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## 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). The steam trawler Crane was sunk and the disabled bodies of her skipper and mate, have been brought to Hull. The boatswain and other members of the crew, who are understood to be seriously injured, are on board a mission ship. The only slightly injured members of the crew have arrived at Hull.

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London, Oct. 23.—The steam cutter Magpie, belonging to the Gamecock trawler fleet, which was fired on by the Russian Baltic fleet, arrived in the Thames tonight. Her captain, Peaker, confirmed the detailed story received from Hull. He says: "Friday night there was about forty vessels of the Gamecock fleet fishing in latitude 55 degrees 15 minutes and longitude 5 degrees 6 minutes. It was a misty, drizzly night. We spread over an area of some miles. Our admiral had just previously signalled by rockets and coloured lights the fishing direction for the night. Whether that had anything to do with what followed, I don't know, the whole thing is a mystery. "Presently, through the mist there appeared the lights of many vessels, big and small. Knowing that the Baltic fleet was en route, we naturally assumed that they were Russians, but I cannot say so for certain. "They were signalling one another and with powerful searchlights spied out every one of our fleet. Suddenly some of the warships started firing at about 20 boats which were nearest to them. We at first supposed they were blank shots, for there was no mistaking our occupations, as we were close enough for the Russians to see that our men were all engaged in gutting fish. When we realized that the Russians were firing shot, and that men were being wounded, notes were cut away, steam was gotten up and the trawlers hurried away as fast as possible. "What with the darkness, the rain and the glare of searchlights, we were unable to identify the warships. After about half an hour the firing suddenly ceased and the fleet steamed speedily away in the direction of the channel. Captain Peaker confirms the details of the fate of the trawler Crane, and her crew and speaks with intense indignation of the conduct of the Russians.

Washington, Oct. 24.—Official news of the action of the Russian Baltic Sea fleet, in firing on British fishing vessels, reached Washington today in a cablegram to the state department, from the American consul at Hull. He related the facts as stated in the press despatches and added that great excitement prevailed there. Lenox, Mass., Oct. 24.—Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, said today concerning the attack of the Russian squadron upon British North Sea fishing vessels: "It seems a deplorable accident, which, of course, will be explained. "Ambassador Durand, up to 1 o'clock today, had received no official despatch concerning the matter. Washington, Oct. 24.—Astonishment that the Russian commander should have committed such a blunder as to fire on inoffensive fishing vessels, as reported by The Associated Press despatches from Hull, prevails in official circles. At the same time these officials are prompt to express the opinion that the Russian government will promptly disavow the act, and apologize when the facts are fully known. The tragedy it is realized, adds to the complications which the Baltic fleet already has encountered, ever since it was determined that it should go to the far east. At the Russian embassy the officials were quick to say that the firing on the fishing vessels, no doubt, was a mistake for which the Russian government will make a prompt reparation and apology. It was due unquestionably, they think, to a misapprehension as to the character of the vessels fired on. The Russian Admiral probably thinking them submarine boats belonging to Japan. The Russian government has been conducting an investigation into reports that Japanese submarine boats would aim to intercept, and destroy the vessels of the Baltic fleet on its way to the east, and for this reason, unusual vigilance was imposed on Vice Admiral Rojestvensky. The latter is known to be a painstaking and careful officer. The Russian officials say the whole affair is a regrettable and deplorable mistake.

London, Oct. 23.—The Russian Pacific (Baltic), comprising seven battleships and four cruisers, passed Dover in three sections between 6 o'clock this morning and 2 o'clock this afternoon and later passed Eastbourne. They were watched by large crowds from shore. Nothing has been seen of the torpedo flotilla, which, however, may have passed during the night, as Lloyds at noon reported four Russian torpedo boats passing St. Catherine's Point, "apparently boarding a steamer bound east." A despatch from Cherbourg reports that three Russian torpedo boats, escorted by the volunteer cruiser Korea, are moored in the roadstead there to take coal, water, etc.

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St. Petersburg, Oct. 24.—7 p. m.—Nothing has been heard here as yet regarding the reported firing on British trawlers by the Russian Pacific fleet. The last news of the fleet was a brief notice, published stating that they had passed Dover going south. The only conceivable explanation of

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## DEATH OF LADY DILKE.

