

GOOD EVENING.
The Weather.
Showers tonight; Friday, showers and cooler; winds becoming southerly.

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PEACH WEAVER REPORTS OF SEA FIGHT

Philadelphia Machine Resorts to Drastic Measure to Win.

GAS SCANDAL TAKES A STARTLING TURN

Executive Forcibly Captures Offices of Two Removed Officials Whose Successors Are Enjoined.

(Journal Special Service.)
Philadelphia, May 25.—Mayor Weaver today took forcible possession of the offices of director of public safety and director of public works. Neither director offered serious resistance. Four men were taken to the city hall and held in custody at the city hall.

At a conference of the Republican leaders this afternoon it was determined to institute impeachment proceedings against Mayor Weaver tomorrow morning. It is understood the proceedings will be based upon certain letters the mayor is alleged to have written in connection with the trial of Samuel Saltzer for ballot box fraud. It is said the letters have fallen into the hands of the Republican leaders.

Republicans leaders state that a fight is on to a finish with Mayor Weaver and that they are determined to pass the gas lease over the mayor's veto, as well as to oust him from office. Mayor Weaver has retained ex-Judge James G. Gordon and Ellis Root as special counsel and will contest every move made by the machine.

On account of the temporary injunction secured by Costello and Smytho to dismiss Directors Acker and Potter they have been unable to assume the duties of their offices. The restraining order will be argued next Monday, and it is evident that the mayor does not intend to let the injunction prevent him from carrying out his duties. The mayor himself has assumed the administrative duties of both offices and all matters pertaining to the two departments are being acted upon by him personally.

A conference of machine leaders this afternoon was held in the office of United States Senator Ellison S. Oniz, and attended by Boss Israel Durham and all ward leaders.

The citizens' committee fighting the gas lease has arranged for a mass meeting to be held in the Academy of Music Friday night. Among those who will be speakers are former Postmaster General Smith, Bishop Coakley, Mayor Weaver, and many other prominent citizens.

The mayor was in consultation with the committee of nine this afternoon and plans were perfected along the lines outlined by ex-Secretary of War Root to carry out the crusade against the gas monopoly. Efforts will be continued to arouse public sentiment while legal steps will be taken to contest the validity of the council's acts.

Public excitement is at a high pitch and thousands of buttons are being worn by citizens with the picture of a scaffold in white upon a black background as a warning to members of the council.

WILL COMPROMISE HEAVY BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT

CODY'S ATTORNEYS ASK FOR NEW TRIAL

WARSHIPS OFF TARGET.

TELEPHONE UNDER THE OCEAN WAVES

(Journal Special Service.)
Shanghai, May 25.—It is reported that five volunteer cruisers of the Russian fleet, accompanied by three colliers and one regular cruiser, arrived at the mouth of the Yangtze river this afternoon. Later the regular cruiser departed and three of the volunteers came to Woosung tonight.

(Journal Special Service.)
Washington, May 25.—There is before the navy department a project which, if proved feasible, will allow of telephonic communication under water between vessels by telephone. It is proposed to try the invention between lightships along the coast from New York to Boston.

The sending apparatus consists of a bell sunk 50 feet under water and operated by electricity from the deck of the ship. In thick weather when light-

Report in Russian Naval Circles That a Battle Rages Off Formosa.

BIRILEFF LEAVES FOR VLADIVOSTOK COMMAND

Mistchenko Retires After Threatening Jap Lines—Czar to Buy Warships in America.—Jewish Riots.

(Journal Special Service.)
London, May 25.—The correspondent of the Central News at St. Petersburg wires that persistent rumors are heard in naval circles to the effect that a naval battle has commenced off the island of Formosa.

Admiral Birileff left St. Petersburg for Vladivostok today on a special train. Other trains will be sidetracked to enable the admiral to reach his destination quickly.

A report from Manila tells of an unconfirmed rumor that has reached that port that the Russian and Japanese fleets met south of Formosa and that the Japanese were defeated. Official advices from Vigan state that on May 20 more than 60 war vessels were sighted off the east coast of Batavia island half way between Luzon and Formosa, sailing in a northerly direction. It is supposed the vessels were Russian.

In St. Petersburg naval circles it is assumed that Rojestvensky's squadrons are in the Pacific steaming northward, avoiding Pescadore, Formosa and Luzon islands, in order to minimize the danger of a concentrated torpedo attack.

ABORTIVE FLUTTER.

General Mischchenko, After Threatening Japanese Lines, Retires Northward.

(Journal Special Service.)
London, May 25.—The correspondent of the London Times wires from Manchuria: "General Mischchenko, after four days' abortive flutter on the Japanese flank, retired May 22, 20 miles northward. He made no attempt on the Japanese lines of communication."

News from the front continues to indicate that a general engagement on a large scale is pending. It is believed that Linvitch is trying to take the offensive, as would be indicated by the numerous daring attacks made by Rennekampff and others. The Japanese commenced an advance near Shajohde, at the same time the Russians moved forward and seized the villages of the Japanese center. The Japanese retiring to the further banks of the Kooche and Gorta river. The Russians are making daily reconnaissances.

JEWIS REHEW FIGHTING.

