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LATEST REPORTS

Show There is Terrible Suffering in Port Arthur.

CONSTACT ATTACKS.

The Japanese are Pressing Closer and Closer to the Inner Fortress ... Their Shells Have Damaged the Russian Ships;

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—The official Messenger gazettes the appointment of General Kuropatkin to the command of the naval as well as the land forces in the Far East. The announcement is well received. The Russ calls it a well earned reward and says that though unexpected it will be accepted with confidence in all quarters.

Alexieff's Farewell.

Harbin, Oct. 28.—Viceroy Alexieff to-day issued his farewell order of the day. It is as follows; "In execution of His Majesty's order, I am leaving for St. Petersburg. I thank all the officers of the Pacific fleet most heartily for their self sacrificing work at sea during the last ten months, which in the matter of destroying the enemy's mines has been attended with grave danger. I consider it my duty to thank particularly the seamen at Port Arthur, who while showing great fighting powers have worked harmiously and zealously in conjunction with the gallant soldiers in the fortress, and with their guns, their valor and their knowledge, have helped in the heroic defense of the fortress against the advance of a self-willed, stubborn enemy."

At Port Arthur.

Shanghai, Oct. 28.—A private letter from Port Arthur dated October 21, received here today says; "General Stoessel wired the Russian emperor and court recently; I now bid you all good-bye forever. Port Arthur is my grave. General Stoessel has instilled the garrison of the beleagured fortress with the spirit that to court a glorious death is preferable to capitulation. 'The Japanese shells are inflicting great damage to the Russian fleet in the harbor and to the fortifications.

The arsenal with its contents of ammunition and small arms has been destroyed, and preparations are being made for the last deadly struggle at close quarters. The water supply having been cut off, wells are being sunk. Provisions are scarce. Only tinned meats are left. The soldiers hold gala feasts on horses killed men by the shells.

"Certain troops included in the garrison have to be closely watched at present, for fear of desertion or treachery. The field and naval hospitals are crowded and hygienic conditions are becoming desperate.

The bombardment at times is so incessant that it is impossible to bury the dead to any depth. Over one half of the original garrison is dead, wounded or sick.

"The high angle at which their artillery fire is directed by the Japanese has practically destroyed the new town."

"When the fleet attempted to break through the blockade some time ago, the garrison was to have made a desperate sortie and inflict as much damage as possible and if necessary to capitulate. The failure of the fleet to escape frustrated the plan.

"The besiegers are pressing closer daily and it is hard to say how long we can hold out. When the end comes there will be a desperate fight and surprise. Thousands of the enemy will punish, as everything is mined."

This letter was entrusted to a native boatman who ran the blockade and mailed it at Che Foo. The recipient is a prominent continental business man of this city with a branch house at Port Arthur.

Che Foo, Oct. 28.—5 p. m.—Japanese at Dalny reports the continued arrival of huge siege guns. A junk from Port Arthur carried 11 Chinese who left there on Oct. 19, on account of the costliness of food arrived here today. They say several of the Russian warships have been struck by dropping shells, but none have been sunk. They estimate the able-bodied soldiers there now at 10,000, saying that a smaller force would be insufficient to garrison the various positions. Scarcely a night passes without small engagements over minor positions and artillery fire is exchanged daily. Last winter's uniforms are being worn by the soldiers who are now mostly supplied with Chinese dress.

Desperate Attack.

Tokio, Oct. 28.—6.30 p. m.—It is reported that the Japanese opened a desperate attack on western forts of the Keekwan group, north of Port Arthur, during the morning of Oct. 26, and silenced the Russian batteries. A shell exploded the Russian magazines. Simultaneously the Japanese attacked the forts on Rihlung Hill and Sungpohowin Mountain, silenced the Russian batteries and stormed and occupied the forts in front of these mountains. On the night of Oct. 26, there was a conflagration in old Port Arthur, and Oct. 27 a shell hit the Russian battleship Sevastopol, and two Russian steamers were sunk. Official confirmation of the above is lacking, but the reports are believed to be true.

MAY AGREE TO ARBITRATION.

Today's Reports From London and St. Petersburg are of a More Pacific Character, But the British Fleet is Ready for Trouble---The Russians Still Waiting for Fuller Particulars.

London, Oct. 28:—Admiralty orders have reached Portsmouth to stop the leave of all officers and men, and directions to the torpedo boat flotilla to be kept in readiness to proceed wherever expected.

