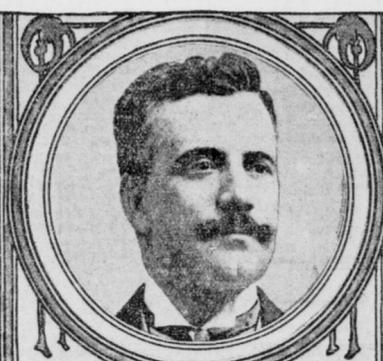




PROMINENT FIGURES IN THE POPULAR REVOLT AGAINST THE PHILADELPHIA GAS LEASE.



ARTHUR R. H. MORROW, Former Assistant Director of Supplies.

DAVID J. SMYTH, Former Director of Public Safety.

COLONEL SHELDON POTTER.

JOHN WEAVER, Mayor of Philadelphia.

A. LINCOLN ACKER.

PETER E. COSTELLO, Former Director of Public Works.

OSCAR E. NOLL, Assistant Highway Commissioner.

JAPAN BEATEN ON SEA?

RUMOR OF NAVAL ACTION.

Manila's Unconfirmed Report of Fighting South of Formosa.

Manila, May 25.—There is an unconfirmed rumor that the Russian and Japanese fleets have met south of Formosa and that the Japanese were defeated.

OYAMA'S FORCES READY.

Moves on Sea Still Hidden—Lines to Fortress Working.

St. Petersburg, May 24.—The news from the front continues to point to the proximity of fighting on a large scale. Many persons here believe that General Linevitch is trying to take the offensive out of Field Marshal Oyama's hands. The Japanese commander has made all preparations against possible interruption of his communications and the cessation of transport service from home ports. All reinforcements available and immense quantities of provisions and munitions of war have been landed at Yinkow and Dainy since Admiral Rojestvensky appeared in the Strait of Malacca.

Newspaper correspondents at the front are prevented by the censor from telegraphing any intelligent view of the situation, and this has always been the precursor of important developments. General Linevitch has taken far greater precautions than did General Kurapatkin to prevent his plans from leaking out.

In naval circles it is now generally assumed that Admiral Rojestvensky's squadrons are in the Pacific steaming northward and giving the Pescadore, Formosa and the Liu-Kiu Islands a wide berth in order to minimize the danger of a concentrated torpedo attack and to force Admiral Togo, should he elect to accept battle, to meet him in the open sea.

All ideas that the Russian Admiral will attempt to force a passage of the Korean Straits has been abandoned. Both La Perouse Strait, between the islands of Hokkaido and Saghalien, and the Tsugaru Straits, between the islands of Hokkaido and Honshu, were reconnoitred by the cruisers and destroyers at Vladivostok and the results communicated to Admiral Rojestvensky before he left the coast of French Indo-China.

Dispatches were received from Harbin to-day saying that both the railroad and the telegraph lines to Vladivostok were working, and the report from Tokio that the fortress had been isolated was said to be false. There are two lines to Vladivostok, one direct by way of Khabarovsk and the other by way of Harbin.

SHARP ACTIONS FOUGHT.

Oyama Sends Word of Three Russian Forces Repulsed.

Tokio, May 24.—Imperial army headquarters made the following announcement to-day:

On the afternoon of May 21 a battalion of Russian infantry and six squadrons of cavalry attacked the northern heights at Chin-Yang-Pao, ten miles north of Wei-Yuan-Pao-Men, but were repulsed.

On the morning of May 22 a battalion of Russian infantry and three troops of cavalry advanced along the Kirin-Taolu roads toward Chien-Chen-Tzu, and one company of infantry gained the western height near the village, but was repulsed.

The Russian cavalry on the right bank of the Liao River began a retreat on the morning of May 22, and at 5 o'clock in the afternoon the enemy had reached a point south of Talun, which lies seventeen miles west of Pakomen.

With the exception of small collisions there is no change in the situation.

St. Petersburg, May 24.—General Linevitch, under date of May 23, reports that a Russian detachment successfully attacked the Japanese on the heights north of the station of Chang-Tu-Fu on May 21, forcing the Japanese to evacuate their trenches.

THE SITUATION TENSE.

Russians Attempting to Uncover Oyama's Positions.

Chao-Chavazde, May 24.—The Japanese began an advance near Shahedze. At the same time the Russians advanced and seized the villages of Shachou and Syonichziou in the centre, the Japanese retiring to the further banks of the Kooche and Gortz rivers.

There has been no serious fighting yet. The Russians are making daily reconnoissances.

