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#### BATTLE IS ON IN CHINA SEA. OFF THE ISLAND OF ANAMBAS

Dispatch From Java Says Rojestvensky and Togo Have be making good progress, and that there is every hope for his recovery. His lordship is under the care of Dr. Come to Grips---No Details Yet.

#### ENTIRE RUSS SQUADRON NOW IN THE CHINA SEA

the Handelshlad.

five Dutch warships are near are lacking.

#### JAPS ON THE WATCH Ships at Saigon.

Saigon, French Cochin China, April boats Acheron and Styx are about to may happen. for the purpose, it is leave Saigon said, of preserving the neutrality of French waters. The Descartes, which

Several Japanese ships are cruising off the coast of Cochin China for the purpose of preventing the Russians lowed to go the greater will be the

recently, reported that two Japanese (at the southern extremity of Cochin

anticipated by the French colony here are that the belligerents may send disabled ships to this port.

#### IN MANCHURIA

#### Constant Skirmishes Reported-Russia Arming Her Convicts.

Russians continue concentrating their' Russians continue concentrating their ports that the battleships were separ-troops and strengthening the Chang-chun-Kirin line. General Madirdoff's ated from the cruisers caused anxiety.

dom to those fighting bravely. This, doubted, however, that Russia will at-

#### London Hasn't Heard It.

London, April 12. - No confirmation has yet been received in London of the report from Batavia, Java, of a naval Collier Held Up. from Singapore today practically con-firms the Associated Press' first in-been refused clearance papers for Saigformation regarding the composition on, unless her commander give bonds of the Russian squadron which passed to deliver her cargo through the Britat mored cruisers, five armored cruisers, three converted cruisers, seven torpedo boat destroyers, 17 steamers and hospital ships and a tug.

#### TOGO DIVIDES FLEET

#### A Flying Squadron of Fast Ships to All In China Sea. Open Attack.

Rome, April 11.-The commander of the Italian squadron in the Far East sends word that Admiral Togo has divided his fleet into three portions, namely, a flying squadron of his faster ships, for scouting and for opening the attack; the more powerful ships, under command of Togo himself, which will follow the others into action, and finally, the reserve squadron.

#### SPANISH ARMADA OYER AGAIN English Experts Say Russians Are progress off the Anambas Islands (as Zealand, Australia, India, and South Doomed to Defeat.

New York, April 12 .- A London dispatch to the World says: Rear Admiral Gayles, a distinguished naval have attempted a torpedo boat attack strategist and expert, writes in the London Daily Telegraph: "We may necting the Anambas Island and Baexpect that the whole passage of the tavia and that the first news of a fight Russian fleet to the north-through the China Sea, will be marked by con- cate with Batavia by wireless tele- he would receive. tinual harrassing by torpedo boat de- graph.

Amsterdam, April 12.-A stroyers, whose supreme object will be to wear down the Russian fleet, ship published an edict announcing that infight is now in progress near by ship, and when the supreme moment arrives for action between the the Anambas Islands (east battle fleets if such an event ever does take place, Admiral Togo's superiority the 6 per cent scrip, which now repreof the Malay Peninsula), ac- may be even greater than at present. "It is probable that there will be cording to a telegram from little occurring in the way of a naval Batavia. Island of Java, to action while the Russians are so close to territorial waters. At present they could seek sanctuary at almost any moment if it were desired, and this is The dispatch adds that not what the Japanese wish. So, that if Admiral Rojestvensky does not go into Saigon (French Cochin-China) to the scene of battle. Details carry out essential repairs, I should The Russian Prince-Admiral Will say the first serious engagement will take place north of this French base. It is certain Rojestvensky will give the Philippine Islands as wide a berth mand of Rear Admiral Prince Oukas possible on account of the lack of tomsky for a court martial has been To Prevent Rojestvensky Coaling His sympathy which is known to exist in granted. the United States with Russia's far

east policy "We may take it for granted that 12.—The French cruiser Descartes and Rojestvensky, after passing Salgon, five torpedo boats are cruising off Cape will keep out in the open sea around James near here. The French gun- the south of Formosa. Then anything

