

BLAIR ON THE RAILWAY JOB:

Hon. A. G. Blair stated, before he resigned as Minister of Railways, that he could not stand up in Parliament and attempt to steer through the Grand Trunk Pacific bill without wearing a mask and carrying a dark lantern, so great was the swindle of public money.

And it is only the sudden illness in Mr. Blair's family that prevented him from taking the stump against this outrageous expenditure of the people's money.

A photograph of Mr. Blair's original resignation telegram will appear in Wednesday's issue. The St. John Liberal organ stated that this telegram was never signed by Mr. Blair.

REFORM IN RUSSIA RESULTS IN OPEN DOOR

In the Trial of Those Concerned in the Anti-Jewish Riots at Gomel... The Newspapers Applaud the Action of the Government--Conflicting Evidence is Submitted.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 1.—1.31 p. m.—The Russian papers are devoting much space to the trial at Gomel of those alleged to be responsible for the anti-Jewish riots there in September of last year, a thing almost unprecedented. The Novosti, the Jewish organ, is especially gratified at the trial being conducted with open doors, declaring that this marks a new era on the part of the government towards the Jewish question. Thirty-four representatives of provincial Zemstvos summoned to St. Petersburg, by Prince Svisstopolk Mirsky, minister of the interior, to participate in the consideration of peasant reforms, will assemble here Nov. 24th. The programme is not yet announced, except in a general way. There will be an exchange of views of the necessities of local government in matters that effect peasant reform. The papers display the greatest gratification, some saying that they had waited over twenty-five years for this moment, contending that the calling into a conference of representatives of the Zemstvos in connection with land and peasant legislation is in effect the beginning of a land parliament. Gomel, Russia, Nov. 1.—The trial of the persons charged with being responsible for the anti-Jewish riots here in September 1903, is proceeding slowly and with open doors and is attracting immense interest. There are eleven defendants and sixty-nine other persons who are under the same charges are being held under bail. Nine hundred and seventy-five of the 1,101 witnesses are present. The government's witnesses are attempting to prove that the disorders of September 11, 1903, were in the nature of anti-Christian riots, and not of an anti-Jewish character. It is claimed that the first riot was organized by Jews to take vengeance for the Kishineff affair, while the rioting two days after was a retaliation upon Jews. The government produced evidence to prove that the Jews were thoroughly organized and armed and had prearranged signals, regular leaders, adopted a provocative attitude towards the Christians, and acted overbearing, insulting peasants in the streets and looting them off the sidewalks. The affair of September 11, it is added, grew out of a trifling quarrel between a Christian forester and

homen were also killed or wounded. About 250 houses and shops of Jews were pillaged. The rioting continued all the afternoon, and only ceased at night, fall.

THROWN TO HIS DEATH.

A Trestle Collapsed on the C. P. R. in British Columbia and the Engineer Was Killed.

Winnipeg, Nov. 1.—(Special)—A small wooden trestle, twenty-five feet long, crossing a creek near Camrose B. C. on the main line of the C. P. R., collapsed on Saturday night as a freight train was crossing and tossed engineer J. Daughin to his death. The trestle had been a few which weakened the structure and the waters of the creek, swollen by the rains, completed the work.

PUT BULLET IN HIS HEAD.

Montreal Man takes His Own Life in Sensational Style.

Montreal, Nov. 1.—(Special)—A sensational suicide occurred on Craig street this morning. The victim, who is evidently of gentle birth, went in to a gunsmith's and bought a forty calibre revolver and some cartridges, and while examining the weapon he fired point blank into his head, the bullet tearing a big hole in the skull and crashing into the wall of the shop. No clue has been obtained as to the identity of the man who had deliberately cleared his pockets of everything that could lead to his identification.

WILL CALL N. S. PASTOR.

Rev. Fred Wilkinson of Dartmouth to be Invited to a Toronto Church.

Toronto, Nov. 1.—The vestry of St. Peter's church, last night, unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the advisory committee that Rev. Fred Wilkinson, of Dartmouth, N. S., be chosen its directorate. He is expected to arrive about December 1. The sanction of the bishop already has been secured.

TODAY'S WAR NEWS.

General Kuroki's headquarters, Oct. 31.—via Fusan, Nov. 1.—The Russians took advantage of the bright moonlight last night to cannonade the Japanese positions on the left wing of the central army, but were repulsed after an action which lasted several hours, during which both infantry and artillery was brisk and continuous until daylight. The Japanese to-day for the first time replied to the Russian bombardment, which has been frequent for several days past.

Mukden, Nov. 1.—The Japanese army is being rapidly reinforced and it is expected that the new troops will shortly reach from 40,000 to 60,000. This greatly complicates the problem confronting the Russian commander.

A cannonade against Poutloff (Lone Tree Hill) has been in progress since the night of October 30, without effect.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 31.—A despatch from Gen. Kuropatkin dated Oct. 30th announces a significant movement of Japanese from the west eastwards. The Japanese are receiving reinforcements from the south, and southeast and are evidently concentrating for an offensive movement. The weather is fine but is cold during the night.

Harbin, Oct. 31.—The activity of Chinese bandits is increasing along the railroad and the region is swarming with Japanese spies in Russian, Chinese and European disguise who are offering large rewards for the capture of Chinese engaged in supplying the Russian commissaries hoping thus to cripple the Russian supply department.

