

WASHINGTON SELECTED FOR PEACE CONFERENCE.

Sensational Decision of Grand Duke Alexis and Admiral Avellan of the Russian Naval Department.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 16, 3.30 a.m.—The sensational announcement was made shortly before midnight that Grand Duke Alexis, the high admiral, who is an uncle of the emperor, and Admiral Avellan, head of the Russian admiralty department, had resigned.

It is regarded as certain that two of Russia's representatives will be Baron Rosen, who has been appointed to succeed Count Cassini as ambassador at Washington, and M. Nelidoff, ambassador at Paris.

Now that some of the details of the negotiations which have been pending for some weeks are known, the selection of Washington is regarded as the only logical solution of the problem presented to the belligerent governments.

WASHINGTON THE PLACE. The words of the rescript give no hint of imperial anger and the real explanation probably will not leak out for several days.

Among those sojourning late in the cafes and hotels the editorial in the Naska Schien yesterday morning demanding an accounting of the popular fund subscribed for the rebuilding of the navy and declaring that "great names are no longer guarantees," was instantly recalled.

It was felt even in quarters where charges of corruption were not entertained, that it would be unwise to entrust the rebuilding of the navy to the hands which were responsible for the hapless fleets of the past.

WASHINGTON SELECTED. WASHINGTON, June 15.—America's national capital has been selected as the seat of negotiations between the plenipotentiaries of Russia and Japan for a treaty of peace.

Official announcement of the selection of Washington was made by Secretary Laph at the White House at 12.30 p.m. today. It was in type-written form and read as follows:

When the two governments were unable to agree upon either Chefoo or Paris, the president suggested The Hague, but both governments have now requested that Washington

be chosen as the place of meeting, and the president has accordingly formally notified both governments that Washington will be so selected.

This statement was supplemented shortly afterward by a semi-official announcement that "after meeting and organizing the plenipotentiaries of the two governments, it should be found to be uncomfortably hot in Washington, may adjourn the meeting to some summer resort in the north and there continue their sittings until such time as the weather in Washington shall be more comfortable."

Finally Japan declined to consider Paris for obvious reasons, and Russia objected to holding the conference in any Oriental city. Washington then was suggested as a place at which the belligerents could meet on neutral ground, and by either political or personal influences.

THE WEST INDIA SERVICE. H. B. Schofield and John Sealy returned yesterday from Ottawa, where they interviewed the government in connection with the West India service.

Mr. Schofield said to the Sun that they had been absolutely assured that the service would be continued to St. John on exactly the same conditions as last year with the same number of vessels and the same tonnage.

GRAND LODGE CONCLUDES CONVOCATION. SYDNEY, N. S., June 14.—The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons concluded its convocation today, and the Grand Lodge will finish tomorrow morning.

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CLOSING DAY IN HARD LUCK STORIES

Told to Mrs. Hall of the Associated Charities. Destitute Old Men and Homeless Children Are Wandering About the Streets.

The monthly meeting of the Associated Charities was held yesterday afternoon. The report for the month presented by the secretary, Mrs. Hall, showed the following: Number asked relief, 10; waiting employment, 25; seeking advice, 15; those asking for young girls to do light housework, 10; making in all 70 applicants.

Of all these Mrs. Hall says the hard cases are those to deal with; they are those who come to seek advice. They come to her, men and women, with their troubles, which are of such a strictly private nature that they cannot be laid before a committee, and she simply has to deal with them as best she can.

During the month 15 persons have been recommended by the secretary to employers, and employment has been found for 15, five men, three young girls and seven women. Relief was procured for seven persons. Ten cases of different characters were investigated, 30 visits made, and 20 letters were written.

Mrs. Hall states that there are at present four or five very old men wandering about the streets of the city in a destitute condition, who should have been in the almshouse long ago. It seems a difficult matter, however, to get them to go to the almshouse, as they all have a perfect horror of that institution.

NEWS FROM MONCTON. MONCTON, N. B., June 14.—Keith Lodge, Moncton, will celebrate its special centennial by attending religious service in the Presbyterian church on Sunday, June 19th, where an address appropriate to the occasion, will be delivered by Rev. R. S. Crisp of Marystown.

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Royal Baking Powder Saves Health and Saves Money

JOHN F. STEEVES. The Young Albert County Man Who Was Murdered in Maine.

Emmerson Has to Announce Another Shortage. His Methods of Running the Road Sharply Criticised by Conservative Members—

Drill Hall Site. During the afternoon Hon. Mr. Emmerson, dealing with the I. C. R. estimates, said in his previous statement he had predicted a large deficit.

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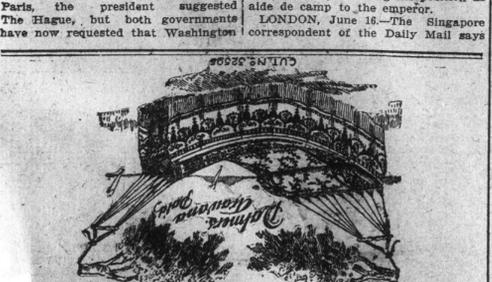
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Continuation of news articles and advertisements on the right side of the page, including 'JOHN F. STEEVES', 'Emmerson Has to Announce Another Shortage', 'NEWS FROM MONCTON', 'ROYAL GAZETTE NOTICES', and 'BLUEBEARD HOCH'S CHANGE FOR LIFE'.