

# BATTLE MAY PRECEDE THE SIEGE OF VLADIVOSTOK

### Armies and Fleets Expected to Clash at Same Time.

## OYAMA IS MOVING

### Must Drive Linevitch Back and Seize Lines to the East.

St. Petersburg, May 8.—Interest is once more directed to Manchuria, news from the front indicating that Field Marshal Oyama is pressing Gen. Linevitch's advance posts east and west of the railroad with considerable force as if about to undertake a general offensive movement. The Russians are offering slight resistance and are falling back upon their first line of defense.

Front of 110 Miles.  
The Russian's advance post covers a front of about 100 miles extending from Singtantsin on Liao river in a southeasterly direction across the railroad above Changtu to the Mandarin road, leading to Kirin, to Kamal pass about 70 miles due east of Tie pass. Russian cavalry protects both wings, small bodies being probably beyond Liao river in Mongolia to guard against a surprise turning movement in that direction.

Atms at Vladivostok.  
Experts believe, however, Oyama's purpose is to thrust in from the east, turn Kirin and interpose himself between Harbin and Vladivostok preparatory to the investment of the latter place. Linevitch's dispositions seem especially taken to meet such a plan.

Would Gradually Retire.  
He would not give battle along his present line but would gradually retire and draw his forces as Oyama's strategy develops, to the main Russian positions which extend due east and west from Kirin, through Kuan-changtsu to Huaitahsien.

A considerable force of troops is also reported to be due east of Kirin as far south as Tumen river to contest the Japanese advance northeastward toward Vladivostok. It is not regarded as certain the Japanese's advance will really be serious.

Has New Troops.  
Oyama is known to have received large reinforcements which have filled up immense quantities of supplies and ammunition after the battle of Mukden. But at the war office here there is a difference of opinion as to whether Oyama is yet ready and it is said if he is in earnest probably almost a fortnight will elapse before the issue is decided, the preliminaries of each battle of the present war, in view of the fact that the armies cover such a large area, having always been long and tedious.

Go Back 18 Miles.  
Up to yesterday the Russian advance posts generally had retired about 18 miles. If Oyama's offensive is pressed the climax should be reached about the time of the sea fight between Rojstevsky and Togo is anticipated. Linevitch's headquarters are at Gunshu Pass.

Linevitch Reports.  
St. Petersburg, May 8.—Gen. Linevitch telegraphs that the Japanese cavalry on Thursday drove back the Russian mounted outposts. The foreign office authorizes the following statement: "France has not transmitted to Russia the new Japanese protest against the violation of French neutrality. A general revolutionary movement has occurred among the peasants of the province of Bessarabia. They have burned several estates."

Begins Advance.  
St. Petersburg, May 8.—The Japanese armies apparently have begun the advance on Kirin. The forward movement began April 29, and as a result the Russian lines, which formerly held to the form of a crescent, with the left resting on Erdagon, 125 miles south-east of Kirin, and the right west of Shabedzi, on the railroad 60 miles northwest of Tie pass, have been straightened.

The Japanese occupied Erdagon May (Continued on Eighth Page.)

## CANADIAN PACIFIC EXPRESS WRECKED

Mongton, N. B. May 8.—The Canadian Pacific express was wrecked this afternoon 20 miles east of the city. No word has been received as to casualties.

## AN ENGLISH COXEY'S ARMY BEGINS MARCH

London, May 8.—One hundred picked men from the striking army of boot-workers of Northamptonshire accompanied by a band of musicians started on foot today for London to lay their grievances before the war office. It is anticipated their ranks will be swelled by unemployed persons at each stopping place.

## HUNDRED KILLED

### Russian Frontier in Persia Scene of Massacre of Europeans.

## POLICE TORN TO PIECES

### Mob Wreaks Vengeance For Death of Workman — Printers Win Strike.

St. Petersburg, May 8.—Persian frontier reports state that the governor of Ardebil has been recalled to Teheran in consequence of an attempt to move the frontier post at Beljasuwar into Russian territory. A conflict with the Russian frontier guard occurred, in which it is reported 100 Russians were killed.

Mob Tears Police to Pieces.  
Katherinburg, Russia, May 8.—In revenge for the death of a workman who was drowned in attempting to escape from a patrol, a mob of workmen gathered and tore to pieces two police officers.

Printers Win Strike.  
St. Petersburg, May 8.—Printers who struck April 23 have won a victory in their demand for the observance of Sundays and holidays by abstention from work, only Novoe Vremya appearing this morning.

