

JAPANESE ROUT RUSSIANS ON THE BANKS OF YALU

TOKIO, May 2.—The first pitched battle on land between the Japanese and Russian forces occurred on the banks of the Yalu, Sunday. The Japanese were victorious, although they lost 700 killed and wounded. The Russians are reported to have lost from 800 to 900 men.

The Japanese captured 28 quick-firing guns, 20 officers and 300 men. The Russians made two stands, but were beaten back finally and fled.

The Japanese captured Chin Tien Chang, which was regarded as the key to the Russian position on the right bank of the Yalu.

The Russians abandoned Antung yesterday. They burned the town. The Japanese now control the estuary of the Yalu.

Previous to the decisive battle of Sunday, the Japanese had for five days engaged in severe skirmishes with the Russians, finally capturing two islands in the Yalu. The Twelfth division of the Japanese army then crossed the Yalu on a pontoon bridge.

LONDON, May 2.—The correspondent of the Central News at Seoul wires that the Japanese victory on the Yalu Sunday was most complete, the Russian lines being thrown into confusion and retiring in disorder.

LONDON, May 2.—The Japanese minister, Baron Hayashi, today issued the report of the captain of the gunboat Maya, which acted in conjunction with the land forces in the attack of the Japanese on the Russian line on the Yalu river yesterday. The report confirms in a degree the report that the Russians burned Antung. A Japanese detachment, comprising the

gunboats Maya and Uji and some torpedo boats, ascended the Yalu and bombarded the enemy, silencing the enemy's artillery fire after a severe engagement lasting 30 minutes.

All of the boats returned to Yongampho with no casualties.

Four armed launches reached Antung the same morning and repulsed the enemy's infantry and artillery after 30 minutes' sharp fighting.

Fire was seen rising from the town and the natives reported that the Russians fled after setting the place afire.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 2.—The new battleship Ore is aground on a sandbank in the Neva river. It is feared great difficulty will be experienced in floating her.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 2.—It is rumored here that the Russian plans of mobilization have been sold through the treachery of a Warsaw official. New plans

have accordingly been made.

LONDON, May 2.—Japanese Minister Hayashi this afternoon issued a later report regarding the Yalu fight, dated Kieu-leng Cheng, Manchuria, northeast of Antung. The report reads:

"We advanced May 1 along three roads, driving the enemy before us. At 8 p. m. we captured the line from Antung Sien to Laisheuko.

"The Imperial guards surrounded the enemy on three sides, and after severe fighting we captured their guns, besides horses and carriages.

"The general reserve corps is advancing along the Liao Yang road with the enemy fleeing toward Feng Huang Cheng.

"The booty captured includes a large quantity of arms and ammunition."

O'BRIEN GETS THE OLYMPIA

Captain John A. O'Brien, who is well known in Tacoma, has been appointed to the command of the steamship Olympia by the Northwestern Steamship company.

Captain O'Brien has been at sea for 37 years, and at 23 took command of his first ship, the bark Edward James, running from Portland to China. Since then he has been in command of many ships, both sail and steam, among them the Alden Besse, on the China run, and the Alice C. Dickerman, from the coast to Europe. In 1884 Captain O'Brien was mate of

the steamer Umatilla, when she struck on Umattilla reef. Captain O'Brien brought her into port with the aid of two sailors. In Puget Sound and Alaska waters, he has been in command of the steamship Premier, steamship Rosalie, and in 1901 he brought the steamship Dolphin around from New York. Last fall Captain O'Brien was master of the steamship Eureka when she picked up the disabled steamer Meteor in Bering sea.

CHINKS CAN HAVE APPEAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—The United States supreme court today decided that Judge Wing, of the Northern district of Ohio, was in error when, after ordering the discharge of a number of Chinese who had been ordered deported by the immigration department, he refused to allow a bill of exceptions to be filed by the United States district attorney.

FORAGE CONTRACTS

Commissioner of Public Works Welsh received bids this morning on forage for the month of May, and awarded the contracts. John B. Stevens will supply the city with oats, at the rate of \$27 per ton; P. J. Francis, Timothy hay, \$21.75, and William Birmingham & Co., bran, \$20.

SALMON TROLLING A FAVORITE SPORT

There is probably no greater sport than trolling for salmon. It is one of the games of fish and a fighter from the time it takes the hook until it is landed. One man trolling in the vicinity of Brown's point yesterday landed 87 pounds in a short time. Needless to say that his hat was about two sizes too small after that. Trolling for salmon is becoming a favorite sport with many fishermen who formerly got their sport fishing for trout or bass.

