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### LIGHTNING CAUSED FIRE. LAURIER'S CHALLENGE. THE ADMIRAL'S EXPLANATION DESTRUCTION OF THE CHURCH OF THE

# FISHING CRAFT WERE BELIEVED TO BE TORPEDO BOATS.

### ships to Coal at Vigo.

ships Victorious, Illustrious and Majestic (flagship of Vive-Admiral Beresford) and the cruisers Lancaster, Theseus and Endymion, are under orders to sail on

Cape of Good Hope.

The Russian Baltic squadron eruisers and torpedo boats are expected to pass through the Straits of Gibraltar on the way to Suez. The whole of the Gibraltar torpedo flotilla has been commission-

It was stated in naval circles that undue importance must not be attached to the movements of British warships or to the activity in the British dry docks in view of the later news indicating the passage of the acute phase of the crisis. It is suggested that the naval authorities and the defense compose were glad of an opportunity for testing the mobilization plans. Apparently the question of attempting to stop the Russian squadron was not discussed by the British officials as likely to require immediate decision, owing to the belief that full satisfaction will be given. Col. Sir George Clark, of the defense committee, has stated that he is no longer prehensive of the matter reaching a

LONDON, Oct 26 .- The trawler Princess Victoria arrived at Aberdeen to-day. She reports passing a disabled Russian warship during the night of October 21-22, about forty miles from the place the Hull trawlers were fired upon. The warship early Saturday morning, October 22, was burning two red lights. The Princess Victoria, thinking the warship required assistance steamed close to her and hailed her, but though the trawler remained near the ship for three-quarters of an hour, no

answer was given. GIBRALTAR, Oct. 26 .- The ships of the channel fleet have filled their bunkers with coal, and replenished their ammunition and other stores and will be idy for sea at a moment's notice. The bettleship Hannibal and the cruiser Doris are watching the straits closely. There is great activity at the dockyard where men are working night and day. The admiralty is making inquiries concerning the coal available here.

VIGO, Spain, Oct. 26 .- Admiral Roiestvensky, accompanied by the commanders of the vessels composing the Russian squadron, visited the military called on the French consul and on the from which place, it is announced that commandant of the port.

GIBRALTAR, Oct. 26 .- The battle- | in battle line and replied to the fire, afterwards continuing his voyage." Prince Keretelli added that the Russ-

the morning of October 28. It is reported that the purpose is to shadow the Russian Baltic squadron, which is expected to go by way of the Construction of the departure of the Baltic fleet for the Far East had just been an-nonneed printed the following paranounced, printed the following para-

tion of Russian warships passing through the Zund and Cattegat and in the vicinity of the Swedish Islands and the Hebrides as well. Fishing boats have been hired by unknown persons for the purpose of distributing floating mines in the path of the Russian fleet. There is also reason to believe that similar plans have been prepared at Gib-raltar, Suez and Port Said."

VIGO. Oct. 26.—The Associated Press. has succeeded in obtaining an interview with Admiral Rojestvensky, who expressed great regret over the North Sea ncident. The admiral stated that the unfortunate occurrence was purely ac cidental. The weather the night in question was rather hazy. About one a.m. two torpedo boats, which the Russ ians supposed were Japanese craft, sud denly appeared between the two divis-ions of the squadron and seemed to dis-charge torpedos. The Russians imme-diately opened fire. They saw no fisher-men and were not aware that any dam-age had been done. Evidently the ad-vised coild the fishermen had shown no miral said, the fishermen had shown no been done the fishermen, and added that he had no doubt the Russian govern-ment would make ample compensation.

