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## REASON FOR ATTACK NOT YET STATED

Report of Admiral Rojstvensky Has Not Yet Been Submitted to the Russian Officials at St. Petersburg.

Confidence Is Expressed That the Affair Will Be Amicably Adjusted.

BRITAIN IS CALM, BUT FIRM

Should Her Demands Not Be Promptly Met by Russia, Ambassador Hardinge Would Be Recalled.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 25.—Admiral Rojstvensky's reasons for firing into the British fishing fleet remain as great a mystery as ever. Again at midnight the admiralty announced that the admiral's report has not been received.

Meantime, without waiting for the Russian version of the affair, Emperor Nicholas, through Ambassador Hardinge, sent King Edward a message conveying an expression of profound regret for the affair, coupled with the assurance that the families of the victims would receive the fullest reparation.

The British government also shows moderation in a note which Ambassador Hardinge presented to Count Lamdorff this afternoon. While it awaits explanation of the act, which it characterizes as unjustifiable, deliberate and inhuman, it makes no threats, fixes no time limit and contains no demands. The language of the note admits of no doubt, however, that when the demands are ultimately presented Great Britain intends to insist upon full compliance at once. It is also considered certain that failure to promptly comply with the demands would be immediately followed by Ambassador Hardinge's recall.

Although some nervousness is perceptible in diplomatic circles, generally speaking the greatest confidence prevails that the affair will be amicably adjusted.

LUNATIC STEALS ENGINE.

Rides Around Until Locomotive Is Stalled at Eureka.

Eureka, Cal., Oct. 25.—Roy Raymond, a stranger in Eureka and an apparently demented individual, aged 23, entered the roundhouse of the San Francisco & Northwestern railroad at Arcata last night, where he took possession of a locomotive that had some steam in the boiler, and firing up, opened the throttle and ran it through the closed doors of the building.

He continued his mad ride around the bay, through the city of Eureka and only stopped by the engine becoming stalled, after having reached a distance of 12 miles south of this place. When the engine would go no farther he severed the whistle and rang the bell until J. N. Adams, station agent at Salmon Creek, and his assistant, B. H. Still, answered the summons at 2:30 this morning. They found but one man in the cab, who, when asked where he was going, replied, "As far as I can."

They judged they had a lunatic to deal with and humored him until he was induced to leave the cab, when he was placed under restraint.

CHAS. H. MARKHAM RESIGNS.

Southern Pacific Manager to Go to Texas Oil Company.

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—Charles H. Markham, general manager of the Pacific system of the Southern Pacific Company, has resigned his position to accept a similar one with the Texas Oil Company. The retirement will take effect as soon as his successor is named.

CONVENTION HAS ADJOURNED.

Makes Concessions to Foreign Congressmen at Final Session.

Boston, Oct. 25.—The triennial convention of the Episcopal church ended late today with a public service in

Trinity church. Little business of importance was transacted at the final business sessions. The resolution permitting foreign congregations now in communion with the church to use forms of service in their own tongue was adopted. The next convention will be held at Richmond, Va., in 1907.

ARE JUDGES SUPERSTITIOUS?

Only Four of 4977 Oregon Convicts "Got" Thirteen Years.

Salem, Ore., Oct. 25.—Of 4977 prisoners who have "done time" within the walls of the Oregon state penitentiary in the history of the institution, which was established here early in 1871, only four have been committed for a term of 13 years. Strange as this statement may seem, it is shown by a careful search of the prison records. There have been scores of prisoners who have served terms of 12, 14, 12½, 9, 10, 11 and 15 years, and fractions of them, but only the four cases of 13-year sentences can be found upon the prison register.

Of the four who had 13-year sentences, the most notable is David Merrill whose desperate career and its tragical ending at the hands of Outlaw Tracy are well known. The other three convicts who did 13-year sentences were J. V. Hammond, committed for manslaughter, from Baker county in 1886; Edward Well, for larceny and burglary, from Washington county, in 1889; and Virgil Howard, a United States prisoner, for counterfeiting and robbery, committed in 1892. The strange features about these cases, although no particularly sensational ones can be learned in their connection, is that every one of them served his full sentence without pardon or restoration to citizenship.