SUICIDE OF H. W. GOWELL

PORTLAND, Ore., May 2.—H. W. Gowell, one of the widest known advertising specialists on the coast, who for years was the advertising man for various large Western department stores, committed suicide this morning by gas. Financial reverses

are believed to have been the cause. He left a note saying that he lost the last of many thousands dollars gambling and had no hope of recovering any of it. He said he believed the gamblers should pay for his funeral. Gowell was well known in Tacoma.

STORM CLOUDS GATHER ABOUT WHITWORTH COLLEGE

The storm that has been gathering over Whitworth college grows darker and some of the friends of the institution fear for its safety. Students are ready to revolt at the very thought of having their amusements curtailed, and members of the faculty who were not deposed threaten to resign if the board does not reconsider its summary action of last week.

"The real animus of the whole affair," said a prominent Presbyterian, speaking to The Times, "is that the directors have determined to dictate the policy of the institution, even to the smallest details. They are good enough business men, but they don't know what education means. The directors are supposed to look after the administration of the trust funds and have general supervision of the financial end of the institution, but instead of stopping with that they have attempted to dictate to President Gault, even in the matter of hiring teachers and a housekeeper. If the directors propose to continue this interference and keep up their destructive policy, there is going to be trouble of a kind that has not been looked for."

Henry Longstreth, one of the trustees, who has a copy of the resolutions introduced at the meeting when the four members of the faculty were deposed, had nothing to say about the affair.

A majority of the students, it seems, are not pleased with the action of the trustees. Rev. A. H. Barnhisel, of the First Presbyterian church, was present at the meeting and attempted to have the board modify its action, and to show their appreciation of his efforts the students made a rather sensational demonstration yesterday by attending the church in a body.

Rev. Mr. Barnhisel urged the students to be patient and not do anything that might injure the college, and in speaking

of the action of the trustees, said: "I have the utmost confidence in the board, and I believe they intend to act for the best interests of the school. I regret that they have listened to the whisperings of prejudiced people and in consequence have taken a stand that I hope they will soon reverse. If they are not willing to do so, the future of Whitworth college is nothing."

There is another side to the story and it is said by those who profess to know that the mere fact that some of the students danced and played cards was not the sole reason for the action of the board. It is charged that the attendance at the college is decreasing because of the management of President Gault. Instances are alleged where students have been removed from the school because of his alleged overbearing attitude. It is stated that on several occasions the president has lost his temper in the dining room and has at times subjected the housekeeper to severe and uncalculated criticism in the presence of the students.

President Gault is not being interviewed, but his friends indignantly deny that his conduct has ever been anything but what one would expect from a cultured gentleman. To corroborate this statement they point to his past record, and especially to his career in this city during the past 10 years. Malice and jealousy, they say, is at the bottom of the whole affair.

It was said at the college today that a revulsion of feeling had taken place among the trustees and that there was a probability that matters would be amicably adjusted at the next meeting.

Another report is to the effect that Rev. A. L. Hutchison, president of the board of trustees, is being pushed for President Gault's position. His friends, it is stated, are among those who are after President Gault's scalp.



The Tacoma Times has scored three big scoops over its two contemporaries in this city during the last 30 days. The first was on April 5, when The Times published exclusively an account of the identification and confession of Albert E. Bell, the famous mail robber and bank thief, who had committed a series of bold crimes both in Europe and America. The other daily papers published in this city gave their readers, on the same day, a long account of how "an unknown man," supposed to be "a celebrated crook," had been chased through the streets the night before and captured by the police. The Times alone told its readers who this "unknown" man was, and secured his complete confession, since substantiated in its details. Bell confessed to The Times, among other things, that he had robbed the United States mail at Seattle. He now lies in the county jail, awaiting trial for this crime. The second big scoop came last Friday, when Bob Taylor, the murderer of W. W. Barnes, attempted to kill the sheriff, and almost succeeded, shooting the latter through the neck. The Times gave this news to the people of Tacoma in two extra editions, the first appearing on the streets one hour and a half before the first copy of its afternoon contemporary was printed. The sales of these extras were very large, indicating the great public interest taken in the shooting of Sheriff Denholm. The third scoop followed Saturday last, when The Times exclusively gave to the public the facts concerning the troubles which have developed in Whitworth college, leading up to the demand of the trustees for the resignations of the president and three instructors in the institution. This morning, two days later, the Ledger appears with the facts given by The Times last week. If you want to read the news, while it is news, read The Tacoma Times.

HAIL, HAIL TO STORM FIEND

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 2.—The worst hail storm that has been experienced in this section of the country for years swept this and adjoining counties last evening. The fruit crop is reported to be ruined.

Balls of ice five inches in diameter crashed through the roofs of houses, and trees were uprooted by the wind. No lives are reported to have been lost, but much stock was killed.

