and two minutes for expresses. The outer tracks were given over to the former, while the two centre most serious of the morning newspapers confess that the country is under the shadow of war, and that the word is now with Russia. The people turned out en r christen the new road, and it is The people turned out en masse to christen the new road, and it is estimated now with Russia. The Standard editorially describes that nearly 150,000 rode during the even-Rojestvensky's whole story as the cre-ation of a disordered imagination, bear-

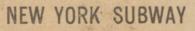


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Premier a Majority.

(Special to The Liberal News.)

MONTREAL, Oct. 27 .- Sir Wilfrid Laurier addressed a big meeting in St. Henri town hall to-night on behalf of Mr. Rivet, liberal candidate, Hochelaga. The hall was packed and the premier re-ceived an enthusiastic welcome. Sir Wilfrid, who was accompanied by Senator Kerr, of Toronto, defended the government's policy and said the liberals had given Canada a clean administration. He defied their opponents to make any reve-lations against the government. Senator Kerr said Ontario would give a ma jority in favor of the Laurier govern ment, and eulogized the premier and his services to Canada.



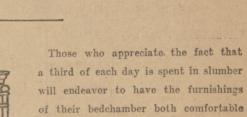
Was formally opened to the Public Thursday Evening

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.-City Hall to Harlem in 15 minutes, became a reality to-day, when the main artery of Manhat tan's great subway system was opened to the public. The formal opening exercises held in City Hall this afternoon, were at tended by invited guests. Mayor McClellan presided, and addresses were made by Chief Engineer William Barclay Parsons, cause otherwise the Russian squadron Rapid Transit Commissioners, A. E. Orr and John H. Starin, contractor J. B. Macwill get beyond reach. Great Britain's demand for the pun-Donald and August Belmont, president of the operating company.,

Following the exercises a special train left City Hall for 145th street terminus, carrying invited guests. The Mayor turned

The actual opening of the subway to the travelling public took place to-night. Long before seven o'clock, when the first train was scheduled to leave City Hall, the park surrounding the hall was jammed with a good-natured crowd. Thousands of persons fought with one another for the privilege of purchasing the first ticket. Flyinig wedges, centre rushes and almost every means of progress known to football tac tics were adoptedd by those ambitious to ride upon the first train. Squads of police were stationed at the entrance and they were compelled to meet the onward rushes

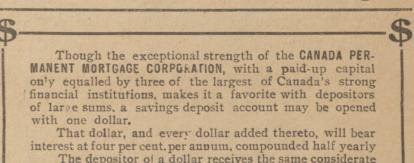
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ally. The fighting, it is believed, will ontinue up to the walls of Mukden. MUKDEN, Oct. 27 .- There was a reconnaisance in force last night by the Russian western flank, and desultory firng continued till two o'clock a.m. The apanese were discovered to be hurried

ly fortifying along the whole line, but this does not, of course, preclude the possibility of an attack by them. It is the general opinion here that serious events will not develop for some days; out judging by the hurried manner in which the Chinese are settling their noney affairs in Mukden they are of a

lifferent opinion. This morning occasional shots were heard on the western front. The whole army is delighted with the appointment of General Kuropatkin as commander in chief of the land forces in the Far East. The one idea among the men is to advance. There is every indication that when the next fight comes it will be of

a desperate character. Every precaution has been taken by the Russians to deal generously with the Chinese who have suffered through the fighting in their territory. Not only has a special commission been created for the purpose of paying for all food and forage commandeered, but compen sation is awarded for houses in villages destroyed. This course has astonished the natives beyond measure, and there have been many remarkable scenes dur ing the disbursements by the commis sion. Chinese who had suffered by the loss of property fell upon their knees and thanked the Russian officers for re-

Piers Burned and a Vessel

Damaged.

NEW YORK, Oct. 28 .- Fire which be-

gan shortly after midnight has destroy-

ed the pier at the foot of Forty-second

street in Brooklyn, and the steamer City

chandise. The fire is now threatening

the adjoining piers. Five or six lighters

will reach half a million dollars.