The general public, which as a rule regards the weakness over "13" with complacent and good-natured indifference, would scarcely imagine that dignified courts would permit such superstition to have any effect when imposing sentence upon convicted criminals. It is possible, however, that the courts, while not sharing in the superstitious belief themselves, appreciate the strong hold it has upon the criminal element, and respect it to the extent of avoiding the number when sentence is imposed.

CAPT. KIRKMAN IRRESPONSIBLE.

Under Arrest for Being Absent From His Post.

New York, Oct. 25.—Captain George W. Kirkman, U. S. A., commander of company I, Twenty-fifth Infantry, stationed at Fort Niobrara, Neb., has been arrested in Brooklyn and taken to Governor's Island, where he is now a prisoner under guard, charged by the military authorities with being absent from his post without leave. Other charges also are said to be pending.

Captain Kirkman is said to have talked in a rambling way when taken prisoner. His physical condition was wretched and recent events with which he had been familiar seemed to have been erased from his mind.

The captain was found at the home of a retired army surgeon. He got into trouble in 1900 for alleged annoyance to Archbishop Caples on a steamship from San Francisco to Manila. By an act of congress he was reinstated several months later and in October, 1901, he was assigned to his present command.

CORNELIUS VAN COTT DEAD.

New York's Postmaster Succumbs Suddenly to Heart Failure.

New York, Oct. 25.—Cornelius Van Cott, postmaster of New York city, died suddenly this afternoon of heart failure, following an attack of acute nervous indigestion.

He was taken ill yesterday afternoon at his office in the federal building. Today Van Cott showed so much improvement that at noon his physicians were confident of his recovery, unless he suffered a stroke of apoplexy. However, the patient had a sinking spell and died at 3:25 o'clock of heart failure. He was 67 years of age.

PARKER DINES AT NEW YORK.

Dinner Was Informal and Politics Was Not Discussed.

New York, Oct. 25.—Judge Parker was the guest of honor at a dinner given tonight by Edward S. Rapallo at the University Club. The guests were all New York city lawyers. The dinner was entirely informal and politics was eschewed.

## CZAR CABLES REGRET FOR DOGGER BANK BLUNDER TO KING EDWARD OF BRITAIN

Nicholas Intimates Russia Will Make Immediate and Effectual Reparation for Unfortunate Affair.

Public Is Aroused Over Attack on Fishing Fleet, but No Further Demonstrations Have Occurred—British Correspondent Investigates and Declares It Outrage on Part of Drunken Russian Officers.

London, Oct. 25.—The inevitable delays in the diplomatic procedure has appeared to retard complete and satisfactory settlement of the acute differences between Great Britain and Russia arising from the deplorable North sea affair. King Edward received from Emperor Nicholas a cablegram expressing regret and practically acknowledging that Great Britain's peremptory note will meet with a reply conceding every demand for apology for the aggression against the British flag, compensation for the sufferers and punishment of the officers responsible for what everywhere is conceded to have been a gigantic blunder, and the Russian ambassador expressed to Lord Lansdowne his sorrow and sympathy.

These developments, which came late in the day, allayed to some extent the deep resentment in the public mind.

The admiralty today issued the following statement:

"On receipt, October 24, of the news of the North sea tragedy, preliminary orders of mutual support and co-operation were issued as a measure of precaution from the admiralty to the channel, Mediterranean and home fleets."

Late this evening the foreign office announced that no further statement would be issued tonight. It is understood the bureau considered it unwise, in the present state of public feeling, to make any immediate statement concerning the diplomatic proceedings, in view of Great Britain's announcement to Russia that the matter would not brook delay. While Great Britain is stirred to its depths, there was not the slightest evidence of repetition of the rowdiness of last night, which is condemned on all sides. Popular appreciation of the situation, however, was evidenced when King Edward appeared in public today. He was greeted with more than usual enthusiasm.

The speaking of members of the cabinet and house commenced today in

different parts of the country, and they voice the sentiment of Great Britain. Lord Lansdowne at the Pilgrim's banquet tonight denounced the Dogger bank affair in most outspoken terms, while a member of the cabinet characterized it as "an inexcusable outrage" and "a terrible blunder, which would be impossible either in the British or American navy."

