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FIENDISH CRIME DOWN AT MURRAY.

Brute Broke Into Residence of Gustave Schwan Early This Morning.

ASSAULTED ASSAYER'S WIFE.

Beat Both Mother and Ten-Year-Old Daughter in a Most Brutal Manner.

PLUCKY GIRL GOT TO TELEPHONE.

Officers Working on Case—Man Tried Two Other Houses Before Entering Home of Victim.

Officers are today searching for a fiend who created a reign of terror at Murray at an early hour this morning.

After endeavoring to enter two houses he succeeded in forcing his way into the reridence of Gustave Schwan, on west Seventeenth South, where he brutally assaulted Mrs. Schwan and beat her little ten-year-old daughter. After remaining in the house for fully an hour he made his escape just a few moments prior to the arrival of Mr. Schwan.

The unfortunate woman, who has the sympathy of the entire community, is now in a very precarious state of nervous prostration, as a result of the terrific assault made upon her.

Should the fiend be captured it is probable that it will go hard with him, judging from the comments heard on all sides in Murray this morning as soon as the affair became known.

WIDOW'S ESCAPE.

The first intimation received that the man was abroad was at 11 o'clock last night when Mrs. L. D. White, a widow, was awakened by someone apparently trying to get in at the rear door of a room adjacent to a millinery establishment at Murray. However, the fellow was frightened away.

WINDOW STUCK.

At 11:15 a. m. Will Bishop and wife, who had retired and left a light burning, on account of having a sick child, awoke suddenly upon hearing a noise at a window in another room. Mr. Bishop promptly investigated and was rewarded by hearing the sound of someone running away from the premises. Investigation showed that the man had pried off the screen and had raised the window. The sash, however, was furnished with a safety catch and as the window was raised the pins snapped into the sockets in the frame. It was this noise that awakened the couple.

SCHWAN'S HOME COMING.

It was at 2:15 when Mr. Gustave Schwan returned from his work at the American Smelting & Refining company's plant, where he is employed as assayer. As soon as he entered the house he knew that something terrible had transpired during his absence. On the bed lay his hysterical wife, while his little ten-year-old girl was nursing a bruised face and weeping piteously.

It was some time before he could get even a disconnected story of what had happened.

HORRIBLE CRIME.

In brief the story told was as follows:

About one o'clock Mrs. Schwan was awakened and was horrorstricken to see a masked man crawling through the window. After walking to the table he blew out the light and approached the bed where the trembling woman was lying. Here he beat her most brutally, and despite her freizied efforts, assaulted her. In the meantime the little 10-year-old daughter, hearing her mother's outcry, rushed into the room and approached the bed. Then it was that the fiend arose and struck her again and again, felling her to the floor.

BRAVE LITTLE GIRL.

Mrs. Schwan states that the brute remained with her for an hour. At last the plucky little girl crawled to the telephone that was in the other room. As she took down the receiver and called central the man jumped through the window and ran away.

A few minutes later Mr. Schwan returned, and as soon as he could get a coherent story of the crime he called up Marshal Mauss, and that officer at once took up the trail.

OFFICERS HAVE CLEW.

Despite the fact that the man was masked there is a good description of him. He wore a short moustache, and is apparently only about 25 years of age.

Officers are working on a slight clew, and this morning started out in the direction of Bingham with the hopes of getting the suspect.

The fact that the man chose in every instance a house wherein a light was burning would indicate that he was under the impression that there was no man on the premises, and that the woman inside was nervous. It is a custom of housewives in this district to leave the light burning until their husbands return from night shift at the smelters.

Opinion is divided as to the identity of the fiend, a number of people here being under the impression that it was the work of a young colored man.

THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS OPENS.

It Was Called to Order by Senator W. A. Clark of Montana, Its President.

EL PASO DECORATED WITH FLAGS

Attendance is Up to Expectation—Lots of Work to be Done—Mexican Bands Furnish Music

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 15.—The twelfth National Irrigation congress was called to order today by Senator William A. Clark of Montana, its president. The hall was decorated with the colors of Mexico and the United States. The attendance was fully up to expectations. There is a large amount of work for the convention. The city is everywhere decorated with American flags. Music is furnished by Mexican bands, including one specially tendered by President Diaz.

