

Portsmouth: Lord Schorne, f the admiralty, and Prince conference and inted that they were ming the first stroke of war. As a ner of fact they, like Lord Lanswere engaged in considering that had been suggested for the and and white everybody who be supposed to know anything estantly being asked, "Has war the foreign office deto adopt a course most unusual d in order to allay the public ant, gave out to the press the nd was organized four months ago war Thermopolis, Wyo. In anticipation of a rold on the Red

people of the United States at home and abroad." The proclamation follows: By the president of the United States: A proclamation; It has pleased Almighty God to bring the American people in safety and honor through another year, and in accordance with the long unbroken custom handed down to us by our forefathers, the time has come when a special day shall be set apart in which to thank Him who holds all nations in the hollow of His hand for the mercles thus youchsafed to us. During the century and a quarter of our national life we as a people have been blessed beyond all others, and for this we owe humble and heartfelt.

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compliance with Russia's agree-four Russian officers have been behind at Vigo.

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of the Brillsh public, remarked that it was curlous such an uproar should break loose on the very day King Ed-ward had chosen on which to express to Count Benkendorff his appreciation of the ambassador's efforts for peace and his complete satisfaction with the method of settlement.

From other sources the Associated Press learns that the king privately ex-pressed keen displeasure at the tone adopted by a certain section of the London press towards the agreement to submit the North sea care to an international commission It is said that in the cabinet meeting tomorrow a decision will be reached as to the date, place of meeting and per-sonnel of the commission.

NORTH SEA INCIDENT.

## Hoped Russian Officers Will Throw Light on It.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 2, 2,15 a. m .- he four officers detached from the Itle squadron to testify regarding the North sea affair are expected to reach St. Petersburg in two days. It is hoped they will be able to throw a clear light upon this mysterious incident.

The news of the departure of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky and his ships from Vigo has considerably relieved the tension here. The great mass of Rus-sians are quite as suspicious of Great Britain's motives as Britons are of Russia's purposes, and there has been much apprehension have that Great Britain might use the trawler incident as a protext for detaining the Baltic as a protext for detaining the band squadron. This apprehension is now iargely allayed, though fears are ex-pressed in some quarters that there may be further complications before the fleet gets through the Suez canal or around the Cape of Good Hope. The situation, however, is being more dis-passionately discussed, and charges against the fishermen are no longer being declaimed.

Due allowance is also made for the exasperation of Great Britain over the seemingly callous action of Admiral Rojestvensky in going on his way after firing on the trawlers and not reporting the incident until he reached Vigo. The explanation offered in the highest source seems to acquit the admiral of all blarne. It is pointed out that he could not send a dispatch by a torpedo boat, all craft of that description being ahead of the battleships and cruisers, and that he had no alternative except to detach a cruiser. Admiral Rojest-vensky was too apprehensive of revealing his whoreabouts to do this, fearing an attack in British waters, and so, it is theorized, decided to proceed to Vigo with the whole of his

squadron. From another reliable source the As-sociated Press learns that the circumstances of the firing as detailed by Russian officers closely resembles the facts reported by the admiral of the fishing flect. When abreast of the trawlers the Russian squadron was formed in two divisions, the cruisers steaming east and the battleships west, the lateast and the battleships west, the lat-ter getting among the fishing fleet and opening fire. When nearly clear of the fishing craft, which were heading to-ward the battleships, some Russian shells flew over the trawhers and struck the cruisers, one of which, the Aurora, was hit several times and some of her men wave wounded including a Aurora, was hit several times and some of her men were wounded, including a priest, who died. The transport Ana-tol apparently became tangled among the trawlers, which she mistook for tor-pedo boats, and signr'lled for aid, there-by leading the officers of the battleships by leading the oncers of the battleaching to believe the trawlers were attacking the Anatol. This, coupled with the appearance of two mysterious torpedo boats steaming toward the battleships, resulted in the fatal canonade.