ATTACK WAS DELIBERATE.

Times' Correspondent Concludes that Drunken Prank Was Played.

London, Oct. 25.—In a dispatch from Hull, the Times' correspondent says that, as a result of his investigations, he is of the opinion that the attack on the British trawlers by the Russian squadron was a deliberate act, perpetrated with knowledge of its character.

The correspondent argues that the fact that the first ships of the squadron steamed calmly by "disposes of the fiction that the Russian officers had an attack of nervousness," and then contends that it is ridiculous to suppose that the Russian men of war, largely manned by Finns, could have mistaken the trawlers for anything but fishing boats.

Finally, the correspondent contends, "the whole affair is compatible with the idea of a drunken commander yielding to the temptation to have a little fun with the British fishermen, who are nothing more than peasants in the eyes of the well-born Russian."

WILL JOIN SQUADRON.

Three Vessels Sail From Russian Ports for Far East.

Cronstadt, Oct. 25.—The Russian cruisers Oleg and Izumrud sailed during the day. They will join the second Pacific squadron.

Cruiser Orel Sails.

Libau, Russia, Oct. 25.—The Russian cruiser Orel sailed today to join the second Pacific squadron.

KUROPATKIN RETAINED.

Czar Designates Him as Commander-in-Chief of Land Forces.

No fighting of any consequence in the vicinity of the Shakh river was reported today. Emperor Nicholas has designated Kuropatkin to command the Russian land forces in the far east. Alexieff has been continued in the office of viceroy.

Decree Published at Harbin.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 25.—Harbin dispatches state that Alexieff published on Monday the imperial decree appointing Kuropatkin commander-in-chief of the land forces in the far east and retaining Alexieff in the post of viceroy.

Struck Floating Mine.

Chefoo, Oct. 25.—The steamer Kashing struck a floating mine north of Aleeste island at midnight Tuesday. Two Chinese were killed and three wounded. The Kashing reached Wei Hai Wei today.

CLEVELAND TO SPEAK AGAIN.

Will Address Mass Meeting at New York City November 2.

New York, Oct. 25.—The announcement was made today that ex-President Cleveland would deliver an address at a mass meeting at Cooper Union, November 2.

It was announced late tonight that Cleveland would appear under the auspices of the German-American Parker Union. The meeting will be presided over by Carl Schurz.

eye. At least 10 shots were exchanged. A small boy saw the shooting and afforded a fair description of the murderer.

Several months ago Gallahan claimed to have caught Fuller in the act of robbing his sluice boxes of gold, and gave him a severe beating. Fuller avowed revenge, swearing, it is said, that he would take Gallahan's life. Several days ago Gallahan noticed that his house had been entered, but that nothing had been taken. His coffee tasted bitter, and suspecting that something was wrong, he took a sample to the authorities, who found strychnine in the coffee and the sugar. Fear of a night attack caused Gallahan to keep his doors barred day and night, entering his house through a window.

The tragedy has caused a sensation in the city.

NO INTEREST IN POLITICS.

Standard Oil Denies Having Assisted in Nominating Candidates.

New York, Oct. 25.—C. T. Dodd, counsel for the Standard Oil Company, has issued a statement that at no time has the Standard Oil Company or any of the constituent companies been interested in any business except the petroleum trade. The statement says it is impossible to designate all the different classes of business coupled with the Standard Oil Company. It specifies, however, copper, steel, banks, railroads and gas (other than natural). Counsel, after stating that individual members of the Standard Oil Company are interested in various enterprises as individuals, says:

"Neither is it true that the Standard Oil Company, John D. Rockefeller, or any other officer of the Standard Oil Company has taken any part in securing the nomination of any candidates for office."

The denial concludes with the assertion that the Standard Oil Company is not engaged in speculation, and the statement that the company only makes this public statement because of the frequency with which it has been made the target for mendacious accusations.

MANY PERSONS ARE HURT.

Seattle Street Car Accident Results in Injury of 30 or 35.