The morning session was devoted to addresses of welcome and responses thereto. Congressman W. R. Smith, of the Sixteenth Texas district, extended a welcome on behalf of the state.

William B. Phillips spoke for the state university and Capt. T. J. Beall for the city. Responses were made by Gifford Pinchot, of the United States geological survey, W. C. Johnson of Denver, C. A. Carlisle of South Bend, Ind., and I. L. Smith of Hood River, Oregon.

VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT FAIRBANKS VISITS THE FAIR.

St. Louis, Nov. 15.—Vice-President-elect Charles W. Fairbanks, unaccompanied, arrived today from Indianapolis and was met at the Union station by President D. R. Francis, of the exposition, and Col. J. G. Butler. The party proceeded to the St. Louis club, where breakfast was taken, after which Senator Fairbanks was escorted to the world's fair.

Senator Fairbanks stated that his decision to visit the exposition had been made hastily, and that he would not be able to remain more than one day.

"I am feeling very well," he said, "and want to see the exposition if I have to walk all the time I am here."

After leaving the St. Louis club, Senator Fairbanks was given an automobile tour through a portion of the residence section of West St. Louis, and then proceeded to the exposition, where an informal reception was held in the administration building.

Senator Fairbanks will proceed east after leaving St. Louis to witness the Yale-Harvard football game next Saturday.

"I have a long standing engagement with my boys at college to run down east and see the Yale-Harvard football game Saturday," he said. "Thursday Mrs. Fairbanks will accompany me to New Haven to keep the engagement. From there I will go to New York to attend the meeting of the McKinley Memorial association next Monday. I shall not be able to be in St. Louis with President Roosevelt."

After the world's fair officials had met Senator Fairbanks, he was escorted to the "Yellowstone Park coach." A large assembling of spectators tendered him a rousing cheer as the driver's whip cracked and the vice-president-elect started on his tour of the grounds. President Francis personally directed the course of the coach.

TRIBUTE TO ROOSEVELT.

Paid Him for His Efforts to Settle Coal Strike.

St. Louis, Nov. 15.—Grand President J. T. Wilson, of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes, which order is holding its fifth biennial convention with 200 delegates present representing nearly 50,000 members, made an address, in the course of which he paid a tribute to President Roosevelt's efforts in the settlement of the great coal strike and endorsed the national civic federation and labor unions.

POWDER WORKS BLOWN UP.

Three Men Are Reported to Have Been Killed.

Joplin, Mo., Nov. 15.—The Joplin Independent Powder company's plant, 10 miles east of here, was blown up today. Three men are reported killed.

JAPANESE LOAN.

It Was Subscribed Ten Times Over.

London, Nov. 15.—Subscriptions to the Japanese loan were closed at noon today. It is stated that the bids for the $30,000,000 offered in London aggregate $300,000,000.

CHICAGO BROKERS.

Compelled to Send Messages to New York via Yokohama.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Cut off from the east by the storm's destruction of telegraph and telephone wires, Chicago brokers have resorted to extraordinary expedients in their effort to establish business with their New York offices.

Messages were sent around the world by way of Yokohama, but no replies were received in time to be of value for the day's trading. In other instances messengers were dispatched to New York on the 20-hour flyer which leaves Chicago just after noon, the hope being that the fast train would be able to reach the metropolis before the opening of the stock exchange today. Still another expedient was to telegraph orders to Rochester or Buffalo, to which cities wires were in operation and from which the orders were mailed to New York city.

It was the most complete tie-up of wire service that the stock exchange has known in the last 16 years. There was no time during the day when any broker knew the condition of the New York market at the moment, quotations being so far behind time as to be valueless.

No News from Port Arthur.

Chefoo, Nov. 15.—No further news from Port Arthur was received here today.

FUNERAL SERVICES OVER UTAH VICTIM

Remains of Joseph Frew of Hooper Laid to Rest this Afternoon.