Hua-Shu Pass, May 24.—The situation is very tense. The rival commanders are watching each other like hawks, but there has been no decisive move yet on the part of Field Marshal Oyama.

OPPOSED TO CONTRABAND RULING.

British Government May Protest Against Decision in Calchas Case.

London, May 24.—The decision of the Russian Superior Admiralty Court in the appeal of the

CHICAGO FEARS RIOTS

MORE GUARDS SWORN IN.

Union Leader May Be Sent to Jail for Contempt of Court.

Chicago, May 24.—Final rejection of the teamsters' demands was officially announced to-day by the employers, who demand unconditional surrender. Neither side in the strike made a direct step toward peace, and each was apparently waiting for the other to move. The employers sent their goods all over the city under police protection without encountering violence.

There was one indirect peace effort to-day, and it was enveloped in mystery. It was said that "a prominent business man" was making efforts to induce the managers of the express companies to make terms satisfactory to the striking drivers, and that he had promised them "good news." Nothing came of the alleged attempt, however, and there was no "good news" to-night for either side.

The strike in the lumber yards spread with great rapidity and nearly all lumber business is at a standstill. Some few lumber yards are still in operation, but their business is small. A number of planing mills and sash and door factories were compelled to shorten operations to-day and by Friday, at least, will be compelled to close entirely if the supply of lumber is not largely increased. The lumber yards made little effort to transact business to-day and were waiting for drivers to be sent them by the Employers' Teaming Company. A number of these, it is expected, will be at work to-morrow and business will be resumed in a small degree at least.

One cause for the lack of energy on the part of the employers in the lumber yards to-day was that the city was not able to afford the drivers police protection. Mayor Dunne provided against this contingency to-night by issuing a call for 1,000 extra policemen, who will be sworn in as rapidly as applications are filed by suitable men. This will be the second 1,000 of extra policemen sworn in since the beginning of the strike. Sheriff Barrett to-day swore in several hundred deputies, the largest number at any one time since the strike began.

President C. P. Shea, of the Teamsters' Union; James B. Barry, business agent of the Express Drivers' Union; Bernard Mulligan, president of the Express Drivers' Union, and John H. Donahue, a member of the Express Drivers' Union, will appear before Judge Kohlsaat in the United States Court to-morrow morning. Mr. Mayer, acting for the Employers' Association, will ask that the men be sent to jail on a charge of contempt of court in refusing to answer questions before Master in Chancery Sherman, which questions they had previously been ordered to answer by the court.

The men were ordered to make answer on Tuesday, although they claimed personal privilege in refusing. To-day they were asked the same questions, and when they again refused to reply Attorney Mayer announced that he would make a motion that they be arrested for contempt of court.

United States Deputy Marshals to-day commenced serving notices on sixty teamsters, who have been cited for contempt of court in violating the injunctions of Judge Kohlsaat, prohibiting them from interfering with the wagons of the seven express companies and of the Employers' Teaming Company. The men are cited to show cause on May 31, at 10 o'clock, why they should not be punished for contempt.

Extra fire protection for the lumber district was provided by Fire Marshal Campion late this afternoon. J. M. Embree, of the Rittenhouse & Embree Lumber Company, requested Marshal Campion to station extra steamers in the district and promptly met with a favorable reply. Other employers united with Mr. Embree in stating apprehension as to fires in the lumber district.

Sheriff Barrett to-day issued the following signed card to the public:

In view of existing conditions in Chicago, the Sheriff of Cook County begs all citizens to keep cool and to avoid being carried away by the excitement of the moment. The civil authorities are at present equal to the occasion, and have the situation well in hand. They are, moreover, prepared for emergencies, and should it become necessary, will ask for the assistance of the State militia without hesitation. Should the militia prove insufficient, they feel confident that the federal authorities would respond immediately to a call for aid, by sending such a number of federal troops as the emergency might demand.

The Sheriff wishes to assure the public that if it becomes a question of law and order or mob rule, the former must and shall be preserved.

MURDERS HIS FAMILY.

Kills Wife and Five Children and Then Himself—No Cause Known.

San Francisco, May 24.—William Stephens, at Ross Valley, to-day shot his wife and five children and killed himself, after he had attempted to murder a passing milkman. Three of the children died instantly; the others cannot live.

When neighbors and officers entered the home the members of the family, each with a revolver wound in the head, were found in their beds. There is no explanation of the tragedy, except the theory that Stephens became suddenly insane.

DEWEY'S PORT WINE AND GRAPE JUICE.

Cannot be excelled for the sick. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 123 Fulton St., New York. Advt.



