

ONE MORE CHANCE

Linievitch Makes Urgent Plea
Against Peace.

VICTORY ALMOST AT HAND

Russian War Party Uses Strong
Pressure on Czar to End Nego-
tiations—Plans to Mobil-
ize More Troops.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 20.—(2:15 A. M.)—Diplomatic measures for the peace conference are continuing in the face of steady pressure brought to bear by the militant faction.

Lieutenant-General Linievitch has again wired the Emperor saying that victory is almost at hand, and begging that he and his army be not deprived of the opportunity to restore the prestige of Russian arms.

Minister of War Sakharoff had an audience yesterday with the Emperor at Peterhof, and he said that he presented to His Majesty measures for another mobilization of troops and urged the advisability of their adoption.

General Linievitch's telegram seems to confirm the report that negotiations for an armistice are not proceeding between the Russian and Japanese commanders.

Grand Duke Alexis, who is going abroad soon, and Vice-Admiral Choukine, commander of the Black Sea fleet, who it is thought will succeed Admiral Avellan as head of the Admiralty Department, also were received by the Emperor at Peterhof yesterday.

Admiral Choukine reported on the condition of the Black Sea fleet, and also offered suggestions for the naval programme, which is under consideration. It is said that the Emperor is considering the appointment of a commission headed by Vice-Admiral Birliet, to formulate a programme in the light of lessons taught by Russian naval development in the past quarter of a century, and the experience of other nations.

SUSPICIOUS OF JOHN BULL

Russian Papers Accused of Seeking
to Hasten Russia's Defeat.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 20.—The Novoye Vremya today brings a dispatch from London, in which its correspondent declared he was in possession of information to the effect that the British were advising Japan against the conclusion of an armistice.

"Russia," the dispatch adds, "is not considered to be sufficiently weakened. Great Britain would succeed in destroying General Linievitch's army, and thus relieve her of the nightmare that the army may later be shifted to the borders of Afghanistan for operations against India."

The radical Nasha Shina asserts that "the phantom of financial exhaustion hanging over Russia" is really the greatest friend of peace, and draws a harrowing picture of 90 per cent of the empire's population living as their forefathers did in the 16th century, groaning under the constantly increasing debt piled up by militarism and the adventures of the autocracy which clever bookkeeping no longer can conceal.

"Russia," the Novoye Vremya continues, "is reaching the end of her ability to borrow for the purpose of prosecuting the war. Here is the real secret of the hope of peace. Russia's poverty is the issue upon which the plenipotentiaries meet."

LONDON, June 20.—While undoubtedly the people of England would like to see a general battle in Manchuria before an armistice is declared, since it is felt certain that Field Marshal Oyama would score another victory, the London Press is assured that the British government has not given Japan any advice as to what course to pursue, as alleged by the Novoye Vremya, of St. Petersburg.

In fact, the government has done nothing beyond supporting President Roosevelt's effort to secure the earliest meeting of the plenipotentiaries and the submission by Japan of terms likely to be acceptable to Russia. With overwhelming forces at his command, it is felt in military circles that Oyama is in a position to deliver a most crushing defeat to General Linievitch.

The recent movements of British cruisers in the Far East are taken to mean that the Admiralty has again undertaken to notify the Russian cruisers of their presence in the Japanese waters.

Minister Lamsdorff's instructions that there is to be no further sinking of neutral ships. At any rate, shipowners are much relieved.

MAY SAIL FROM JAPAN JUNE 30

Japanese Peace Envoys Will Come
Via Vancouver.

TOKYO, June 20.—(10 A. M.)—Discussion of the meeting of the plenipotentiaries continues through Washington, with indications of an early completion of the details. There has been a series of conferences between the elder statesmen and the Cabinet to consider the conditions and discuss the selection of plenipotentiaries. It is thought to be impossible to complete the details, appoint the plenipotentiaries and organize the staff of assistants in time for them to sail on the steamer Empress of India, June 26, from Yokohama for Vancouver, B. C. (a voyage of about two weeks). It is expected that the party will number a dozen. In the meantime military activities will continue. Important developments in various directions are expected speedily.

