

GOOD EVENING.
THE WEATHER.
Fair tonight and Sunday; warmer Sunday; northerly winds.

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THE GRIP OF THE GANG IS CRUSHING THE LIFE OUT OF PORTLAND, DECLARES THE REV. DR. EDGAR P. HILL

STEAM TO ENTRANCE

Japanese Boldly Examine Port Arthur's Narrow Portal.

BOGATYR RUMORED LOST

Despite Russian Statements, London Correspondent Declares Cruiser Was Destroyed—Tokio Has News.

BULLETIN.
St. Petersburg, May 21.—It is reported here today that the Japanese have been repulsed and driven away from the rear of Port Arthur.
General Stepanoff sailed out to protect a train bringing ammunition and a skirmish with Japanese troops followed. The Japanese loss was heavy.
The train arrived safely.
General Kurapatkin today reports that in a skirmish at Peng Huang Cheng the Japanese were driven off and only two Cossacks wounded on the Russian side.

Paris, May 21.—The *Temps* St. Petersburg correspondent states that Stoen's article caused a commotion of 1,000 to the Japanese and that the Russians lost 150 men.

TO KANKO'S MOUTH

Togo's Fleet Under Fire Approaches Port Arthur's Entrance.

Tokio, May 21.—Admiral Togo reports that the Japanese gunboats and torpedo-boat destroyers yesterday decided to risk the fire of the enemy and examine as closely as possible the entrance to Port Arthur, with a view of learning, if possible, the conditions of the harbor entrance.
The fleet therefore reconnoitered toward the port, steaming close in to the harbor entrance, firing as it went. But little damage was sustained from the shore batteries, despite a hot crossfire which was poured into the warships. No casualties resulted.
Togo makes no statement as to whether the desired information was secured or not.
This report accounts for a message received here from Choofo to the effect that a heavy action was taken in the harbor of the port yesterday, which was supposed to indicate a serious engagement.

DECLARES BOGATYR LOST

London Correspondent Contradicts Russian Official Statement.

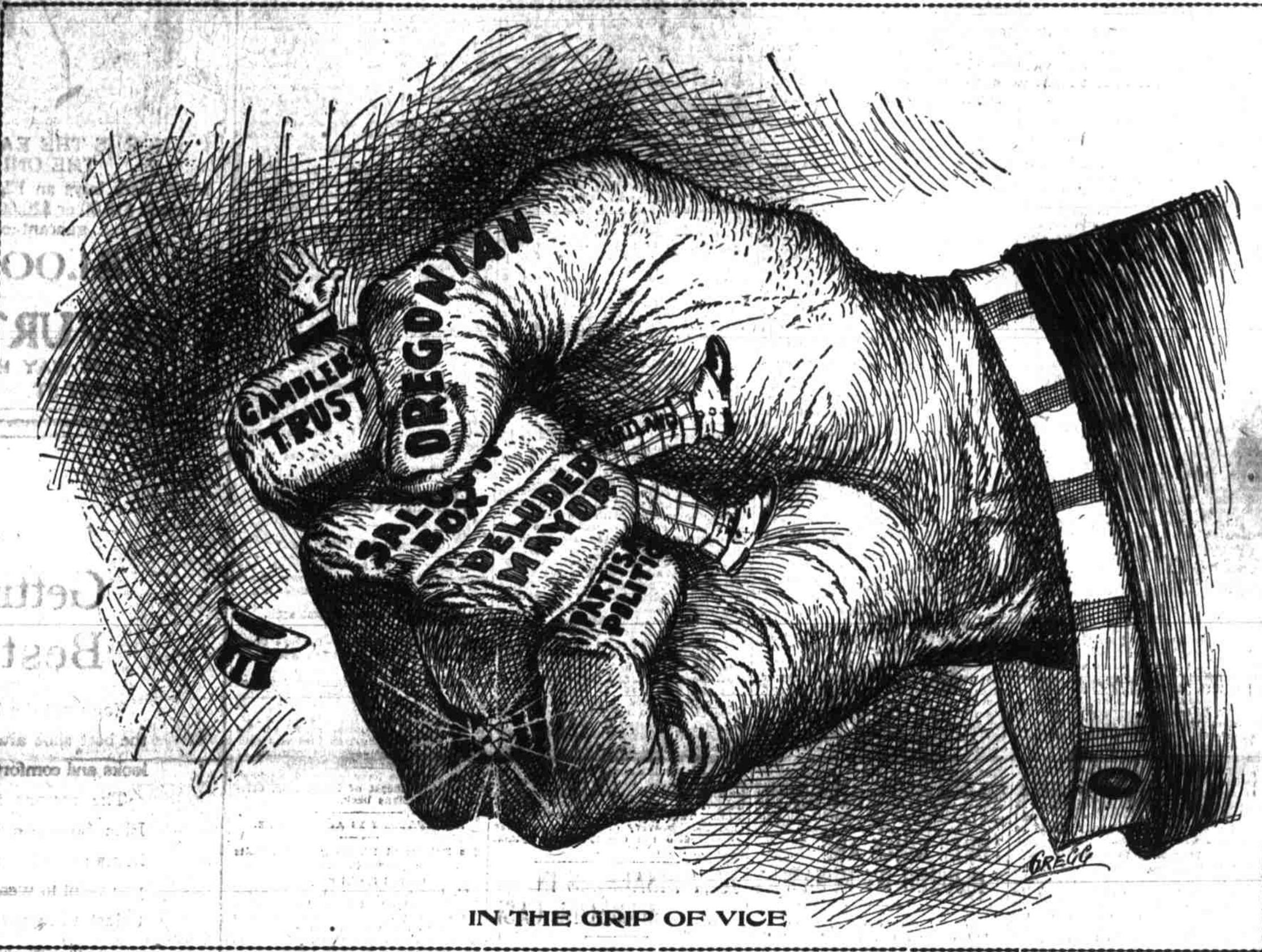
London, May 21.—Despite the fact that the general staff of the Russian army in St. Petersburg yesterday issued a denial that the Russian cruiser Bogatyr had been wrecked at the entrance to Vladivostok harbor, the correspondent of the St. James Gazette today declares that such is the case.
The correspondent says the Bogatyr grounded as she was returning to shelter, and that all efforts to get her off were unsuccessful. According to his assertion, the Russians, finding that unless speedy action was taken the Japanese would probably capture the cruiser, fired the powder magazine and destroyed the vessel.
From Tokio comes a dispatch which is in a measure confirmatory of this statement.
According to the Tokio report, the vessel went ashore at the Vladivostok harbor entrance. No mention is made of her subsequent destruction.
The latter feature is doubted by the military writers of several publications here, who point out that the grounding of the vessel would render either her capture or destruction a necessity unless attendant conditions were singular.