Admiral Sir John Colom said: "It would seem to be the Japanese is furnished with wireless telegraph policy to keep the Russians in sight, apparatus, has received several dis-paratus, has r patches in a foreign code which are got them as near as they may go into Japanese home waters.

taking coal on board, and are making force of the naval reverse—of the naval A Chinese junk which arrived here disaster, perhaps-inflicted upon them. "It would seem reasonable, probable, vessels purchased supplies at Pulo Obi that the Japanese admiral has it in his power to elect the time and place Petrel, is built on the lines of a man In case a battle occurs off the coast for the fight, and then—well, then, I of war. She has great speed and will Brooks tried to pass the worthless of Cochin China the only incidents suppose it will be the Spanish Armada give hot chase to fish-poachers on the checks, the accused was sent up for would support Foreign Minister Lans- Britain security in their possessions.

#### No Turning Back.

New York, April 12. - A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Times says that a dispatch received there stating that Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet is not dis-Tokio, April 12. - Reports received united, evokes the greatest satisfaction here from Manchuria indicate that the at the admiralty, where the earlier re-

force continues in touch with the ex- It is thought probable at St. Peters- and commerce committee today the treme Japanese left. Skirmishes are burg that Rojestvensky will coal in the frequent and may possibly develop in. Dutch territorial waters of Northern Sumatra, and that he will await Ad-It is reported that the Russians have armed the convicts of the Island of Sakhalin, promising money and free-layed by heavy weather. The spirit animating Rojestvensky's it is added, brings the garrison of Sak-officers and men is worthy of the halin up to a total of 3,000. It is greatest admiration. A letter from an

officer of the battleship Kniaz Suvaroff says: "We are all resolved to sacrifice ourselves for the fatherland. We

#### no turning back.

battle off the Anambas Islands, and Singapore, Straits Settlement, April as there is no cable connection with 12.-The German colller Hindoo, now these islands it is difficult to see how at this port, loaded with 4,200 tons of Batavia could have got such news be- Cardiff coal for the Island of Tanjong fore Singapore. A dispatch to Lloyds Pandan (east of Banka Island and there April 8. Lloyd's agent says it ish consul there. A guard has been The Straits Times today publishes a dispatch from Batavia, Java, confirming, on good authority, the statemen that there are no Russian warships at Muntok, Island of Banka,

Associated Press is able to state alice lutely that the Russian battleships passed Singapore going eastward, on April 8, so that all of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron are accounted passed further out to sea than the rest colonies. of the squadron, hence the divergent reports regarding the number of ships.

#### St. Petersburg Thinks Not.

St. Petersburg, April 12. — 4:38 p.m.

The admiralty has no information in regard to the alleged naval battle in reported to a newspaper of Amsterdam, Holland, from Batavia), and does not credit the possibility of a general naval battle yet. The officials con-cede, however, that the Japanese may on a convoy during the night. It is pointed out that there is no cable con-

#### U. S. BLOCKS CANADIAN RIVER; PROTEST MADE THROUGH LONDON

Washington, D. C., April 12.-Among ed, the Washington Government havthe several questions now pending being taken the tentative position that a work of this kind. Then colonization its jurisdiction did not include the St. could be made the handmaid of immitween London and Washington regarding Canada one of the most important have been placed to the annoyance of affects the interpretation of the river Canadians. It is the wish of the Canand harbor act of 1902, providing for adians that this river be included in an American-Canadian commission to such was the intention of the act. investigate and report on the problems similar interpretation was placed on of water level, water supply and navi- the law by Mr. Choate, the American gation of the waters adjacent to the rivers whose natural outlet is by the St. Lawrence River. Some question has arisen as to the scope of the commission, which already has been appointboundary line, including all lakes and ment of the commission. In view of

John River, where certain obstructions gration the investigation, and they hold that sented the invitation for the appoint-

#### BISHOP SWEATMAN BETTER RUSSIAN GOVT.

Makes Good Progress and There Is Every Hope for Recovery.

Toronto April 12.-Bishop Sweatman, who was operated on early yesterday morning, is reported this morning to

#### CASTRO CANCELS DEBT

Another High-Handed Move of the South American Dictator.

