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RUSSIA WINS, BRITAIN LOSES.

North Sea Commission Decides for Rojstvensky.

Was Within His Rights in Firing on Fishermen.

British Press Indignant at the Outcome.

A Paris cable: A semi-official statement appeared to-night relative to the work of the International Commission which has been considering the North Sea incident. It is as follows:

The full commission met to-day in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and again this afternoon, in order to proceed to an examination of the report recapitulating its conclusions. The report is rather long, comprising about ten large pages.

The principal author is Admiral von Spain (Austria), but all the members of the commission collaborated in drawing it up. The commission gives no opinion on the question of the presence or absence of Japanese torpedo boats in the North Sea, declaring that the Russian admiral quite legitimately believed that his squadron was endangered, and that he had the right under the circumstances, to act as he did.

The commission's decision is in favor of the Russian admiral, and the British press is indignant at the result. The report will be sent to-morrow by special messengers to the Russian and the British Governments, not because it is liable to modifications at the instance of one or the other of the Governments, the commission's decision being final, but because the commissioners do not wish the powers interested to simply learn through the press of the last public action and the conclusions arrived at. There is nothing in this preliminary communication or report except an act of deference.

A strong chorus of indignation is sounded by the London daily newspapers this morning over the semi-official statement relative to the decision of the North Sea Commission giving to Russia the victory, but it is still hoped that the publication of the full text of the commission's report may modify the impression produced by the preliminary version, which is one of intense disappointment.

The Daily Mail goes so far as to declare that the decision has dealt a death blow to arbitration. Some of the newspapers blame the Government strongly for ever consenting to subject such a matter to arbitration, while some of the Government organs find comfort in the fact that the country by doing so, avoided war with Russia. No question is raised that the decision must be respected and Great Britain's share of the heavy costs will be ruefully paid, but it is considered that the decision leaves the question of neutral rights on the high seas in a deplorably unsatisfactory state, and creates a dangerous precedent.

The Morning Post says: "A new dogma of international law is thus established, under which the commander of a belligerent fleet may attack and destroy neutral unarmed vessels, without any other plea than that he conceived his ships might be in danger. This doctrine is so monstrous and inconceivable that we can only yet hope the official report will give a different reading."

Just before Parliament arose last night, replying to the question whether any precaution to protect the fishing fleet on the Dogger Banks was taken during the passage of the third Russian Pacific squadron, Premier Balfour said that His Majesty's Government placed implicit reliance on Russian assurances that they had taken every precaution to guard against the recurrence of any such incident, and that special instructions had been issued to the whole Russian fleet with this object in view.

HIT WITH SABER

BY TROOPER FOR CHASING PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S CARRIAGE.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—After President Roosevelt and Emperor William had received the degree of Doctor of Law yesterday from the University of Pennsylvania, an incident occurred which has driven from the Academy of Music to the Army, where he was the guest of the City Troop at luncheon. Before the Presidential party reached the Army an unknown man dashed into the street and got within eight or ten feet of the President's carriage. There he was struck with the flat of a saber by one of the four troopers who surrounded the President's carriage, and checked by the force of the blow, he staggered back and was lost sight of in the crowd. The man appeared to be a laborer about 45 years of age.

Those who witnessed the incident believe that he merely sought to shake hands with the President. He had run parallel with the carriage for more than a block and Secret Service Agent Tyree, who rode with the President, had ordered him to get out of the way. Tyree finally called to a trooper, who quickly drew his saber, and as the man refused to stop, struck him a sound blow on the back.

KAISER OPPOSES MATCH.

He is Not Disposed to Wed His Daughter to King Alfonso.

Madrid, Feb. 27.—The problem of providing a wife for King Alfonso is proving a very delicate one. It is believed that Alfonso's preference is for Princess Victoria Louise, only daughter of Emperor William, if she will consent to abandon the Lutheran and embrace the Roman Catholic faith. To this the Kaiser is strongly opposed. The alternative is Princess Patricia, daughter of the Duke of Connaught, and Archduchess Gabrielle of Austria. The latter is favored by ex-Queen Christina, who, however, does not intend to interfere with her son's choice.

