

TORONTO DECLARATION

Full Text of St. Petersburg Declaration

IS SIGNED BY MINISTERS

Responsibility for North Sea Incident to Be Fixed.

FIVE MEMBERS OF COMMISSION

English, Russian, French and American Naval Officers Will Agree on Fifth Member of Their Body

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Picture of Russia's Pacific Squadron.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—The Navy Department at Washington will receive this week large photographs of the larger ships of the Russian second Pacific squadron, the first sent out after the removal of the censorship, which was maintained prior to the departure of the last ship.

Morals in Foreign Navies.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—Rear-Admiral C. W. Watson, U. S. N., retired, has left Paris for Rome to continue his assignment to report the physical and moral conditions of the enlisted men of the British, German and French navies.

AGREE ON AMPLE SUPPLIES.

Japan Political Parties Differ on Taxation Scheme.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN.

TOKIO, Nov. 28.—Two principal political parties have issued manifestos unanimously declaring in favor of ample supplies to carry on the war to the end.

JAPAN WORKS AS A UNIT.

Premier Katsura Tells of the National Spirit of His Countrymen.

TOKIO, Nov. 27.—Discussing the war and the domestic, financial and political conditions of Japan on the eve of the assembling of the Diet by the correspondents of the Associated Press today, Premier Katsura said:

PROVIDED FOR FLEXIBILITY.

Union Seminary Has Not Discarded the Confession of Faith.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The givers of the \$40,000 to the Union Theological Seminary, following an announcement of its attitude toward the Westminster confession of faith, are Morris K. Jessup and the widow of William Earl Dodge. Mrs. Dodge has pledged \$10,000 for the establishment of a chair for applied Christianity, while Mr. Jessup, who is a director of the seminary, has given a like sum for the design and the Westminster confession of faith in any particular. The seminary, he said, had been simply provided for greater flexibility in the matter of teaching.

DEWEY MAY BE SENT.

United States Government Has Not Been Officially Informed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Gratified by the spirit which has animated the contracting parties in agreeing to intrust to a commission the ascertainment of the questions of fact connected with the North Sea incident, the United States Government will cordially co-operate in the naming of the commission by the designation of its high naval officers as a member of that body. The outcome is especially pleasing to the Administration, following as it does so closely on President Roosevelt's invitation in the powers of the world for a second Hague conference.

WARNING TO BRITISH COLLIERIES

Lord Lansdowne Says They Become Store Ships of Fleet.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—Foreign Minister Lansdowne has written a letter to the Chamber of Shipping, Chamber of Commerce and other similar bodies giving further warning with reference to British colliers and the Russian Baltic squadron, explaining that British owners chartering vessels for such purposes as following the Russian fleet with coal and supplies might render themselves liable to proceedings under the foreign enlistment act.

THEMSELVES LIABLE TO PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE FOREIGN ENLISTMENT ACT.

Lord Lansdowne refers to the fact that a similar question arose during the Franco-German war, when Mr. Gladstone laid down the principle that such colliers would in all intents and purposes become store ships to the fleet.

"Therefore," concludes Lord Lansdowne, "although neutral traders may trade in contraband at the risk of capture, they should bear in mind the condition of the English law."

Lord Lansdowne, in response to the requests of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce for further information on the question of contraband, states that communications on the subject are still possible between the British and Russian governments and that he is not yet able to add materially to his earlier statement.

Morning Post is Sarcastic.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Regret is expressed in the London morning newspapers that there is no provision in the Anglo-Russian convention for the punishment of those who may be found responsible for the "Bigger East" affair, and the Morning Post sarcastically declares that Great Britain has created a precedent for permitting foreign navies to fire on British vessels with virtual impunity.

Lord Lansdowne's warning to coal shippers is universally approved by the newspapers, some declaring that the letter has been issued none too soon.

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This statement, it can be seen, is a firm believer in the principal of autocracy as the best system of government, for the realization of the dreams of the Slav race and who believes in the destiny of the most populous nation and vastest empire in the world; but he has himself, in fact, favored a liberal policy and is too practical-minded not to appreciate the factors which threaten the present regime. Still, he does not believe that anything like a crisis now confronts the government. In his opinion everything depends on the attitude of the Zernstov representatives. The action of the Zernstov representatives is a symptom of the disease from which Russia suffers, but these few men have not necessarily met to discuss the future of the empire or to offer the true remedy. There is in no sense the verdict of the people, but only the opinion of a class.

The real representatives of the Russian people, could they assemble and could they argue, would probably enunciate a programme quite as repugnant to the Zernstov as the supporters of the emperor.

The men who assembled here last week do not propose true representative government. They would really substitute the rule of class autocracy to imperial authority. The Russian peasant, who represents four-fifths of the population, with his inborn sense of devotion to the Emperor, would doubtless prefer the latter to the former.

The Emperor, a Minister, and working for the good of the country, I should prefer to obey the mandates of the Emperor to those of a bogus parliament professing to speak in the name of the people. If Zernstov-elected representatives should sit in the councils of the empire, they would be equally as spurious as representatives of the people. Neither the country nor the people are prepared for true representative government. Anarchy would take the place of government, and the empire would crumble to pieces.

