

CRUISER IS DESTROYED

Report in St. Petersburg That Rurik Is Lost at Vladivostok.

ALEXIEFF CHANGES BASE

Goes to Harbin—Sends Kurapatkin to Mukden—Russia Finds Charges Against Japan Will Be Nullified.

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, May 9.—A report has gained wide circulation here today to the effect that the Russian cruiser Rurik, one of the best of the Vladivostok squadron, has been destroyed with an attendant loss of life.
Whether by accident or by Japanese attack is not stated. The report, if proved true, will be another severe blow, as the Rurik is a 11,000-ton, first-class armored cruiser, from which much has been expected.
Nothing official regarding the loss has been sent out by the information bureau, although a bulletin was posted today announcing that Admiral Jessens had been ordered to take command of the Vladivostok fleet.
Accompanying this bulletin came a general order from Alexieff announcing the transfer of his headquarters to Harbin, while General Kurapatkin's headquarters have been removed to Mukden.
The equipment department has decided to clothe the troops in the far east with a yellow tinged cloth similar to the khaki uniforms adopted by the United States army. Large orders for the cloth have been placed, and will be made into uniforms and forwarded as rapidly as possible. As the thermometer in the country in which the war is being fought makes an abrupt change from a moderately cool registration to one of 80 degrees Fahrenheit, it is feared that the troops will experience inconvenience will be experienced by the troops at the front before the new clothing is ready for issuance.
In that clique which embodies the heads of all departments actively conducting the war, it is believed that the Japanese attempts on Port Arthur will prove fruitless and Russia will hold her only real outlet to the open sea.
Port Arthur has supplies enough to last the garrison now there for nearly a year and the force is believed to be sufficient to repel any attack that may be made. Army officers say that constant fighting might weaken this force until at the end of six months it would no longer be able to resist, but predict that long before that time relief will have been had by land and the Japanese be put on the defensive back of the Yalu, confronted by a much superior force.
The report of the committee on the conclusion to meet the loan of \$150,000,000 was adopted today. The case is expected to be sanctioned.
So far as resources are concerned the reports submitted today show that Russia has not yet begun to be taxed to her full strength, although the war fund has already reached enormous figures.

INTERCEPTED RUSSIAN MESSAGES.

Russia Had Planned to Make First Offensive Attack on Japan.
(Journal Special Service.)
London, May 9.—Authoritative information has been given here to the effect that Russia will not press her charge against Japan of an alleged breach of international law by the first.