NO MOVE FOR AN ARMISTICE

Russia Does Not Expect to Prevent
Another Battle.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 20.—Russia finds no objection to August 1, as suggested by Japan, as the date for the meeting of the plenipotentiaries, and instructions will be sent to Ambassador Cassini to accept it.

In spite of the dispatches from Washington indicating the possibility that Count Cassini and Minister Takahira may sign a temporary armistice before the end of the week, the Foreign Office declares positively that there have been no official exchanges on the subject. Indeed, there is not much expectation that a suspension of hostilities can be arranged.

JAPAN WANTS NO ARMISTICE

Hopes to Defeat Russia Again Before
Peace Conference.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 20.—(2:30 P. M.)—The only hope for an armistice pending the meeting of the plenipotentiaries seems to rest with President Roosevelt, and that is considered slender. So far as known the President has not taken a positive step in this direction. The im-

pression here continues strong that Japan only with great reluctance could be induced to forego the advantages of her strategic position, which, despite the tone of the official advice from the front, is regarded as being altogether favorable for Field Marshal Oyama, and agree to a suspension of hostilities for at least six weeks, during which time thousands of reinforcements would reach General Linievitch, and Vladivostok would be strengthened with munitions and supplies to withstand a siege. Indeed, it is suggested that Japan deliberately planned to postpone the meeting long enough to give Oyama a chance to administer to the Russians a fresh defeat on land, in order to rob the war party in Russia of its last card and facilitate acquiescence in her terms.

Considering the situation, therefore, President Roosevelt's triumph will be all the greater if he could now succeed in convincing his work by an agreement which would at least prevent another bloody battle pending the show of hands at Washington.

At the British Embassy, the Associated Press was informed that Great Britain had not offered Japan any advice on the subject.

Brigadier-General Barry and his colleagues, in view of the prospects of general engagement, are hastening their round of official visits in order to get to the front in time to witness some of the fighting. They have already called on several of the Ministers. Tomorrow the American officers will be received in audience by the Emperor at Peterhof.

STRIKE IS BREAKING UP

TEAMSTERS TRY TO MAKE
TERMS WITH EMPLOYERS.

Express Companies Test Fidelity of
Employees to Union and It
Fails—Grand Jury's Work.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Practically no progress was made today toward a settlement of the teamsters' strike. The committee appointed last night by the teamsters' joint council today divided itself into subcommittees, all of which made calls on different employers trying to arrange some method of ending the difficulty. Their work was not completed tonight and no definite agreement with the employers was reached. The subcommittees will continue their missionary work, tomorrow.

On many sides there are indications that the end of the strike is at hand. The express companies for the first time since the strike commenced resumed deliveries of products to the commission houses, and the union teamsters employed by these commission houses, who had all along threatened to strike if such deliveries were made with nonunion drivers or accepted by the commission men, offered no objection. Several business houses reported that individual teamsters applied to them for their old positions, and a few of them have been reinstated. There has, however, been no official action on either side which seems to foreshadow the calling off of the strike.

The grand jury today summoned Arthur Meeker and T. J. Conners, high officials of Armour & Co., and asked them questions concerning the alleged payment of money to labor leaders during the stockyards strike of last summer.

Fifteen other prominent employees and union men also were subpoenaed as a result of testimony given in the forenoon by John Driscoll, who showed cancelled checks to prove that he had disbursed large sums of money supplied by employers.

At a meeting of the central committee of the retail dealers and market men, held tonight, it was decided to inform the striking teamsters that the labor boycott would be withdrawn. The grocers and market men have declined during the strike to receive goods from the houses against which a boycott has been ordered, but they now declare they have proof that the families of strikers are receiving goods from boycotted stores. It was decided that, if the strike is not settled by June 25, it will be ignored by the grocers.