Willemstad, Island of Curacoa, April 12.-President Castro of Venezuela has zuela for seven years has been can-celed, and that scrip bearing interest at 3 per cent will be issued to replace Much of the Venezuelan interior debt (which amounts to about \$16,500,000) is doubtless intensify the strained relations existing between France and Venezuela as a result of the action against the French Cable Company.

#### **OUKTOMSKY TO BE TRIED**

Face a Court Martial.

granted. The court will consist of four admirals, Admiral Dikoff presiding. Prince Ouktomsky succeeded Rear dmiral Withoeft in command of the Port Arthur squadron when the latter was killed in the naval battle of Aug. 10. It has been claimed that the prince did not carry out the orders previously issued by Admiral Withoeft not to put back to Port Arthur.

LOOK OUT, MR. POACHER

Patrol Lake Erie.

Windsor, Ont., April 12. - The fishery cruiser Vigilant will start on Saturday on her first cruise of Lake Erie. Her crew of forty is almost complete, and her rapid-fire guns will be taken on before the end of the week. The new

## OPENLY DEFIED

Radicals Continue to Meet and St. Thomas Merchant, Guilty Are Demanding a Constitution.

St. Petersburg, April 12.-The radical Congress of Attorneys, which has been meeting here, in its denunciation of the buroaucracy and its demand for a constitution, and the similar stand taken at a meeting of college professors, have created a great sensation. All the efforts of the Government to prevent the meetings being held by prohibiting the then forbidden to mention the meeting.
and for disobedience in referring to the attorneys' meeting this morning's issue of the Son of the Fatherland was con-fiscated. The Russ also boldly defied the authorities, printing the resolutions adopted by the professors. The action of these influential bodies served to emphasize the growing outery against the Bouligan commission, which is pro-ceeding with its work without any representatives of the people, thus furnishing the Liberals with justification for the charge that the execution of the reforms outlined in the imperial re-script is completely in the hands of the bureaucracy, against which classes of society are fighting.

#### MUST FACE FRAUD CHARGE

Alleged Clerical Impostor Caught at Woodstock Is Committed.

in five or six different cities in Canada, and who was finally caught through the alertness of the Woodstock bank officials and the police, was before Magistrate Ball yesterday morning for charges against Brooks, one of forging two checks on the Dominion Bank signed by "A Toronto," and purporting to be the signature of Bishop Sweatman, of Toronto, and made out in favor of "Charles James Brooks," and the other of attempting to cash

the checks. On the evidence of Manager Fuller, of the Crown Bank, and Manager Mc-Mahon, of the Traders' Bank, on whom still going on.

#### Huron and Erie Loan Bill Before the Committee

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Huron and Erie Loan and Savings

an Ontario charter. The Finance Minisare determined to die. There will be ter objected to any changing of the federal law.

If the company wanted to get pro- representing the company, was present,

The company wanted the same bor- was incorporated before Confederation, rowing power as if incorporated under and there was only one other company The bili was reported. Mr. Cronyn,

How Salvation Army Helps Canada Get High-Class Immigrants.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 12. - Before London, April 12. - 3:36 p.m. - The leaving for the east yesterday, Com- things for the support of the Ontario mander Booth-Tucker, who, with H. Rider Haggard, the author, is making view of the circular recently sent out an inspection of the social colony work by the Manufacturers' Association done by the Salvation Army in the casting reflections upon the work in for. This definite news about the bat- United States, outlined the plan of the tleships was sent to Singapore by wire- Salvation Army to relieve congestion less telegraph from the China Sea. It is in population in London by sending presumed here that the battleships persons to Canada and other English

He said: "Last year, the Salvation Army carried 1,000 persons from England to Canada, which is starving for population. We carried them in our own ship. It will not be long before we shall be carrying Englishmen, not by thousands, but by tens of thousands, not only to Canada, but to New