Paris, Oct. 28.—Great Britain has offered to submit the Russo-British complications to an international commission, and there is every reason to believe that Russia will accept this arrangement.

London, Oct 28.—At Hull, where the simplicity of the funeral rites over the bodies of the victims was in strong contrast to the deep feeling displayed by the enormous concourse of public mourners, Admiral Rojestvensky's statements are dismissed as absolutely inaccurate and unworthy of the slightest consideration. The fishermen are emphatic in declaring that it can be proved beyond doubt that there is no Japanese torpedo boats in the vicinity of Dogger Bank. Further, they point out that the Baltic squadron was thirty miles out of its proper course, with the result that the vessels steamed into the midst of the trawlers; and this is the only foundation, they assert, for the allegation that the transport Anatol was surrounded by unknown vessels.

Berlin, Oct. 28.—A despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger dated Geestemunde, Oct. 27, 11:55 p. m., says:—"The fishing vessel Senntag, which arrived here to-day, reported that it had been fired upon for two and a half hours off Dogger Bank, but was not hit."

Madrid, Oct. 27.—M. Schovitch, the Russian Ambassador to Spain and Foreign Minister San Pedro had a long conference 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 complete.

Vigo, Oct. 27.—The Spanish authorities have now given permission for the Russian squadron to coal limiting each vessel to 400 tons. The squadron will sail at daybreak, its alleged destination being Tangiar.

Berlin, Oct. 27.—6:21 p. m.—Six more colliers have been chartered at Hensburg to transport coal for the use of the Russian second Pacific squadron.

Gibraltar, Oct. 28.—The British cruisers Lancaster, Suffolk, Hermes, Doris, Endymion and Theseus sailed to the westward this morning. The Hermes is bound for Vigo.

Vigo, Spain, Oct. 28:—Admiral Rojestvensky has given orders to the Russian squadron to prepare to sail for Tangier.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—By order of Emperor Nicholas, the cruisers, Smolensk and St. Petersburg have been commissioned as cruisers in the active fleet and re-christened the Rion and Dnieper.

London, Oct. 28.—The widespread interest in today's cabinet was evidenced by the early assembling this morning of crowds in Downing street. These gatherings soon became so thick that the police were obliged to disperse them into the neighboring Whitehall District. Premier Balfour was early at work attending to his correspondence and receiving visitors, among whom was Lord Rothschild.

London, Oct. 28.—The first division of the home fleet left the Firth of Forth this morning and is expected to arrive at Isle of Portland tomorrow.

London, Oct. 28.—1.07 p. m.—A statement has just been issued by the Russian embassy as follows:

"We are in constant communication with the British government. As a result of these communications the embassy hopes that there will be a speedy and satisfactory settlement. The whole aspect of the situation has decidedly improved."

The Admiral's Explanation.

London, Oct. 28.—Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's explanation of the attack of his squadron on British trawlers, while it is received with incredulity by the people and press of Great Britain, has probably turned the current of Diplomatic negotiations into a new channel. The British foreign office is in courtesy obliged to accord an investigation into circumstances, narrated by the Russian admiral, reinforced as it is by the testimony of subordinate officers of the squadron, and by the report of the Danish Minister of Marine, communicated to the Russian Government that vessels were known to have been chartered at Hull and in Sweden, by the Japanese government, for the purpose of attacking the Baltic fleet during its passage of the North Sea and English Channel. There are on the one side stories of Russian ships firing upon vessels of several neutral nations, and on the other of incidents tending to establish Admiral Rojestvensky's, report that there were armed hostile vessels in the vicinity, at least, of the Hull fishing fleet. Pending developments in diplomatic exchanges, the British Admiralty is showing the utmost activity in bringing fleets within the course of the Russian squadron. The Russian ships at Vigo, Spain, it is promised, will depart as soon as necessary repairs are completed. France and Germany may be regarded as throwing the weight of their influence in the scale for a peaceful conclusion of the controversy.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28:—2.45 p. m.:—Orders have been telegraphed to Vice-admiral Rojestvensky to detain at Vigo all the warships which took part in the North Sea incident.

London, Oct. 1.34 p. m.:—Orders have been issued and acknowledged by Vice-admiral Rojestvensky that the Russian squadron remain at Vigo until the conclusion of the present Russo-British negotiations. This eliminates what was regarded here as one of the most dangerous features of the situation, namely the possibility of a premature clash between the British and Russian squadrons.

Another Conference.