CHANGED MIND; MET DEATH.

Was Going to World's Fair But Concluded to Come Home Without Visiting St. Louis.

The funeral services over the remains of Joseph Frew, one of the victims of the Union Pacific wreck last Saturday, occurred at Hooper at 1:30 this afternoon under the auspices of the A. O. U. W. Joseph Frew, who is the single Utah victim, was killed while sitting in the chair car on the ill-fated train. Both legs, both arms and the face wer badly crushed and mangled while his neck was broken. The body was brought to Hooper from Ogden yesterday afternoon by the brother of the deceased.

Joseph Frew had resided at Hooper practically all his life and was well known and respected. He was a mechanical engineer by trade and for some time was an engineer at the canning factories at Roy and Syracuse, but later went into the sheep business. He was on his way home from Chicago where he had been with a consignment of sheep when he met his death.

The news was a great shock to his wife who was under the impression that he was going to visit the world's fair before returning home. However he made up his mind to come straight back without visiting St. Louis.

He leaves a widow and five children, the eldest being a son 19 years of age. His twin brother, Hyrum, who resides at Rexburg, Ida., has been notified of the sad fatality.

HEROIC ENGINEER.

The official report on the disastrous wreck on the Union Pacific near Azusa, Wyo., on Saturday shows 14 dead, as set forth in last night's "News." Investigation of the engine of the passenger train shows that William Murray, the engineer who resided at Evanston, died at his post and gave up his life for the passengers in his charge. The mute testimony of the closed throttle, the reversed lever and the set emergency brakes shows that the gallant engineer kept his head in face of certain death and did all in his power to lessen the shock of the impact of the two heavy trains. It is safe to say that he had barely done his duty when the collision occurred. A projecting bolt struck him squarely in the forehead and death was instantaneous. The hero was spared the horror of being pinned beneath his engine and scalded to death. Had Murray jumped to save his own life before he had applied the emergency brakes the list of dead and injured among the passengers would undoubtedly have been doubled.

FOURTEEN DEAD.

The names of dead and injured as now given out by the officials are as follows:

Joseph Frew, Hooper, Utah.

Charles S. McNeil, private troop K, Thirteenth U. S. cavalry, en route from New York to the Philippines.

B. Tucker, Hunterstown, Ind.

William Comstock, Bloomington, Neb., fireman on freight.

Roy Chamberlain, Evanston, private secretary to Senator Clark.

H. M. Sherman, Cheyenne, railway mail clerk.

S. S. Epperson, Green River, car repairer.

J. H. Winslow, Cheyenne, express messenger.

William Murray, Evanston, engineer of No. 3.

Benjamin Eccles, Evanston, engineer on freight.

M. Lowham, Evanston, conductor of freight.

John Redmond, Evanston, brakeman of freight.

John D. Stagg, Evanston, fireman on No. 3.

Unidentified passenger. Died at Rock Springs hospital.

The seriously injured are:

Frank Nolan, Cheyenne, railway mail clerk, head and chest crushed and one ear torn off. Will probably die.

Fred Wilson, Kansas City, Mo., hips crushed. Will probably die.

Emmett Wilcoxson, Shelby, Ia., arms mashed.

Theodore Eller, Missouri Valley, Ia., head burned.

Saw Mill Burned.

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 15.—The saw mill of the A. P. Perry Lumber Co., on Clear Lake about three miles north of Tenino was destroyed by fire last night. Loss estimated at about $25,000.

Another Christmas News Feature.

Complying with the requests of several leading real estate and business men, the "News" will offer a third cash prize of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS for the best article submitted for the Christmas News on the topic

"SALT LAKE AND LOS ANGELES; THEIR FUTURE TRADE RELATIONS."

The article to consist of not more than 2,500 words, and to be submitted not later than Dec. 3. Contestants should sign article with initials or a nom de plume. Address envelopes "The Deseret News Christmas Department," and in an acompanying envelope sealed, give their own name.