DEVILISH TORTURE INFLICTED

Nonunion Man's Fingers Broken
and Nails Pulled Out.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Edward Brickett, a nonunion teamster, employed by the National Express Company, was subjected to barbarous torture early today by four men alleged to be strike sympathizers. Brickett was attacked in front of the Teamsters' Union headquarters. After being knocked down by the men, three fingers of his right hand were broken and the finger nails pulled out with nippers. It is said. The victim appealed to the police to have mercy, but his cries were in vain.

When the assailants left he was unconscious in the street, where he was found later by a policeman.

Union Changes Its President.

MERIDEN, Conn., June 20.—The Evening Times says that Edward J. Lynch, of Brooklyn, president of the International Union of Polishers, Buffers and Metalworkers of North America, has been voted out of office by a group of Kenosha, Wis., is Mr. Lynch's successor. The majority for the successful candidate was but 14. There are 20,000 members of the union throughout the country. J. Cullen was elected secretary and treasurer.

DIES WHILE SPEAKING.

S. P. Sheerin Falls Lifeless at Tele-
phone Convention.

CHICAGO, June 20.—S. P. Sheerin, of Indiana, widely known in political and business circles, died suddenly here today while reading a paper at the Independent Telephone Convention, at the Auditorium. He formerly was secretary of the Democratic National Committee. Death was due to apoplexy.

Mr. Sheerin was president of the new Long-Distance Telephone Company of Indianapolis, and had been selected by the convention arrangements committee to reply to an address of welcome by a representative of the City of Chicago. As Mr. Sheerin went to the speaker's table he jokingly remarked that he was unable to make a speech without notes, and asked the pardon of those present while he read his response to the address of welcome. He had proceeded well along with the reading when he suddenly stepped backward and fell to the floor, expiring within a few moments.

S. P. Sheerin, Jr., a son, was present when his father expired, and immediately took charge of the body.

The convention immediately adjourned for the day.

LOW EXCURSION FARES

Via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad
From Chicago.

Asbury Park, N. J., and return, \$11.35. Tickets good going June 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 1 and 2, valid for return until August 31 by extension.

Stop-over at New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

Through sleeping-cars to Asbury Park.

BETRAYED BY DEATH

Late Benjamin H. Gaskill a
Prodigious Fraud.

RAISED STOCK CERTIFICATE

While Losing Money in Business,
Broker Raised Stock and Bor-
rowed on It—Loss May
Total \$1,000,000.

PHILADELPHIA, June 20.—One of the most sensational cases of forgery that has ever been brought to light in financial circles of this city was disclosed today, when it was announced that certificates calling for small numbers of shares of stock had been fraudulently raised to hundreds of shares, causing a loss to certain bondholders and trust companies of this city of from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000.

The forgery involves the name of Benjamin H. Gaskill, who went to his grave four weeks ago. Gaskill was the sole member of the banking and brokerage concern known as Benjamin H. Gaskill & Co., which had offices in the financial district and his credit was considered gilt-edged. Gaskill, at the time of his death, was believed to be worth about \$500,000. He left no wife and administrators began to close his business.

Discovery of the Fraud.

A patron of the firm, whose name is not given, brought from the estate of Benjamin H. Gaskill, a stock certificate for 100 shares of stock of the United States Steel Corporation. He turned his account over to E. C. Miller & Co., which firm sent the stock certificate to the Philadelphia Trust Company's office to have the transfer recorded. The certificate did not agree with the company's books and an investigation showed that the certificate had been raised from six shares to 100. The discovery was reported to E. C. Miller & Co., which firm immediately notified the Stock Exchange, of which Gaskill was a member, which in turn sent out notices to its members not to receive stock certificates from the Gaskill estate.

Raising Stock His Business.

A further investigation brought to light a surprising state of affairs. It was found that Gaskill had credited himself in his own books with 600 shares of Philadelphia Tractor stock, valued at approximately \$500,000, while the Tractor Company's books showed he had only 60 shares. It was also discovered that he had raised certificates of the United Railways of New Jersey from two to 200 and certificates of the Frankfort & Southwark Street Railway Company, of this city, from two to 20. The latter stock is worth \$40 a share.