ARRAIGNS KAISER FOR RUSSIAN SYMPATHY

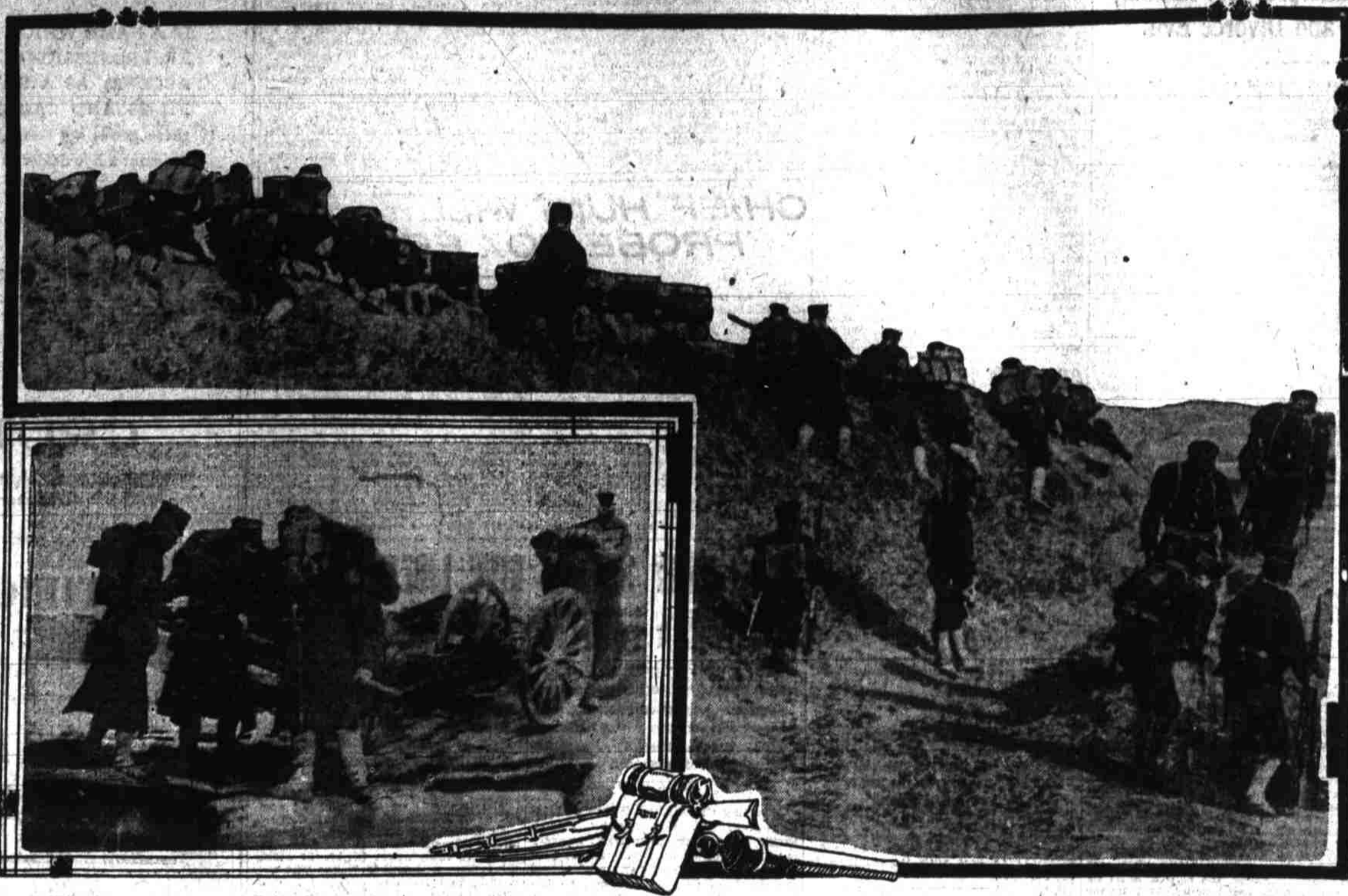
(Journal Special Service.)
Berlin, May 9.—In the reichstag today Herr Bebel denounced the government for what he termed its repeated breaches of neutrality in the Russo-Japanese war, which, he declared, indicated Germany's desires for Russia's triumph.
Bebel cited the sale of the Hamburg-American liners to Russia, and then caustically criticized the Kaiser's telegram to the czar, in which the former expressed his great regret over the loss of the Russian warships, saying "that Russia's losses are equally Germany's losses."
Herr Bebel took advantage of his parliamentary immunity and attacked the emperor most pointedly and in a personal manner.
Chancellor von Buelow repudiated Herr Bebel's charges, and added: "If other countries regard us as traitors, we have every reason to keep the great national sword sharpened."
The chancellor defended the Kaiser's message of regret by saying that among civilized rulers the day had gone when anything partaking the nature of a catastrophe could be lightly passed, and that had such a blow befallen Japan he had no doubt a message of condolence would have been sent to the mikado also.

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(Journal Special Service.)
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THE ADVANCE ON NIUCHWANG. THE LARGE PICTURE SHOWS THE JAPANESE ENTRENCHED, THE SMALL PICTURE IS A SNAPSHOT OF JAPANESE TROOPS TRANSPORTING ARTILLERY ACROSS A STREAM.