Africa. "We didn't dump our immigrants in London, Wednesday, April 12. Quebec, as the United States dumps summigrants in Ellis Island, but dropped six here and eight there and a ped six here and eight there, and a dozen in another place wherever they

were needed. "Every man who left England for Canada knew before he started where should come from Singapore, unless the he was going, what he was going to Dutch warships are able to communi- do when he got there, and what wages "The United States should revise its

immigration laws. Through its consuls and other representatives, immigrants treal, should be investigated before they start, and not after they have landed at New York. Then you could get the cream of Europe, the yeomanry, the healthy, sturdy stock, and not the scum, the ne'er-do-wells. The Salvation Army would like to co-operate with the United States Government in

|Waterloo Exodus to the West. Berlin, Ont., April 12.-About 40 Wa- Father Point..... 36 terloo County people left yesterday for the west, where they will settle in the Mennonite reserve, located about 100 miles north of Regina. Rev. Eli Hallwill go out to become the minister of

vincial powers, it should go to the ing of the Ontario Hospital Association Ottawa, April 12. - At the banking Ontario House. Other companies, there. ileges. This would be establishing a

Mr. Hyman said that as the company of the same kind, if the company went to the local Legislature, it would have to confine its business to the Province.

## DR. SMELLIE FOR MINES

Rat Portage Deputation Urge He Be Given the Portfolio.

Toronto, April 12. - The claims of Dr. Smellie, M. P. P., for Fort William faculty of Queen's University, Kingand Lake of the Woods, for the posi- ston, died in the general hospital here tion of minister of mines, were urged this morning. He underwent an operupon Premier Whitney this morning by a deputation of citizens of Rat Port age. A deputation of labor men also waited upon the Premier this afternoon to ask among a number of other Labor Bureau by the Government, in the department.

#### Mr. Steddart Going Home. Galt, Ont., April 12. - The condition of Mr. J. H. Stoddart, the actor, continues to improve, and if nothing oc-

curs Mr. Stoddart will be removed his home in two weeks. His son, Mr. T. A. Stoddart, returns to New York this afternoon. THE WEATHER.

### Tomorrow-Local Showers.

Cool weather, with light local snowfalls has prevailed in Saskatchewan, and light showers have prevailed along Lakes Erie and Ontario and in the Upper St. Law-rence Valley. In other parts of Canada conditions have been fair and mild. conditions have been fair and mild.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson, 34—42; Port Simpson, 42—46; Victoria, 38—60; Calgary, 24—54; Qu'Appelle
20—30; Winnipeg, 22—32; Parry Sound, 32—58; Toronto, 36—40; Ottawa, 30—50; Montreal, 30—54; Quebec, 28—56; St. John, 36—52; Halifax, 38—54.

FORECASTS. Wednesday, April 12-8 a.m. Today-Fair and milder. Thursday-Fair and mild, until night then northerly winds and cooler, with local showers.

TEMPERATURES. Parry Ottawa WEATHER NOTES. Quite a pronounced cold wave has com

is over Manitoba and the Territories, and heavy frost is general to the eastward of Alberta. The weather is fair and cool in Ontario and Quebec.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 46.5°; lowest, 37.5°.

# SIXTY DAYS FOR

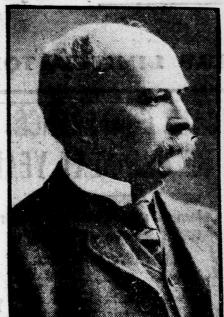
of Fraud, Tells Court He Is Innecent.

position taken by the Pan-Russian St. Thomas bankrupt, convicted of obtaining goods from wholesalers by means of false statements, was sentenced this afternoon to the county jail for sixty days by Judge Winchester, Asked whether he had anything to say, the prisoper said: "I am not guilty, your honor. I never had any delegates from assembling in public, intention of defrauding anybody, and were unavailing. The newspaper were I have never received any personal benefit from it." Judge Winchester said he could not

## Matheson Presents Budget; BANKRUPT HILL

see how the prisoner could say that. after the evidence that had been adduced against him and the finding of the jury. If he had been conscientious in carrying his business as he claimed, why was not he conscientious in giving his statements as to his financial po-

# Tries to Straddle Fence



## CHAMBERLAIN FOR ALLIANCE BETWEEN BRITAIN AND JAPAN

#### Woodstock, April 12.—Charles James Brooks, the alleged clerical impostor, who is said to have victimized banks in five or six different cities in the control of the contro a Long Peace in Far East.