Princess Patricia is a Protestant, but it is alleged that she is willing to turn Catholic. The court is divided into cliques on the question of the king's marriage, and political and family influences are being vigorously exerted against each other. Meantime Alfonso is satisfied to remain unmarried for the present.

He thinks that two years hence will be soon enough for him to take a wife. It is understood that the delay in the king making his foreign visits is directly owing to the marriage problem.

DOMESTICS FROM ENGLAND.

Miss Fitz Gibbons' Report to Council of Women.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—A number of interesting reports were read at the annual meeting of the Toronto branch of the local Council of Women, Miss Fitz Gibbons, the President, in her annual report devoted considerable attention to the servant problem. She pointed out that the local Council of Women had brought out some 100 young women from the old country and placed them all in good comfortable homes. The local association worked in conjunction with the British Women's Immigration Association. The girls brought to Canada were of a most desirable class, and their mistresses were well pleased with them. Each girl, before leaving the old country, borrowed a sufficient amount of money from a special fund in connection with the British Women's Immigration Association. When she had been placed in a position here she repaid the money at the rate of 82 per cent, through the local Council of Women.

POPE TO TAKE HOLIDAY.

Will Visit Long Disused Summer Residence of Pontiffs.

Rome, Feb. 27.—The Pope has expressed his determination to go to Castle Gandolfo, a village on the north-west side of Mount Albano, 14 miles south-east of Rome, for a few weeks, when the weather improves. The Pope's health absolutely requires a change of air and scene.

Castle Gandolfo, among numerous other villas, contains the summer residence of the Popes, which has not been used since Pius IX. shut himself up in the Vatican as a protest against the deprivation of his temporal powers and the occupation of Rome by the Italian troops in 1870.

BULGARIAN RAIDS.

Brigand Bands Attack Greeks While Leaving Church.

Salonica, Feb. 27.—A party of well-armed Bulgarian brigands surprised a number of Greeks leaving church at the village of Mismer, in the district of Vodena.

Three were killed and seven wounded. A Bulgarian band, under the leadership of Tcheneche, entered the village of Koukoulech, in the district of Stranitza, and was there attacked by a detachment of regulars.

The Bulgarians sought refuge in the houses, from which they threw bombs at the soldiers.

Reinforcements having arrived, the village was surrounded. The final result is not yet known.

THE SUPREME COURT JUDGES

Ask Some Pertinent Questions Re the Alliance's Draft Bill.

An Ottawa report: The Supreme Court Judge regard the draft bill of the Lord's Day Alliance ultra vires. In the course of the proceedings Mr. Patterson said that question 5 was part of the draft bill. Question 5 deals with the right of Provincial Legislatures to impose conditions relating to Sunday observance in the charters of incorporation of their own creation.

Judge Sedgewick—When that question comes before me I will answer it.

Mr. Patterson—It has come up now, my Lord.

Judge Sedgewick—The Governor-in-Council has no right to ask me how you can recover a promissory note. That is practically what you are asking.

Judge Nesbitt—Now, what right has the Governor-General to ask who charters a Provincial Government can grant?

Judge Sedgewick—A Local Legislature can authorize a company to build a Provincial railway, and they can add a clause saying that no employee of the company shall work on any of the seven days of the week.

Mr. Patterson—We want to make it clear that it is within our powers. We think it is within our powers absolutely.

Judge Sedgewick—The Attorney-General has thought so, but still there are people who do not think so, and if your Lordships would be good enough to settle the question once and forever it would be a great advantage to the public generally and to the Province of Ontario.

Judge Sedgewick—As to factories, I have grave doubts whether these acts are ultra vires or not. What right has a Legislature to control a particular trade?

Judge Sedgewick—We have decided that the whole draft bill is ultra vires of the Provincial Legislature. Do you want us to argue the questions?

Mr. Patterson—I do my Lord.

MURDER IN CITY OF BUFFALO.

Dead Body of an Italian Found in a Cellar.

Man Had Been Missing Two Days When Discovered.

His Face Terribly Torn and Eaten by Rats.