## FRENCH DENY THEY BROKE NEUTRALITY

### Not Only Kept Them But Extended Them in the Far East.

Paris, May 8.—A semi official note issued this afternoon says "Contrary to the allegation contained in a dispatch from Hongkong to a foreign agency not only has the French government not disregarded rules of neutrality but after sending its civil and military agents very precise instructions for the enforcement of these rules the government has unremittently seen to their extension."

## STEP TO OWN STREET RAILWAYS OF CITY

### Chicago Upheld by Court in Taking Possession of Line Without Franchise.

Chicago, May 8.—The city scored a victory in the traction litigation today bringing municipal operation a step nearer. Judge Grosscup denied a motion on behalf of the Union Traction company to enjoin the city from interfering with the use of the so-called Adams street line of the old Chicago Passenger Railway company holding the franchise of the company had expired. It is the intention of the city to use the Adams street line as a beginning for the municipal ownership of the street railway system.

## HOBSON TO MARRY MAY 25

### Engagement to Miss Hull, of Tuxedo Park, N. Y., Announced.

Birmingham, Ala., May 8.—Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hull, of Tuxedo Park, N. Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Grizelda Houston Hull, to Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson, the wedding to occur at the home of the bride's parents May 25. Owing to the recent death of Capt. Hobson's father only relatives and a few friends will be present.

## Cornell Boat Upset

Ithaca, N. Y., May 8.—A sail boat containing eight Cornell students in Cayuga lake, sailing close reefed in a 30-mile wind, capsized in the middle of the lake. For 45 minutes they clung to the overturned craft awaiting the rescuing party, which took them ashore nearly exhausted.

## Student Circus Makes \$4,000.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 8.—The student circus here Friday, in which 600 men and women participated, to raise funds for a university clubhouse, cleared \$4,000.

## HELD IMPOSSIBLE TO CONFESSES TO MURDER

### J. R. Nutting, of Davenport, Considers Rate Fixing Out of Question.

## HEARD BY SENATE COMMITTEE

### Says Power Would Be Greatest of Kind Ever Vested in Body of Men.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—(Special.)—J. R. Nutting, of the corporation of Sicles & Nutting company, wholesale hardware dealers, of Davenport, Iowa, and New York City, appeared before the senate committee on interstate commerce in the rate hearing case today. Mr. Nutting said in part: "Are Many Objections."  
"There are many objections to conferring power upon any man or committee of men to make arbitrary rates for the transportation of freight throughout this vast country. Conditions vary so much and the sudden changes in these conditions are so frequent as to make it in my judgment utterly impossible to determine any basis for making tariff schedules that will be just to all classes of our people."

Would Injure West.  
"Should the interstate commerce commission be given power to make rates, and decide to make rates, on a distance tariff basis, and there seems to be no other practical basis upon which they could make them, it would result in great hardship to the middle west, and the important distributing centers would be greatly injured and might ultimately lose the prestige they now enjoy in the markets of the world. The new rates, in order to become popular with the masses, would necessarily have to be reduced, and there is great danger that this reduction of revenue to transportation companies would result in inferior service which would be greatly deplored by all classes of shippers."

Greatest Power Ever Vested.  
"Such a power as the Esch-Townsend bill proposes to confer on the interstate commerce commission would give it the greatest commercial power ever held by any body of men, and it seems only fair and just that the people of this country should have some idea how such a change would affect their interests before any legislation is carried into effect."

## REFLECTED IN THE MARKETS

### Prices Lower on Account of Attitude Shown by Japanese.

Paris, May 8.—A general depression prevailed on the bourse today owing to the Japanese attitude against France over the question of neutrality in the far east.

London, May 8.—Vague fears of possible complications over French neutrality in the far east affected the tone of the stock exchange today. The markets inclined to flatness all around.

## Machinists Strike.

Toronto, May 8.—The Grand Trunk railway machinists from Montreal to Port Huron are out on a strike. Twenty-five hundred men are involved.

## Duke is Dead.

Charlotte, N. C., May 8.—Washington Duke is dead.

## EDWARD GOTTSCHALK PLEADS GUILTY BEFORE COURT.

### Part in Two Crimes

### Solves Mystery of Death of Schindeldecker and Hartmann.

St. Paul, Minn., May 8.—Edward Gottschalk charged with the murder of Christian Schindeldecker, the butcher and Joseph Hartmann, his accomplice, today pleaded guilty to the charge of having killed Hartmann and confessed to Judge Lewis his part in both crimes. The judge will pass sentence Thursday.

Schindeldecker was murdered in February, in his butcher shop. His body was horribly mutilated by meat-cleavers. The motive was robbery.

Was Outside.  
Gottschalk says Hartmann killed the butcher while he remained outside the shop. After that Gottschalk tried to avoid Hartmann but failed, and that finally Hartmann attempted to kill Gottschalk, and the latter killed his accomplice in self defense.