MAYOR WEAVER AND DAVID J. SMYTH. (Photograph by Edwin Levick.)

LEG CUT OFF IN PARK ROW

Girl Struck By a Car and Pulled Under.

While crossing Park Row, opposite the Manhattan entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge, last night, Miss Eva Demorest, daughter of the proprietor of the Demorest Hotel, at No. 98 Barclay-st., where she lived, was knocked down and run over by a southbound Madison-ave. car. Her right leg below the knee was cut off and the left leg so badly injured that amputation may be necessary.

Miss Demorest was a member of a gay party. The forward part of the car rounded the curve at good speed, and in some manner Miss Demorest was caught in the mechanism at the side of the car and drawn under, the rear wheel passing over her legs.

Alfred J. Patterson, a lawyer, of No. 258 Broadway, was one of the party. He said Miss Demorest's skirt became tangled in some part of the car, causing her to lose her balance. She fell backward and her feet protruded under the car.

It was said at the hospital this morning that her condition was very serious. For several years persons familiar with Park Row have been alarmed by the outrageously and criminally reckless speed with which cars are run from Brooklyn Bridge to the loop at the Postoffice. Accidents have been many, but apparently they have taught no lesson.

WILL SHOOT TO KILL.

Lobster Fishermen, Liable to Big Fine, to Resist Arrest.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Portland, Me., May 24.—While the owners were out in the bay fishing to-day, State Fish Warden Abner C. Johnson and his assistants seized thirty-five hundred short lobsters from the lobster cars of a dozen Cliff Island fishermen. The fine is \$1 a lobster. When the fishermen returned they immediately armed themselves. They say they will shoot to kill if the wardens attempt to arrest them.

BIG SUMS FOR ANTWERP.

Bill to Expend \$58,200,000 on Improvements and Defences.

Brussels, May 24.—A bill has been submitted to the Belgian Parliament providing for the complete reorganization of the defences of Antwerp, at a cost of \$21,000,000, and for harbor works, which will increase shipping facilities, at a cost of \$36,000,000.

GETTYSBURG AND WASHINGTON.

Six-day tour via Pennsylvania Railroad, May 27. Rate \$22, covers necessary expenses. Apply to ticket agents.—Advt.

SHOT; SAILS BOAT HOME.

Long Island Man Has Arm Shattered by Accident.

Good Ground, Long Island, May 24.—Graham Bellows accidentally shot himself this afternoon, and, although his left arm was helpless, he sailed a boat across Tianna Bay to the village alone. Bellows had been to the beach and had his shotgun lying in his sailboat. Just after he left the beach he pulled the gun toward him by grasping the muzzle.

The hammer struck a cleat and the charge badly tore the left arm. Bellows made a slipshod out of a piece of rope, and with this hand and knees, sailed the boat. Dr. Weilbrook dressed his injury and then sent him to St. John's Hospital, at Long Island City.

RESERVES QUELL FIGHT.

Missiles Showered on Policemen from Roofs and Windows.

While trying to stop a fight in West 54th-st. yesterday Policeman Jenkins, of the West 47th-st. station, was badly beaten. Detectives sent to aid him were unable to quell the disturbance, and the reserves were called.

The detectives charged into the mob but were unable to separate the fighting men and women. Stones and sticks were thrown at them from the roofs and windows of surrounding houses. When the reserves arrived on the scene the fight was at its height. Many detectives had been struck by missiles. The policemen charged with their clubs and the fighters ran into hallways, through rear yards and to the roofs. In a few minutes the street was cleared.

WOULD MOB DRUGGIST.

Italian Women Protect Boys Who Stone Automobile.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Stamford, Conn., May 24.—A gang of Italian women attempted to mob John K. Lawrence, a wealthy druggist, here yesterday afternoon, when he leaped from his big touring car to chastise a boy who had stoned the machine. Mr. Lawrence and his chauffeur, Frank McClellan, were driving over Canal-st., when three boys lined up, armed with stones, and began to bombard the machine. One of the stones hit the wheel, and Mr. Lawrence stopped the car and jumped out. The boys fled, but he caught one and gave him a good thrashing. The boy's cries attracted a gang of Italian women. They formed a circle around Mr. Lawrence and tried to pull the boy away. Some of the women attempted to tear the druggist's clothes. He escaped from their wrath by beating a hasty retreat.

Every attribute of refined pleasure is realized on a Hudson River Day Line trip. Music.—Advt.

FAKE ROEBLING CAUGHT.

GRANDFATHER DECEIVED

Telegram, Asking for \$50, Bore Missing Boy's Name.