LONDON, Oct. 26 .- Tension increase as time passes without a definite settle ment of the situation created by the Russian blunder in the North Sea. Am bassador Benkendorff's tentative com-munication to Foreign Minister Lansdowne to-day only served to inflame the public mind, and it is now quite evident Britain may make within reason. It is unlikely that the British government

ists. This especially true of Gibraltar some of the best of Great Britain's war MADRID, Oct. 26.—A telegram from the direction of the Russian Baltic

CANADA'S PREMIER NOT AFRAID OF ANY **OPPOSITION BOMBSHELL.** 

Spanish Authorities Decline to Permit the Russian War- If Those Dealing In Insinuations Have Any Charges Heroic but Ineffectual Efforts Were Made to Save the Beautiful Church Edifice .- A Historic Structure. To Make Let Them Come On.

> "I have heard on the streets of Montreal that a bombshell is to be thrown into our camp, and that scandalous revelations . are to be made in a few days. Well, I do not like insinuations. Let them be given to the public so that we may refute them. I here invite them to make their accusations at once so that we may refute them .--Premier Laurier at Montreal, Oct. 24.

### REID WILL BE HON, MR. BLAIR RE-ELECTED. HARD AT WORK.

greatly regretted that any injury had He will be Busy for the Next Hon. Mr. Emmerson at Port

### Two Weeks.

(Special to The Liberal News.)

them to Ottawa for review and judgment. Hon. Mr. Blair, Dr. Mills and Mr. Bernier are hard at work upon that only a short time will be allowed these cases. It will probably be a fort-Russia in which to give final and com-plete assurances of her intention to comply with any and all demands Great will Mr. Blair finally sever his connection with the commission. The three commissioners were in conference upon these cases until six o'clock this even-

will allow another twenty-four hours to pass quietly without receiving a satis-factory reply to the note. Reports from all naval stations show that a tremendous state of activity ex-

ral persons. Far up on the left side of this spire almost under the cross, was where the bolt took effect and it split the wooden steeple down for some length bulging it out and allowing the fire to secure a hold on its dry wooden interior. Those who first saw the blaze say it may be a secure to the rectory and barn. The wind was blowing fiercely. The rain was coming down hard, but embers were blown rapidly, and in countless numbers across the intervening space and dashed against the sides of the rectory, which heated by the awful fire must soon have Elgin. (Special to The Liberal News.) MONCTON, Oct. 26 .- Reports have been workes like the reffection of fire upon a glass, but its true rature soon be-came forcibly known. Alarms were sent in from boxes 112 and 119, while the big

will support Mr. Reid.

day and went to Port Elgin to-night, where he addressed a meeting of the liberal elec-

continuous downfall of rain opinion was expressed that the hand-

sexton, Mr. Frank Girouard.

The fatal bolt seems to have struck

ASSUMPTION.

gradually working downwards, obtained a grip on the main body of the church, and the sparks it sent upwards for

**AWFUL TRAGEDY** AT WINNIPEG.

Woman Brutally Murdered

NO. 3

by Husband.

(Special to Liberal News.)

WINNIPEG, Oct. 26 .- With a lamp and a bloody axe in his hands Robert W. Taylor, teamster, who lived in the west end of the city, entered the rooms of the inmates of his house early this morning and told them he had murdered his "old woman." A few minutes later three daughters raised the alarm and That Carleton barely escaped a gene- | fullest extent by the flames until they That Carleton barely escaped a gene-ral conflagration is the opinion of those who witnessed the destruction of the Church of the Assumption Wednesday afternoon. All agree that with the high wind which was carrying burning em-bers into the midst of the numerous a dredliver which was carrying burning emthe boarders found the body of the murderer's wife, fully dressed, lying on a couch with her head split open. Taylor coolly smoked his pipe and told how the terrible deed was committed. He then surrendered to the police and was placed under arrest

which was carrying burning end bers into the midst of the numerous wooden dwellings which nestle around the foot of the Tower Hill under which the church stood, this would have been a certainty but for the continuous rain which kept up all through the fire. As it is the church which has stood on one of the highest points of Lan-caster towering above the surrounding structures and a landmark of about sixty years standing is no more, for al-tirely unexpected thunderstorm the tall spire was struck by a bolt of lightning coming simultaneously with a monster thunder clap and within a short time the spire was wrapped in flames which gradually working downwards, obtained Taylor belongs to Cameron, Ont., and his murdered wife was a Miss Rathbun, of Desoronto, Ont. No motive has been given for the crime. The man is not thought to be insane, despite his unaccountable and terrible action. 

