

BOTH SIDES TRYING TO CONTROL COUNCIL

Philadelphia Wrought Up Over Gas Work Lease.

SECRET CONFERENCE IS CALLED

Mayor Weaver Has Gained Considerable Support and in All Probability His Veto Will Stand—State Organization May Be Involved.

Philadelphia, May 29.—Organization leaders are responsible for the statement that the United Gas Improvement company has withdrawn its offer to advance the city \$25,000,000 in consideration of an extension of the lease of the city gas works. This, no doubt, is the outcome of the conference between Messrs. Durham, Seger, McNichol and President Dolan, of the United States Gas company today.

Mayor Weaver and the Republican "organization" leaders are exerting all their efforts, former to gain control of councils and the latter to prevent a sufficient number of defections from the "organization" ranks to sustain the mayor's veto of the gas lease resolution. When Mayor Weaver broke with the "organization" over the lease of the city gas works, it was not anticipated by any of those concerned in the fight that it would extend beyond the confines of the city. Developments during the past two days, however, indicate that the entire state organization is likely to become involved.

Since Thursday leaders from various other counties have been coming here seeking information and it is reported today that a call has been secretly issued from headquarters for a conference at Atlantic City, N. J. It is rumored that state and city leaders have been invited to attend the conference.

Mayor Weaver was today assured of the support of an additional select councilman, making 11 in that body who are said to be pledged to him. As divided up today council stands as follows on the gas lease proposition:

Originally voting against the lease, select 4, common 9, total 14.

Recruits against the lease, select 7, common 18, total 25.

Votes needed to sustain the mayor's veto, select, 17, common 34.

Japanese Colony for Texas.

Washington, May 29.—Japanese colonization is contemplated in Texas by a wealthy Japanese agriculturalist, who recently visited the United States according to a report submitted to the department of commerce and labor by Fred D. Fisher, the American consul at Tamsui, Formosa, who based his announcement upon recent publications in Japanese papers. The report says that 1,000 farmers are to be collected in Japan, and that as a first undertaking 9,800 acres will be cultivated in Paddy fields in Texas.

Electrical Devices for Railroad.

Chicago, May 29.—The Illinois Central railroad has begun to install an electrical interlocking device on 600 miles of the main line track and plans to extend it over the entire system as soon as possible. The device system consists of an electrical arrangement in each tower which prevents the operator from changing his own signals until the man in the next station releases the locks. Under the ordinary block signal the movement of trains has been controlled by one signal man at a time.

Stage for Nan Patterson.

New York, May 29.—Hurtig & Seaman announce that they have signed a contract with Nan Patterson to appear in a big extravaganza. The girl has signed to appear at prominent theatres throughout an extended tour at \$2,000 a week. She will appear at the head of a sextet of maidens similar to those that played in the musical comedy "Florodora." The company will be known as "Nan Patterson and Her Big Company."

Boy Nailed Up in Freight Car.

Pittsburg, May 29.—Peter Armstrong, aged 16 years, of Chicago, was found in a freight car here in a starving and emaciated condition. He said he had entered the car at Buffalo last Friday. A short time later the door had been nailed up, and for six days he had been without food or water. When discovered the boy was too weak to stand up, but the physicians say he will be able to go home in a few days.

Richard Harding Davis Heard.

Washington, May 29.—Richard Harding Davis, who returned from Venezuela, made to Secretary Taft a statement of what he knew and what he had heard while there of the charges made by Herbert W. Bowen, American minister at Caracas, against the official integrity of Francis B. Loomis, assistant secretary of state. Secretary Taft said that Mr. Davis contributed practically nothing to what already was known.

EXAMINING SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Fifty Per Cent Show Some Physical Defect.

New York, May 29.—Physical examinations of school children in the primary grades made by inspectors for the board of health have produced statistics showing that more than 50 per cent of the pupils are suffering from defects.

The work of examining pupils is not yet finished. According to the commissioner of health this condition is not so alarming as the figures seem to indicate, because a majority of the ailments are of a minor character. The largest figures for any complaint were those of defective vision, but the records for bad nutrition, pulmonary and heart ailments were much greater than the experts believed they should be.

Methods are being employed by the department to extend aid and suggestions to the parents wherever possible.

FLOODS IN OKLAHOMA.

Heavy Rainfall Cause of Much Damage to Crops and Railroads.

Lawton, Okla., May 29.—Five inches of rain fell in this part of Oklahoma during the night, causing floods that did more or less damage.

In Lawton the streets were flooded and water stood a foot deep in many business houses. Most of the streams are higher and several washouts are reported. The St. Louis and San Francisco railway bridge over the Red river in the southern part of Greer county is reported out.

At Junction City and Lone Wolf, Okla., and Duncan, I. T., some damage was caused by a heavy wind and several persons are reported injured. No deaths are reported.

Lived Ten Months With Broken Neck.

New York, May 29.—After lying in a Brooklyn hospital for almost ten months with a broken neck and injuries to his spine in which time physicians from all parts of the country have visited him, Thomas O'Brien is dead. When O'Brien, who was 22 years old, received his injuries in a fall, arrived at the hospital the surgeons ventured an opinion that he might live for a day or so, but instead of dying when they predicted, he grew stronger, and made a fight for life, which attracted much attention among members of the medical fraternity.