MINIATURE RAILROAD TRAIN HELD UP AND ROBBED AT FAIR

St. Louis, Nov. 15.—It has just become known from the exposition police station that two masked men held up and robbed a train on the miniature railroad at the world's fair Saturday night in true western style, securing money and valuables amounting to about $100 and then escaped. The train, containing the engineer and three passengers, was making its last trip and was crossing a deserted plot of ground when suddenly two masked men with drawn revolvers, appeared in the shaft of light thrown by the headlight and called to the engineer to stop. The train immediately came to a standstill and, while one robber covered those aboard, the other relieved them of their money and valuables. Jacob Vannich, a ticket seller for the road, was arrested today on suspicion but was released on bond.

UNCLE SAM MUCH MISTRUSTS TURKEY

Consul at Kharput Instructed to Watch Turkish and Persian Authorities.

AFTER KURDISH MURDERERS

Of American Missionary, Rev. B. W. Larabee—Vendors of Bibles Having Trouble.

Constantinople, Nov. 15.—The American consul at Kharput, Dr. Thomas H. Norton, has been instructed to proceed to the Turco-Persian frontier and watch the operations of the Turkish and Persian authorities who have undertaken to arrest the Kurdish murderers of the American missionary, Rev. B. W. Labaree, who was killed in April last.

Despite the porte's repeated promises to the American legation not to permit vendors of Bibles of the American Bible society to be molested, the local authorities at Angora, Trebizond and Ordu still detain vendors, have seized their Bibles and threaten to arrest any one attempting to sell them. The legation therefore has addressed a more imperative note to the porte calling attention to this non-compliance with instructions which the legation has been assured had been given to surrender the Bibles and not interfere with the work of the Bible house and demanding a prompt settlement failing which the matter would be referred to Washington.

The efforts made to obtain permission for a resumption of the excavations of Dr. E. S. Banks, director of the University of Chicago expeditions of excavations at Bismaya, have thus far proved unsuccessful.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

President Smith of Railroad Commission on the Subject.

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 15.—President John V. Smith, of the National Association of Railway commissioners, in his annual address, took strong grounds against the government ownership of railroads, saying that a political party with the patronage afforded by the railroads and the appointment of over a million employes could not only perpetuate itself in power, but in a few years it could build a monarchy, and our now boasted free institutions would become the laughing stock of nations. Government supervision reasonably and justly administered and not government ownership he said, was to his mind the solution of the problem of railroad combinations.

"Let the railroads combine," the speaker continued, "and combine until every mile is under one vast system, and I have sufficient confidence in our government to believe that under proper supervision these combinations would be a blessing instead of a curse to our nation."

PRINCE FUSHIMI.

The Distinguished Japanese Arrives in Washington.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Prince Sadamura Fushimi, a near relative of the emperor of Japan, who has arrived in Washington as the guest of the nation, today called at the White House and conveyed to the president the good wishes and friendship of the mikado and the latter's hope for the president's continued good health and happiness. The prince's address which was in Japanese and interpreted by one of his suite, was brief and bespoke closer and stronger relations between the two countries. The president, in his response gave assurance of this sentiment by the American people and wished the Japanese people prosperity.

ROCK ISLAND DEAL.

James Speyer Becomes a Director In the Big Company.

New York, Nov. 15.—The following statement was given out today at the office of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway company:

"The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company has sold to Speyer & Co., $25,000,000 of its first and refunding mortgage 3 per cent gold bonds due April 1, 1934, which will provide for the requirements of the company until the summer of 1906. The Rock Island management has requested Mr. James Speyer to become a director in the Rock Island company, and a member of the finance committee, and Mr. Speyer has consented."

RUSSIA GETTING VERY SENSITIVE.

President's Readiness to Offer His Good Offices Not Considered to Be a Friendly Act

SUSPICIOUS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Mobolization of Troops on the Indian Frontier Urged by Portion of Russian Press.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 15.—The forthcoming meeting of the presidents of 38 provincial zemstvos is absorbing public attention to the exclusion of other questions.