"So far as the programme of the Zernstov is concerned I am sure neither the Emperor nor the government believe in it; but that does not mean that international peace will be secured by Von Plehve, in my opinion, can never return. Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky is a courageous, sincere man, and stands for a broad and liberal policy, but a constitution now is out of the question.

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Taft is a Panama

Cruiser Columbia Lands the Party at Colon.

TELLS PURPOSE OF MISSION

President Amador Assured That the United States' Only Desire is to Build the Canal Across the Isthmus of Panama.

PANAMA, Nov. 27.—Secretary of War Taft and party arrived at Colon this morning on board the United States cruiser Columbia. Mr. Taft was received on shore by Vice-President Arcemena and other Panama officials, General Davis, commander of the canal zone, and Minister Barrett. After a conference with the American and Congressional delegations, Mr. Taft went by a special train to Panama, where he was officially received by a committee and quartered at the residence of Mr. Wallace, chief engineer in charge of construction of the Panama Canal. He was received by President Amador and the Panama Cabinet at 4 o'clock this afternoon. After greetings had been exchanged, Mr. Taft said:

"It is a pleasure to bring the greetings of the President of the United States and to congratulate Panama upon the auspicious beginning of a long and prosperous life-in fact, a life that is to be a personal one and one in which the President and people of the United States are most willing assistants. The United States has no intention in the isthmus other than to build the canal for the benefit of Panama, the United States and mankind. There is no desire to exercise further power."

"I will, in the next few days, confer on these matters about which discussion has arisen and hope to reach a solution full of honor to both countries."

"I have the great honor to present the personal greetings of President Roosevelt and expressions of profound good will."

President Amador in reply said:

"Your arrival in Panama, and the purpose that brings you, is the highest honor this republic has received since it was born. The government and people will know how to appreciate the new proof of sympathy with which the United States has desired once more to distinguish us."

President Amador later in the day returned Secretary Taft's official call. The first conference between Secretary Taft and President Amador will take place at the governmental house tomorrow.

Prosperity During War Times.

"I confess that the results have exceeded our expectations. They are explained by the fact that our people maintain a calm attitude and diligently continue to work and believe in the future. Our habits have been maintained and no productive energy has been sacrificed."

"Our crops this year exceed their average value by \$200,000. Our foreign exchange value by \$200,000. Our foreign trade shows an improvement over that of 1903 and I expect it will reach a total of \$500,000,000. The prices of commodities have been slightly increased, but remain financial and economic conditions remain unaffected. This has probably surprised our enemy, for it exceeds our own expectations."

"The war has doubled our own energies, working diligently, living frugally and going forward in this war unhesitatingly."

Few Prisoners Have Died.

SPECIAL CABLE TO THE LONDON TIMES AND PORTLAND OREGONIAN.

TOKIO, Nov. 28.—Two Russian sailors were buried at Nagasaki on November 21. They made a total of five who have died in the last 100 days. The others were from the Rurik. All others have recovered.

The French Consul, speaking at the funeral ceremony, said that the conduct of the Japanese in respect of the dead was a credit to their civilization and that their kindness and skill will constitute a bright page in the history of humanity.

Japanese Diet Assembles.

TOKIO, Nov. 28 (noon).—The Diet assembled today, made sectional allotments and selected sectional chiefs. The members informed the Cabinet that the Diet was organized and adjourned. The Emperor will deliver the opening address tomorrow with the reading of the address from the throne.

FORGERS OF NOBILITY PATENTS

Said to Be at Bottom of Brutal Murders in Caucasus.

KUTAIS, Trans-Caucasia, Nov. 27.—A sensational story of lawlessness in the Caucasus has just been brought to light by a brutal murder in the center of the town in daylight of the chief witness against a band of expert forgers who were discovered five years ago forging patents of nobility alleged to have been issued by a former King of Georgia formerly reigning principally of Caucasus, Georgia. The band included many high officials, who sold the titles of nobility.

The leaders were imprisoned by the Governor and a Judge, both of whom died suddenly, and the leader of the forgers were then discovered to be at large. One of those, who disappeared and who it was alleged drowned himself in the Black Sea, has been found alive.

TISZA USES STRONG TERMS.

Necessity of Reform in Hungarian Parliamentary Procedure.

BUDA-PEST, Nov. 27.—Count Tisza, the Hungarian Premier, speaking at a banquet given by the Inzerstadt Club, welcomed the recent statements of Count Andrássy and ex-Premier Szell, as acknowledging the necessity for reform in parliamentary procedure in order to fight obstruction. Count Tisza said:

"What is to happen if a handful of obstructionists oppose a revision of our laws? We must either disregard certain technicalities of procedure or fold our hands idly and let parliamentarism drift into an anarchical condition. I find it inconceivable that a single man can be found in the country who would not take arms against the monster of obstruction. On this point I am a fanatic, and I will see the light through to the end."

SULTAN GREATLY ALARMED.

Quick Suppression of Bulgarian Movement is Ordered.

SALONICA, European Turkey, Nov. 27.—The Bulgarian revolutionary movement has recently assumed such alarming proportions that the Sultan is sending Nazir Paasha to Salonica as special envoy with instructions to take all the measures necessary to suppress the Bulgarian movement by the quietest possible methods. Ten battalions from Albania are expected here soon and the Redifs will be probably mobilized in order to