# **BIG MEETING** AT LITTLE RIVER.

Hon. H. A. McKeown and Mr. Trueman the Speakers.

a grip on the main body of the church, which fell a prey to their greed. For some reason or other the fire de-partment was not as prompt as might be expected, some of the members say-Hon. H. A. McKeown addressed a big meeting of supporters of the government at Little River, Wednesday evening, and ing that they had gone to the wrong ly defined in the burning mass, and hox. The department's arrival didn't faithful to its duties to the last it sent box. The department's arrival didn't put a much better face on the matter, for the church, standing outside the city line, and on one of the highest points in Carleton, was most diffcult to get water to and when it is considered that the fire was situated about one hundred and thirty feet up in the air, the diffi-culty of getting at it becomes more apulty of getting at it becomes more ap- years has been occupied by the Church companied Mr. McKeown, dealt with the issues of the campaign in a stirring speech, of the Assumption. When efforts had been abandoned at which was listened to with great interest the spire about 3.45 o'clock, and to have been discovered simultaneously by seve-ral persons. Far up on the left side of

> LIBERAL MEETING AT NORTON.

Attorney General and Other Speakers Given Hearty Re-

ception. (Special to Liberal News.)

in from boxes 112 and 119, while the big bell of the church rang out, mystifying the parishioners as to the reason there-of. The bell was kept going until it was dangerous to remain longer in the tower and the last to descend was the sexton, Mr. Frank Girouard. NORTON, N.B., Oct. 26 .- The meeting tonight in the interests of the Liberal party throughout the fire didn't extinguish the blaze, though it probably was the means MEMBER Will be Premier Laurier. (special to Liberal News.) OTTAWA, Oct. 26.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will run in the county of Wright. There have been three Liberals aspiring for the honour of contesting the county. Each was f preventing a more serious conflagra- couldn't work between the burning mass McKimmon was chairman and the meeting

OTTAWA, Oct. 26 .- The Railway received here confirming the retirement of Commission on its recent trip to the Mr. Murray from the contest in Resti-Pacific coast heard a great number of gouche, leaving the fight between Mr. Reid cases, and brought the evidence with and Mr. Mott. Mr. Murray and his friends

Hon.) Mr. Emmerson was in the city to

WRIGHT'S NEXT

date now sees his deposit in danger.

OF DREYFUS TRIAL

martialled.

cois and Mereschal, charged with using

military funds and otherwise influence

in the examination of Colonel Mereschal

who was connected with the war office

tails of the identity of "Austerlitz." He

reserved these facts for the secret ses-

AT PORTLAND.

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sion of the courtmartial.

cers of the Russian squadron give the following explanation of the North Sea

the squadron. Supposing a Japanese at-tack was impending, they opened fire. They say they did not see any sailors looking like fishermen aboard the two boats fired at. The officers say they do longer than that date before unleash not know if any members of the crews are wounded. They express regret at the error.

the Russian battleships Emperor Alex- tion. ander III., Borodino, Orel and Kniaz Souvaroff and the transport Anatol, satisfaction of Count Lamsdorff, th which have anchored in this port, has caused considerable excitement. The commander of the port immediately boarded the Russian flagship and in-formed Admiral Rojestvensky that the Spanish government cauld not permit Spanish government could not permit mal written undertakings before anthe warships to coat within the port. Admiral Rojestvensky replied that his vessels needed repairs and that for that reason he had separated from the re-mainder of his squadron. The commander of the port promised to inform the Spanish government of the admiral's statement and communicate the gov ernment's reply as soon as it was re-ceived. In spite of this five German colliers anchored in port alongside the battleships, whereupon the commander of the port-sent an aide-de-camp to beg Admiral Rojestvensky not to violate Spanish neutrality, and he also ordered the commanding officer of the Spanish cruiser Estramadura to notify the col liers that they must obey the port au thorities. Eventually Admiral Rojest vensky promised that he would not coal in Spanish waters, at the same time beg-ging the commander of the port to obtain the government's permission for each warship to take on 400 tons of coal with which to reach Tangier. Shortly afterwards the three colliers sailed for l'angier, but two remained alongside the sian warships.