Alabaman Cuts His Throat.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., May 29.—Late last evening Daniel G. Moore aged thirty-three and from one of the best families in this city was found dead under the residence in which his parents lived. By his side was a pocketknife with which he had taken his own life by cutting his throat. Upon examination it was found that he had stabbed himself several times in the chest. Mr. Moore was in a railroad wreck in Colorado some months ago after which his mind has never been just clear.

Brokerage Firm Suspends.

New York, May 29.—The suspension of Holzman & Co., stock brokers, whose main office is in Cincinnati, and a branch in Chicago, was announced on the New York stock exchange today. The embarrassment of the firm became known on Thursday when their formal assignment was made in Cincinnati. Charles Henrotin, of Chicago, is the New York exchange member of the firm.

To Dine Ambassador Choate.

New York, May 29.—A dinner to welcome Ambassador Josep E. Choate on his return from London has been arranged by the Pilgrims of the United States. It will be given June 9 at the Waldorf-Astoria. President Roosevelt and his cabinet officers have been invited and many other public men are expected as guests.

Leaves Estate Worth \$1,500,000.

Oakland, Cal., May 29.—The estate of the late Samuel T. Alexander, the Hawaiian sugar planter who died last fall in South Africa, has been appraised at \$1,423,992. Under the will \$100,000 is to be distributed among relatives. The remainder of the estate is to be divided among the widow and five children.

First Train to Pike's Peak.

Colorado Springs, Colo., May 29.—The cog road has reached the summit of Pike's Peak, with its first train this year. In opening the track a force of one hundred men have been kept at work for six weeks and have removed 4,000,000 cubic feet of ice and snow from the right of way.

Money Given Southern College.

Jackson, Miss., May 29.—The family of the late Z. D. Jennings, of Water Valley, for many years one of the foremost merchants of Mississippi, has donated \$45,000 to Mississippi college, the leading Baptist educational institution of the south, to be used in the erection of new buildings.

Governor Jelks Visits North Carolina.

Montgomery, Ala., May 29.—Governor Jelks has left for ten days at Asheville, N. C., after which he will spend the balance of the summer at North Alabama resorts.

RUSSIAN SQUADRON IN KOREAN STRAIT

Believed Rojstvensky Has Outwitted Admiral Togo.

IS HEADED FOR VLADIVOSTOK

The Russian Admiral Has Been Playing Game of Hide and Seek in Oriental Waters—Other News of Importance From Seat of War.

Advices from various sources today point to the probability of an early battle between the Russian and Japanese fleets. The Tokio dispatches reporting the presence of Russian warships off Tsu islands in the straits of Korea indicate that the Russian admiral has divided his fleet, and authentic dispatches to the Associated Press, confirmed by advices received in Washington, show that some Russian vessels are still near Shanghai. It is probable that Rojstvensky has detached his auxiliaries, supply vessels, unarmored ships and others unfit for battle, and proceeded northward with his main fighting force. Whether it is his intention to force Togo to accept battle or whether his object is to reach Vladivostok, the dispatches do not make clear. Togo's whereabouts is not known.

Tokio, May 27.—4:30 p. m.—Vice Admiral Rojstvensky's fleet has been sighted off Tsu islands, in the strait of Korea.

The sighting of Admiral Rojstvensky's fleet off Tsu islands would seem to indicate that the Russian commander has determined to take the boldest course and instead of skirting Japan direct through the sea of Japan by the Sugaru or LaPerouse straits to push direct through the straits of Korea and try to reach Vladivostok which is about 640 miles from the Tsu islands. That he will be able to do so without at least being harassed by the Japanese seems improbable, and the report circulated at Tokio today that the two fleets have engaged in the straits of Korea may turn out correct.

There is a possibility, of course, that Rojstvensky may have so far deceived Admiral Togo that the latter is still at the base he established in the north of the island of Formosa, in which case a general engagement may not take place before the Russians reach Vladivostok. It is also possible that the Russian vessels sighted in the straits of Korea only form a portion of the Russian fleet.

News from St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, May 27.—1:10 p. m.—The tension in naval circles is very great. News of the meeting of the Russian and Japanese fleets is expected hourly. The dispatch from Tokio to the Associated Press saying it was rumored that the fleets have already engaged in the straits of Korea, aroused intense interest at the admiralty, but nothing confirmatory had been received there up to the time of this dispatch was filed. The majority of the officers were inclined to doubt the accuracy of the Tokio report, believing that Rojstvensky with his fighting ships is heading northward for the eastern part of Japan.

Others on the contrary consider it quite likely that Rojstvensky after passing out into the Pacific, doubled back through the Luchu islands and will take the straightest course for Vladivostok. Rojstvensky, they point out, is a believer in strategy and mystification, and his cruise in the peace may have been not only to avoid the danger of mines and torpedo attacks in the shallow waters of the straits of Formosa, but to drive the Japanese into the belief that his objective was either the Tsugaru or LaProuz straits, while in reality he changed his course and headed for the straits of Korea. As a matter of fact, Rojstvensky seems to have mystified his own admiralty as much as the Japanese.