Seattle, Oct. 25.—Between 30 and 35 persons were injured, two perhaps fatally, in a head-on collision on the Seattle & Renton electric railroad in the lower part of the city at 8:30 o'clock this morning. The accident was due partly to a dense fog, but principally, it is believed, because one of the cars moved from the switch before the motorman was certain the proper signal had been given.

EARNINGS NOT SO GREAT.

Steel Trust Statement Shows Remarkable Falling Off.

New York Oct. 25.—The directors of the United States Steel Corporation today declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent on preferred stock.

The statement for the quarter ended September 30 shows the net earnings to have been \$18,750,000. The earnings of the same quarter last year were \$22,400,000.

DORIC'S RICH CARGO.

Treasures of Orient Worth Two and One-half Millions.

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—The Occidental and Oriental steamship Doric has arrived from the orient, bringing 2742 tons of cargo, the principal items being silks and teas, the value of the first being \$1,800,000. The vessel also carried specie to the amount of \$500,000. This makes the Doric's cargo one of the most valuable landed here.

Woman Burned to Death.

La Grande, Or., Oct. 25.—Mrs. John Krow died last evening as the result of a terrible accident a few miles from La Grande yesterday. While cooking feed for the stock her apron caught fire in some way and the flames rapidly spread over the rest of her clothing. She ran to the home of a neighbor close by, where a woman smothered the flames as best she could, but not before Mrs. Krow was fatally burned about the body. She was a woman of middle age and leaves a family.

## ITS FLIGHT NOT ENDED BY MISHAP

Airship Makes Remarkable Trip From St. Louis Fair to Cahokia, Illinois, a Distance of Ten Miles.

Hovers Over the City for a Time, and Then Is Blown to the Illinois Shore.

ACCIDENT OCCURS TO MOTOR

Propellers Rendered Useless, but Control of Airship Is Not Lost by Navigator, Who Lands Safely.

St. Louis, Oct. 25.—Propelled part way by its own power and the remainder of the way by the wind, blowing about 10 miles an hour, the airship Arrow, owned by Thomas S. Baldwin, of San Francisco, and in charge of A. R. Knabenshue, of Toledo, made an unannounced ascension from the aeronautic concourse at the world's fair today and landed near Cahokia, Ill., a distance of nearly 10 miles, after a flight over the exposition grounds. The airship left the residence section of St. Louis far beneath it, and, above the towering office buildings of the business district, Knabenshue maneuvered in circles and against the wind before an accident to his motor rendered the propellers useless and curtailed his command of the ship.

Notwithstanding this, Knabenshue did not lose complete control of the machine, but with the moment of wind was enabled to steer a course that varied several points in each direction from the trend of the wind and land at a point of his own selection.

After he had landed, Knabenshue stated that when he found he could control the movements of the airship even after the motor was useless, he determined to make the test a fair one, and decided to effect a landing on the east side of the Mississippi river.

When the Arrow reached the downtown district her appearance was the signal for the greatest excitement. Practically all business was suspended while the airship passed over the city. Although nearly a mile high, Knabenshue was seen occasionally moving backward and forward on his dangerous standing place, keeping the ship under control and directing its movements.

From the Missouri side he passed to the Illinois shore and brought the airship to the ground about half a mile from Cahokia.

The flight occupied exactly one hour. The motor broke about 15 minutes after the airship left the concourse. Today's flight was not a trial for the world's fair \$100,000 prize.

ENGLISH-AMERICAN PEACE.

Move For Permanent Treaty Providing For Arbitration.

Chicago, Oct. 25.—To bring about the negotiation of a permanent Anglo-American treaty to provide for the settlement of all differences between the United States and Great Britain has been the object of an important meeting of the International Arbitration Society of Chicago.

Dr. Edmund J. James, president of the University of Illinois, presiding, Judge James M. Dickinson, counsel for the United States in the Alaska boundary case, proposed the adoption of a platform indicating the precise objects of the society, and this was done. The resolution will be sent to the president, secretary of state and the chairman of the senate committee on foreign affairs.

It was decided to call a conference in Chicago later in the year, of commercial, industrial, municipal, legal and philanthropic societies and other organizations to adopt means to bring about a permanent Anglo-American