Buffalo, Feb. 27.—A crime which has every evidence of being another mysterious Italian murder was unearthed shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the dead body of James Rizzo, an Italian laborer, 25 years old, was found lying at the foot of a wood pile in the basement of the squalid tenement at Fly and Water streets.

The man had been missing for two days, and his relatives had notified the police to look for him. Yesterday afternoon Joseph Campagna, the dead man's brother-in-law, had occasion to go to the basement to get some wood, and there he found the body of Rizzo, lying against the wood pile.

On the earthen floor, near the dead man's hand, was a 38-caliber revolver, with one chamber discharged. The man's face was so terribly torn and eaten by rats that he was almost unrecognizable.

His eyes were literally torn from the sockets, and the right cheek partly eaten away by the vicious rodents. The body was fully dressed and the cap was placed on the left man's head. There was no blood spattered about the wood pile or on the earthen floor or on the dead man's person. The body was partly in a sitting and partly in a lying posture with the head and back of the neck resting against the wood pile.

There was every evidence that the man had not been violently where he was found. The clothes were undisturbed, the lead man's blouse sat squarely on his head and over the wood pile against which the body lay. It was not disturbed, not a stick being knocked from the even rows of sanding. Thrown over the man's lower limbs was a heavy meal bag. There is every reason to believe that the man was killed and then dragged into the squalid basement and the gun placed near him so as to influence the idea that Rizzo had made away with himself.

The revolver, which was loaded, was found with the barrel towards the body and was not clenched in the hand. A suicide generally retains a death grip on a revolver, or on falling the gun is always found with the handle nearest the body.

Rizzo came to this country about ten months ago. He was unmarried and had been employed as a laborer. He lived with the family of his brother-in-law. It was not known that he had any enemies.

Detectives from both the Franklin street station and police headquarters were summoned, and are now investigating the affair.

Joseph Campagna, the dead man's brother-in-law, who found the body, was taken to the Franklin street station by Detective Sullivan, and examined. Medical Examiner Dausner was summoned, and he took charge of the case.

WANDERED WITH BABIES.

Insane Woman and Babies Out All Night in the Wet.

New York, Feb. 27.—A comely Irish woman with red cheeks and a wealth of black hair walked into Bellevue Hospital early yesterday morning, carrying a young child in each arm, with an older boy and girl hanging on her skirts. "Can you give me and my little ones a place to sleep?" she asked Gatekeeper Nugent, and then burst into tears. "I had trouble with my husband last night and took my babies out into the rain because I couldn't live at home any longer. We've been walking the streets for six hours, and we're so tired and wet and hungry."

The gatekeeper directed her to the city hall house, where she described herself as Bridget McLoughlin, 402 Third avenue. She said that her husband, Barney, worked in a livery stable at Fourth avenue and Thirtieth street.

The Gerry society was notified to send for the two children, Annie, aged 6, and Stephen, 4. McLoughlin kept 2-year-old Nellie and William months.

The woman had scarcely gone to bed with her little ones, snuggled to her breast when she began to scream frantically. The matron ran in to quiet her. "Don't let them electrocute me," she wailed. "I didn't mean to let little Margaret die. I thought I had dressed her warm enough." If it were not for the fact that the matron ran in to quiet her, she would have been fast asleep.

The girl, daughter of the psychotic pathic ward that the twin sister of little Nellie died on New Year's eve of pneumonia. She declared that the baby died through her own carelessness in not dressing it warmly enough.

"I know I'm to blame, and I deserve what I get," she said.

OPPOSE EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

Workmen of Trail Resolve Against the Smelter Bills.

Trail, B. C., Feb. 27.—A large mass-meeting was held in the Opera House here last night. Mayor Schofield presiding, for the purpose of discussing the eight hours smelter day bills, about 300 in attendance consisting of employees of the smelter and business men of Trail. The merits of the bill were thoroughly discussed and the question was voted on by secret ballot, resulting in 89 for the eight hour and 183 against.

The following resolution was carried unanimously:

As it was felt that the passage of the bill would add a burden to the mining and smelting of the low grade ores of this district which it would be impossible for them to sustain,

PRAY FOR HARPER.

TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE PLEAD FOR UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—A silent prayer for the recovery of President Harper, of the University of Chicago, who has been operated upon in the Presbyterian Hospital, was offered by the audience assembled in Orchestra Hall to celebrate the birthday anniversary of Washington. The programme was arranged by the Union League Club. Before pronouncing the final benediction and with his head still bowed, Dr. Stone, of St. James' Episcopal Church, asked that the audience remain standing. Let us for a moment invoke the blessing of God upon that man, eminent scholar, that friend of us all, President Harper, who is undergoing such a serious operation, that he speedily may be restored to us and to his work." Dr. Stone, after a moment's silence, began to repeat the Lord's prayer. The audience followed him. About 2,000 persons thus added their petitions to those that had been offered at the University of Chicago and over the city.

NEWS IN BRIEF

London.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was unchanged to-day at 3 per cent.

Columbia, Mo.—Rev. Dr. J. A. Lefevre, at one time Moderator of the Presbyterian General Synod of the United States, is dead here, aged 75 years.

Cape May, Va.—Twenty-one buildings in the vicinity of Cape May Court house, were destroyed by fire early to-day which broke out in Youngson's hardware store.

Reading, Pa.—Eighty guests at the Hotel Penn, had a narrow escape early to-day from a fire which originated in the clothes closet used by the bell boys on the first floor.

Washington.—The Senate Committee on the Philippines to-day authorized a favorable report on the House bill revising and amending the tariff laws of the Philippine Islands.

St. Johnsbury, Vt.—Jonathan Ross, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Vermont, and former U. S. Senator, died at a hospital to-day of injuries received on Tuesday afternoon, when his sleigh was struck by a train and Mrs. Ross was killed.

Chicago.—President Win. R. Harper, of the University of Chicago, passed a comfortable night at the Presbyterian hospital, following yesterday's surgical operation for cancer. His condition to-day, according to the physicians was favorable.

Sau Francisco.—The mail steamer Ventura, sailing to-day for Sydney, N. S. W., carries a large number of deer, elk, geese, and ducks. They were purchased in this country by the New Zealand Government, which has appropriated \$25,000 for stocking the country with different kinds of game.

Southampton, Eng.—George W. Rayner, captain of the turbine steam yacht Lorena, owned by A. L. Barber, of New York, was killed to-day by a fall from the steps leading from the chart room to the lower deck. The Lorena started on a three-months' cruise yesterday under charter of A. M. Singer.

PASSENGER CAR UPSSET.

Serious Accident on the C. P. R. at Kootenay Lake.

Yanover, Feb. 27.—Seven passengers out of twenty-seven were injured when a Canadian Pacific Railway train left the tracks at the switch at Proctor, on Kootenay Lake, yesterday. Only one man suffered serious injury, namely, J. Kwazy, insurance agent of Calgary, who is now in Nelson hospital with an injured back.

G. O. Bichanan, claims agent for the Dominion government in connection with the lead bounty, was shaken up, but the other five received such minor injuries that they renewed their journey before their names were secured by the press.

The train, which was running between Nelson and Proctor, twenty miles east, was carrying passengers to connect with the Coachman's West. The passenger coach was overturned, and lies bottom up. The heat from the stove caught the woodwork, but the train crew put the fire out. There was no apparent cause for the car jumping. The switch is good.

A WOMAN'S TRIBUTE.

Grand Duchess Followed Murdered Coachman's Coffin on Foot.

Moscow, Feb. 27.—Grand Duchess Elizabeth, widow of Grand Duke Sergius, attended the funeral services of the coachman who was killed by the bomb which caused the death of her husband. She afterwards followed the coffin on foot for more than a mile to the railway station, whence the body was shipped to the coachman's late home for burial. The coachman is now included in the services at the Chudoff Monastery. After the mention of Grand Duke Sergius he is described by the priests as the "trusty servant and friend."

BRADY AND THE FAIRY QUEEN.

Defendant in Divorce Suit Denies Improprieties.

A Dozen Private Detectives Have Been Trailing Him

Wherever He Has Gone With Toronto Woman.

New York, Feb. 27.—A crowd that filled the Supreme Court room, Part II, and flowed out into the corridor, listened yesterday to the testimony in the suit of Sadie V. Brady, the granddaughter of Isaac M. Singer, the sewing machine man, for an absolute divorce from her husband, Daniel M. Brady, president of the Brady Brass Company.