The parents of Siegfried Roebling, the missing fourteen-year-old grandson of Washington A. Roebling, builder of the Brooklyn Bridge, received a cruel disappointment yesterday through a telegram to the grandfather at Trenton, N. J., purporting to be from the missing boy. The person accused of sending the telegram was locked up. Meanwhile the grandfather had telegraphed to Asheville, N. C., telling the parents that the boy had been found. The purpose of the impostor was to get \$50 from the grandfather.

Young Roebling ran away from school several days ago, sending a note saying he was "going rambling," as told in The Tribune.

The telegram of yesterday said: Grandfather: Please send me \$50. Intend going South, but have no money. Will explain by letter. SIEGFRIED. No. 1,257 Broadway, New-York.

Mr. Roebling sent his secretary, Victor Norman, to New-York, telling him to bring back his grandson. Mr. Norman found that No. 1,257 Broadway was a Western Union office. He found that the original message was not in Siegfried's handwriting.

While there the sender of the message called by telephone to see if an answer had come. Mr. Norman answered and knew that the voice was not that of his employer's grandson, but he answered, "Yes, the money is here for you; come right around."

A few minutes later a young man, about twenty years old, entered and announced that he was Roebling. He was arrested at once.

The young man said a youth had requested him to get a message for him addressed to Roebling. The description of this youth, as given by the prisoner, did not tally with that of the missing boy. The police do not believe the prisoner's story.

Trenton, N. J. (Special).—Colonel Washington A. Roebling is determined to prosecute to the full extent of the law the man who signed the name of his grandson to the telegram received here this afternoon. To-night Colonel Roebling received a letter from his son, John A. Roebling, father of the missing boy, saying that Siegfried had left a note giving as his reason for going away that he could not stand the school at Asheville any longer. Later information developed the fact that on Sunday he registered at a hotel in Hendersonville, N. C., as Siegfried Roebling, of Brooklyn. In the hotel, according to Mr. Roebling's letter, the boy said he was going to Jacksonville, Fla.

PRIEST GUNS FOR FISH.

Calls Friends to Pay His Fine for Violating Game Law.

Somerville, N. J., May 24 (Special).—Because he killed fish in the Raritan River with a gun on the estate of James B. Duke, the Rev. Antonio Santagat, of Raritan, was arrested yesterday by a deputy game warden and taken before Justice William Sutphen, and fined \$20. The warden swore he saw Mr. Santagat shooting the fish, and when he approached him the priest took two dead fish, which he had killed, from his pocket and threw them into the river. The priest, he said, at first denied arrest, asserting that he was a high priest of the Catholic Church.

Mr. Santagat, who formerly was the pastor of the Italian Catholic Church of Raritan, did not deny that he had shot the fish in violation of the State laws. He sent for his friends, who hastened to the court and paid his fine.

ILL AT WABASH MEETING.

Vice-President Welles Suffers Attack of Acute Indigestion.

Edgar T. Welles, a vice-president of the Wabash Railroad, became ill suddenly in his office in the Western Union Building, Broadway and Dev-st., yesterday, and was taken to his home in a private ambulance.

At the time Mr. Welles was attending a meeting of the executive committee of the Wabash. He had not been well for some time. At his home, in the San Raphael, No. 65 West 45th-st., Mrs. Welles said last night that Mr. Welles had rallied from the attack, which was acute indigestion. Dr. G. H. Wynkoop, of No. 128 Madison-ave., who was attending Mr. Welles, reported his condition greatly improved.

WHIPPED NEIGHBOR FOR A CENT.

Woman Pleased with Cheap Cost of Satisfaction—Man Bought Her Husband Whiskey.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Indianapolis, May 24.—Mrs. David Strahan, of Kennard, Henry County, gave her neighbor, William Baughan, a thrashing with a fishing pole to-day because he had bought her husband a bottle of whiskey. Mr. Strahan was unable to leave the house, and asked Baughan to get the liquor for him. His wife protested, but Baughan brought the liquor, anyhow, and Mrs. Strahan gave him a whipping in the street in front of her home.

She was arrested, but the justice fined her only one cent and reduced the costs to 50 cents. A dozen men offered to pay it, but she would not let them, saying satisfaction at that rate was cheap enough.

WEAVER BEGINS FIGHT.

PLANS CONTEST HERE.

Consults with Mr. Root on Injunction Proceedings.