### Wife of the Celebrated English Baronet Passed Away This Morning.

London, Oct. 24.—Lady Dilke wife of Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke 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, N. E. L. of Augusta, Ga. Her first husband was Mark Pattison, Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, whom she married in 1862. Her second husband was Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke, Bt. M. P., whom she married in 1885. 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; L'Art Portfolio; Cosmopolis; Encyclopaedia Britannica, etc., an active member of the committee of the Women's Trade Union League, for which she has frequently spoken. Among Lady Dilke's publications are Renaissance of Art in France, 1879; Art in the Modern State or the age of Louis XIV, 1884; Claude Lorrain; d'apres des documents inédits; Biography of Lord Leighton, (Dumas' Modern Artists), 1881; Shrine of Death and other stories, 1888; Shrine of love and other stories, 1891; French Painters of the Eighteenth Century, 1899; French architects and Sculptors of the Eighteenth Century, 1900.

## 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 with his suite on the steamer Manchuria for San Francisco amid great enthusiasm. Prince Fushimi was attended, from Tokio, by officials of the imperial household. Arriving at St. Louis, he will be the American Minister, and the entire American legation staff, in uniform. Arriving at St. Louis, he will be the American Minister, and the entire American legation staff, in uniform. Arriving at St. Louis, he will be the American Minister, and the entire American legation staff, in uniform.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

### Czar and Kaiser Becoming Too Thick for Mere Disinterested Friends.

Berlin, Oct. 24.—Col. Chebko, military attaché of the Russian embassy, here, and Major Count von Lamsdorf, military attaché of the German embassy at St. Petersburg, have been attacked respectively by the persons of Emperor William and Emperor Nicholas. The announcement attracted great attention here and was regarded as of great political importance. The restoration of the German military attaché to close personal relations with the Russian emperor and the reciprocal treatment of the Russian attaché here is interpreted as strong evidence of a warmer friendship between the two sovereigns.

## BURNED TO DEATH BEFORE THE ALTAR.

### A Centenarian Meets a Horrible Fate in a Southern Church.

Opelousas, La., Oct. 24.—While engaged at prayer in the Catholic church here, Mrs. Dona Galloway, aged 100 years, has been burned to death in a horrible manner. She was bowing before the altar, near which a number of candles were burning. Her devotions concluded, she rose to leave the church when her dress came in contact with a candle and in an instant she was ablaze. A few worshippers who were in the church, attracted by the agonized cries of the centenarian ran to her rescue, but too late. She died in agony, a few minutes after her removal from the church.

## ENDED IN MURDER.

Weborn, Mass., Oct. 23.—Kyriakos Chrcndreas, 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.

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—A telegram from Dyalstok, 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 miscreant and injured some policemen and civilians."

## HE CHEATED THE STATE.

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## WAS THIS LIE JUSTIFIABLE?

### By Telling it the Man Prevented a More Serious Crime.

Hamilton, Ont. Oct. 24.—(Special)—Thomas Barnes, a well known resident of east Hamilton, was driving to his quarry in Barton township, having in his pocket over \$300 with which to pay his quarry employees, when a stranger suddenly appeared on the roadway, grabbed Mr. Barnes' horse by the bridle, pulled a revolver and demanded his money. Mr. Barnes answered that he had sent the money out by another man, whereupon the stranger let the horse go and disappeared.

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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 in the whole Dominion 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 candidate will put up one of the greatest fights in the history of the county, and there is a general feeling that he will defeat the present representative, E. N. Rhodes, of the firm of Rhodes Curry and Co., of Amherst, is at the Royal hotel. This morning in conversation with a Times reporter he said:—"The conservative prospects in Cumberland are most bright. Rogers is very popular with all classes, and is growing more so as the campaign advances. Logan is a great deal weaker than in 1896 and 1900. At the first named campaign he made promise after promise. In 1900 he renewed these promises, but his constituents won't stand for another renewal. "One encouraging feature of the present campaign is the large number of old time liberals who have come over into the conservative ranks, and are fighting in the interests of Rogers. The young men are thick in the fight, and many of them were formerly liberals, are now members of conservative clubs, and some hold offices in the same. "How is the G. T. P. question generally accepted?" queried the reporter. "There is much adverse comment on the action of the government in connection with the G. T. P. bill, and opposition to it is met with all over the county."

## Gourley in Colchester.

Colchester N. S., said a Nova Scotia Times reporter today "is a forgone conclusion. Lawrence has not got the ghost of a chance with Gourley, the conservative member. Lawrence was the strongest man that the liberals could put up, but the general opinion of those who know, is that he will be snowed under."