WOMAN INVOLVED IN COPLEY CHASE

Mrs. Whiteman of Dunsmuir, Arrested and Examined Under Belief That She Was in Love with Bandit Gates, Proves Innocence.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Redding, Cal., May 9.—A woman and a love affair it was thought today had developed in the Copley train robbery case but the supposed development failed to bring information leading to the capture of the bandits who are so badly wanted for the Oregon express holdup and merciless slaying of Express Messenger O'Neill.
Mrs. Thomas Whiteman, who with her husband conducts a lodging house at Dunsmuir, was supposed to know where George Gates, the leader of the desperadoes, is. She was arrested yesterday and put through the usual process by the district attorney this afternoon, in the hope that through some slip of the tongue or confusion of answer she might be compelled to tell the bandit's present hiding place.
For two weeks prior to the train robbery the Gates brothers boarded at her house at Dunsmuir. They left immediately after the robbery and have not since been seen. Their personal belongings are still there.
Mrs. Whiteman, according to the railway secret service men, too an interest in George Gates and was believed to have been corresponding with him. Letters, it was reported, fell into the possession of the officers, but they refused to say where the letters were mailed.
Whatever faith the officers placed in her knowledge of the robbers was dispelled as the examination proceeded today, however, and late this afternoon Mrs. Whiteman was liberated and the announcement made that she had satisfactorily showed to the officers that she had no connection whatever with the bandits, beyond renting them rooms as she would any other guest.
She declared emphatically that the stories that she knew them as other than ordinary guests were absolutely without foundation and denied that she had ever written to George Gates.
The air of mystery in connection with the case continues, but it is now believed by the public that the officers are without any actual clue to the holdup, beyond a belief still unproved, as to the identity of the robbers.

DESPERATE CRIMINAL SHOT ESCAPING

(Journal Special Service.)
Detroit, Mich., May 9.—George Harter, a desperate criminal, who was undergoing treatment at the emergency hospital, this morning attempted to escape by climbing down the fire escape from the third floor.
A policeman was summoned, but Harter refused to stop in his flight when ordered to do so and the officer fired twice, Harter fell from the fire escape ladder and sustained fatal injuries.
The character of his crimes was such that he evidently preferred death to a long term in prison.

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FEARS FOR HER LIFE

Wife of Dave G. Van Houten Charges Husband With Assault.

Fearing that David G. Van Houten will murder her, Mrs. Minnie Van Houten, his wife, appeared in the municipal court this morning and caused a warrant to be issued for the arrest of her husband on a charge of assault and battery. The warrant was placed in the hands of an officer and as soon as the defendant can be located he will be brought into the police station. Unless he is able to furnish \$200 bail he will have to go to jail, for the court fixed that sum, the case being serious.
On December 22 last Van Houten became jealous of his wife, shot Albert Young. Mrs. Van Houten figured prominently in the case.
"One week ago last Thursday my husband came to the oyster parlors at the corner of Grand avenue and Morrison street as assaulted me there," said Mrs. Van Houten today. "He beat me pretty badly, and after he left me I purchased a revolver. I feared for my life. Yesterday he came to my room in the Belmont house on East Morrison street and I thought he was going to attempt my life. I drew my revolver on him and he took it away from me. He then left the room, as there was a good deal of noise, and I presume he feared he would be arrested. But I am fearful that he will return and take my life. I would have had him arrested immediately after he assaulted me the first time, but dreaded newspaper notoriety."
Enraged by jealousy and believing that Albert Young, a saloonkeeper, had alienated his wife's affections, Van Houten entered the former's saloon at 8 o'clock in the evening of last December 27 and without other warning than the words, "You will monkey with mine," fired point blank at Young. A struggle ensued, in which Van Houten again shot Young. Young died soon after, while the murderer ran out and escaped. He was arrested the following morning in a barn at Montavilla by Patrolman John Price and Sergeant Hoegboom.
A jury in the circuit court heard all of the evidence and returned a verdict of not guilty. Van Houten, after being released, made threats against one of the witnesses who testified against him and was arrested for threatening to kill. Upon the promise of good behavior in the future and that he would leave the city, Justice of the Peace William Reid set him free.
At the time of the murder, Mrs. Van Houten had papers ready for filing in the circuit court asking a divorce from her husband. They were later filed at Astoria, and the case is now to be disposed of.

