

SAW NO JAPANESE

Hull Fishermen Tell of North Sea Incident.

RUSSIANS OUT OF COURSE

Strange Steamer Seen, but No Japanese Vessels—No Japanese on Board Fishing-Boats, and No Torpedoes Fired.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The International Commission to inquire into the North Sea incident began hearing witnesses today, meeting was attended by a score of seamen and fishermen from Hull.

The first witness was Captain Wood, of the steamer Zoro, plying between Hull and Copenhagen.

Question—Were the warships following the course habitually taken?

Answer—No. They were to the west and not in the normal course, proceeding at about 12 knots.

He did not see any other warships during the voyage.

Vice-Admiral Doubassoff cross-examined the witness and asked what distance the squadrons were outside the usual course.

Strange Steamer Seen. Captain Wood further testified that he saw a strange steamer during the afternoon.

He appeared to belong to a trans-Atlantic line, and had two masts and one funnel.

No Japanese on Board. "Were any Japanese on board?"

"I never heard them spoken of, and never heard a reference to any Japanese warships being in the neighborhood."

Counsel for Russia cross-examined the witness for the purpose of bringing out, if possible, the resemblance of a trawler to a torpedo-boat.

"Is it possible to confound a torpedo-boat with a trawler without sails?"

"No, that is impossible."

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OIL ON THE WAVES

sumption of Tuesday night's rioting with bloodshed, some 30 persons being wounded. If a general movement breaks out among the Finns, it is likely to take the form of an armed uprising, as almost every Finn has a weapon in his house.

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If you want to take advantage of our big reduction price this month, you haven't any time to lose.

These Are Very Special! 75c to \$1 Madras, this week at... \$.50

Scotch Lace Curtains. The \$2.00 quality, this week at... \$ 1.75

Tapestries at Half Price. The \$1.00 Tapestry Goods, this week... \$.50

Allen & Gilbert-Ramaker Co.

Sale of Suit Cases, Bags and Belts

INTENDING TRAVELERS will find it to their great pecuniary advantage to look over the many special values this sale offers.

Belts are less. All \$1.50 Belts are... \$ 1.25

MUSIC ROLLS LESS. All \$1.00 Music Rolls are... \$.75

POCKETBOOKS LESS. All \$1.00 Pocketbooks are... \$.75

Handkerchief Sale. If you don't mind buying Handkerchiefs that are a trifle rumpled and tumbled—the laundry will soon put them to rights—you can buy at sharp savings.

Black Taffeta Silks. Arnold-Constable guaranteed to wear Black Taffeta Silks are known throughout the land as the best possible Taffeta.

Women's Tailor-Made Suits Less. Scores of women have taken advantage of the splendid opportunity offered for the buying of high-class apparel at the smallest prices of the year.

G. P. Rummelin & Sons Furriers. 126 2d St., bet. Alder and Wash.

Catarrh. Whether it is of the nose, throat, stomach, bowels, or more delicate organs, catarrh is always debilitating and should never fail of attention.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. Cures all forms of catarrh, radically and permanently—it removes the cause and overcomes all its effects.

MRS. CHADWICK A BANKRUPT. Unable to Get Bail, and Creditors Will Sell Property.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was today formally adjudged a bankrupt in the United States District Court by default.

Chile Will Improve Valparaiso Bay. SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Jan. 25.—Tenders have been asked for the building of freight breakwaters, moles and war-time defenses on Valparaiso Bay to cost \$12,500,000.

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BRITON IS INDIGNANT. Calls Russian Official to Account for Attack on His Country.

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PROTEST AGAINST BUTCHERY. Council of Polytechnic Institute Denounces Firing on Strikers.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 25.—The Council of the Polytechnic Institute today adopted the following:

"One of the members of the family of the Polytechnic Institute of St. Petersburg, the student Savinkin, died a violent death, shot on January 23 in the Alexander Garden.

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