

NORTH SEA INCI- DENT AGREEMENT

It is Formally Signed on Behalf
Of Great Britain and the
Russian Government.

PROVIDES FOR A COMMISSION.

Will Consist of Five Members--Will
Assemble in Paris--No Date
Definitely Fixed.

London, Nov. 27.—The foreign office has issued the following English translation of the declaration signed at St. Petersburg by Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador, and Count Lamsdorff, the Russian foreign minister:

"The British and Russian governments having agreed to enter into an international commission of inquiry assembled conformably to articles 9 to 14 of The Hague convention on July 29, 1890, for the pacific settlement of international disputes, the task of elucidating by means of an impartial and conscientious investigation the questions of fact connected with the incident which occurred during the night of Oct. 21-22, 1904, in the North Sea (on which occasion the firing of guns of the Russian fleet caused the loss of a boat and the death of two persons belonging to a British fishing fleet, as well as damages to other boats of that fleet and injuries to the crews of some of those boats), the undersigned being duly authorized thereto, have agreed upon the following provisions:

"Article I.—The international commission of inquiry shall be composed of five members (Commissioners), of whom two shall be officers of high rank in the British and Russian navies, respectively. The governments of France and of the United States shall each be requested to select one of their naval officers of high rank as a member of the commission. The fifth member shall be chosen by agreement between the four members above mentioned; in the event of no agreement being arrived at between the four commissioners as to the selection of the fifth member of the commission, the imperial and royal majesty, the emperor of Austria and king of Hungary, will be invited to select him. Each of the two high contracting parties shall likewise appoint a legal assessor to advise the commissioners, and an agent officially empowered to take part in the labors of the commission.

"Article II.—The commission shall inquire into and report all circumstances relative to the North Sea incident and particularly on the question as to whether the British and Russian fleets were in the vicinity of the place where the incident occurred, and the degree of blame attaching to subjects of the two high contracting parties or to subjects of other countries in the event of their responsibility being established by the inquiry.

"Article III.—The commission shall settle the details of procedure which it will follow for the purpose of accomplishing the task with which it has been entrusted.

"Article IV.—The two high contracting parties undertake to supply the commission to the utmost of their ability with all the means and facilities necessary in order to enable it to ascertain the truth and to report thereon correctly and impartially.

"Article V.—The commission shall assemble in Paris as soon as possible after the signature of this agreement.

"Article VI.—The commission shall present its report to the two high contracting parties, signed by all the members of the commission.

"Article VII.—The commission shall take all its decisions by a majority of the votes of the five commissioners.

"Article VIII.—The two high contracting parties undertake to bear in full the expenses of the commission, the expense incurred by the international commission after the date of its assembly in Paris, and the staff and conducting the investigations which it will have to make shall be equally shared by the two governments.

"In faith whereof, the undersigned have signed the present agreement (declarations) and affixed their seals to it. Done in duplicate at St. Petersburg, Nov. 25, 1904."

WASHINGTON IS GRATIFIED.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Gratified by the spirit which the two high contracting parties have manifested in entering into a commission the ascertainment of the question of fact connected with the North Sea incident, the United States government will cordially co-operate in the naming of the staff and conducting the investigations which it will have to make shall be equally shared by the two governments.

The outcome is especially pleasing to the administration, following as it does so closely on President Roosevelt's invitation to the powers of the world for a second Hague conference. The popular impression has been all along that Admiral George Dewey, the ranking officer in the American navy, would be asked to be the American representative on the commission, although other names also have been mentioned in connection with the appointment.

A decision will be reached promptly after the formal invitation has been received from the Russian and British governments as to who shall be designated. This formal invitation has not yet been received, the two governments in the negotiations with them acting entirely on the presumption that the United States would cheerfully give its assistance and detail a naval officer.

ENGLISH PRESS REGRETS.

