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ROJESTVENSKY BELIEVED TO BE ANXIOUS FOR BATTLE

Fact That Russian Admiral is Not Trying to Conceal His Movements Leads to Above Opinion--Vladivostok Being Strongly Fortified With 500 Guns and 100,000 Garrison--Admiral Dewey Says Defeat of Togo Would Mean Disaster to Japan.

St. Petersburg, April 13.—The news of the northward movement of Admiral Rojostvensky's squadron and his evident intention to accept battle whenever Admiral Togo chooses to offer it has for the present stilled all activities in the direction of peace, and the foreign despatches relating to the voyage of the squadron are followed with the most intense interest.

Admiral Dewey has been following the naval campaign with intense interest, not only because it is a military war, but because of lessons which it is furnishing, and which will be of the greatest value in the development of the American fleet.

London, April 13.—British naval men comment on the lack of secrecy regarding Admiral Rojostvensky's movements since his arrival in Far Eastern waters.

Chicago, April 13.—A Chicago Daily News special from Saigon, Indo-China, says: "Rojostvensky's hospital ship arrived here last night on board provisions, coal and medicine. It will leave tomorrow at mid-day to rejoin the main squadron."

Tokyo, April 13.—It is reported here that the Russians are continually re-inforcing the garrison at Vladivostok, and that the work of strengthening the fortress is progressing constantly.

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ST. JOHN NOT TO CONTROL ITS CHIEF OF POLICE

Legislature Permits Council to Raise His Salary, But That's All

Important Changes in Liquor Act--No Wholesale Licenses Outside of Towns--Only One Three Months' Extension to Dealers Refused a License--Beer Shops to Close at 11 O'Clock at Night, and Violation of Law Puts Them Out of Business--The House to Prorogue This Morning at 9 O'Clock.

Fredericton, April 14.—(Special)—The local legislature will prorogue at 9 o'clock this morning.

Fredericton, April 13.—The house met at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Farris presented the final report of the contingent committee.

Hon. Mr. Osman moved his resolution recommending the re-establishment of government house as an official residence.

The speaker ruled the resolution out of order on the ground that it involved the expenditure of money.

Mr. Allen presented the report of the committee on municipalities, which recommended that where bills are to be amended the section be set out at full length as it is proposed to amend it.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Tweedie this recommendation was accepted and ordered to be embodied in a rule of the house to be published in the Royal Gazette.

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authorize the making of such regulations, which must be published in the Royal Gazette.

During recess it is the intention to have the act relating to the provincial hospital modified. The bill was agreed to.

Government Will Still Appoint Chief of Police.

Upon the bill relating to the salary of the chief of police of St. John city, Hon. Mr. Pugsley said that he was not so sure that it would be better to vest the appointment of the chief of police in the common council, if the council wished it, of which he was not certain.

Mr. Maxwell approved of the bill, only he wished that it went further and gave the appointing of the chief of police of the city into the hands of the common council, who wished this power, and the great majority of citizens were in favor of giving such power to the council.

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HORRIBLE CRIME OF ONTARIO MAN

Confesses to Murdering Both His Wife and Daughter

KILLED BOTH WITH AXE

Mother Was Slain First and the Fourteen-year-old Child, Just Returning from Church, Was Struck Down With the Same Weapon—Son Was Suspected of the Crime.

Pentagonville, Ont., April 13.—(Special)—Alexis Desroches, whose wife and daughter were found murdered this morning, admits that he killed both. He was arrested while at work in a lumber yard this afternoon, and confessed shortly afterwards.

According to his story Desroches and his wife had a wordy dispute when he struck her with an axe he had in his hand. One blow on the head killed her instantly.

The fourteen-year-old girl just then entered the house on her return from church, and was struck down with the same weapon. The first blow broke the axe handle and then the enraged man picked up another axe and struck the girl while she was lying on the floor.

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COUNTRY WILL BE SIX DAYS WITHOUT AUTONOMY DEBATE

Parliament to Take Recess from Next Wednesday Till Following Tuesday—O. S. Crockett of York Scores School Clause—Says People Who Support it Want Home Rule in Ireland But Are Not Willing to Grant it to the New Provinces--Hon. Mr. Fisher Upholds the Measure.

Ottawa, April 13.—(Special)—Edmund Bristol, the new Conservative member for Centre Toronto, was introduced today by R. L. Borden and Mr. Osler.

In reply to the leader of the opposition Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the house would adjourn from 6 o'clock on Wednesday next until the following Tuesday for Easter holidays.

Mr. Bennett took exception to an advertisement from the public works department calling for tenders for dredging at Fort William and Fort Arthur, asking that work be commenced on April 25, because the only dredging plant on the ground was that belonging to Connee & Bouman and no others could compete.

Mr. Hyman never heard any complaints of the time not being long enough. He would have no objections extending the time. The contract was for the present season. Finally he agreed to make the changes asked for.

Fisher Stands for School Clause.

Hon. Sydney Fisher continued the debate on the autonomy bill. As a representative of the minority in Quebec who were granted separate schools in the constitution act, he desired to say a few words on the bill.

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the interest of immigration they are left with the dominion. But this is a good reason.

Opposes School Clause.

Coming to the educational question, Mr. Crockett said he was opposed to the only power that the dominion was that in reference to remedial legislation, and before that could be exercised there must have existed at the time of union in each province, separate schools. In that case and only under N. A. Act would the dominion be act ought to be read along with the act of 1871 that the government was endeavoring to force separate schools on the province, but the section in act ought to be read along with the act of 1871 and 1867.

His view was that the dominion only power to create these two provinces and the provisions of the B. N. A. applied automatically. It was perfect plain that the parliament had no right to pass separate legislation. But if parliament had the right he would oppose just the same because it was an unremediable interference with provincial rights.

The house was not engaged in passing a law for a year or two but for all to come. To do this was a political ruse, a political tyranny. There were ten men out of the 214 in the house who had any interest in this question. There were 204 members who could not be read in any way by the people of the Northwest. The Northwest could deal with its own members.

Non-sectarian Schools Best.

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RIVER CLEAR OF ICE AT CHATHAM

One Man Was Crossing When it Started, But Reached Shore in Safety.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY FOR IRELAND VOTED DOWN

London, April 13.—The house of commons today by a vote of 236 to 104 defeated a motion to establish a Catholic university in Ireland.

LONG VOYAGE OF SCHOONER LACONIA

Was Nearly Five Months from New Brunswick Port to New York.

NEW YORK, April 13.—Nearly five months on a voyage, which should have been completed in a week, the little British schooner Laconia arrived here today, from Bostonford Hole (N. B.).

BOSTON SLOOP HEAVILY FINED

Old Cup Defender Mischief, Seized for Smuggling Liquor from St. Pierre, Forfeits Cargo and Pays \$400.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 13.—(Special)—Early in December last the steel sloop Mischief of Boston was seized at Mira Bay (N. B.), on a charge of having smuggled liquors on board from St. Pierre (N.B.).

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BIG MAJORITY FOR SEPARATING CHURCH AND STATE IN FRANCE

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