During the afternoon Admiral Rojestvensky, accompanied by the commanders of his battleships, visited the military gevernor, the French consul and the governor, the French consul and the contrained of the port, receiving the AMERICAN PLAYER usual honours.

As far as can be seen the crews of the As hir as can be seen the crews of the battleships are very uneasy. Sentinels are closely watching every movement within the harbour. All four of the warships seem to be cleared for action. It is runnoured that the object of the Sential account to be constituted to the

Spanish government in requesting the Russians to remain the shortest possibl time at Vigo is to prevent the possibil ity of attack by Japanese agents, whose ity of attack by Japanese agents, whose presence in the province of Galicia is ship of the United States in the chess

Prince Keretelli, an officer of the battleship Emperor Alexander III., has been interviewed and gives the following explanation of the attack by the Baltic been recognized for some time as one of quadron upon the British trawlers off the most brilliant exponents of the game Dogger Bank :

Dogger Bank : "The transport Anatol, which was steaming ahead of the squadron, was suddenly surrounded by eight torpedo boats and requested assistance, where-upon the battleship division advanced and signalled to the unknown vessels to induction of the sequence and signalled to the unknown vessels to leave or disclose their nationality. The vessels refused to obey and advanced among the Russian battleships. Sudden-ly a cannon shot was heard from an un-known vessel. Then the Admiral formed

following explanation of the North Sea incident: "While steaming by night they saw two torpedo boats within the lines of Russia's reply to her demands ; but the cruisers are under orders for October 28 is construed in some quarters to mean that Great Britain will not wait

ing her seadogs. Information has reached the Associat-VIGO, Spain, Oct. 26.—The arrival of that puts brighter light upon the situar It is understood that practically cient guarantee for an official announce ment that the crisis has passed.

> KUROPATKIN A FAVORITE,

### Japanese Planning an Attack.

MUKDEN, Oct. 26 .- The appointment of General Kuropatkin as commander-in-chief was received with universal approval. It will greatly facilitate the military operations

A Japanese attack is now expected. The Russian batteries continue to harass the Japanese. Otherwise all is quiet. The Japanese dead recently showed by their warm clothing that the Japanese are prepared for a winter campaign, whereas the Russians have not received their winter outfits.

# CHESS CHAMPION.

### Marshall of New York Wins Title.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 26 .- Frank J. Marplay in the women's open tournament at tournament, finished to-night. This tournament has been in progress for some time and in it were entered famous players of all nations. Marshall has

now living.

vamis, 6 up and 4 to play.

AT BOSTON.

Preliminary Examination of Suspects.

BOSTON, Oct. 26.-Two important points were brought out to-day in the preliminary examination of Fred Wat-

son and Eugene Sennott, the two artil-ANOTHER ECHO lery men who are charged with the murred of Larkin Wyman Hall, a milliner in his apartments on St. Botolph street, on the morning of Sunday, October 16. The two points brought out to-day were that Hall had a premonition that the Four French Officers Court-Japanese sword, with which he was killed, would be the instrument of his death, and the police claim that Sennott told, when arrested that Watson had confessed to him that he had stabbed

During the cross-examination of Benjamin H. Giles, the man who discovered Hall's body after the murder, it developed that Hall had a premonition that he would be killed by his curious sword.