Gaskill kept two accounts, one recording the transactions of his customers, which was correct, and another giving his own transactions. His books showed that he was losing from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year in his business. His method of operation was to obtain certificates of gilt-edged securities calling for one, two, three or some other small number of shares, raise the figures and give them as security for large loans.

Loss May Reach \$1,000,000.

At least six banks and trust companies of the city admit holding fraudulent securities for large loans. Not one of the institutions will make public the amount of money it advanced, but a financial expert tonight said that the amount of money loaned on the raised certificates will aggregate between \$250,000 and \$1,000,000. It is believed very little will be recovered from the estate.

Gaskill was about 41 years of age when he died, and was a high liver. He was a member of the Manufacturers' and other clubs and was well and favorably known. The administrators of the estate, Lincoln L. Eyre and George M. Wagner, have retained John G. Johnson to protect the interests of the estate. Gaskill left a wife, to whom the Stock Exchange a few days ago paid \$500 as life insurance. His net worth on the Stock Exchange is valued at \$250,000.

WEAVER'S AXE FALLS AGAIN

OFFICIAL ARRESTED AND CON-
TRACT ANNULLED.

Philadelphia Mayor Strikes Two
Blows at Filtration Graft and
Prepares Another Blow.

PHILADELPHIA, June 20.—The arrest of John W. Hill, who resigned last week as chief of the Bureau of Filtration, on the charge of forgery and falsifying certain books and papers belonging to the city, and the annulment of a \$100,000 contract held by D. J. McNichol & Co., were the dramatic developments today in Philadelphia's sensational political upheaval. Hill entered bail in the sum of \$10,000 for a hearing tomorrow.

The arrest of Hill is the third that has occurred in connection with city contracts since the Mayor began his fight for municipal reform. The warrant charges Hill with having committed forgery in that he made or caused to be made a statement giving a false estimate of the work done by the firm of D. J. McNichol & Co. on the filtration plants, and also with falsifying certain books and papers of the city for the purpose of defrauding the city. Hill received a salary of \$17,000.

The rescinding of the \$100,000 contract held by D. J. McNichol & Co. caused consternation in political circles. In revoking the contract, the Mayor notified the Director of Public Works to immediately take steps to advertise for bids for the work and material remaining to be done and supplies. The original value of the contract was \$300,000, and on March 13 this was increased to \$500,000 by a supplementary contract. Up to date \$212,671 has been paid for work done. The McNichol firm has had contracts for about two-thirds of the work in constructing the filtration system. So far the system has cost the city upwards of \$2,000,000, and it is estimated that it will cost about \$5,000,000 more to complete the work.

Mayor Weaver said tonight that he issued the order rescinding the contract because he felt that the city's interests would not be safeguarded unless he did it.

The Broad-street boulevard, which is being constructed by a firm composed of State Senator George F. Vane and Recorder of Deeds William Vane, and which cost about \$5,000,000, is now under investigation.

MELZER FLED BUT RETURNED

Escaped Punishment for Ballot-Box
Fraud in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, June 20.—Civil Service Commissioner George C. Melzer came here last week with instructions

from President Roosevelt to investigate thoroughly Clarence Melzer's connection with the Salter case.

Melzer, Melzer and several others were charged with flagrant ballot box frauds. The exposure of their methods created a sensation, and soon after their arrest all fled from the jurisdiction of the courts and remained in hiding for over a year. Subsequently all but one returned and stood trial, being acquitted. Mayor Weaver at the time was District Attorney. Meanwhile, one of the alleged conspirators who did not run away pleaded guilty and served a term in prison.

Cooley and Green, while here, also investigated the case of Mrs. Elzora Park, a boarding-house keeper, who gave testimony for the defense in the effort of Salter and Melzer to establish an alibi and who subsequently was given a place in the United States mint in this city.