They incline to the belief that the Bogatyr merely grounded, her officers and crew would have stood to their guns and could have made as effective use of them under ordinary circumstances as have the crippled warships in Port Arthur. These latter have been prominent in the defense of the harbor, although so badly damaged that they are or have been unable to go to sea.

KOREAN FIGHT RUSSIANS

Clash Between Troops—Several of Our Men Wounded; One Korean Killed.

Seoul, May 21.—The Japanese consul at Gen San reports that a collision has taken place between Russian and Korean troops at Kankoo, the center of the northern Tong Hak disturbances. One Korean was killed and several Russians were wounded.
It is feared that this is but a preliminary to many more serious conflicts, as the feeling, since the issuance of the imperial edict annulling all treaties with Russia, has been growing



IN THE GRIP OF VICE

FEAR THE MAYOR MAY VETO BILL

Friends of Ordinance Prohibiting Saloon Boxes Alarmed by Rumor of Williams' Stand—Mayor Denies Making Any Pledges.

Advocates of the measure prohibiting boxes in saloons and restaurants, which was drafted yesterday by Councilman Fiegel and published in *The Journal*, have been alarmed by the repeated rumors current at the city hall that Mayor Williams would veto the bill after it has been passed by the council at its meeting to be held June 1.
Friends of the ordinance have been told that the failure of the saloon interests and restaurant men to make vigorous protest against the ordinance was due to the belief on their part that Mayor Williams would administer a knockout blow to the measure on the day of the election, and that it would be allowed to quietly and inconspicuously pass into the realm of things that were after the votes had been counted on election day.
Naturally, the belief on the part of the enemies of the saloon box has put the question up to the mayor in a way to bring from that gentleman some expression of opinion as to his attitude.
The statement that some of the mayor's political followers had "dipped it off" to the saloon men that the chief executive would veto the measure is denied by Mayor Williams. He declared today to a *Journal* reporter that no man had any authority to anticipate his action in dealing with any ordinance that might come before him as mayor of the city of Portland. Moreover, Mayor Williams said that he was in favor of any measure which would tend to diminish vice and crime in this city, and that he was not personally friendly to the saloon box.