The principal witness was Police Sergeant Arnold, who had charge of the government case. He said that when the men were questioned at the police station Sennott said that Watson told him he did not intentionally stab HAll, out that in trying to avert a thrust Hall aimed at him, he seized Hall's hand and the sword was directed into Hall's staff, visited "Austerlitz" at Zurich. breast. Both men said that they were intoxicated at the time and that their mémories were confused. Several wit-nesses testified briefly, and the hearing 000. The last payment was in July, 1899.

a month prior to the opening of the last trial of Dreyfus. The witness did not give the nature of the documents or dewas continued until to-morrow.

Title.

LADIES' GOLF



### Ceild Killed - Young Man Injured.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Oct. 26 .- Miss PORTLAND, M.E., Oct. 26.-Ella May Georgianna Bishop, of Bridgeport, the United States champion, and Mrs. E. F. Sandford, of Essex county, the runner-up to Miss Bishop when the latter won Britt, the five year old daughter of Patrick Britt, was almost instantly killed this eveninig by running in front of an electric ca George Stevens, a young business man in the championship, were pitted against the town of Gray, was seriously injured each other in the first round of match to-day by the explosion of a gas machine

It was found necessary to amputate the the New Haven Country Club this afterright arm. He has an even chance for re noon, and the champion won easily, defeating her opponent 8 up and 7 to go. Miss Bishop took the lead at the start. and by steady golf at all times increased

it as the play continued. A large gal lery followed the players. The other first four matches of the eight who qualified this morning for the championship cup resulted as follows: Mrs. L. H. Polyemus, Eastern Parkway

covery. RACING AT NASHUA NASHUA, N.H., Oct. 26 .- Racing at

Mrs. L. H. Polyemus, Eastern Farkway Club, Brooklyn, beat Miss Elsie Trow-bridge. New Haven, 3 up and 2 to play. Miss Pauline Mackey, Oakley, Boston, beat Miss Gertrude Travers, Nassau, 4 up and 3 to play. Mrs. S. F. Lefferts, Englewood, beat Mrs. H. A. Harris. Apa-tor the second by LaPointe and then took the next two heats and race. Wegman had no trouble in getting away with the 2.19 to the second by the second seco trot in straight heats.

have been three Liberals aspiring for the honour of contesting the county. Each was so certain of victory that he refused to give way to the other, and for a time it looked as though there would be a four cornered contest, three Liberals and a Conservative. The Conservatives have had great hopes of winning the county, however, the three Liberal aspirants welcomed the advent of the prime minister to the county. Mr. Labelle, the Conservative candi-

ed to adjoining residences. Meanwhile a big and ever-increasing erowr was collecting despita the rain, and volunteers were not wanting to help nd vestry from the entrance and the ig doors and front was rapidly burning. The workers were zealous and the greatpart of the church's fixings were sav-

Though all worked hard, special men-PARIS, Oct. 26 .- The courtmartial of four prominent officers of the war min-istry-Colonels Dautrich Rollin, Franmay well be termed herole. Of particular value, especially on account of it hav-ing been presented to the church as a personal gift by the late Father Dumphy, was the large painting on canvas of the "Descent from the Cross," which was directly over the altar. This picture is a copy of the famous original to be seen in Rome and was highly prized by the nay well be termed heroic. Of particular ing witnesses against Dreyfus at Rennes was resumed to-day. The court room was crowded. Great interest was taken a copy of the hamous original to be seen in Rome and was highly prized by the congregation, not only on account of its intrinsic value, but also because of its connections. A successful effort was under the same this the Magnetic Lehn prior to the Dreyfus case, which brought out a detailed statement of the sums he paid a spy bearing the alias of "Austerlitz." The witness with the late Col. made to save this by Messrs. John The appearance of the burning church in the early stages of the fire as viewed and paid him sums varying from \$205