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Mobile-easy, 9%. Savannah-steady, 91/2

Consolidated-net receipts for 6 days, 330, 773; exports to Great Britain, 75,019; exports to France, 42,938; exports to the con tinent, 130,413; exports to Mexico, 3,806;

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—Cattle—receipts, 13.-000, including 3,000 westerns; market, 10c Sch Rising Billow, Holmes, Eastport, mas-000, including 3,000 westerns; market, 10c lower. Good to prime steers, 5.90 @ 6.60. Hogs-receipts, 22.000; mixed and butchers'. 4.95 @ 5.40.

Sheep-receipts, 20,000; lambs, strong; good to choice wethers, 4.25 @ 4.50. NEW YORK, Oct. 27.-Flour-receipts, 26,410 bbls; exports, 1,340 bbls; sales, 5,200

pkgs; market held firm, with fair demand. Wheat-receipts, 7,800 bus; sales, 4,800,-000 bus, futures; spot firm; No. 2 red, 121% fob afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 129% fob afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 109 fob

Corn-receipts, 21,400; exports, 8,800 bus sales, 75,000 bus, futures; spot No. 2, 611/s elevator and 61% fob afloat; No. 2 yellow,

63%; No. 2 white, 62%. Oats-receipts, 92,300 bus; spot quiet; mixed oats, 26 @ 32 lbs, 341/2 @ 351/2; natural white, 30 @ 32 lbs, 35 @ 37; clipped white, 36 @ 40 lbs, 37 @ 391/2; options nominal.

Beef-steady.

Lard--steady; western steamed, 7.60.

Pork-steady. Butter-firm; receipts, 5,824.

Eggs-steady, unchanged; receipts, 5,998

Potatoes-firm. Sugar-raw, firm; fair refining, 3%; cen-

trifugal 96 test, 41/4; refined, steady.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.-Cotton spot closed quiet, 15 points decline. Middling uplands, 9.90; Middling gulf, 10.15. Sales, 1,665 bales.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27 .- Close: Wheat, Oct, 113%; Dec, 114%; May, 112%; July, 981/2. Corn-Oct, 54; Dec, 50%; May, 46½. Oats-Oct, 30; Dec, 29½; May, 31%.

Mess pork-Oct, 10.85; Jan, 12.45; May, 12.521/2.

Lard-Oct, 7.15; Jan, 7.171/2; May, 7.271/2-Ribs-Oct, 7.20; Jan, 6.50; May, 6.55. BOSTON, Oct. 27.-Flour easier; spring patent, 6.50 @ 6.85; corn, firmer; No. 2 yeliow, 671/2.

uiet and unchanged; No. 2 clipped,

and unchanged. Spring bran, 20.50 @ 20.75; mixed feed, 21.50 @ 24.00; cotton seed peal, 26.50; pork, steady, medium, 16.25. Lard 8%; beef, quiet, but steady; choice whole cattle, 8 @ 91/2c.

Lamb-steady, 7 @ 8; veal, steady, 9 @ 11; butter, firmer and higher; Northern, 221/2 @ 23; cheese, steady; York state, 10 @ %; eggs, firm; fancy, 32 @ 35; eastern, 25 @ 28; apples, steady and unchanged; Baldwins, 1.25 @ 1.50; potatees, steady; Houlton Hebrons, 53. Sugar, steady at pasis of 5.15.

NEW YORK FAILURE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 .- The firm of J. Walter Labaree and Co., has closed its offices at 42 Broadway, this city. Larabee and Co. advertised as a commission house, pro with numerous out of town offices. Ste ohen Callaghan, attorney for Larabee, said iq-day that his client's assets probably between six and seven thousand dol lars, with liabilities of \$123,000.

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SHIPPING NEWS. SHIPPING NEWS. CLEARED WEDNESDAY.

ter. Hillshoro-Ard Oct 26, sch G T Garretson, Haskell, Boston. Cld 26th, sch Ethel V Boynton; Bartlett, Newcastle-Cld Oct 25, sch Nimrod, Hilx York. x, N S-Ard Oct 27, sch Ada K Banks for Provinicetown, Mass, (1,000 qtls fish). Sld 27th str Sicily, Keys, Liverpool via St. Johns, N F.