The continued suggestions from abroad regarding peace are treated like their predecessor as unworthy of serious consideration. The mere mention of mediation arouses the ire of those in authority. The reiteration of the statement that President Roosevelt, having the support of Great Britain and France, had already been approached by Japan, and was ready to offer his offices in view of Russia's position is not considered to be a friendly act. Russia will push the war on an ever-increasing scale and preparations to do so are being made everywhere. Trouble with the army reserve men continues in various places, especially in Poland, but the authorities are making efforts to allay the causes of discontent, and many of the abuses complained of have been corrected. The problem of caring for the families of the reserve men, many of whom are left almost destitute, is receiving earnest consideration. The members of the revolutionary party naturally are doing everything possible to foment discontent among the reserve men, urging on them that it is better to resist at home than in the far east, but the war offices is seemingly convinced that these troubles will not spread to a great extent.

The progress of the Russian Second Pacific squadron in which so much of Russia's hope is centered, is followed with intense interest. The cruiser Orel, the cruiser Jemtchug, seven torpedo boat destroyers and six transports are leaving Libau this week to join the squadron. In the public mind a deep seated suspicion exists that if the squadron arrives close to its destination in an efficient condition Great Britain will in some way find a pretext to block its further progress and some of the neswpapers refer to the necessity for mobilizing troops on the Indian frontier, where Russia now has two army corps, as a counter-threat to guarantee the safe passage of the squadron. Unfortunately the utterances of the press of both countries are constantly fanning the feeling of mutual distrust.

KING AND QUEEN OF PORTUGAL RETURN EDWARD'S VISIT

Portsmouth, Eng., Nov. 15.—The king and queen of Portugal reached Portsmouth from Cherbourg and subsequently proceeded to Windsor to return the visit which King Edward paid to them at Lisbon last year. The visitors, who crossed the channel in King Edward's yacht, escorted by half a dozen British warships, had an imposing welcome at naval headquarters where 30 to 40 warships, elaborately dressed with bunting had assembled in their honor. No such naval pageant had been witnessed here since the coronation review. The Prince of Wales awaited the royal yacht at the dock yard jetty and immediately after she was moored, he boarded her and in behalf of King Edward welcomed King Charles and Queen Amelia to England.

CONCERTS ON SHARES.

President of American Federation of Musicians Gives Decision in Case.

President Weber and Secretary Miller of the American Federation of Musicians, gave decisions while here, in regard to some matters which were in dispute among members of the Salt Lake union. They decided that President Berry was properly chosen president and should remain; but the new board of directors could not enter on their duties until January 1 next. As to the interpretation of the rule bearing on giving concerts on shares, the officials decided against the position taken by Mr. Held. However, Mr. Held has arranged to continue his Sunday evening concerts at the Grand Theater, with his financial arrangements in conformance with the official interpretation just given, and the many citizens who have enjoyed these concerts in the past will have an opportunity to enjoy them as usual in the future.

THREE EDITIONS DAILY.

The Deseret News is now issuing three editions daily as follows:

First edition at 1:30 p. m., for Ogden and Wyoming.

Second edition at 3 p. m., for Bingham, Provo and other Utah county points.

Third edition at 3:45 p.m., for Salt Lake City and night mails.

Advertisers desiring their notices to appear in all editions should furnish copy early.

The Semi-Weekly News, the big country newspaper of the west, is printed Monday and Thursday afternoons.

LEAVES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Marquise des Monstiers, Nee Caldwell, Who Founded the Catholic University

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Was Largely Influenced by Bishop Spaulding—Her Protestant Blood Finally Asserted Itself.

New York, Nov. 15.—The Associated Press has received the following. Before giving it publication, its authenticity has been fully verified by cable from Rome:

"Rome, Oct. 30, 1904. Editors of the Associated Press—You have my full permission to print the enclosed, and give it as wide a publication as possible. "Yours truly,

"MARQUISE DES MONSTIERS."