## Col. Flagg Suicides.

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 1 .- Col. A. M. Flagg, who until a few weeks ago was editor of the Duluth News-Tribune, committed suicide late this afternoon committed suiche inte this afternoon by drowning. Col. Flagg, who has been in ill health for some months, re-cently took a vacation and went to his oid home in Rockford. Ill. He returned shortly but was unable to resume his work

Lodge banks, shotguns and Winchester rifles had been placed at convenient points throughout the city and the banks converted into veritable arsemals

One of the posses, led by Sheriff Jeff Champion, overlook the outlaws, at duck 20 miles southwest of Cody, and a battle ensued, in which Champion had a horse shot from under him, but was uninjured. The bandits obtained fresh horses at a ranch nearby and cocaped.

HEAVILY ARMED OUTLAWS.

Kansas City, Nov. 1.—A special to the Times from Cody, Wyo., says: Four heavily armed outlaws from the Hole-in-the-Wall country this af-

ternoon held up and robbed the First National bank of this place and after shooting and killing Cashier Frank Middaugh of the bank had a running fight with cowboys and hunters and escaped into Ratilesnake mountains, where they are tonight being pursued by half a dozen different posses. A battle is imminent. The Hole-in-the-Wall gang are noted as the most desperate outlaws in the west, and the Cody posses are determined to wipe the

band out of existence. Buffalo Bill himself is en route from Omaha in a special car, having with him a party of titled Englishmen and two of his Sioux Indian scouts, and has telegraphed orders for horses to b waiting his party at the depot. He will take the trail in person immediately on his arrival.

ately on his arrival. Just before the close of the bank this afternoon a party of four roughly dressed men rode up to the First Na-tional bank, in the heart of the town, and immediately across the street from the Irms, Buffalo Bill's the hotel. Three men dismounted and entered

the building, the fourth stayed outside and guarded the horses. and guarded the horses. As soon as the outlaws entered the bank one of them covered Cashier Mid-daugh, who was the only occupant of the room, and demanded the cash from the valit.

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thanks to the author of all blessings. The year that has closed has been one of peace within our borders as well as between us and all other nations. The harvests have been abundant, and hose who work, whether with hand or brain, are prospering greatly. Reward has waited upon honest effort. We has waited upon honest effort. We have been enabled to do our duty to ourselves and to others. Never has there been a time when religious and charitable effort has been made evi-dent. Much has been given to us and much will be expected from us. We speak of what has been done by this nation in no spirit of boastfulness or vanglory, but with full and reverent realization that our strength is as nothing unless we are helped from realisation that our strength is as nothing unless we are helped from above. Hitherto we have been given the heartiest strength to do the tasks allotted to us as they severally arose.

We are thankful for all that has been done for us in the past and we pray that in the future we may be strength-ered in the unending struggle to do our duty fearlessly and honestly, with our duty teariessly and noisely, with charity and good will, with respect for ourselves and with love toward our fellowmen. In this great republic the effort to combine national strength with personal freedom is being tried on a scale more gigantic than ever be-fore in the world's history. Our success will mean much, not only for our-selves, but for the future of all manselves, but for the future of all man-kind, and every man or woman in our land should feel the grave responsi-billty resting upon him or her, for in the last analysis this success must de-pend upon the high average of our in-dividual citizenship, upon the way in which each of us does his duty by him-read and his neighbor.

BOTH PHONES 500.

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which each of us does his duty by him-self and his neighbor. Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roose-velt, president of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart Thursday, the 24th day of this November, to be observed as a day of festival, and thanksgiving by all the people of the United States at home or abroad, and to recommend that on that day they ceuse from their ordinary occupations to recommend that on that day they ceuse from their ordinary occupations and gather in their several places of worship or in their homes, devoutly to give tanks unto Almighty God for the benefits He has conferred upon us as individuals and as a nation, and to be-seech Him that in the future His divine favor may be continued to us. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington this ist day of November, in the year of our Lord one

November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four, and of the independence of the United States the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-ninth. THEODORE ROOSEVELT, By the President: John Hay, Secre-

tary of State.

## Two Murders, Two Suicide.

Chicago, Nov. 1.-Two cases of mur-der and suicide of similar nature oc-curred today within two hours of each other

Joseph M. Scala, a butcher, fatally shot his wife and then himself. The shooting is said to have been due to business troubles.

business troubles. Shortly afterwards William Kuhl-man, publisher and president of a min-ing company, was shot and fatally in-jured by his former partner, Harry Holtze, who then killed himself. Holtze alleged that he had been swindled by Kubliner. Kuhlman.

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