BRITISH PORTS. Fleetwood-Ard Oct 27, bark Saga, Camp-

erpool-Sld Oct 27, str Sachem, Boston. erpool-Sld Oct 27, strs Canada, Mon-; Parisian, Montreal via Moville. eenstown-Sld Oct 27, str Cedric, Liver-

Queenstown-Sld Oct 27, str Cedric, Liver-pool for New York. Cape Town-Arrd Oct 27, str Oriana, Montreal via Sydney, C B, for Durban. London-Arrd Oct 27, strs Cervona, Mon-treal and Quebec; Kingstonian, Montreal and Quebec for Antwerp. Sld 27th, str Lancastran, Boston. UNDER MEMORANDA---Holy Head-Passed Oct 27, str Roman, Portland for Liverpool. Chatham, Mass., Oct. 27.-Fresh North-west winds, clear at sunset. FOREIGN PORTS. Roothbay Harhour-Ard Oct 27, sch W

Boothbay Harbour-Ard Oct 27, sch W and W L Tuck, Smith, St John for New

York. City Island-Sid Oct 27, bqe St Paul, Fercades and other West African ports. Gloucester, Mass-Sid Oct 27, sch Beat-rice, Meteghan, N S. Lynn, Mass-Ard Oct 27, sch Adelene, Williams, St John, N B. New London, Conn-Sid Oct 27, schs Greta, Buck, Sackville; Bertha, Millstone Point. Boston-Ard Oct 27, strs Consuelo, and

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Boston-Ard Oct 21, Strs Consuct, and Cargina, Hull. Calais, M E-Sld Oct 27, schs Alice T Boardman, West Haven; Julia and Martha, reenport; G M Porter, Providence; Fred C Holden, Pawtucket; Wm Duren, Boston. Salem-Sld Oct 27, sch Beimont, Wey-

Portland-Ard Oct 27, str Hilda, Parrs-

Cld 27th, sch Isma, Westport. Sld27th, sch Richard S Leaming, Wind-

sor. Vineyard Haven, Mass-Ard Oct 27, seks L A Plummer, Jersey City for Portland; Rosa Mneller, Perth Amboy for Gardiner; Emily I White, South Amboy for Bart Harbour: Harry Knowlton, bound east. Sid 27th, schs Vera B Roberts, Parrsboro for New York; Harriet C Kerlin, Hills-boro for New York; Sliver Leaf, St. John for New York: Annie Bleis, Hillsboro for New York: Annie Bleis, Hillsboro for New York-Ard Oct 27, sch Sallie E Lud-lam. South Amboy for Bar Harbour. Sid 27th, sch Advent for Nassau; Lucia Porter, Washington; str Hibernian, Glas-gow.

gow. Harre-Sld Oct 27, SS LaLorraine, New York.

Tork. MEMORANDA. Dunnet Head—Passed Oct 27, str Phoenix, Montreal and Quebec for Sunderland. Hojy Head—Passed Oct 27, bark Campbell, Northport, N S. for Mersey. City Island—Oct 27, schs Clayola. St John Cra New York; Addie Fuller, Shulle for the battleship Caesar, will steam of the battleship Caesar, will steam of the battleship Caesar, will steam of the battleship Caesar, will steam the montrover morning with the cause a torpedo boat left by the detach-out on the spot until morning did not

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tivity is reported from all dockyards where vessels under repair are being made read for sea under urgent orders from the admiralty. At Cardiff it is stated that admiralty agents are securing great quantities of coal for Gıbraltar, Portsmouth, Malta and other ports, and paying high freights. The Mediter ranean fleet is hastening in the direction of Gibraltar, and it is announced that the channel squadron, with decks cleared, will leave Gibraltar early this morning, its alleged object being a "sham attack on the rocks." The home leet, likewise, is concentrating. In fact, almost the entire British navy is point

ng in the direction of the Baltic fleet portion of which is expected to sail om Vigo during to-day.

from Vigo during to-day. Perhaps the most significant develop-ment is the cabinet meeting, which is called for noon to-day. While the call was issued prior to the receipt of Ro-jestvensky's report, which changed the situation considerably, and appears to place some of the burden of proof upon Great Britain, the meeting undoubtedly marks the reaching of a serious stage. While up to the present time the gov ernment has maintained an almost complete silence with regard to the progress of the affair, it is considered almost certain that Premier Balfour, who will make a speech at Portsmouth to-night,

will, after a conference with the cab net, be in a position to make some definite annonuncement. Public sentiment, which hitherto has been kept under remarkable control, will hardly stend the passing of another day ,and especially because of the op-

ortunity afforded by Mr. Balfour's eppearance on the platform, unless some satisfactory explanation is made.