BECAUSE HE HAD BAD RECORD

President Removes Melzer for Com-
plicity in Election Frauds.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Clarence Melzer was removed today by President Roosevelt as Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue at Philadelphia. Mr. Melzer formerly was a clerk in the copyright department in the Congressional Library here, and was involved in the Salter election frauds. The investigation was made by the Civil Service Commission, and his removal is the result of that investigation.

TURN PICTURE TO WALL

PROTEST OF ADMIRAL CLARK'S
BROTHER TO GOVERNOR.

Captain Clark's Unique Way of Con-
demning Execution of Woman.

Governor Stands Firm.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., June 20.—Captain Lloyd Clark, of the United States Supply Station here, a brother of Admiral Clark, United States Navy, who commanded the battleship Oregon during the battle of Santiago, and when the battleship made the famous voyage from Pacific waters to join Admiral Sampson's fleet, today sent the following telegram to Governor Bell, of Vermont, protesting against the hanging of Mrs. Mary Rogers:

Vermont is again threatened with the horrible disgrace of 22 years ago. The reputation and honor of the old Green Mountain State is in your hands alone and every true Vermont citizen is so greatly distressed, please face his picture toward the wall. Every real Vermont citizen would hang his head in shame before the world. Have the mercy of the Mayor, and may that peace of the bravely merciful be always yours.

Soon after Admiral Clark's daring performance of bringing the Oregon to Cuban waters, the Vermont Legislature voted an appropriation to have a life-sized picture of Captain Clark placed on the capitol walls. It is with his brother's consent that Captain Lloyd Clark makes the request. He declared today that he had made provision to see that it is carried out.

WILL NOT DISGRACE STATE

Governor Makes Vigorous Reply to
Captain Clark's Protest.

ESSEX JUNCTION, Vt., June 20.—Governor Bell arrived here tonight from Windsor, where he had been in conference with the prison officials regarding the arrangements for the execution of Mrs. Mary Rogers. When shown the dispatch telling of a telegram sent to him by Captain Clark he said:

I have not yet received such a telegram, but, if it comes, all right. I as Governor do not propose to accept advice from any ex-Vermonter who wishes to disgrace his native State in this way, and especially from one whose brother has been so highly honored by the state as Admiral Clark has been. The picture is the property of the State of Vermont, and it will not be tampered with by any outsider. It will hang in the State House just as it was hung. Vermont is in the habit of standing on its own bottom and it will do so now.

Missouri's Attack on Standard.

ST. LOUIS, June 20.—Hearing in the suit instituted by Attorney-General Hadley, of Missouri, asking that the charter of the Standard Oil Company, the Waters-Pierce Oil Company and the Republic Oil Company be revoked, began today before Special Commissioner D. R. Anthony. Attorney-General Hadley, in stating the state's case, said that the state would attempt to prove that the Standard and Waters-Pierce Companies divided the State of Missouri, the former taking the northern half and the latter the southern. He also alleged that there is a conspiracy among the three concerns to restrain trade. Mr. Priest, for the defendant companies, denied the justice of the complaint.

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Women's fine finished Richelieu ribbed cotton Vests, L. N. N. S., white only; regular price 35c, today 18c

75c Ribbed Vests 59c \$1.00 Ribbed Vests 73c

Women's Swiss Ribbed Lisle Vests, L. N. N. S., hand-trimmed yoke, silk taped, white only; regular 75c quality, today 59c

85c Union Suits 63c \$1.35 Union Suits \$1.00

Women's Swiss Ribbed Lisle Union Suits, L. N. N. S., silk taped, deep lace trimmed drawers; regular 85c quality, today 63c

20c White Suiting 14c 50c Mercerized Suit'g 25c

IN THE WASH GOODS STORE—3000 yards Novelty White Dress Goods, fancy stripes, checks and plaids; regular price 20c, today at 14c

IN THE WASH GOODS STORE—3500 yards Mercerized Waisting and Suiting in tan and champagne; regular price 50c, today at 25c

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Great Embroidery and Lace Sale

35c Embroidery 15c \$1.00 Embroidery 47c

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50c Silk Chiffon 33c 75c to 50c Laces 25c

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