London, April 12. - Joseph Cham- | downe in his determination to carry out berlain presiding at the annual meet- the treaty in its spirit as well as in ing of the Liberal-Unionist Club, held its letter and he might say they would in London today, strongly supported be very glad to follow Lord Lansdowne he suggestion of an Anglo-Japanese further if the foreign secretary thought alliance as one of the greatest diplomatic achievements of the last quarter | tended. of the century, and said the treaty had Mr. Chamberlain believed that any already justified itself by limiting the mutual defensive understanding bearea of the terrible conflict which was tween Japan and Britain would secure

The Liberal Unionists, he added, east, and give both Japan and Great

#### THE HOSPITAL GRANTS Deputation Ask It Be Apportioned at So Much Per Head.

Toronto, April 12. - At the conclusion of the annual meeting this morna deputation waited upon Premier Whitney to urge that instead of the Government appropriating a fixed alamong the hospitals of the Province, a grant of 25 cents per day be made for mier promised to give consideration to

#### the request.

A CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS Decides to Debate Autonomy Measure

Until After Easter. [Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, April 12. - There was Conservative caucus today, when it was decided to keep up the debate on the autonomy bill until after Easter, ermen over the new Bond fishing bill It is said that no action was taken and the rights granted under the treaty year \$1,600,000? to oppose Hon. Frank Oliver in Ed-

#### Dr. John Herald Dead.

Toronto, April 12. -- Dr. John Herald. for many years registrar of the medical ation last Sunday.

Chambertain's Ambi lon.

London, April 11. - Members who remarkable speech, saving among other things that he hoped to live to

#### NAVIES TO PATROL THE FRENCH SHORE

the policy he had initiated could be ex-

for an indefinite time peace in the far

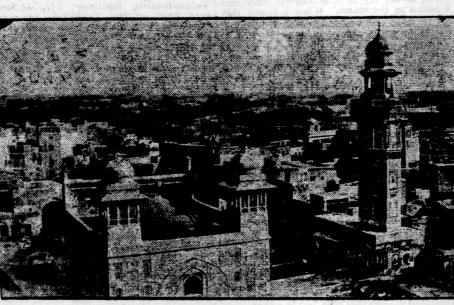
Warships of Britain, France and U. S. Will Gather This Coming Summer.

St. Johns, Nfld., April 12,-It is anneunced that the British warships fair report, such as the former Govern-Cambrian, Scylla and Ring Dove, and the French warships Lavoiser, Troude, Chasseleupe and LaBat will be sent here during the coming summer to patrol the French shore. It is also believed several American warships in 1884 had been described as payment will shortly arrive here owing to the prospect of friction between the colcnial government and American fish-

#### GRAND SECRETARY DEAD

Gineral Grant of the Oddfellows Passes Away at Buffalo.

Grant, grand secretary of the Sover- ber sales should be treated as capital dined with the tariff reformists two eign Grand Lodge of Oddfellows in the account, and not applied on ordinary nights ago say Mr. Chamberlain made United States, died today at the Union revenue. In the past ten years the Protestant Infirmary, where he was the sale of timber some \$5,200,000. Of a serious internal trouble.



LAHORE, BRITISH INDIA Where Much Ruin and Loss of Life Was Caused by the Recent Earthquake. The famous Mosque Juma Maisjid, Which Was Badly

#### Damaged, Stands in the Foreground of the Picture Ninety Thousand Helpers Wanted in Northwest

[Special to The Advertiser.] ion of J. J. Golden, Government immi- spreading with rapidity gration agent. Last year 50,000 were

of settlers' effects arriving here, and came over on the same boat.

already the number of cars is almost Winnipeg. Man., April 12. - Mani-, up to the total for last year. The more toba will require the help of 90,000 new- pleasing feature is the number who are comers for seeding, haying and har- coming from Eastern Canada and the vesting this year. Such is the opin- Eastern States, where the movement is Today 30 British, 30 Scandinavians.

and 15 Belgians, passengers on the Ba-There is no falling off in the quantity there will be 250 more British who for good roads, iron and sugar beet

Says Finances in Awful State, But Outlook Is Bright.