Will Be Up June 1.
June 1 the anti-box ordinance as published in *The Journal* last evening will be naturally before the council backed by the liquor license committee and the citizens' committee. It is stated by the majority of councilmen that the ordinance will pass. The chief effort of the active advocates of the measure will be to have this ordinance signed by Mayor Williams before election day.
Many of the leaders in the campaign against the boxes have not understood the sudden change of front executed by several members of the council, who at first strenuously opposed the anti-box ordinance or any legislation looking to this end. To explain their sudden advocacy or tacit assent the reformers have been looking for reasons, and the mayor's veto has been regarded as the chief cause. This is now denied by the mayor, who states that he does not favor the boxes himself.

MANY MEET DEATH IN WATER SPOUT

Cache La Poudre Valley in Southern Colorado and Wyoming Devastated—Scores of People Missing.

Denver, Col., May 21.—Meager reports from the Cache la Poudre valley, in southern Colorado and southern Wyoming, this morning show that the waterspouts Friday afternoon did immense damage. Four lives are known to have been lost, and scores are missing. At Cheyenne four bodies were recovered—Edith Sproul, Archie, Charles and Henry Clayton—all children. The Cache la Poudre river widened from 50 feet to nearly a mile, and scores of frame houses in the Russian settlement at the sugar factory were carried away. The railroads report numerous serious washouts.
Communication with Fort Collins was resumed at noon today. In the first reports the losses were understated. One man lost his life at Fort Collins. All the headgates of the irrigation canals were washed out, and it is feared they cannot be repaired in time to irrigate this year's crops, thus making the total losses aggregate \$2,000,000. All bridges are washed out for several miles of track on the Colorado Southern. No word has been received from Timmath, Livermore, Bellevue or La Porte, all of which were reported under three to four feet of water last night. It is believed the casualty list will be largely increased.
The river runs through one of the most thickly settled farming districts of the state. A large portion of the agricultural lands along the devastated section are irrigated from it and a number of reservoirs have been constructed for the purpose of storing its water. Hundreds of head of live stock have been drowned and the damage to the beet and vegetable crop is enormous. The water system of the city of Fort Collins is badly injured and irrigation ditches are practically destroyed.

CROW VALLEY FLOODED

Wall of Water Caught People Like Rats in a Trap.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 21.—The Crow valley is flooded. The bodies of Charles and Archie Clayton have been found. Harry Clayton, who was given up for dead, has recovered. Two Fort Russell battery men are missing. An unknown woman and baby were seen to float away and many others are missing. A wall of water many feet high came down the valley and caught the people like rats in a trap. The loss to railroad and ranch property is heavy.

MINISTER KILLS SON WITH A RAIL

Strikes Boy Down with Insane Fury After Quarrel—Jail Threatened by Mob—Officers Prepare for Desperate Resistance.

Owensboro, Ky., May 21.—Rev. Norman Armour, who murdered his son by striking him with a fence rail, was arrested this morning.
The jail is now heavily guarded, as the farmers at Sacramento threaten a lynching. Armour is cool and says he is willing to take the law's penalty. The killing resulted from the minister's ungovernable and apparently insane temper. The boy refused to quit work in the field when ordered to do so by Armour and a quarrel followed. The farmer, who is a man heretofore respected, but known to have a violent temper, undertook to punish the boy, when the younger man defended himself with much vigor. The minister, outdone, seized a piece of fence rail and rained blows upon the boy's head until the latter lay dead at his feet.
It is the belief of those who are friendly to the preacher that he is subject to spells of temporary insanity, as this is said to have been no isolated case where his temper has taken an almost maniacal tendency.
Feeling in the neighborhood of the crime is particularly high, as the preacher, by his open attacks on certain residents of the locality, has created many enemies, and the district is inhabited by a people many of whom are prone to lynchings on almost any provocation.
Officers declare they will protect the prisoner to the last, no matter how large or desperate the mob may be that attempts violence, and have increased the force guarding the prisoner.

POLAR EXPEDITION SENDS IN A REPORT

Copenhagen, May 21.—The Norwegian expedition in quest of the north pole, which sailed June last, has arrived at Deerlympke.
Captain Amundsen reports that Erickson's Queensland expedition arrived on the west coast after fearful hardships, the men being worn and emaciated and having subsisted on their dogs for many days.

MITCHELL WANTS TO HEAR BANCROFT CASE

Washington, May 21.—Before leaving yesterday Senator Mitchell wrote to Postmaster-General Payne requesting that final action in the case of Postmaster Bancroft at Portland be postponed until after his return to the capital on June 1.
BATTLESHIP KENTUCKY RETURNS.
New York, May 21.—The battleship Kentucky returned from the China station today.

