

MAYOR WEAVER SCORES VICTORY

GAS PEOPLE WITHDRAW THE LEASE PROPOSAL

PHILADELPHIANS REJOICING

Leaders of the "Organization" Will Use Every Effort to Prevent Executive's Two Appointees From Assuming Duties

By Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, May 27.—After a contest lasting five days the Republican "organization," led by Insurance Commissioner Israel W. Durham, was forced today by public opposition and clamor to abandon its efforts to extend the lease of the city gas works to the United Gas Improvement company for seventy-five years.

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SONS FIND MOTHER MURDERED IN BED

Pueblo Woman Slain, Her Grave Is Dug and Husband Is Missing

PUEBLO, May 27.—Returning to their home in South Santa Fe avenue this morning the two sons of Mrs. Giuseppe Carmecha found her dead body lying across the bed in an entirely nude condition. A hasty examination revealed more than a dozen knife wounds about the breast, any of which would have proved fatal.

Further investigation by the police resulted in the finding of a freshly dug grave in the cellar under the house, the tools with which it had been dug remaining beside it.

A search is being made for the woman's husband, who apparently has disappeared. The woman had been dead for several hours when discovered.

REMAINS OF FRANCIS HEURTEVANT ARE FOUND

Murdered Man's Body Is Discovered Floating in the Trinity River

REDDING, May 27.—The body of Francis Heurtevant was found today in an eddy in Trinity river opposite the bluff from which the slayer hurled the body. A party headed by Sheriff Bergen made the discovery. The body shows a rifle bullet hole in the region of the heart and the skull is crushed as if by a blunt instrument.

W. K. VANDERBILT



AMERICAN LEADS SPORT IN FRANCE

W. K. VANDERBILT MAKES GOLF POPULAR

FORMS CLUB AT VERSAILLES

Links There Now Are Declared by an Expert to Be Equal to Any in England or Scotland

Special Cable to The Herald.

PARIS, May 27.—W. K. Vanderbilt is now perhaps the dominating personality in French sporting life. He has been one of the main agents in popularizing golf in Paris.

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WARSZAWA, May 27.—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. The Socialists have issued a manifesto stigmatizing as traitors the national Democrats who urged the workmen to resume work, and declare it as their intention to continue the fight against the government regardless of the consequences.

Jews Fined on by Cossacks

LODZ, May 27.—A procession of Jews carrying flags this afternoon came into conflict with cossacks, who fired, killing three persons and wounding several others.

Will Recognize All Passports

ST. PETERSBURG, May 27.—The council of the empire has approved the recommendations of the passport commission, which recommendations include universal recognition of foreign passports. The representations on the subject of discrimination against American Jews have therefore been acceded to.

REDDING MINER KILLED BY FALLING DOWN SHAFT

REDDING, May 27.—J. C. Briscoe, a miner at Delamar's Bully Hill mine, stepped into a shaft today and fell sixty feet. He died in fifteen minutes.

CALIFORNIANS REGISTERED AT NEW YORK HOTELS

NEW YORK, May 27.—Californians registered at New York hotels:

From Los Angeles—E. W. Fox, W. S. Arnold, C. M. Bennett, H. E. Cole, A. W. Sessions, J. D. Whittington, W. M. Loftus, L. R. Ward, G. Bradley, T. C. Garball, F. Stanwood, H. Richardson, T. C. Clark, J. Stewart, E. W. Wesson.

From Pasadena—C. D. Collier. From San Diego—H. A. Putnam.

TRAPPED WITH SPURIOUS GOLD

OFFICERS ARREST ALLEGED COUNTERFEITER

SECURE TOOLS AND BAD COIN

Secret Service Men Visit Small Cabin at Arroyo Grande Station and Surprise Its Occupant

By Associated Press.

Francisco Mattos, alleged to be one of the smoothest counterfeiters operating in California, was arrested yesterday morning by Officer Cronin of the United States secret service and is now lodged in the San Luis Obispo county jail.