London, Oct. 28.—Russian Ambassador Benkendorff paid another visit this morning to Foreign Secretary Lansdowne at the latter's private residence. The ambassador conveyed to the minister further despatches from the Russian government. The earliness of the call is accounted for by the necessity for placing the foreign minister in possession of the latest views from the government at St. Petersburg regarding the North Sea incident, so that Lord Lansdowne would be in a position to communicate to his colleagues at the cabinet meeting to-day the fullest details regarding the negotiations up to date. The ambassador's stay did not last more than half an hour. Ambassador Cambon again was present, and remained at Lord Lansdowne's a few minutes after the departure of Count Benckendorff.

There are evidences of increasing belief among well informed persons that the dispute between Russia and Great Britain will not lead to serious complications, and that an amicable settlement will be reached. Russia, so far as is known, is showing every disposition to meet the British views, and it is conceded that the delay in replying to the British demands is readily explainable on the ground that the Russian government naturally desires to be placed in possession from its own sources of all details connected with the occurrence.

Subsequently Mr. Balfaur and Foreign Secretary Lansdowne had a somewhat prolonged conference. They then proceeded to the meeting of the cabinet which was attended by the whole ministry.

London, Oct. 28:—Subsequent to their meeting at Lansdowne House, Ambassadors Benckendoroff and Cambon had a conference at the French embassy, and later the statement was issued by the Russian embassy saying it was in constant communication with the British government, and that the whole aspect of the situation had decidedly improved.

Germany's Attitude.

Berlin, Oct. 28:—1.40 p. m.:—The German government is not disposed to take up the case of the German fishing vessels Honntag, which was fired on October 21 off Horn's Reef by the Russian warships, unless the owners ask for an indemnity. The foreign office although without confirmation of the report does not consider it improbable that the vessel was fired on. Yet, as no damage was done, and as no complaint was lodged by her owner, Germany will avoid becoming involved in the Russo-British controversy. Persons having close relations with the foreign office, still believe that it will be amicably settled. They regard the assemblage of the British fleet as designed for use only at the last extremity. It is believed Great Britain will allow Russia time to find a way out of the present situation in a manner satisfactory to Great Britain.

A False Report.

London. Oct. 28.—The London agents here of the Norwegian steamer Skaatol, say that the statement cabled from Copenhagen last night, that the vessel was fired upon by a Russian warship on Sunday is incorrect. The Skaatol passed the Russian squadron off Dover, but there was no firing or other molestation.

Not Conciliatory.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—The morning papers today print vice admiral Rojestvensky's report of the North Sea incident, which extensive comments, the tone of which does not mean conciliation. The Russian admiral's report is accepted without reservation as the true explanation of the happenings at Dogger Bank, and stress is laid upon the concurrence of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's report, that he was attacked by torpedo boats with the declaration of the fishermen that torpedo boats of which the Russian fleet had none, running close to the trawlers, before heading for the vessels of the Russian squadron. Attention is called also to the statement by the fishermen that a vessel remained six hours at the scene of the disaster, while Vice Admiral Rojestvensky reports that the whole Russian squadron proceeded to the southward.

While it is the general disposition to throw the blame for all the loss of life upon the Japanese, some people do not hesitate to say that it is Great Britain's private affair.

TO GUARD FRONTIER.

Lord Kitchener's Plans For Distribution of Indian Army Will Work Many Changes.

Simla, Oct. 28.—An army order is on the point of being issued giving effect to Lord Kitchener's scheme of distribution of the Indian forces. This plan will enable a better training for war conditions and the result will be a greater concentration in the north and northwest provinces. Central and Southern India will be by no means denuded of troops but the post of Lieut. General of the Madras army will be abolished.

WAS SUNK IN COLLISION

But All the Passengers Were Taken Off in Safety.

Seattle, Wn., Oct. 28.—The steamer Mainlander of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company fleet is at the bottom of Puget Sound, four miles north of Seattle as the result of a collision with the powerful tug Sea Lion. No lives were lost despite the fact that the Mainlander had 16 passengers and a crew of thirty. The tug was but little injured and took the passengers and crew off the sinking steamer, within twenty minutes after the collision, the Mainlander went to the bottom. A dense fog prevailed. The Mainlander was valued at $100,000 and was heavily insured.

CHAMPION McCULLOCH,

The Great Skater and Athlete Seriously Injured Yesterday.