Mayor John Weaver of Philadelphia came to New-York yesterday afternoon to consult with Elihu Root upon the situation growing out of the fight against the gas monopoly. He was accompanied by ex-Judge James Gay Gordon, of Philadelphia, who has been engaged as Mr. Root's associate, and George S. Graham, a former District Attorney. The party reached Jersey City at 4:10 o'clock, and crossed on the Cortlandt-st. ferry. Upon reaching Manhattan Mr. Graham left the party. The Mayor and Judge Gordon went directly to the office of Mr. Root, in the Mutual Life Building, where they were in conference with the ex-Secretary of War for two hours.

Replying to a question while crossing from Jersey City, Mayor Weaver said: "I am in the fight to the finish, and I believe I will win. The people's representatives must be taught to obey the people, and not to command them."

"What do you think of Dr. Parkhurst's comment that Philadelphia is the worst city in the country and New-York is second in that respect?" was asked.

Mayor Weaver smiled and said: "Let us wait and see who wins." Here the Mayor exhibited a letter from the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott in which the writer congratulated him on the stand he had taken for good government and expressed the belief that he would succeed in his crusade against municipal corruption. The Mayor manifested his appreciation of the encouraging words of the New-York minister and said they were a sample of those he had received from others.

Before going into the conference with his counsel, Mayor Weaver said he came to consult his legal advisers concerning the entire situation and the legality of the course upon which he had entered. It was also given out from an authoritative source that the particular reason for his appearance in New-York at this time was to plan for contesting the temporary injunction yesterday granted by Judge Ralston restraining the Mayor from removing Directors Smith and Costello from office.

Upon the conclusion of the conference in Mr. Root's office, it was said that a definite plan of campaign had been outlined. The first matter to be considered will be the argument on the injunction, set for Monday next. Mr. Graham will remain in town until that time, returning to Philadelphia with Mr. Root, who will then take up his part in the legal branch of the battle.

Mr. Root, when seen just before leaving the Mutual Life Building, said: "Mayor Weaver came, of course, to talk about the situation growing out of the gas controversy. We went over the whole matter and discussed the problem in all its phases, but you must excuse me from going into details as the counsel for the Mayor. This I can say, however, that we have decided on a plan of campaign, which we hope to push to a successful finish."

Mr. Root admitted that he would be in Philadelphia next Monday, when the legal question involving the status of the new appointees of Mayor Weaver, Colonel Sheldon Potter and A. Lincoln Acker, who were ousted by the court order yesterday, will be argued for final determination.

Mayor Weaver and Judge Gordon left town on the 8:30 train for Philadelphia.

NEW OFFICIALS OUSTED.

General Impression That Gas Lease Will Fail, However.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Philadelphia, May 24.—The fight of the machine to assure the extension of the lease of the city gas works to the United Gas Improvement Company reached the "frenzied" stage to-day. It is the general impression that the Mayor has practically won his fight, and that, despite a check to-day, the gas lease will fall. Mayor Weaver's action yesterday in removing Peter E. Costello, Director of Public Works, and David J. Smyth, Director of Public Safety, after those chiefs of his cabinet had refused to give him unqualified resignations, was followed to-day by the issuance by Judge Ralston, of Common Pleas Court, of a temporary injunction restraining the Mayor from further action. This acts as a stay for five days, and as soon as it was issued both deputy directors ventured into their offices, where A. Lincoln Acker, the Director of Public Works, and Colonel Sheldon Potter, the Director of Public Safety, chosen as their successors, had taken official possession.

Colonel Potter gracefully acknowledged the service of the writ and allowed his predecessor to occupy the chair, but Mr. Acker made a contest, and says he will not give up despite the injunction. Mayor Weaver, accompanied by his counsel, ex-Judge James Gay Gordon and ex-District Attorney George S. Graham, went over to New-York to consult Elihu Root, whom the Mayor has retained as chief legal adviser in the fight he has begun to crush the machine.

THE MACHINE AT WORK.

Meanwhile the leaders of the organization—Insurance Commissioner Isaac W. Durban, Senator James P. McNichol and City Councilman Charles Seger—have been busy all day rallying their forces for the final tug of war in the Councils, which is to take the form of jamming the lease over Mayor Weaver's veto. All day

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Pearl, the birth-month gem for June, in beautiful and novel settings. Mermod, Jaccard & King. Catalog of jewelry, silverware, etc., free.—Advt.

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THE SECOND EMPIRE.

A new fast train on the New York Central leaves Grand Central Station 2:50 P. M., arrives Albany 12:15, Utica 7:15, Syracuse 9:25, Rochester 9:55, Buffalo 11:30 P. M. No excess fare.—Advt.