Officer Cronin, who returned to Los Angeles late yesterday afternoon, said the alleged counterfeiter was caught in the act of making spurious gold coins in a little cabin at Arroyo Grande station in San Luis Obispo county.

For the last three months the United States marshal has been receiving complaints from a number of places in Southern California that counterfeit \$5 and \$10 gold pieces have been circulated. Every effort has been made on the part of the federal officials to locate the counterfeiters, but until a few days ago no clew as to their whereabouts could be learned.

It was learned by Officer Cronin that an alleged counterfeiter was operating in San Luis Obispo county and he immediately followed up this line of information, with the result that Mattos was arrested early yesterday morning.

Is Taken Unaware. Officer Cronin and one of his assistants went to a cabin under suspicion in Arroyo Grande early yesterday morning and, according to the story told last evening, the two men found Mattos busily at work with base metals, acid baths and all the necessary materials of a counterfeiter's outfit. After observing his work from a window in the cabin for several minutes the officers, armed with revolvers, rushed into the cabin and ordered Mattos to throw up his hands.

Being taken by surprise Mattos made no resistance, but surrendered all his finished work and tools to the officers.

When questioned by the officials Mattos declared that he could not talk English, as he has been here from Portugal but a short time, and from this fact the United States authorities believe that Mattos is but one of an organized gang of counterfeiters that have been operating in Southern California for the last six months.

Arrangements have been made to bring Mattos to Los Angeles tomorrow, and Tuesday he will be arraigned before the United States commissioner.

HEAVY FLOODS CAUSE HAVOC IN OKLAHOMA

FIVE INCHES OF RAIN FALL IN A NIGHT

Lawton Streets Flooded and Water Is a Foot Deep in Business Houses. Terrific Electrical Storm Rages Near Redding, Cal.

LAWTON, Okla., May 27.—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 streams are high and several washouts are reported. The St. Louis and San Francisco railway bridge over the Red river in the southern part of Green county is reported out. At Junction City and Lone Wolf, Oklahoma, and Duncan, I. T., some damage was caused by a heavy wind, and several persons are reported injured. No deaths are reported.

Damage From Washout

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 27.—Four farm houses were badly damaged by a wind and rain storm between Anadarko and Clement. Several hundred feet of railroad track and a bridge were washed out five miles south of Anadarko. There were severe damage to the railroad between Mountain View and Gotebo. No fatalities are reported. The rainfall was over five inches.

Cloudburst in Idaho

BOISE, Idaho, May 27.—A cloudburst in the hills above town has sent a flood down Cottonwood gulch through the military post and into town. So far as can now be learned no serious damage has been done, but the upper part of town is afloat and a flood is pouring down all the streets as far as Main.

Lightning Plays Pranks

REDDING, May 27.—A terrific electrical storm raged this evening along the east side of the river from Redding. Lightning struck a barn, burned the barn and killed one horse. The storm raged from Sisson on the north to the southern part of Shasta county.

BELIEVED TO HAVE WRESTED VICTORY FROM TOGO



ADMIRAL ROJESTVENSKY

ROBBERS LOOT MONTANA TRAIN

EXPRESS CAR BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITE

NO FATALITIES ARE REPORTED

Three Men Concerned in the Hold-up and Sheriff's Posse With Horses and Bloodhounds Are in Pursuit

MISSOULA, Mont., May 27.—Passenger train No. 2, eastbound on the Northern Pacific, was held up last night at 11:35 at Bear Mouth cut, about forty miles east of this city, and the express car blown to pieces. Three men are known to have been concerned in the crime, but details of their actions are lacking. No fatalities are reported.

No. 2 left Missoula behind time, in charge of Conductor Sayer and Engineer Wilson. As the train pulled into Bear Mouth cut a man was seen walking ahead of the train carrying a valise. Signal lights were displayed at the station and as the train slowed down Engineer Wilson was covered by a gun by one man while the other uncoupled the baggage and express cars and ordered the engineer to pull ahead.