HOLDS ITS LAST TRIBAL CONVENTION

(Journal Special Service.)
South McAlester, I. T., May 9.—A national convention of the Tuskahoma party assembled at Tuskahoma today for the purpose of nominating a candidate for principal chief of the Choctaw nation. The convention is one of the most important ever held by the Tuskahoma party, as it will be a part of the work of the convention to outline a policy to be pursued by the Choctaw nation in making final settlement of tribal affairs, and it will be the last convention ever held to nominate a chief of the Choctaw nation, as the Choctaw tribal government will cease to exist in 1906.

FACES TRIAL FOR MURDERING SISTER

(Journal Special Service.)
Rising Sun, Ind., May 9.—The trial of James Gillespie, principal in the murder of Mrs. Myron Barbour and Mrs. Belle Seaward as accessories in the murder of Elizabeth Gillespie last December began this morning. Gillespie was arraigned singly.
The victim was his twin sister and was shot down in her home through a window by a hidden assailant as she was preparing to receive guests. A shotgun was used. The story of family dissensions caused the grand jury to indict Gillespie and the others.

CAMPBELL FUNERAL AT ECHO.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Echo, Or., May 9.—The funeral of Omar M. Campbell, who died Saturday morning, was conducted from his late residence yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, under the auspices of the Woodmen, the interment being made in the Echo cemetery.

PLANS MADE FOR PANAMA CANAL

Administration of the Work Arranged at Conference of President with Advisers—\$40,000,000 Transfer to Morgan & Co.

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, May 9.—The administration of canal affairs and expenditures was decided upon this morning at a meeting which had not been forecasted but which resulted in the war department's direct control.
President Roosevelt, either through a good political move, or in the belief that the canal can be best managed through his plans, is said to have been the originator of all ideas in connection with the administration of affairs.
A consultation was held in the president's office in the White House this forenoon by Attorney General Knox, Secretary of State Hay and Secretary of War Taft. Shortly afterward it was announced that a plan had been adopted which embodies the following main features:
The Panama canal commission shall work under the war department, receiving instructions from the president through that department and reporting to the president in a like manner.
The auditing of expenditures by the canal commission is to be done by the auditor of the state department.
General Davis is to act as governor with power to appoint one judge of the courts. Should more be necessary they will be appointed by the canal commission.
Rufus E. Lano of Massachusetts, former secretary of the legation at Costa Rica, has been appointed assistant secretary of the commission.
The secretaryship will not be filled for several weeks. General Obolnie, John B. Bishop, Professor Woodward, of Columbia, and Dominick Murphy are all applicants for the place.
A party of eight will leave for the isthmus tomorrow, headed by General Davis. The intention of the commission is to ask for bids for the general construction, but this may not be done for a year.
Secretary of the Treasury Shaw today transferred to Morgan & Co. \$40,000,000, making this statement: "Morgan & Co. were this morning formally appointed the special distributing agents. The firm's surety was fixed at \$25,000,000. As soon as the security was approved, a warrant for \$40,000,000 was delivered. The method evolved makes it possible that the banks will lose in the transaction only \$2,000,000."

BODY OF WENZ IS FOUND IN MOUNTAINS

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, May 9.—A Richmond, Va., special says that the body of E. L. Wenz, the young son of a Philadelphia millionaire, who so mysteriously disappeared from Big Stone gap in the month of October, 1903, has been found. The body was not more than a mile from the place where he was last seen alive.
It was thought at the time of the disappearance that he had been kidnapped and was being held for a large ransom. Rewards aggregating more than \$50,000 have been offered for his discovery.
Additional details of the finding of the body of young Wenz were obtained today at Big Stone gap. A boy hunting crows came upon the corpse in a comparatively open space in the woods. A hundred persons had gone within 20 feet of the spot in search of the body. Examination shows that three cartridges in Wenz' pistol are missing. There are several bullet holes in Wenz' abdomen.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL GROESBECK IS DEAD

(Journal Special Service.)
St. Louis, Mo., May 9.—Brigadier-General Stephen W. Groesbeck, U. S. A., retired, aged 64, is dead of pneumonia, at the home of his brother-in-law here. He was judge advocate stationed at San Francisco when the Spanish-American war broke out. He served as judge advocate in Cuba during that campaign and later held the same position at Governor's Island, N. Y., and in the Philippines.
He entered the civil war as a volunteer. He was promoted to the rank of brigadier-general last year, and was retired at his own request.