"Dear Editor—It may interest some of your readers to know that the Marquise des Monstiers Merinville, formerly Miss M. G. Caldwell, who, it will be remembered, founded the Roman Catholic university at Washington some years ago, has entirely repudiated her former creed. In an interview with me the other day she said:

"'Yes, it is true that I have left the Roman Catholic church. Since I have been living in Europe my eyes have been opened to what that church really is, and to its anything but sanctity. But the trouble goes much further back than this. Being naturally religious, my imagination was early caught by the idea of doing something lift the church from the lowly position which it occupied in America, so I thought of a university or higher school where its clergy could be educated, and if possible refined. Of course, in this I was greatly influenced by Bishop Spaulding of Peoria, who represented it to me as one of the greatest works of the day. When I was 21 I turned over to them one-third of my fortune for that purpose. But for years I have been trying to rid myself of the subtle, yet overwhelming influence of a church which pretends, not only to the privilege of being 'the only true church,' but of being alone able to open the gates of heaven to a sorrowful, sinful world. At last, my honest Protestant blood has asserted itself, and I now forever repudiate and cast off 'the yoke of Rome,' so saying, the marquise politely dismissed me."

"It will be remembered that the Marquise des Monstiers Merinville, and her sister, the Baroness von Zoodwitz, are the daughters of the late William S. Caldwell and his wife, who was a Breckinridge of Kentucky. Shortly before his death Mr. Caldwell became a convert to Roman Catholicism and left his children to the care of Irish Roman Catholics in New York, whom his wife had met in church circles. The younger sister married some fifteen years ago a German nobleman, a Lutheran, and has since then also left the Roman Catholic communion. The elder has been in very bad health for some years, from having to occupy a position before the world as a prominent Roman Catholic, which was not a real one and to which her extreme generosity led her, when a young and inexperienced girl. Now, at last, her own mind has asserted itself, and she returns to the creed of her ancestors."

Mary Gwendolin Caldwell is the daughter of William Shakespeare Caldwell, who after being a theatrical manager in England settled in Richmond, Va., and eventually made a large fortune in building gas houses in Chicago, St. Louis, Mobile and other cities. He married Miss Breckenridge, a famous Kentucky beauty. Miss Caldwell and her sister Lina spent the summers at Newport, where they had a magnificent house, and usually passed part of the winter when they were not abroad in New York. On the death of her father, Miss Caldwell inherited $2,000,000. On Oct. 19, 1896, Miss Caldwell was married to the Marquis des Monstiers Merinville, a French nobleman, in St. Joseph's church, Avenue Hocue, Paris, by Bishop Spalding of Peoria, Ill., the guardian and administrator of the estate of Miss Caldwell, assisted by Father Cooke.

At the time of her marrige Miss Caldwell was a very handsome woman, about 35 years old, and a devoted Roman Catholic. She had previously shown her devotion to the church by giving $300,000 to found the Divinity college of the Roman Catholic university in Washington. Some seven years previous to her marriage Miss Caldwell wa engaged to Prince Muart, grandson of the king of Naples. The engagement was broken because the prince insisted that half of Miss Caldwell's fortune should be settled upon him.

GEN. ANDRE.

Resigns as Minister of War for France.

Paris, Nov. 15.—The official announcement is made of the resignation of Gen. Andre, the war minister, and the nomination of Henry Maurice Berteaux, member of the chamber of deputies from the Versailles division of the Seine Et Oise to succeed him.

Dolbeer Will Case.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—Mrs. Elizabeth C. Philipps, beneficiary under Bertha Dolbeer's will to the amount of $10,000, has declared to the jury in Judge Coffey's court that the testatrix was of unsound mind when she made disposition of her estate. Mrs. Phillips was a cousin of John Dolbeer, the father of Miss Dolbeer, and was one of the few relatives that the young heiress remembered in her testament. In cross-examination Mrs. Phillips admitted that she had tried to induce the executrix to make an allowance to her of $25,000. She felt she ought to have had at least as much as Miss Dolbeer left to the mother of Miss Warren, with whom the testatrix had barely an acquaintance.

CALL ON NAT'L BANKS.

Comptroller of Currency Wants To Know Their Condition.

Washington, Nov. 15.—The comptroller of the currency has issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business Thursday, Nov. 10.

THE NORTH SEA INCIDENT INQUIRY.

One Being Conducted by Great Britain on Her Own Behalf Opens at Hull.