THEIR TROUBLES REACH CLIMAX

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—James Tyner and Harrison Barrett were placed on trial today for connection with the frauds in the postoffice department. Tyner was assistant postmaster general, while Barrett was a law clerk in the postoffice department.

TACOMA MAN WILL COMMAND HILL'S NEW LINER, MINNESOTA

Captain John Truebridge, one of the best known deep-sea captains sailing into Puget Sound, and formerly in command of the steamship Victoria, left this city yesterday for New London, Conn., to take command of the big transpacific liner Minnesota, recently built for use in the Tacoma-Seattle-Oriental trade.

The immense vessel, first of the James J. Hill and the Northern Steamship company, will sail from New York city July 4, arriving on Puget Sound 60 days thereafter. It will be sent from New London to New York immediately after its completion.

A FEW STRIKES ON MAY DAY

CHICAGO, May 2.—May day strikes here today were comparatively unimportant. Seventeen hundred picture frame workers, 4,000 boot and shoe workers and 500 bakers are on strike.

HE IS SAFE ON AMERICAN SOIL

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—The attempt to extradite Thomas Walsh, or Lynchebaum, who is wanted in England, failed through a decision of the United States supreme court today. Lynchebaum was sentenced in Ireland to life imprisonment for assault and battery upon an English woman of noble birth. He escaped from prison, and was arrested in Indianapolis. The supreme court reaffirmed the decision of the Indiana court that Walsh should be given an examination before turning him over to the New York authorities, and ordered him discharged from custody.

The crime for which Lynchebaum was convicted was an incident of the Irish land riots and it was claimed in his behalf that the offense was really of a political character.

RATS!

This morning the removal from the warehouse of some oats that are to go on the Trenton to the Philippines caused an exciting time. On taking down the large tiers of sacks there were found dozens of rats. Every sack moved appeared to be alive with them. There happened to be two dogs, with records as rodent-killers, on hand, and whenever a rat made a sprint for the open it was grabbed by the nape of the neck and given a jerk that usually unjointed its neck and sent it tumbling through the air.

WORLD'S FAIR CROWDS GROW

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—The beautiful weather continues and the throngs at the fair grounds increased in size today. The state buildings of Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio were dedicated today.

THE SUNDAY ATTRACTIONS

Between watching Bobby Keeffe whitewash the Oaklandites and visiting the many points of interest nearby, the people of Tacoma nearly deserted the city yesterday. Point Defiance park attracted its thousands as usual, Spangue banks, the South Tacoma prairie attracted those who have not forgotten their homes in Kansas or North Dakota, and Steilacoom, the oldest town on Puget Sound, came in for its share. This place, with its marks of the early history of the state, and almost surround-

Advertisement for 'THE SUNDAY ATTRACTIONS' featuring a calendar for May with a central illustration of a woman and a dog.

DOWN AND OUT

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—The resignation of Melvin Grigsby, United States attorney for Nome district, Alaska, has been accepted by the president. No intimation has been made as to who his successor will be.

Attorney General Knox a year ago recommended Grigsby for dismissal for leaving his post without permission.

MOTHER'S MAD ACT

SPOKANE, May 2.—Driven crazy, it is supposed, by lack of food and the care of nine children on a journey across the continent, Mrs. Mary Figleski threw her

four-months-old baby through the window of a Great Northern train near Columbia Falls last night. She tried to follow it, but was held by passengers. The train was backed up and the infant was found. Apparently it had fallen upon shrubbery and rolled into a mud hole and was practically unharmed. The mother was brought to a Spokane hospital.

MACHINISTS ON THE SANTA FE INAUGURATE A BIG STRIKE

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—A general strike of the machinists employed on the Santa Fe system has been ordered by President O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists, to take effect at 9 o'clock this morning.

The strike will affect 6,000 members, and may result in bringing out the boiler-makers, blacksmiths and core workers in sympathy.

Forecasting the probable extent of the strike, President O'Connell said 15,000 men would be affected. There is no prospect that the transportation department will be crippled at present. Third Vice-President Kendrick of the Santa Fe has expressed a determination to fight the strike to a finish.

He believes the affiliated unions will take a hand in the strike.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 2.—Eight hundred employees of the Santa Fe shops were locked out this morning when they reported for work. A high fence enclosed the plant. The men were taken by surprise.

NEWTON, Kan., May 2.—One hundred and fifty machinists were locked out by the Santa Fe company this morning. Nobody is allowed on the railroad property. OTTAWA, Kan., May 2.—Between 100 and 200 Santa Fe men are out here. TOPEKA, Kan., May 2.—General Manager Mudge of the Santa Fe said today that the lockout of the machinists was for the purpose of giving the men time to think over the situation and to prevent damage to the shop. He said he would meet the employees this afternoon to learn whether they wanted to return to work or not.