London, Nov. 1.—Under date of October 31, the Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Tien Tsin says:—The Chinese Government today formally prepared itself against any further infringements of neutrality in the despatch of supplies to belligerents, and in this connection has sent troops to Shan Hai Kwan. This is a serious blow to Russia, who is now without open ports in the East.

London, Nov. 1.—A Brussels despatch says that a Russian loan of \$270,000,000 was signed on Saturday. The Rothschilds guarantee the success of the whole loan. 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 despatch of supplies to belligerents and in this connection has sent troops to Shan Hai Kwan. This leaves Russia without open ports in the East. London, Nov. 1.—King Edward who is taking a warm interest in the

victims of the North Sea affair, sent Sir Frederick Treves, the court physician, to superintend an operation on Boatswain Hewart of the steam trawler Swain.

MUST CAST THEIR VOTE.

C. P. R. Instructs Officials to so Arrange Their Work That They May Exercise Franchise

Toronto, Nov. 1.—(Special)—Instructions have been sent to the chief officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway, throughout the district, to arrange their duties if possible, so as to enable every employe to vote on Thursday. The order is intended to include conductors, engineers, and trainmen of every description, as well as station and clerical employes. Grand Trunk officials here say that no such instructions have been received by them.

SUPREME COURT OPENED TODAY.

Owing to the Elections an Adjournment Was Taken Until Tuesday Next.

Fredericton, Nov. 1.—(Special)—The Michaelmas term of the supreme court opened here this morning with Judges Tuck, McLeod, Barker, and Gregory present. There were no common motions but in McCutcheon vs Darrah a Queens county case leave was granted to have it entered on the special paper and the time for serving notices were extended until December fifteenth.

A FRENCH SQUABBLE

Paris, Oct. 31.—7.10 p. m.—The agitation against Minister of War Andre is increasing in intensity. M. Guyott DeVilleneuve the Deputy whose charges brought on the critical vote in the Chamber, gave notice today that he will present new charges against General Andre on Friday.

ANOTHER SENSATION IN ANGLO-RUSSIAN CASE.

Garrison at Gibraltar Ordered to be Ready for Action at a Moment's Notice--But the News from London Does Not Give Any Reason for such a move.

Gibraltar, Nov. 1.—The garrison has been mobilized and the artillerymen have been ordered to take up their positions at the different batteries of the rock. The channel squadron has been ordered to be in readiness at a moment's notice.

Vigo, Spain, Nov. 1.—All the Russian warships left here at 8 o'clock this morning.

London, Nov. 1.—Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador was received in audience by King Edward at Buckingham Palace this afternoon. It is assured that the ambassador was the bearer of a message from Emperor Nicholas.

London, Nov. 1.—Up to 2 o'clock no explanation was obtainable from the sensational despatches from Gibraltar announcing the mobilization of the garrison there, etc., but they had the effect of starting rumors of a hitch in the arrangements between Great Britain and Russia for a settlement of the North Sea incident.

London, Nov. 1.—Ambassador Benckendorff had a most cordial interview with the King, who, it is understood expressed his satisfaction at the present method of settling the dispute. Up to the time he saw the King, Count Benckendorff has received no notification that a detachment of officers from the Russian squadron at Vigo would attend the sessions of the international commission, nor had he heard of the sailing of the squadron from Vigo.

The ambassador hoped however to receive without delay information concerning the officers detached.

The ambassador informed the Associated Press that the departure of the 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 commission. Another cabinet meeting has been summoned for Wednesday to consider the Anglo-Russian convention governing the inquiry into the North Sea incident.

up. As this must be submitted to St. Petersburg for acceptance, or revision, it will necessarily entail delay. The lack of information vouchsafed officially to the British press regarding the causes of these delays leads to all kinds of scare suggestions of bad faith on the part of Russia and tends to spread rumors for which it is difficult to find adequate reason.

London, Nov. 1.—The government has received a notification from the British consul at Vigo that the Russian squadron has sailed to-day and some irritation was felt at the fact that the Russian government had failed to previously notify the government regarding the detachment of officers. Ambassador Benckendorff is hourly expecting official advices and while the foreign office obviously is annoyed at not knowing officially that Russia had carried out her part of the bargain, no serious consequences are anticipated. It was officially stated to the Associated Press that with the exception of the foregoing omission to notify the government no hitch has occurred.

Gibraltar, Nov. 1.—12.50 p. m.—Vice-Admiral Beresford, flagship, the channel squadron on board, their respective ships. All the ships are prepared for action. British war ships strictly patrolled the straits all night long. They intercepted a collier, the London Bridge, bound from Barry for port Said, and brought her in here at noon.

INJURED IN BANGOR.

Woodstock man had Both Legs Cut Off in a Railway Accident.

Woodstock, Nov. 1.—(Special)—Woodstock has just been received, from Bangor, of a frightful accident to Otis Graham, son of James Graham, of this town. The young man, who is about 23 years of age, was employed on a train in Bangor when by some means he fell under the wheels, mangle his legs so badly that they had to be amputated below the knees. He is now in the Bangor hospital.