Declares Ross Government Left Bills and a Big Deficit.

Soo Loan Should Never Have Been Made-Temiskaming Road Mismanaged - How He Figures It.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, April 11.-Treasurer Matheson's budget speech today was not altogether a happy effort, but this may he ascribed in some measure to the fact that it was his first attempt. He seemed to be divided between two purposes, trying at one and the same time to show the desperate straits into which Ontario's finances had been brought by the Liberals while in power. and to make his own occupancy of office easier by upholding the credit of the Province. He contended that the Soo guarantee should never have been undertaken, while admitting that the interest had been promptly met and that the prospects for repayment were

Compared with one of Hon. G. W. Ross's clear, concise and easily-followed budget speeches. Mr. Matheson's effort was vague, floundering and inconclusive. He repeated himself frequently, and at the end left his hearers little wiser as to the position of the Province than when he began. Were the

honored leader of the Opposition, the House to reply, Mr. Matheson would probably put in a very uncomfortable hour tomorrow, and in any event, Hon. Richard Harcourt may be depended upon to very thoroughly demolish the flimsy structure reared with such pains oday by the new-fledged Treasurer. Mr. Matheson, in opening, said that he found himself in a somewhat unique

position — a position occupied no other treasurer since Confederation -for it was his duty to present to the House a statement of the finances and expenditures of the Province under the management of his political opponents, the members of the preceding Government. He regretted that he had to do so in the absence of the former Premier and Treasurer, and he echoed the hope of every member that Hon. Mr. Ross would soon resume his place in the House.

It was true that in 1872 to Mr. Mackenzie had fallen the duty of reviewing the financial record of a defeated government, the John Sandfield Macdonald administration. But he (Mr. Mackenzie) had nothing to complain of, for he found a treasury overflowing with millions of cash, a surplus about which there could be no question, and no bogus figures or statements to refute Mr. Matheson said he was sorry to say that he would have a different story to tell. He would strive to give a ment should have given had they desired to present to the House a correct

view of the Province's affairs In the public accounts for the year some changes would be noted. twenty years the subsidies granted the investments. This classification timber lands, but of this sum nearly one-third had been received last year, How could a true statement of this account be made when one year the receipts might be \$75,000, and the next

Money From Timber Sales Ontario had received altogether from was erroneous and Mr. Matheson said he proposed to give them as subsidies,

re and simple He had also given with fuller detail the receipts from crown lands, which were formerly bulked as a lump sum. The Conservative party in the House had always contended that the moneys received from timber bonuses and timbe 190, and become Prime Minister some operated on about four weeks ago for this \$3,000,000 was used in ordinary expenditure, and only \$1,000,000 spent on capital account, and this during the ginning to understand that there was a big source of revenue from the sale of pulpwood and from the succession duties, and in connection with the latter it was pointed out that some accounts as far back as 1903 had not

been settled yet. Dealing with the affairs of Toronto University, Col Matheson pointed out how the institution had a deficit every year, and that last year the old Gov-ernment had not paid that deficit. It vould be much more satisfactory, he thought, for both the Government and the university if one source of revenue

were set aside to be devoted to the university. Continuing, Col. Matheson said that during 1904 the ordinary revenue expenditure to \$5,267,453 02. There was Iso accounts to the amount of \$180,000 eft unpaid from last year, so that on the year's business there was a deficit

The excess of receipts on account of on the pine timber sale was \$164,000, this item being on capital ac-The excess of revenue over estimate on ordinary receipts was, on: Crown lands ..... Supplementary revenue account 15,000

A total of ......\$341,000 On the other hand, there was a defictency in revenue from: .\$19,000 Public institutions of

Provincial Secretary's Department .. Tavern and brewers' licenses... 13,000 

stimates of \$289,000. The amount overexpended, as shown in statement No. 18, at the end of the public accounts, was \$362,189, but of this varian, are expected, and tomorrow \$212,242 was for payments under statute (Continued on page 2.)