When the cut out cars reached a point three miles east of Bear Mouth station, in a desolate section, the engine was stopped and, under cover of guns, the engineer and fireman were ordered to tell the express messenger to open his door. Dynamite was placed under the car and exploded, wrecking the car, but whether the messenger escaped or not is not known at this time.

Meager word was sent here and to Drummond. Sheriff Graham wired to Deer Lodge to have the bloodhounds sent from the penitentiary and immediately organized a posse. A special was made up and five horses were taken with the party. Twenty men were organized at Drummond and will join the sheriff at the scene of the hold-up.

It is believed that no railroad men were involved. Officials here have no idea how much coin was in the safe or how much booty the highwaymen secured. No passengers were molested, though several shots were fired.

THOUGHT RATTLESNAKE WAS AN ALARM CLOCK

SPOKANE, Wash., May 27.—Nicholas Brown, a rancher near Waterville, Wash., was awakened by a rattling which he supposed to be an alarm clock. In a half awake condition he moved from his bed to stop the clock, but the rattling continued, coming from the bed he had just quitted.

Through the gloom of the morning he discerned a huge rattlesnake lying upon the covers. When he tried to dislodge it, the reptile coiled about his arm, but Brown luckily secured a hold near its head, preventing it from striking. In this condition he carried it to another room where he secured a knife and cut the reptile in pieces before it would be removed from his arm. He also found several small rattlesnakes beneath the foot of the bed. The larger snake had fourteen rattles.

OSCAR REFUSES TO SIGN SEPARATE CONSUL BILL

CHRISTIANIA, May 27.—King Oscar, at today's meeting of the council of ministers, declined to sign the law requiring a separate consular system for Norway. The ministers immediately tendered their resignations, but the king refused to accept them.

MT. VESUVIUS SHOWS REMARKABLE ACTIVITY

NAPLES, May 27.—Mount Vesuvius has shown a new phase of activity. Explosions are heard ten miles distant from the volcano, while burning stones thrown 1000 feet above the crater produce magnificent spectacles, especially at night.

BURGULARS WRECK SAFE OF A POMONA MARKET

POMONA, May 27.—Burglars broke into A. C. Gerrard's meat market last night, hauled his safe to a lonely part of town and blew it open. They secured \$70 and escaped. There is no clew to their identity.

GREAT SEA BATTLE BELIEVED TO HAVE ALREADY OCCURRED

JAPANESE KEEP BACK INFORMATION

Russian Fleet Advances Boldly to Meet Foe and Is Thought to Have Been Victorious, Tokio's Embargo on News Being Suggestive

The attention of the public is called to the significance of the phrase "TRANSMITTABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING HISTORIC EVENTS" in the brief dispatch that the Tokio censorship has permitted to be given to the public.

The conclusion has been drawn that this phrase necessarily implies that an important naval engagement has taken place, and that the suppression of all details points to a Japanese defeat.

All Details Are Refused. TOKIO, May 27, 9 p. m.—Transmittable information concerning today's historic events in the neighborhood of Tsu islands is limited to the bare fact that Rear Admiral Rojestvensky's main fleet, steaming in two columns with the battleships on the starboard and the cruisers and monitors on the port side, appeared in the straits of Korea.

Other information is withheld by the Japanese authorities, and other reference to movements of the Russian or Japanese fleets is refused cable transmission.

Information Still Withheld. TOKIO, May 28, 11 a. m.—The embargo on the publication of naval news continues.

CENSORSHIP RIGOROUS. St. Petersburg Accepts It as Evidence of Japanese Defeat.

LONDON, May 27.—There is no longer any question that the Russian war fleet under command of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky has entered the straits of Korea on the final stage of its long journey to Vladivostok. Port Arthur, its former objective, having in the meanwhile fallen into the hands of the Japanese.

Beyond the fact that the Russians were yesterday in the vicinity of the Tsu islands all is conjecture. Apparently the only avenues of news transmission are held by the Japanese, and the authorities of that country are exercising a rigorous censorship.