SILENCE IS UNBROKEN

Ten Nominees Won't Tell Voters Their Views on Charter.

TWO POSSIBLE REASONS

Either They Don't Know Their Own Minds or They Favor Violation of the People's Rights and Fear to Say so.

Ten of the candidates for the legislature on the Republican ticket for this county have thus far, for reasons best known to themselves, declined to place themselves on record as to their position touching the suggested change of the time of holding the city elections as fixed by the charter. It has been suggested by some of them that they have never heard the question discussed by their party leaders. Doubtless this is true, nor will they, until it is ripe for adoption. It is for this reason the people generally want it settled now.
The Oregonian, by far the most influential factor in the "organization," and one that has at all times to be reckoned with and deferred to, in its leading editorial of April 17, said in speaking of changes in the charter:
"We shall assume that when the time comes, the reigning political forces here will be found in opposition to the separate elections. Political machines generally are so opposed, and the enactment of our present charter is the first time that this alleged reform has ever been able to prevail over the determined stand of the politicians against it." And again:
"The separate city election of June, 1905, would occur at a time shortly after the opening of the Lewis and Clark fair, and it is a serious question whether the distraction would not justify a postponement of the election until the succeeding June, when the general election occurs, with a continuance of the present city officials in office." And again: "The Oregonian does not believe in ignoring or suppressing matters of this nature which are in everybody's mind; and it hopes to see the subject fully and freely discussed on the stump, regardless alike of the desires of the 'organization' to perpetuate itself, and of the rosy hopes of other ambitious statesmen to avail themselves of the coming municipal election to found a new and possibly more exclusive dynasty."
It is futile to expect reasonable men to believe this editorial was written without any foundation other than that which sprung from the imagination of the editor. Moreover it has been known for some time that there were those high up in the councils of the "organization" who had been suggesting something of about the same sort of move.
The Journal, on behalf of hundreds of interested citizens, in an entirely respectful manner addressed a communication to each candidate so as to give him an opportunity to show where he stood upon this important question. The great majority have answered. Those who have not must place their refusal on one of these grounds:
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HE HOLDS BROWNS GUILTY OF LARCENY

Deputy District Attorney Harry B. Adams this morning refused to draw up a complaint against Peter Sater for stealing a ball from the Portland Browns at yesterday's game.
"It is not my business," said Deputy Adams, "there is a charge of larceny of a base ball on the transcript against Peter Sater. He was arrested at yesterday's game by Special Officer Hemmingsworth. There is no one present to prosecute him, anyway, and moreover, I refuse to draw a complaint against him, because the Portland Browns have been taking 50-cent pieces under false pretenses ever since the season opened, and I don't care to prosecute any one for trying to get even with them."
There was a roar of laughter in the courtroom. Judge Hogue immediately wrote "dismissed at request of district attorney" on the transcript, and the case passed into history.
Sater was arrested by Special Officer Hemmingsworth. He was sitting at the foot of the bleachers, and a ball from the infield came his way. He is said by some one who saw the incident to have laid hold of the ball and to have hidden it away from the players. When the large crowd present saw that someone had stolen a ball there was tremendous applause. When the officer placed Sater under arrest the crowd hissed and yelled at him, and for a time it was feared there would be a demonstration of force, but none occurred.
The name of Ben Ely appeared against Sater on the transcript this morning, but when the municipal court began its session, the manager of the Browns was not present to prosecute.

KAISER DISPLEASED; GOVERNOR RESIGNS

(Journal Special Service.)
Berlin, May 9.—The Lokai Anzeiger reports that Governor-General Lietzwin has offered his resignation as a result of the Kaiser's displeasure over the German Southwest African blunders.
This is the second resignation of a high official of the government as a result of the Kaiser's recently expressed opinion that matters were not being conducted in a fitting manner in Germany's African possessions.

RECKONER COMMITTEE SUICIDE

(Journal Special Service.)
Detroit, May 9.—Edward A. Gott, the well known attorney and promoter, committed suicide this morning, the act being caused by business worry.