LONDON, Oct. 27 .- Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, was asked to-night by the Associated Press for his side of the statement from Copenhagen that the Danish ministry of Marine was informed recently that several ships were chartered at Hull to attack the Baltic squadron and that thirteen Swedish vessels had also been chartered by Japanese for the same pur-

ashi said, would be impossible in these | jestvensky :

have been concocted in order to throw dust in the eyes of the Danish minister of marine and of the world.

afterncon, fully equipped. Work at the arsenal is proceeding un-

der high pressure. A division of the Mediterranean fleet,

ing its refutation on its face, and says:

sue of mis-statements can only lead to ful. The Daily Telegraph says: "If the Ad-

miral believes his own story, all that can be said is that the sooner he returns home and is looked after the better it will be for himself, his family and his

These extracts well represent the opinion of the country and press. The fact that the second Pacific squadron appears to have fired on vessels of vari-

ous nationalities is regarded as proving that its officers were in a condition of nervous panic, rendering the squadron a

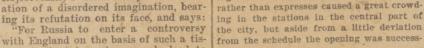
danger to the world's commerce. According to the Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent, Admiral Rojestvensky received from the Admiralty in code secret instructions not only authorizing him to fire upon all ships approaching too close or otherwise arousing suspicion, but that foreign governments were not notified of these instructions.

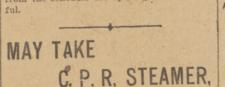
ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 28 .- The naval general staff publishes the following two despatches from Vice Admiral Ro

FIRST DESPATCH.

"The North Sea incident was caused by two torpedo boats advancing to at-tack without lights under cover of darkness against the vessel leading the detachment. When the detachment turned on its searchlights and opened fire the presence of several small steam

D C: tug Gypsum King, N S, towing sch Gypsum Ex-alleged purpose of making a sham at-tack against the rock of Gibraltar. S c mali torredo boats left Tangier this s c mali torredo boat left by the detach-ment on the spot until morning did not aid the victims. Now there was not a sc mali torredo boats left Tangier this ack against the rock of Gibraltar. Se eval tormedo boats left Tangier this single torpedo boat near the detachment charged with them under of Larkin Wyand none was left behind; consequently man Hall, a milliner, at the latter the vessel remaining near the small apartments on St. Botolph street, or steamhcats was that tormade bott which steambcats was that torpedo boat which was not sunk but only damagd. The Judge Parmenter in the Municipal cour A division of the mean meet, comprising six battleships, all the are mored cruisers and twenty torpedo boats, is expected to arrive here to-mor-row. A division of the mean meet, boats because we suspected them of com-plicity on account of their obstinately cutting into the order of positions of row. A division of the mean meet, boats because we suspected them of com-plicity on account of their obstinately cutting into the order of positions of som acted in self defence. COPENHAGEN, Oct. 27 .- The master our vessels. Several of them showed no son acted in self defence.





Empress of Japan May Be Wanted for Naval Purposes,

(Special to The Liberal News.)

VANCOUVER, Oct. 27 .- The Canadian Pacific line steamer Empress of Japan, scheduled to sail from this port Monday for the orient, has refused to take freight beyond Yokohama. Ordinarily she takes freight to Hong Kong and as the Empress is a Royal Naval reserve ship it is supposed the freight limitation is with the idea that her service must be needed in the Far East. Six inch guns and ammunition for the Empress when used as an auxiliary cruiser are stored at Esquimalt navy yard ready at an hour's notice to be mounted aboard. Naval officers would not bes urprised to see the Empress ordered to Esquimalt naval dock at once to have the guns mounted and ammuni-tion put aboard. It is considered prob able H. M. S. Grafton's protected cruise to Honolulu, leaving Victoria Fri-day, will be cancelled, while naval officials are in constant communication with department.

SOLDIERS GO FREE.

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