London, Nov. 28.—Regret is expressed in the London morning newspapers that there was no provision in the Anglo-Russian convention for the appointment of those who may be found responsible for the Dogger Bank affair, the Morning Post sarcastically declares that Great Britain has created a precedent for permanent foreign navies to fire on British vessels with virtual impunity. Otherwise the editorial articles merely echo previously expressed opinions.

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

SECY. TAFT AND PARTY
ARRIVE AT COLON.

Panama, Nov. 26.—Secy. of War Taft and party arrived here today morning on board the United States cruiser Columbia. Mr. Taft was received on shore by Vice-President Rocca and other Panama officials. Gen. Davis, commander of the canal zone, and Minister Barrett. After a conference with the American congressional delegation, Mr. Taft went by a special train to Panama, where he was officially received by a committee and quartered

Miles on Miles

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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—such a life that is the president and people of the United States are most willing assistants. The United States has no intention in the least 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 those matters about which discussion has arisen, and hope to reach a solution full of honor to both countries.

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Life's Change.

Much Suffering at This Critical Period Saved by Dr. Miles' Nervine.

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TO INSURE PEACE IN THE ORIENT

And to Safeguard National Existence is Aim and Purpose of Japan in Present War

SO SAYS PREMIER KATSURA.

With Japanese War Means Life and Death—Last Man Will be Sacrificed.

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

"To insure peace in the orient and to safeguard our national existence is the aim and purpose of our empire, and no sacrifice shall be too great for successfully effecting this purpose."

"Russia, besides violating her pledges in Manchuria, crowded her overbearing and aggressive policy by extending her arms to the Korean peninsula."

"We were highly solicitous to preserve peace, but had no alternative except that of war, which was forced upon us."

"Throughout the negotiations Russia showed a haughty and overbearing attitude, which, at last, has latterly been shown, was inadequately supported by military strength. Russia allowed herself to be deceived and slighted our empire, for she never believed that Japan would draw the sword of war. Then, after suffering repeated defeats on land and on sea, Russia perceived the mistake she made and having discovered the seriousness of the situation began to take adequate measures."

"The case was different with us. We were alive to the seriousness of the situation and were prepared for exigencies."

"Russia must see that the war cannot be concluded by the issues of a few battles. With us the war means life or death, and not one of our 4,000,000 brethren remain ignorant of the vital issue at stake."

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SAMUEL GOMPERS AGAIN ELECTED.

Every Member of Federation of Labor, Except One, a Socialist, Voted for Him

WAS GIVEN A GREAT OVATION.

International Arbitration Favored—Meets in Pittsburg Next Year—Sang "Auld Lang Syne."

San Francisco, Nov. 26.—The American Federation of Labor voted tonight to meet next year at Pittsburg, Pa. Pittsburg was selected by a large vote over St. Louis, Toronto, and Niagara Falls.

Samuel Gompers was practically unanimously re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor today. One delegate, Victor Berger, of Milwaukee, one of the leaders of the Socialist element in the convention, voted in the negative and asked that his vote be so recorded. Gompers was given a great ovation when he retook the gavel. He promised the delegates to try to do as much or more for the labor movement in the future than he had done in the past. Secy. Frank Morrison and Treasurer John B. Lennon were unanimously chosen to serve for another year. The following eight vice presidents were re-elected:

James Duncan, John Mitchell, James O'Connell, Max Morris, Thomas J. Kidd, D. A. Hayes, Daniel J. Keefe and William J. Spencer. The election of these latter was by a unanimous vote except in the case of Mr. Kidd and Mr. Spencer. The former was elected over Joseph C. Bahlhorn of the Brotherhood of Painters by a vote of 11,819 to 5,560; the latter defeated James Grimes, H. W. Sherman and O. A. "Yettumod." John Moffit of the United Hatters was elected unanimously as a fraternal delegate to the British trade union congress.

The majority and minority reports of the committee on resolution on the fight between the Longshoremen and Seamen was voted down, and the matter now stands in the position it did before the convention met.