Winnipeg, Oct. 28: — (Special)—John McCulloch, the ex-champion skater and athlete, met with a very serious injury yesterday. He was in the act of starting an automobile, and the crank stuck on the pin after the machinery was in motion. The crank revolved with great velocity, striking McCulloch in the lower part of the abdomen with such force that he was thrown fully ten feet.

SHIELDS IS DEAD.

The Famous Manager of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company.

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Oct. 28.—Cornelius Shields general manager of the Consolidated Lake Superior corporation died suddenly early today from heart failure.

THOUGHT IT OUT WHEN IT BLEW UP.

Peculiar Accident at Victoria Beach, Near Digby, Yesterday.

Digby, Oct. 28.—(Special).—Joseph Everett, while splitting fire wood, with explosives, at Victoria Beach, yesterday, thought his fuse had gone out, and when he returned to relight it, an explosion occurred, knocking him unconscious and badly injuring his face. A Digby physician was called. Mr. Everett is resting quite easy this morning.

TROOPS ARRIVE AT HALIFAX.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 28:—(Special)—The Allan liner Buenos Ayrian arrived here today from Liverpool and St. John's. She brought 229 rank and file of Royal Garrison Artillery and Royal Engineers. One hundred of these men, leave tomorrow for Esquimalt, B. C. The C. P. R. has two military transport cars here for them, and cars will be attached to the Montreal express, as far as Monsreal. Patterson of the Montreal office of the C. P. R., will accompany the party to the Pacific.

TRINITY TO PLAY

A foot-ball match between the Trinity and Carleton teams will take place tomorrow afternoon. The game will start at 3.45 C. H. R. Cocq will referee. The line up will be as follows:

Trinity,	Carleton.
Full.	
Titus	Stubbs
Halves.	
Mowatt	Burpee
Harrison	Paisley
Everette	Howe
Woodrow	Crothers
Quarters.	
Sandal	Thorne
Forwards.	
Simms	Watters
Bennett	Galbraith
Whittaker	Roberts
McKinnon	Scovil
H. Titus	H. Pike
Roots	J. Pike
Palmer	Roxborough
Doig	Ring

"Pardon me, but did you see a dachshund near here?"

"Yes."

"Where was he?"

"Partly on Euclid avenue and partly on Erie street."—(Cleveland Plain Dealer.

GOVERNMENT CLAIMS THREE.

It is Said in Ottawa that the Government has Three Seats Without a Contest--Latest Reports Indicate Opposition Success in this Province---Emmerson's Chances Are Growing Less and Less.

"Emmerson has the fight of his life," said a well known Monctonian who was in the city today. "He is up against it, and he knows it. I will be frank, this will be one of the most hotly contested political battles ever witnessed in Westmorland. That county is naturally conservative. It was represented for many years in the federal parliament by Hon. Josiah Wood, now senator, and subsequently by H. A. Powell, K. C. the present conservative nominee. Powell was defeated by Emmerson in 1900; but how was he defeated? Emmerson, prior to his appearance in the federal field on that occasion, was premier of New Brunswick. He represented the county of Albert, why did he not run for that county in the federal interests of his party? The answer to this is uncalled for. A dead set had been made on Westmorland. It had to be redeemed at any price and the price was certainly heavy. The county was flooded with the latest and most up-to-date bills and they were two dollar ones at that.

"Now Emmerson sees that he is placed at a great disadvantage. Many of his friends are not taking the active part they did in the past, and others who have supported his party in times gone by are opposed to him.'

"I know what I am talking about, and I predict that Emmerson will have the chase of his life, and that chase in my opinion and in the opinion of many throughout Westmorland, will sink him into political oblivion.

"Just watch the I. C. R. vote in Moncton, some three weeks ago Mr. Emmerson made an official call on the clerks of the general offices. He was accompanied by Mr. Pottinger, I. C. R. general manager, and introduced to the various clerks. It was simply an official visit. Mr. Emmerson, who would not trouble himself about the humble clerks a year before an election, condescended to officially visit them and give them the glad hand. It is surprising, to say the least, how the mighty have fallen.

"Emmerson's course will receive its just reward at the hands of the I. C. R. men, and when they cast their vote on Nov. 3rd, the great majority of liberals will be counted out in favor of Powell. The I. C. R. men are of the calibre that cannot be bought. They will exercise their franchise in the interests of good government, and repudiate the vacilating and unfair tactics of the present administration."

Tue Labor Men Oppose G. T. P.