> vere burning almost overhead, these rapid. eroes entered the church and succeeded front door to safety. It caught for a moment in the doorway and detained A couple of drunken men he party, but for a moment only and ed in handling hose made some trouble hurch property in a place of safety. Another feat worthy of mention was

the wall and carried it to safety. Help-ers were many, and prominent among them was Rev. G. F. Secvil, the Church The Church of the Assumption is al-

a heart. It was first started in 1847 Among the things lost was the pipe organ, in the choir loft, the church bell, and forty tons of coal which had just

ter's use. Once the fire got under way the spec-tacle from a spectacular standpoint was grand. The arcs of the church stood out boldly, silhonetted in a fiery red against the grim hills and ever darken-ing sky which formed the background. The church was a stangely built one the church was a stangely built one the church instaling news ate instaling news ater instal 

to the rectory which stood in great dan- to ignite the structure and thus destru ger, as a very strong wind was blowing the fiery embers directly against it and placed therein for safety. At this junc the barn. If they had caught the fire would probably have been communicat-

and volunteers were not wanting to help It soon put out the fife of the barn, structive champaign and Mr. Birkett, have and others lending an eager hand. The flames had by this time devoured the cooden steeple and seized upon the the surrounding low grounds presented a scene of activity as men worked vi-

tion is deserved by some who toiled in might have been the flames but for the the Conservatives to meet their opponents rain. The church is a totol loss, and was come of the contest.

The appearance of the burning church ong, John Ganong, Chas. Russell, Edw. from the city was curious, looking like Connolly and P. Cormier. Despite a a small ball of fire on the top of the varning to the contrary, as the flames steeple. Its subsequent development was

An unusual amount of hose was rearoes entered the church in guired. Carleton had twenty-seven victoria, B.C., Mayor Samson, of Nanai-ut of the rear door, which was nearest, joints stretched to reach the church, mo, was selected as the Conservative canwas an impossibility, and directly in the and Fairville and what came over from didate for Comox-Atlin this afternoon. face of the advancing flames they suc-ceeded in carrying it out through the for the second line after Chief Kerr had A couple of drunken men, who insist

t was placed along with the rest of the on the roof of the barn, but nothing serious resulted. In addition to the hose of No. 2 cart,

formalities and with an axe the courage-tormalities and with an axe the courage-ous young fellows freed the tablet from the data for the men was fore-stalled by Mr. H. Colby Smith, who six-tenths of an inch was recorded. This

ent willingly whatever assistance he timely end has caused sorrow to many of 28 miles an hour were almost con-

and forty tons of coal which has win-een laid in the basement for the win-er's use. G0 feet, and was known as the "Little many storms of greater velocity and

# LIBERALS.

## Ottawa Conservatives Decline

#### a Joint Debate. (Special to Liberal News.)

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 26 .- The two Conservative candidates for the city of Ottacourt to meet them at a joint meeting and gorously stamping out the sparks as invitation has been declined. The Conthey fell on the roofs, an occurrence of servatives pleaded a previous engagement, alarming frequency. A lady in the West-ern House told a News reporter that Champaign and Birkett fear the consequenembers had come down as far as her house, which shows how far reaching aidates. It is expected that the refusal of

> -----CANDIDATES CHOSEN ON WEDNESDAY.

### Several Standard Bearers Selected.

TORONTO, Oct. 26.-Lockhart M. Gordon vas nominated by the Socialist Labor party to-day to contest the London constituency. The Liberals of Dufferin county to-day nominated John Park, a prosperous farmer of East Luther township as their candidate for the federal house

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## SEVERE STORM

Wednesday's storm was one that has made a record for itself, and according to Mr. D. L. Hutchinson, of the St. John Another feat worthy of mention was that consequent upon the saving of the marble tablet placed securely in the wall of the church by the congregation in memory of Father Dunphy. Messrs, wall of the church by the congregation in memory of Father Dunphy. Messrs. Joseph Murphy and E. O'Brien entered to save this. The smoke was stifting and the heat intense. There was no time for of England clergyman, who dripping wet most three score years old, and its un- registered. Southwest gales at the rate

Mr. Hutchinson says he has recorded