## "WIFE" TESTIFIES AGAINST "HUSBAND"

### Unique Situation Develops at the Johann Hoch Murder Trial.

Chicago, May 8.—A novel occurrence in a criminal procedure was witnessed today at the trial of the alleged "bluebeard," Johann Hoch. The innovation consisted in a "wife" appearing as a witness in the case involving her "husband," the woman being Mrs. Fischer-Hoch, the last survivor with whom Hoch underwent the marriage ceremony. She was called to the witness stand by the prosecution.

Artist Kills Self.  
Chicago, May 8.—James K. Hasburg, an artist, 34 years old, committed suicide yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor at the Home for Incurables, Fifty-sixth street and Ellis avenue.

## NO MORE FAVORS FOR MRS. MAYBRICK

Washington, May 8.—Ambassador Choate has cabled the state department that the British foreign office has refused to grant and further clemency to Mrs. Maybrick, who recently made application through the state department for a complete pardon.

## EXCITING FINISH BOTH SIDES DECLARE FOR A MORE STRENUOUS FIGHT

### The Illinois Legislature Crowds Through Bills Without a Quorum.

## DEMOCRATS PROTEST IN VAIN

### Closing Hours Devoted to Measures in Which Members Were Privately Interested.

Springfield, Ill., May 8.—With about forty members present and voting, and with 82 being counted on each roll call, with the hands of the clock pointing to 11:45 and the first light of day getting in the windows, the house of representatives of the Illinois legislature finished up its work yesterday morning, adjourning at 4:50 a. m. on motion of Representative Trautmann. With this act the 44th assembly was adjourned sine die. For two hours the senate chamber had been deserted completely.

Action on Chicago Charter.  
The measures which the house passed after midnight were unimportant with the exception of the Chicago charter bill for a new articles to the cities and villages act. The board of trade bill, the only other important measure considered, was defeated after an exciting session with the lobbyists who crowded the hall, the vote being 73 to 63.

Democrats Protest.  
With this and the Chicago charter bill out of the way the legislature devoted the closing two hours to passing bills of small importance to the state at large, but of interest to individual members.

By constant desertions the quorum was dissipated until by 4 o'clock bills were passed by the courtesy of the reading clerk, who heard votes not voted. The passage of measures without a quorum finally brought forth an energetic opposition from the few democrats remaining, and a group collected around the desk trying to stop further proceedings.

Representative Mitchell became especially energetic in protesting against the "illegal" procedure.

"This is a shame," he yelled to Speaker Shurtleff. "You talk about reform. Here you are passing bills without a quorum. It's a shame. You have no right to do it."

Mitchell endeavored to call attention to the fact that it was 5 o'clock Sunday morning and that the legislature, by joint resolution, was adjourned at midnight, and therefore could have no official existence. He and the other protesting democrats were unable to stop the program which had been arranged. Shurtleff had told the members of the house that every man should have a fair deal with his bills before the legislature adjourned, and he kept the small group of members, which acted as a quorum, at it until broad daylight.

Expense Bill Passed.  
The last measure the house passed was the report of the contingent expense committee. Representative Oglesby, of the joint committee on engrossed and engrossed bills, was requested to remain in Springfield for six days to see that the bills passed yesterday and this morning are properly prepared for presentation to the governor. It is expected that most of the important measures will be signed by the governor.

## DECISION FINAL IN CHINESE EXCLUSION

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## PEOPLE ARE APPREHENSIVE

### Possibility That Thousands of Lives Will Be Lost—Crest of Mountain Rising.

Honolulu, May 8.—The three mile long crater of Kilauea, a constantly agitated lake of liquid lava is showing great activity, and fears are felt that the enormous mass may be thrown into the air by an explosion and overwhelm a part of the island of Hawaii and its 25,000 inhabitants.

The burning lava in the great crater, the largest in the world, is steadily rising. Should the pressure increase there is great danger of a terrific eruption.

Near Town.  
Kilauea is the child of Mauna Loa, but has far outgrown its parent in size, although not in the constancy of flow. It is 16 miles nearer the town of Hilo, whose inhabitants have several times been thrown into a state of terror by the lava flow from Mauna Loa.

Fishermen on the east coast of Hawaii say Kilauea has never presented as grand a sight as in the last few days.

Whole Island in Danger.  
On account of the relative smaller height of Kilauea, an eruption from it might not reach the north coast, but it is feared Mauna Loa, which is 7,000 feet higher and in the center of the island, would be exploded by the eruption of the other and cover the whole island.