C. A. Stevens, the well known labor leader of St. John was interviewed this morning by a Times reporter as to the stand of the labor organizations in the approaching elections.

"Will," replied Mr. Stevens, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada is emphatically opposed to the G. T. P. scheme. If it is a necessity to build the road we believe that the government should build it, and the Trades and Labor congress has publicly declared their opinion as in favor of government ownership of public utilities. Resolutions adopted by trades and labor congress at different points throughout Canada were sent to Hon. A. G. Blair, when he was minister of railways, protesting against this G. T. P. scheme, and I can assure you that our views have not changed in the least.

"Mr. Flett president of the Trades and Labor Congress, spoke last month at Montreal against this proposed scheme and denounced it. He declared that if the road was constructed it should be under government ownership.

"Another policy of the government to which the trades and labor congress is opposed is that of immigration. The idea of the scum of Europe being deposited in Canada is most objectionable. The steamship companies are doing it and are interfering with the rights of the Canadian laboring man.

"It is the intention of the trades and labor congress to send a representative to Europe to point out how the people have been misled by the steamship companies.

Will be Straight Fight.

St. Thomas, Oct. 28.—(Special.)—There will not be a three cornered contest in West Elgin after all. At the nomination in Dutton yesterday, Peter Stewart, of St. Thomas, was nominated as a reform candidate. William Jackson as conservative, and Jabel Robinson as independent. In his speech afterwards, Jabel Robinson announced that he would withdraw from the field. He said he clearly saw that he was going to be turned down, and that the vote was going to be on straight party lines. He was independent and proposed remaining always independent. He had no use whatever for either party.

Will All Be Fought.

Montreal, Oct. 28.—As a result of yesterday's nominations not a seat in the dominion will go uncontested for the next parliament. Conservatives have put up candidates in every constituency but one, Chicoutimi-Saguenay, where E. Savard, the government candidate, and J. Girard, independent liberal, will fight it out.

Rogers for Cumberland

"That Cumberland will elect Rogers, is beyond a doubt," said a well known commercial traveller who returned from a business trip to that country to a Times' reporter today.

"There is a general uprising aagainst Logan. The confidence that was placed in him, during the past has been disabused. He made promise after promise, and carried out to the letter the old adage that 'promises are made to be broken.'

"Logan this time will have a foeman worthy of his steel. Rogers is very popular throughout the county, and the manner in which he has exposed the insincerity and broken pledge of Logan has been very effective.

"You can safely mark Cumberland down as returning Rogers, the conservative candidate."

Three Seats Already Won.

Ottawa, Oct. 28—(Special)—One liberal, so far, has been practically returned by acclamation. This is in Berthier, Quebec. Telesphore Michaud the conservative candidate, is the postmaster and has not resigned so he cannot take his seat even if he does run. Chapter 11, section 9, sub-section A of the revised statues of Canada 1886 reads as follows:

"No person accepting or holding any office, commission, or employment permanent or temporary in the service of the government of Canada at the nomination of the crown, or at the nomination of any of the officers of the Government of Canada to which any salary, fee, wages, allowance, emolument or profit of any kind is attached shall be eligible as a member of the house of commons or shall sit or vote therein.

Maurice Shaver, the liberal candidate in Russell county, is in the same position, he is postmaster at South Indian and is not qualified to run. In Quebec east, Dr. Fiset of the inland revenue office was nominated against Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He has forwarded his resignation and its receipt has been acknowledged, but as it has not been accepted by order in council he is not qualified under the law. Sir Wilfrid has therefore been as good as returned by aeclamation.

Hale for Carleton Co.

A resident of Woodstock N. B. is in the city and today to a Times reporter said that Hale, the conservative candidate, will be elected by a big majority. The G. T. P. scheme is the bone of contention and the policy of the government will receive a most emphatic repudiation at the hands of the electors. The liberal candidate Carvell, will be swamped by the conservative votes.

BREAD WILL COST MORE.

Some Bakers Claim they Have Sold Loaves Below Actual Cost.

Wm. Shaw, the Waterloo street baker, when interviewed this morning as to the reported advance in the price of bread said, "Yes, the bakers have been obliged, on account of the continued increase in the price of flour, to advance the price of bread one cent a loaf. "Of the 36 years I have been in business, the last two or three years have been the least profitable. Wages have been higher, and expenses have increased in every way. We had a large stock of flour on hand, so it did not effect us as much as some others who were not so fortunate. The bakers who have had to buy flour at the advanced price have been selling below actual cost.