The paucity of information which the censor has permitted to pass has formed the basis for the belief in high quarters at St. Petersburg that an engagement has been fought and that the Japanese have suffered, the theory being that, were the facts otherwise, they would have immediately been given to the world.

The course taken by Rojestvensky's fleet, through the narrow waters eastward of Korea, may be accepted as evidence that he is bent on forcing Togo to accept battle, the alternative being the bombardment of Japanese ports and the sweeping of the Japanese merchant marine from those waters.

RUSSIANS OPTIMISTIC. Rojestvensky Lionized, but Admiralty Awaits Definite Information.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 28.—Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's success in reaching the Korean straits, the gateway to Vladivostok, has aroused something like genuine enthusiasm. The showy Russian capital on the banks of the Neva, arrayed in gala attire and illuminated in honor of the anniversary of the coronation of Emperor Nicholas, seemed on fete for the occasion. For once St. Petersburg was not pessimistic. Everywhere the report that Rojestvensky had defeated Togo was accepted as true and in the streets the Russian admiral's name was on every lip.

In the cafes and gardens he was toasted as the hero of the hour, yet in reality St. Petersburg has only Tokio's advice, but perhaps for once the Russian people, so easily a prey to despair, might be pardoned for this premature jubilation, after the unbroken series of reverses suffered on land and sea.

Wait Breathlessly for News. The authorities, however, while elated over the news, indulged in no unwarranted rejoicing, but waited almost breathless for news. The lights in the admiralty's office burned far into the night, and the fact that no other dispatches had arrived from Tokio, where alone the secret of the real situation is known, was considered reassuring. Admiral Wrenius, chief of the general staff of the navy, said to the Associated Press:

"If Rojestvensky has cleared the Korean strait, God bless him; he has open water ahead. If he has succeeded in mystifying the enemy and entered the Japanese sea with his force unimpaired he has earned the title of master of naval strategy."

THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST. Southern California: Cloudy, unsettled weather Sunday; possibly light showers; fresh southwest winds. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 65 degrees; minimum, 52 degrees.

PART I. 1—Weaver scores triumph. 2—Huntington returns home. 3—To show relics of olden times. 4—Astor buys Italian villa. 5—Southern California news. 6—Roses to line bridal path. 7—Memorial Sunday services today. 8—Real estate men leave for home. 10-11—Sports.

PART II. 1-3—Real estate. 4,7—Classified advertisements. 8—Real estate. 10—Society. 11—Markets. 12—Railroad rate reform is issue.

PART III. 1-3—Society. 4—Editorial. 5—Cables. 6—City news. 8—Program ready for convention.

PART IV. Magazine section.

EASTERN. Union men in Chicago quarreling among themselves; management of strike taken out of Shen's hands. Mayor Weaver wins an important victory against gas steel crowd. Madame Schumann-Heink marries William Rapp, Jr.

FOREIGN. Naval battle believed to have been fought, but Tokio maintains significant silence. Great Britain disturbed over ambitious schemes attributed to German emperor. William K. Vanderbilt takes the lead in out-of-door sports in France.

COAST. Washington rancher has battle with rattlesnake whose buzz he took for alarm clock. Body of Heurtevant, the murdered man, found in Trinity river. State Surveyor General Woods will resign.

LOCAL. Secret service men arrest alleged counterfeiter. H. E. Huntington returns home from New York. Memorial services to be held today. Chief Lips recommends to commissioners that use of gasoline stoves be limited in city. Waiato Realty Confederation closes its sessions. Grammar schools in field meet on U. S. C. campus. Ice trust will fight independent company. New York Republican says congress is standing in with the railroads. Report that T. B. Cook is missing in the east discredited by relatives here. Program complete for entertainment of Knights of Columbus. Veteran police officer seriously injured by street car. Angry crowd follows officer and prisoner, making violent demonstrations against the former. Local priest to exhibit novel collection of statuary, carved by the early Indians, before Knights of Columbus convention.