## Anent Mr. Emmerson.

The conservatives in Westmorland are putting up a hard fight," remarked a resident of that county who was in the city on Sunday. "The minister of railways recognizes that he has to walk over on Mr. Powell and his friends are working the county from one end to the other with a determination never before displayed. Mr. Powell, in 1896, at the time the Manitoba school question was the dominant issue, addressed meetings throughout the country, in extreme Catholic and extreme Protestant communities, and he never wavered nor diverged in the least degree from his contentions, whether addressing an almost exclusively Catholic audience or Protestant one. Even his political enemies were compelled to admit these facts and all were convinced that he was a man of his convictions. "As far as Emmerson is concerned," remarked the gentleman in question, "his vacillating policy anent the G. T. P. is having its reactionary effect, and people are beginning to wonder if he even now means, in all sincerity, what he preaches. In Moncton he stood on the Opera House platform and stated that if sent to Ottawa, he would uphold the bands of the minister of railways. How well he did it is universally known. He had not the courage of his convictions when appointed minister of railways to stand up and explain his position and when in the dying hours of the session he was compelled to speak, he made such a poor showing that even his friends hung their heads in discouragement. "What about Kent Co.?" asked the Times.

## 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.

## ACADIA HERE FRIDAY.

The Acadia football team, through its manager, Allan A. McIntyre, has written to friends in this city that on the 27th, next Thursday, the Nova Scotia scholars will play the University of New Brunswick, team in Fredericton, and that on the day following the team will arrive in this city when they will be tendered a reception in Main St. Church by the Y. M. A. of that congregation. On the 29th, Saturday, the team departs. Arrangements are being completed for the reception, which will be of an informal nature, and Tuesday evening at 7.30 Sharp the Y. M. A. of Main St. church will meet in the vestry.

## Will Pay the Duty.

Winnipeg, Oct. 24.—(Special)—Representatives of Minneapolis mills have bought a million dollars worth of Manitoba wheat to mix with lower grade American wheat. Minneapolis millers will use millions of bushels of Manitoba wheat this winter.

than ever. He is being warmly received and everywhere hearty words of welcome are extended to him. "What about Pascal Hebert?" It is reported he has been called off. "Yes, that is the general report, but his withdrawal, when the complications which have arisen during the past few days are taken into consideration, is not thought to have very much significance. Certainly if Hebert had decided to remain in the field he would weaken to a considerable extent LeBlanc's chances. Even if Hebert is reconciled he has many friends like those of Morrissey in Northumberland, who will refuse to be whipped into line. "McInerney's chances are excellent and his friends have every confidence that he will be elected!"

## Mr. Blair in Otawa.

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—(Special)—Hon. A. G. Blair returned from Montreal, at noon today. Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick arrived in the city last evening to meet the premier. He returns again to Quebec.

## SIR WILFRID IN MONTREAL.

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will address two meetings in Montreal this evening, one in Sohier Park and one in Monument National.

## MR. RYAN CHOSEN.

Halifax, Oct. 24.—J. W. Ryan of Kentville has been nominated by the liberal conservatives of Kings county to oppose Sir Frederick Borden. This was rendered necessary by the retirement through illness of Peter Innes. J. W. Ryan is a popular man, a former militia officer. His son saw active service as a lieutenant in South Africa.

## FAIRVILLE MEETING.

The R. L. Borden Club will hold a public meeting in Fairville this evening at eight o'clock. A special open car will leave King street about seven o'clock to convey the members over in a body. Friday night will be the last regular meeting of the club until after election day. All who have not joined are requested to be present on Tuesday evening.

## Nomination Day, St. Andrews.

For Nomination Day, St. Andrews, Charlotte County, a special train has been arranged from St. Stephen to St. Andrews and return as per the following schedule:

Going read down.	Returning read up.
9:00 A.M. St. Stephen 8:55 P.M.	
9:12 " Maxwell 8:42 "	
9:20 " Mills 8:34 "	
9:32 " Honeydale 8:20 "	
9:42 " Arv Watt Jet. Lv 8:10 "	
9:50 " Lv Watt Jet. Arv 7:55 "	
10:03 " Dumbarton 7:47 "	
10:05 " Vroom 7:44 "	
10:11 " Rolling Dam 7:42 "	
10:18 " Hewitt 7:38 "	
10:18 " Crossing 7:35 "	
10:22 " Roix Road 7:30 "	
10:27 " Bartlett 7:21 "	
10:34 " Dougherty 7:14 "	
10:39 " Gombocook 7:00 "	
10:44 " Bar Road 7:04 "	
10:48 " St. Andrews 7:00 "	

## Nomination Day, Woodstock, N. B.

For Carleton County Nomination Day the Canadian Pacific have arranged to put in a rate of one fare for the round trip to Woodstock from Canterbury and all stations to and including Bath, tickets good going by regular trains Thursday, Oct. 27th, and to points south of Woodstock, good to return following day, but to points North of Woodstock to Bath, tickets will be good to return by passenger extra train leaving Woodstock at 11:00 p. m., stopping at all intermediate stations to Bath.

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