

The Commons In Session

Speaker Elected Yesterday And Formal Opening For Today.

Line of Probable Legislative Programme in Speech From the Throne.

Reports Show Serious Falling Off And Imports Largely Increase.

Our Own Correspondent.

March 10.—There was a large attendance in the House of Commons to-day when the session was opened by the election of a speaker. The speaker was elected by a vote of 100 to 99.

Mr. Borden was elected speaker, after which he made a speech from the throne.

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Rosebery and The Premier

Resents Use of the Word Calumny As Applied to Former Libera Leader.

Lord Lansdowne Offers an Explanation of the Use of Term.

The Lords Aghast at the Incident Which Closed Without Comment.

London, March 10.—An extraordinary scene was witnessed in the House of Lords to-day when the Earl of Rosebery, leader of the opposition, resented the use of the word "calumny" as applied to him by Lord Lansdowne.

Lord Lansdowne, in a speech, had accused Rosebery of "calumny" in connection with the "Penny Post" case.

Rosebery, in reply, said that he had never used the word "calumny" and that he was a "calumniator" only in the eyes of Lord Lansdowne.

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University Closed.

Vienna, March 10.—The university here has been closed in consequence of the death of Emperor Franz Joseph.

The German students were much incensed at the demonstrations of the Czechs against their German comrades at Prague, Bohemia, and threatened retaliation.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S HEALTH. Chancellor of Exchequer Denies Report of His Father's Illness.

London, March 10.—Mr. Chamberlain, the chancellor of the exchequer, has denied the report that he is suffering from a severe attack of indigestion.

He said that he was perfectly well and that the report was a "hoax."

TO VIEW NIAGARA. New York, March 10.—For the express purpose of viewing Niagara Falls under winter conditions, the Grand Duke of Oldenburg arrived here to-day on the North German Lloyd steamship.

He was met at the pier by Baron von Platow and Gustav Swab. Tomorrow he will leave for the falls.

He expects to sail for home on Tuesday next on the Kaiser Wilhelm II. He booked for the voyage across the ocean, but he was recalled by one of his fellow passengers.

He said he deeply enjoyed the trip, which he had made for the sole purpose of seeing the ice bridge over the great winter aspect of Niagara Falls.

Estimates Place Damage in the Lehigh Valley at Over \$6,000,000.

Bridges and Embankments are Washed Away, Mines Filled With Water.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 10.—The Susquehanna river is receding rapidly. Half the streets are free of water and people are returning to their homes.

There is no indication, however, of any gorges having broken. At Plymouth the water has receded entirely from the main streets and the situation is much better.

Reports from up the river are that the flood is receding slowly. The banks of both sides of the river from Chikamaqua to Sunbury, a distance of fifty miles, present an extraordinary view.

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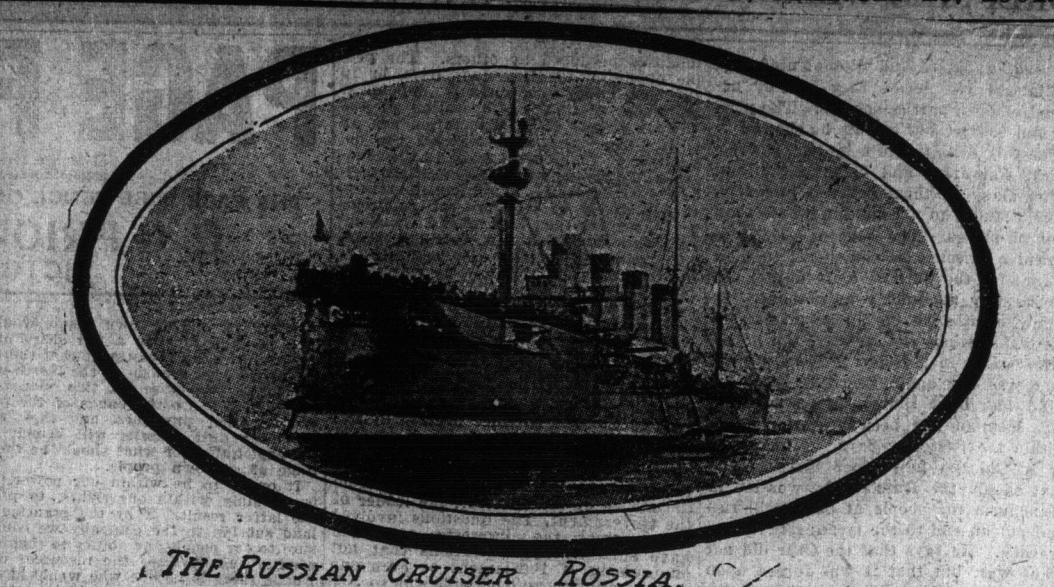
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More Russian Ships Put Out of Action

Sold the Naval Secrets of France

Employee of Ministry of Marine Reveals State Secrets to Japanese.

Documents Related to Join Action of France and Russia.

Paris, March 10.—In spite of official reticence and denial from the Japanese legation it is again affirmed that a non-commissioned officer named Martin, who was employed in the ministry of marine and who is now under arrest, has sold to the Japanese a number of naval secrets.

The discovery of this alleged betrayal has caused a great deal of excitement in the ministry of marine, and it is believed that the Japanese fleet engaged the Russian Vladivostok fleet at sea yesterday.

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London, March 9.—The Daily Telegraph this morning publishes a despatch from Tokyo March 8, and saying: "It is reported that the Japanese fleet engaged the Russian Vladivostok fleet at sea yesterday. The result of the engagement is not announced but it is believed that the Russian ships were destroyed or captured."

St. Petersburg, March 8.—The whereabouts of the Russian fleet is being carefully guarded by the military authorities, but there is a strong impression here that the Russian fleet is in the Gulf of Japan.

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In Hungarian Diet

Obstructionists Bury the Hatch and Some Shed Tears of Joy.

A Long Drawn and Dangerous National Struggle is Terminated.

Budapest, March 10.—The obstructionists in the Hungarian Diet have given up their fight and the business of parliament will be permitted to proceed.

The some in the lower house today when the hatchet was at least temporarily buried, was extraordinary. The surprise of the house, Herr Thaly, a member of the opposition, had appealed to the obstructionists not to further oppose the bill, partly because the army reserve might be caused to the premier might be induced to stand the president of the house to enact more stringent rules for the conduct of the business of the house.

Herr Thaly left the opposition benches, proceeded to the ministerial side of the house, and amid loud applause, shook hands with Herr Thaly. Many of the deputies were so surprised at the termination of the long-drawn fight that they wept. The president of the house was so overcome with emotion that he suspended the sitting.

On its resumption Herr Thaly, for the obstructionists, declared that they would support the speedy adoption of the recruiting bill. Public opinion, he thought, would recognize that they had carried on the struggle for the use of the Hungarian tongue in the army as well as possible, and that they had been compelled by failing strength to give up the fight.

He seemed to be asked to leave to forget he had proposed enacting more stringent rules of procedure. Prolonged applause closed the scene. The obstructionists, however, were not satisfied with the termination of the long-drawn fight, and they were not satisfied with the termination of the long-drawn fight, and they were not satisfied with the termination of the long-drawn fight.

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