## NO RIGHT TO USE BOARD'S QUOTATIONS

### Important Decision by Supreme Court Over Ownership of Price Figures.

Washington, May 8.—The supreme court of the United States today decided the case of the Board of Trade of Chicago against the C. C. Christie Commission company, of Kansas City and the Kinzy company of Chicago involving the question as to the right of private concerns to use continuous quotations of the board, in favor of the contentions of the board of trade.

## GERMAN COLUMN MEETS AN AMBUSH

### Sixteen Killed or Wounded by Hereros in Southwest Africa.

Berlin, May 8.—A force of Hereros April 27 fell upon a German column in the mountains east of Gananis, German Southwest Africa. Sixteen Germans were killed or wounded. The natives were beaten off and 15 men were killed.

## ROBBERS TORTURE WOMAN

### Mrs. Rudler of Couter, Pa., Burned and Thrown From Window.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 8.—To compel Mrs. Frederick Rudler of Couter, Pa., to divulge the hiding place of her savings of years, \$700, two masked men burned her feet with blazing paper, dragged her about the room by the hair, beat her, and finally, after she had told where the money was hidden, threw her from the second story bedroom window. Mrs. Rudler will not recover.

## Bars Japs From White School.

San Francisco, Cal., May 8.—The board of education has adopted resolutions declaring itself opposed to the promiscuous association of white and Mongolian pupils in the schools, and declaring its policy to favor in future the establishment of separate schools for Chinese and Japanese children.

## Sunday Spent in Planning for Teamsters' Contest.

### WAGED TO A FINISH

## But Employers Increase Scope of Business Without Interference.

Chicago, May 8.—Today was the quietest since the strike began. There has been no rioting. The police were called on but once to rescue non-union men. The employers started to make deliveries on the apparent theory that the strike is broken. Over 1,000 wagons were said to have been in the streets. Some of the State street stores sent out the normal number for the first time.

Guards Present.  
Deputy sheriffs and private guards, many armed with rifles, aided the police to preserve order. Patrolmen, under orders of the chief of police, will not accompany the wagons hereafter on foot, but be seated beside the driver. The strikers receive their first benefit payment today, \$7 and \$3 respectively.

Will Fight Harder.  
Chicago, May 8.—Today, the 31st day of the teamsters' strike found both sides prepared for even a more intense struggle during the week to come—the week in which President Roosevelt is to visit Chicago.

Two brothers, John and Richard Fruen were fatally stabbed this morning in a street fight with a supposed colored strike breaker. The assailant escaped.

Do Much Business.  
Chicago, May 8.—Attempts were made by employers today to resume business on a scale as near as possible to that before the teamsters' strike. Little trouble was reported at any of the employers' company's barns, few persons being about the stables. Even the Peabody Coal company, against which there has been a special fight, sent out today caravans of loaded coal wagons without molestation. Police and deputy sheriffs, however, continued guard on nearly all vehicles driven by nonunion teamsters.

## SUNDAY QUIET BUT PLANS FOR KEEPING UP FIGHT WERE MADE

Chicago, May 8.—Preparations were made yesterday for an even more intense struggle during the week to come—the week in which President Roosevelt visits the city.

The Sunday cessation of surface troubles was not an idle day. The commission appointed by Mayor Dunne to investigate charges of graft and blackmail on the part of union leaders, efforts to incite trouble on the part of the employers, made detailed plans for beginning the inquiry.

Both Sides Plan War Measures.  
The merchants made plans for more strenuous efforts to bring the recalcitrant team owners into line, and the Federation of Labor, on the other hand, resolved to seek the indictment of the officials of the Employers' association for this effort, calling it conspiracy.

It was stated from an authoritative source, although denied in public interview, that the team owners themselves induced the labor federation to ask for a special grand jury, hoping thereby to frighten the Employers' association out of its purpose to force the team owners into harmony with it.

Votes Union Boycott on Banks.  
The Federation of Labor adopted a resolution declaring "unfair" those banks which contributed to the \$50,000 fund in aid of the employers. It announced it would withdraw union deposits from all such institutions and urge all members of labor unions individually to do likewise.

## Bowen Arrives.

New York, May 8.—Herbert W. Bowen, minister to Venezuela, arrived here today. He refused to discuss Venezuelan affairs or the Loomis charges.

## Chadwick Case Set.

Cincinnati, O., May 8.—The case of Mrs. Chadwick today was set for hearing by the federal court for Oct. 3.

## PRESIDENT LEAVES ON WAY BACK EAST

Glenwood Springs, Colorado, May 8.—President Roosevelt left here at 5 o'clock this morning on the return trip to Washington. The special train is due in Denver at 5:30 this afternoon.