The last of the big trade jurisdiction disputes was fought out on the floor of the convention of the American Federation of Labor at this morning's session. The International Longshoremen's association, it was claimed by the Seamen's International union, continued to use the same jurisdiction, and in part, to use the same jurisdiction over the "International Longshoremen, Marine and Transportation association" of all transport workers on water about the world. The Seamen's union claimed that these transport workers properly should come under the jurisdiction of the Seamen's union. They accordingly introduced a resolution asking the delegates to vote in favor of ordering all such marine and transport workers to be declared seamen and to compel them to secede from the International Longshoremen's association and join the Seamen's union.

The committee which considered the resolution rendered a majority report and a minority report. The latter was in favor of the seamen. The majority took up the case when it came to a vote a seamen's union was demanded. The Seamen's union lost by a close margin, the Painters' delegation, with 607 votes, swinging the result.

The official count on the minority report was announced at 7:29 against and 7:25 for. A rollcall was then demanded on the majority report of the committee, which was adverse to the Seamen's union. It was settled by a conference the matter be settled by a conference between the committee to be appointed by the disputing organizations. This report was also voted down, so that the battle waged all day yesterday and today was not decided.

An effort was made to reopen the "Chicago" dispute and give Delegate Mangum a hearing, but chairman Gompers ruled that it was out of order, and a bitter fight was waged with the request of the Seamen's union to be reconsidered on record as being in favor of international arbitration.

The convention voted to do all to its power towards the Seamen's union, and making more satisfactory the cities of the United States.

The report of the committee on building trades council recommended the affiliation of the Building Trades alliance with the American Federation of Labor, the enactment of a law giving mechanics and laborers preference in hiring, and the adoption of a strong employers' liability act. The report was unanimously adopted.

President Gompers spoke of a rumor that had gained some currency to the effect that an effort would be made at the next session of Congress to give government employees the right to be government men. He said that he did not credit the rumor, but if the issue should come, organized labor would vehemently express itself and fix the responsibility for such an un-American act.

After singing "America" and "Auld Lang Syne" the convention adjourned sine die.

More Trouble at Ziegler.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 27.—Adjt.-Gen. Scott today received a message from Sheriff Stein of Franklin county, requesting that two additional companies

of soldiers be sent to Ziegler. Gen. Scott late tonight received a message from Capt. Satterfield, in charge of the company of militia there, saying that on Saturday night 24 shots were fired in the direction of the building in which the dynamite of Joseph Leiter's mine is stored, with the intention of exploding it. Gen. Scott has taken no action on the last request for troops, but will send a representative to Ziegler tomorrow to make examination.

British Ship Owners Warned.

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 colonies 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, the applicable sections of which he quotes.

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 to all intents and purposes become storehouses for the fleet. "Therefore," concludes Lord Lansdowne, "although neutral traders made trade in contraband at the risk of capture, they should bear in mind the conditions of the British laws."

Lord Lansdowne, in response to the request of the Liverpool chamber of commerce for further information on the question of contraband, states that communications on the subject are still passing between the British and Russian governments, and that he is not yet able to add materially to his earlier statement. However, he says, Russia still regards coal and raw cotton as contraband, and machinery, as in the Cutch case, liable to condemnation if for warlike purposes.

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All scalloped silk embroidered, yard-wide white skirting flannels will be reduced in this sale

From 75c to, per yard.....	49c
From 85c to, per yard.....	59c
From 95c to, per yard.....	66c
From 1.00 to, per yard.....	69c
From 1.15 to, per yard.....	84c
From 1.50 to, per yard.....	\$1.05
From 1.75 to, per yard.....	\$1.18
From 2.00 to, per yard.....	\$1.35
From 2.25 to, per yard.....	\$1.44

All hemstitched, silk embroidered White Skirting Flannel will be marked down in this sale—

From 75c to, per yard.....	49c
From 85c to, per yard.....	66c
From 1.10 to, per yard.....	69c
From 1.40 to, per yard.....	93c
From 1.50 to, per yard.....	\$1.05
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