REPORT TO BE BASIS OF CASE.

No Evidence Found to Suggest Presence of Torpedoboats Among The Fishing Fleet.

EXPECT NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

Findings to be Sent to Board of Trade And Then Submitted to the International Commission.

Hull, Eng., Nov. 15.—The inquiry which Great Britain conducts on her own behalf in the North sea incident opened today. Vice Admiral Bridge and Butler Aspinall, an admiralty court lawyer, who were appointed to conduct the inquiry, and whose report will form the basis of the British case before the International Commission at Paris, sat at a large table surrounded by maps showing the Doggerbank and the North sea. In front was an array of counsel and government officials.

The correspondent of the Associated Press learned at the outset that the board of trade solicitors who have been preparing the case have found no evidence to suggest the presence of the torpedo boats among the fishing fleet. The inquiry will therefore merely be an amplification of the evidence at the inquest and it will be adjourned to London in the course of a few days, the proceedings here being confined to a narrative of the shooting. The assessment of damages, which will be dealt with in London, cannot be completed for some time as many of the trawlers are still at sea.

The findings of the court will be sent to the board of trade and will be submitted to the international commission. It is not likely that they will be published before the commission commences its session, but with the exception of the amount of the damages it can scarcely add to what is already known, a careful examination of all the witnesses in private having substantiated in all essential details the story the fishermen originally told.

The Russian government was represented at today's hearing.

Admiral Bridge started matters with businesslike promptness, briefly announcing the method of procedure and stating that there would be no speeches. Various counsel representing the trawler companies and the victims received permission to examine the witnesses and Mr. Pickford, counsel for the board of trade, summarized the facts connected with the "lamentable occurrence," saying there was nothing connected with the trawling fleet which could possibly account for the shooting. He added that in addition to the witnesses to be called a careful inquiry had been made among the entire fleet and the statements made agreed in all essential respects. Mr. Pickford highly commended the pluck shown by the men of the trawler Gull in saving the wounded from the sinking trawler Crane.

The first witness was Mr. Behring, managing director of the Gamecock fleet. He testified that for 25 to 30 years the fishing fleets had been trawling off Doggerbank.

A DIFFERENCE DEVELOPS.

Russia Wants Language of the Agreement Modified.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 15.—A difference has developed between Great Britain and Russia over the language of the article in the North sea convention, relative to the question of responsibility. At the foreign office it is said that Russia does not desire to in any way recede from the basis of the agreement, but she proposes a modification of the language submitted in England's text. The admiralty, it is understood, contended all along that the international commission should confine its inquiry to the establishment of the question whether torpedo boats were off the Dogger bank and whether in any event the Rusisan ships were justified in firing.

The Associated Press learns that Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's detailed report shows that some shots from the battleships hit the Russian protected cruiser Aurora, one of the shells entering the wardroom and wounding a priest, who afterwards died at Tangier from the injuries which he sustained. The Russian admiralty contends that this is additional proof of the good faith of the vessels which fired on what they believed to be torpedoboats, not having seen either the fishing vessels or their own ships of the cruiser division. Lieut. Ott, one of the Russian witnesses, will swear positively that he saw flames rising out of four funnels of a low lying ship.

Lieut. Ellis, another Russian witness who was in a turret of the Russian battleship Alexander III, sighted a gunboat but did not fire. He declares that he is positive he saw a torpedoboat destroyer. Capt. Clado, also one of the witnesses, insisted that he saw two torpedo boats and the witnesses, insisted that he saw two torpedoboats and the depositions of the officers of the Russian transport Kamtchatka say they saw four boats resembling torpedo-boats.

SHAKESPEARE BIBLE.

Sold in London and is Coming To America.

New York, Nov. 15.—Little interest was displayed in the sale of the Shakespeare Bible, which has just taken place, says a Herald dispatch from London. Bidding on the souvenir opened at $100 and rose steadily to $1,050, at which price it was sold.

The book is to go to American immediately. If the signatures therein are those of the bard of Avon, the value of the book is 10 times the amount paid. Experts, however, raised a question as to the genuineness of the poet's signature.