Britisher Sights Russian Squadron.

Hong Kong, May 29.—The British steamer St. Kilda, which arrived here today from Kuchimotsu, Japan, reports having sighted early in the morning of Wednesday, May 24, 45 Russian vessels, including battleships, cruisers, torpedo boat destroyers, colliers, a hospital ship, and tugs, 140 miles southeast of the Saddle Islands. The Russians were stationary when first sighted and most of the colliers were half empty. Subsequently the Russian vessels steamed away heading in a north-northeasterly direction.

Small Engagement Reported.

Tokio, May 27.—1:45 p. m.—Imperial army headquarters made the following announcement today: "On May 25 our cavalry in driving a body of Russian cavalry northeastward, occupied Hsuumiencheng, 18 miles north of Chang Tu. Otherwise, with the exception of small collisions between detached parties on both sides, the situation is unchanged.

RAILROAD BRIDGE BLOWN UP.

Dynamite Is Supposed to Have Been Used—Cause Unknown.

New York, May 29.—A new Pennsylvania railroad iron bridge across the Hackensack river in Jersey City was blown up apparently by dynamite early today. The noise was heard throughout Jersey City. No one was hurt. No definite information has been obtained as to the cause of the explosion.

The new bridge spanned the Hackensack meadows from the foot of Newark avenue, Jersey City, and when completed would have been 400 feet long. The old bridge now in use stands 600 feet away and was not damaged.

While there is no motive of the action otherwise than pure malice, it is believed by the police who are now at work on the case that the explosion was caused by some person who rowed out under the structure in a boat. No estimate of the damage has yet been made.

Kaiser William Returns to Berlin.

Berlin, May 29.—Emperor William returned to Berlin today after nine weeks' absence from the capital. He looked well and was cheered by the people as he drove to the palace. The empress' private car was detached from the Wiesbaden train at Wild Park station. Her majesty was deeply veiled so as to conceal the bandages covering the injuries on her head sustained at Wiesbaden. The emperor during the day unveiled a statue of Emperor Frederick at Charlottenburg in commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of Berlin's largest suburb.

Ocean Liner Passes Yachts.

London, May 29.—The American line steamer St. Louis, from New York, May 20, which passed the Lizard at 8:05 a. m. today reported to the Associated Press by a Marconi wireless dispatch that she passed successively Monday, May 22, the schooner yacht Endymion, the yawl Ailsa and the schooner Hamburg between 1: p. m. and 7:50 p. m. The Hamburg was then 980 miles east of Sandy Hook lightship. The Endymion and Ailsa were 843 and 845 miles respectively east of the same lightship when passed by the St. Louis.

Vice President at Portland.

Portland, Ore., May 29.—On his arrival in this city today to attend the opening ceremonies of the Lewis and Clark centennial exposition, Vice President Fairbanks will be met at the Union Depot and under the escort of two troops of the fortieth cavalry and a mounted band will proceed to the Hotel Portland where he will register. From the hotel the vice president will proceed under the same military escort to the residence of President Goode, of the exposition, where Mr. Fairbanks will be the guest of Mr. Goode during his stay in this city.

James Dalrymple Arrives.

New York, May 29.—James Dalrymple, superintendent of the City Tammany system of Glasgow, Scotland, who comes here at the invitation of Mayor Dunne, of Chicago, to advise the officials of the Western Metropolis in their experiment with municipal ownership, arrived here today on the steamer Campania. Mr. Dalrymple was met down the bay by James O'Shaughnessy, Mayor Dunne's representative, and by representatives of the New York Municipal Ownership league.

Troops to Restore Order.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, May 29.—Governor-General Maximovitch during the night issued a proclamation directing the troops to restore order and to use their arms without hesitation to this end, and giving notice that all persons arrested in connection with disturbances will be tried by court-martial. Strong patrols of cavalry and infantry are parading the city and all the public buildings are guarded by troops.

Negro Confesses Murder.

Birmingham, Ala., May 29.—Jim Walker, Jr., a negro, has confessed to the brutal murder of Merchant W. T. Hill, who was assassinated several weeks ago, and implicates his father. There was a small matter involved. Young Walker says his father commanded him to fire the first shot and the old man fired the second, while Hill was begging for life. Elder Walker was also arrested.

No Convict Labor for Uncle Sam.

Washington, May 29.—The president has issued an order prohibiting the employment of convict labor on government works. The question of the employment of such labor was raised in connection with certain river and harbor improvements in Arkansas, the contractor for which desired to employ a number of state convicts under contract with the state authorities.

Mary Ellen Lease Held Up.

New York, May 29.—Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease, the former Kansas lecturer, was held up in her home in this city today by two burglars, who held a revolver to her head and robbed her of \$110 in cash and \$300 worth of jewelry and silverware.

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Degree proof, per cent.....	87.10
Residue on evaporation, per cent.....	0.660
Ash, per cent.....	0.011
Reducing sugar, per cent.....	0.225
Volatile acids, per cent.....	0.027
Amyl alcohol (fusel oil), per cent.....	0.073

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