The former Fairy Queen in "The Sleeping Beauty and the Beast," Gertrude MacKenzie, who is named as correspondent, being guilty, it is alleged, of improprieties with Mr. Brady in the Circle Hotel in this city, and in a hotel in Elgin, Ill., was again in the court room, as were also Brady and Mrs. Brady, her mother, Mrs. Isaac M. Singer, and several of Mrs. Brady's relatives.

Not less than a dozen private detectives were called to tell of automobile trips and cab drives Brady had taken with the co-respondent, Mary O'Keefe, a maid, testified that Mrs. Brady, as far back as August of last year, noticed that her husband was growing cold to her. On July 6 last, she refused to do the carving, and said cuss words which Mrs. Brady refused to repeat in the court room, or, for that matter, anywhere else. When Mr. Brady left home, declaring that he was going to leave the "hell hole," he and his wife had rooms on different floors.

Gus W. Solkey, who shadowed Brady in this city and in the West, told of having followed him on the night of August 10 through Chicago and back to the Circle Hotel in West Fifty-eighth street, where Miss MacKenzie was lying. Brady threatened to have him arrested after returning to the hotel. Solkey said on cross-examination that he was a native of Boston; that he had been a pawnbroker and that he had served time in Massachusetts for forgery, but was not guilty and had been pardoned. He is now a law clerk.

George W. Stoney, proprietor of the Hotel Victoria testified that Brady came to him on November 1, and said that a lady was coming to town on business and asked to have a suite reserved for her. The young woman was Miss MacKenzie. The price of the suite was \$6 a day.

Brady's counsel, after denying absolutely that the defendant ever committed any wrong with the co-respondent, put him on the witness stand. Brady said that he met Miss MacKenzie first at a supper table in the United States Hotel in Boston, in December, 1903; that he had seen her at Reisenweiser's Hotel; at her parents' home in Toronto and in Milwaukee. He had gone to Milwaukee on business. His trip to Elgin, also, he declared was on business, to sell the products of his factory.

When court adjourned for recess, a young man followed Mrs. Brady to a Chambers street and as she was about to step into her carriage tapped her on the shoulder with a paper. Mrs. Brady brushed him aside and stepped into the carriage. Then the young man threw the paper into the carriage. He said he was acting for a law firm, but refused to give any other information. Counsel for Brady said that he knew of no paper that was served on Mrs. Brady. The trial will be continued to-morrow.

AGRA DIAMOND IS SOLD.

Jewelry Formerly Belonged to Founder of a Firm.

London, Feb. 27.—The Times says: "The Agra diamond was sold at Christie's this afternoon for £3,100 to Max Meyer, the diamond dealer."

The Agra diamond weighs 31½ carats. It was sold by order of the successors of Mr. Stroeter, the well-known London jeweler. It derives its name from the fact that it was taken at the battle of Agra by the Emperor Baber, the founder of the Mogul Empire in India. It was taken from the King of Delhi in 1527 by some British officers, who, rather than deliver it up to the authorities and share in the loss of money, smugged it aboard ship by putting it in a horse's tail and making a horse swallow it. The horse was afterwards shot and the diamond was taken from its stomach. The diamond was subsequently sold to the Duke of Brunswick.

SUICIDE BECAUSE OF A FOOT.

Chorus Girl Kills Herself on Learning That Amputation is Necessary.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Mary Williams, a chorus girl, who was known on the stage as Miss Mary Wientz, burst a toe three years ago. The injury resulted in complications that recently have prevented her from dancing. Because of this she shot and killed herself to-day at the home of her mother on Sharswood street.

Mrs. Williams' toe was amputated soon after it was injured. She arrived from Cleveland yesterday suffering from blood poison and the physician she consulted told her that her foot would have to be amputated. Mrs. Williams was in bed in a second story room when she shot herself. She had not been down to breakfast, and her meal was taken by her by her nine-year-old daughter Hazel, at about 9 o'clock. When Hazel was leaving the room she kissed her and she shot herself.