Pastor Tells How Vice Is Fostered and Corruption Fattens.

UNDER FALSE COLORS

Gamblers, Saloon Box, Deceived Mayor, Partisan Politics and the Oregonian Four Fingers and Thumb of the Hand at City's Throat.

BY REV. DR. EDGAR P. HILL,
Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.
To the People of Portland: Vice is gripping the throat of this fair city and its clutch is tightening every day. The hand by means of which it maintains its hold is a normal though a vicious one, and has four fingers and a thumb.

The First Finger.
The first finger of the hand that is setting this fair city is the gamblers' trust. Bolder and bolder the gamblers have become, until today they dominate the city. Three years ago, when some one ventured to suggest that gambling be outlawed in Portland, an old sport said emphatically: "It might be done in a miffing camp, but never in Portland." How is it today? It is true gambling is not licensed. But the situation is even worse. Without so much as giving the people a public benefactor's throngers have been given complete control. When a bill was introduced at the last legislature, making gambling a felony, the gamblers calmly walked in, stole the bill and went away, laughing. When the new mayor began his administration by stoutly insisting that he would enforce the laws, the gamblers made a few hypnotic passes before the man whom the people had hailed as their champion, and he stumped forth as the spokesman of the gamblers and hurried defiance at the very ones who had yielded themselves so trustfully to his leadership.

In other cities gamblers are treated as outlaws. Within ten days the Knights of Pythias, who have always been regarded as most liberal in admitting new members, have decided that such men shall not be admitted to their order. In Portland gamblers are regarded as public benefactors, through whom the city's revenues are raised for the purpose of repairing the engine-houses and getting the streets in readiness for the Lewis and Clark fair. In each gambling house a policeman in full uniform is to be found, whose salary is paid, not by the city, but by the gamblers themselves, and whose consequent business is not to enforce the law at all, but to see that the gamblers have a free hand in their benevolent plan of getting their victims' money into circulation.

Only one other step is necessary to complete the grim humor of the situation. Let the gamblers also assume the pay of the chief of police, and the force and let the monthly fines be sufficiently increased to cover the amounts paid to the chief and the mayor.

The Second Finger.
Second finger, the saloon box. Those who are interested in making Portland a better city are constantly assailed with the taunt that they do not know what they are talking about, and the Portland is a better city today than it has been for years. For several weeks, therefore, a quiet, careful investigation has been carried on. A specimen incident may be enlightening. On a recent Sunday evening one of the watchers observed two young men and a girl pause just outside the side entrance of a certain saloon. The young men started in, but the girl refused to go. A consultation followed. Then one of the young men took the girl by the arm and tried to pull her in, but she jerked away. Another long conference took place. After considerable persuasion the girl accompanied the young men into a saloon box. A half-hour passed by when the three reappeared and went straight to a rooming-house, where they occupied the same room. A subsequent investigation brought to light the fact that the girl was without friends and hundreds of miles from home.
"But that was an isolated case," some one says. Was it? I myself stationed a man on a certain corner which commands a view of two side entrances of saloons, and he counted 300 people entering those two places in one evening, and half of them were young women. That same night another man visited 20 saloons, not in the north end, but in the heart of the city, and at every place were found young women loitering around for trade. Within a week a physician began sneering at a member of the Municipal league because of his puritanical ideas, and then within five minutes acknowledged that at the time he was treating three young girls in his early teens for diseases contracted in saloon boxes. A police officer, with considerable heat, told me the other day that the city was never more orderly than now, and gave as his reason for saying so that while licentiousness is something frightful, nevertheless 50 colored prostitutes, who also robbed their victims, had been driven out of town. According to this logic, if the one item of robbery could be eliminated, this would be a model place, even though our daughters should all become harlots and our boys ruffians.

DEATH ENDS FORT'S POLITICAL AMBITION

Springfield, Ill., May 21.—Robert B. Fort, state senator and candidate for lieutenant governor before the Republican state convention, died this morning in the hospital. He was ill while the convention was in progress.
Although his name was seldom mentioned in the gubernatorial deadlock he was nevertheless a decided factor in the fight.

SHAW PAYS NINE MILLIONS TO MORGAN

Washington, May 21.—A check for \$9,000,000, being the remainder of the \$10,000,000 to be paid the Panama canal concession, was handed to Morgan's representative by Treasurer Shaw this morning.
DEATH FINISHES GAMBOUAL.
Berlin, May 21.—Duke Paul Frederick of Mecklenburg, uncle of the reigning grand duke, was found dead this morning after a slight carousal incident in a dinner given by his corps.

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