"I think some of the newspapers treat us very unfairly at times in criticizing the advance in prices when they don't understand the circumstances."

An inquiry of some of the wholesale flour merchants elicited the fact that flour had advanced $1.00 a bbl. since July, the market is now steady and indications point to firm prices.

In January, the report of wheat crops in Argentine and India might affect the market to some extent.

MAJOR COTES WAS DROWNED.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 28:—(Special)—Major Cotes, of Napinka, was downed in Maple Creek, near Pipestone, while shooting. He served in the Riel rebellion, in the 91st Regiment, and was a member of the Wimbledon team.

FIRE BUG AT WORK.

Four Ocean Steamers and Large Wharves Burned

IN NEW YORK HARBOR

Policeman Lost His Life in Heroic Attempt to Save Others---One Man Injured---Blaze Was of Incendiary Origin.

New York, Oct, 28:—Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, swept over the piers, warehouses and shipping at the Bush terminal company's store, South Brooklyn, early to-day. The loss is estimated at more than $1,000,000. One life that of a policeman, is known to have been lost and more dead may be found later. A fireman was badly injured.

Four fine ocean going steamships were badly damaged and were ablaze from bow to stern, and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of cotton hemp and general cargo were partly destroyed. After a battle of more than three hours by the entire Brooklyn department, the flames were pronounced under control. At first the firemen could make no headway. Fanned by a strong breeze, the smoke from the burning hemp prevented the men from approaching one section of the fire, while the blaze in the burning cotton and in the holds of the steamships could not be effaced by the water.

The known dead are; Policeman Patrick Cushing of Brooklyn, caught at the end of a pier.

Injured; Benjamin Walsh, fireman, skull fractured in a fall down a hatchway. Walsh was in the hold of the Citta di Palermo for two hours while the fire on the vessel was all around him.

As to the fate of the crews nothing definite is known.

The vessels were the American Arizonian and Nebraskan of the American and Hiwaaian steamship company and the Citta di Palmero of the Italian line. They were warped tightly to the pier and tugs could not get alongside owing to the intense heat.

That the fire is of incendiary origin is the belief of two private detectives and two watchmen.

Last Tuesday morning, fire in one of the many piers of the company also started mysteriously, and destroyed $50,000 to $75,000 worth of cotton. Much feeling is said to exist between the terminal company and some residents of the neighborhood because the company desires to close certain South Brooklyn streets. After Tuesday's fire, the company employed private detectives. Shortly before midnight, the detectives and watchmen were half way out on Pier 1. Along the pier lay the American Hawaaian ships. Between them were lighters, laden with cotton and hemp. On the pier was ton upon ton of general merchandise, from China and the Pacific. Nearest the men lay the Nebraskan, on the point of sailing for the Pacific. From the lighter Victor, according to the men, almost on the stroke of midnight, came a shaft of fire which shot between them and the end of the pier, and, almost simultaneously between them and the shore, came another bolt. In an instant, the men declare, the flames had spread, apparently, in every direction. Escape was cut off, and, after giving the alarm, the watchmen jumped into the water from which they were pulled soon afterwards, by the firemen.

The spread of fire was described to be astonishing. In ten minutes the long pier was blazing from end to end and the flames had caught the Nebraskan. The calls of the men aboard, were heard, but they could not be reached from land, for the flames arching over the high steamships fell upon the lighter Adelaide and over the pier. Its course was quick and once inside the flames could not be reached by water. It was then that steps were taken to save the rest of the piers with millions of dollars worth of shipping and cargo.

The great iron sides of the Palermo acted as a guardian wall to the flames and prevented their spread The steamship was at once abandoned to her fate. It was impossible for the firemen to approach the burning ships. Policeman Cushing lost his life. It is believed, when he made a reckless dash through the flames out to the pier to give alarm to any person who might be aboard the ships. The fire cut off his return and a moment later a piece of the roof fell over the spot. An unknown fireman caught in the same manner jumped into the water. His fate is unknown.

The damaged vessels were all new, except the Citta di Palermo of the Italian line. The burned piers were the largest in New York harbor.

THE NEWS OF FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 28.—Frank Good of Kingsclear, who is under arrest here charged with stabbing Paul Beautaugh, was further remanded by Col. Marsh this morning until Tuesday next. Beautaugh has recovered from his injuries and was present in court this morning.

J. D. Hazen, who has been campaigning for Wilmot in Sunbury, was in city today.