RUSSIA BUYING WARSHIPS.

RUSSIAN WAR VICTIMS ARE MADE INTO GLUE

(Journal Special Service.)
The Hague, May 25.—The Dutch papers publish a gruesome story of the arrival at Amsterdam of a cargo of animal and human bones destined for use at a glue factory. It is stated that these bones came from the far eastern battlefields, and it is even asserted that fragments of flesh and rags of uniforms still adhere to them. The authorities have forbidden this terrible freight to be unloaded except at night, owing to the danger to the public health, and the men engaged in the work are being given extra compensation.

Four persons were killed and 20 wounded last night during the fight between Jewish workmen and the rough element. Both sides used knives and the dead and wounded were terribly mutilated.

(Journal Special Service.)
Marseilles, May 25.—M. Benz, engineer-in-chief of the Russian navy, is here inspecting ships being built for the Russian navy. He announced today that he was going to the United States to purchase three battleships and eight cruisers. He said that he would be presented to President Roosevelt.

(Journal Special Service.)
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LATEST NEWS FROM ROJESTVENSKY.



WEALTHY SUSPECT COMMITS SUICIDE

Man Whose Name is Connected With Mysterious Murder of Berry Shoots Himself.

ESTABLISHED AN ALIBI TO JURY'S SATISFACTION

Serious Charges Preyed Upon Millionaire's Mind and Undermined Reason.

GOULDS' FINANCIERING WRECKED INSTITUTION

Merchants' Trust Company Failure Due to Use of Its Funds by Frank Gould.

STAGE IS HELD UP BY MAN WHO GUARDED IT

SMELTER MAGNATE IS ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Savanna, Ill., May 25.—Rothwell Pulford, a wealthy druggist, whose name has been connected with the mysterious shooting of Daniel S. Berry, ex-state representative, who was mysteriously killed Monday, committed suicide this morning.

Pulford went into his barn at 7 o'clock this morning and shot himself in the head. Although strongly suspected of the Berry murder, Pulford proved a complete alibi by two witnesses, and strongly protested his innocence. Pulford was of nervous temperament, and it is thought possible that the serious charges may have preyed on his mind and led to the suicide.

Daniel Berry was a successful lawyer and one of the best-known men in this part of the state. He was shot in the door of his office in the corridor of the one-house block on Monday. Three shots were fired, one of which hit him in the arm, another entered the back of his head, causing instant death, while the third bullet was found embedded in the door casing of the office. Citizens immediately surrounded the block in the hope that the escape of the assassin might be prevented, but no person who might be suspected of the crime appeared.

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GRAND LANE RALLY NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

ABOUT \$10,000 IS VALUE OF ESTATE

BEAUTIFUL HOME IS PROPERTY OF WIDOW

Sons Get All the Outside Real Estate Including Ranch in Washington.

CINCINNATI BROKERS FAIL FOR BIG SUM

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Dr. Lane's next appearance will be Friday evening at 8 o'clock in Firemen's hall, Sellwood, when he and William A. Munly will speak. Mr. Munly is regarded as one of the ablest campaigners in the state, and his address Friday night is expected materially to forward the candidacy of Dr. Lane.

Saturday night Dr. Lane and John M. Gearin will address the citizens in Burkhard hall, on the east side, at the corner of Burnside street and Union avenue.

The will of Judge Charles B. Bellinger was filed for probate today. It devises property said to be of about \$10,000 value, to Mrs. Bellinger and their children. C. J. Reid, H. S. Rowe and C. A. Cogswell are appointed appraisers of the estate, and C. A. Dolph, Rufus Mallory and Joseph Simon are named as executors, to serve without bonds.

Judge Bellinger's will was witnessed by Captain J. A. Sladen and M. A. Fleming, and was made August 21, 1903.

To his sons John Emmet and Howard, Judge Bellinger gave his farm in Clarke county, Washington, known as the Knapp place, together with all improvements and livestock thereon. His daughter, Katharina Howard Bellinger, received lots 3 and 4 in Holladay's addition and Oscar H. Bellinger, his son, is given a parcel of land at Clatskanie station. The residue of the estate is bequeathed to his wife, Margery Serens Bellinger, excepting the money to be realized from the life insurance policies which he held, which is to be divided 5/12 twelfths to his daughter Katharine, 5/12 twelfths to his daughter Emily, and one twelfth each to Oscar, John and Howard.

The beautiful home occupied by Judge Bellinger and his family, located at 423 Holladay avenue, will be the property of Mrs. Bellinger.

(Journal Special Service.)
Cincinnati, May 25.—The failure of Holtzman & Co., brokers, has just been announced.

Assets and liabilities are estimated to be about \$100,000 each. The failure was caused by rumors connected with the German National bank affairs and the run by the Union Trust company.

(Journal Special Service.)
Tuskagee, Ala., May 25.—This was commencement day at the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. Many visitors were on hand and the chapel was crowded when the exercises began this afternoon. President Booker T. Washington presented the diplomas and the Rev. C. C. Walker, D. D., L. D., principal of Walker Normal and Industrial Institute, delivered the annual address.

STRIKE IS EXTENDING

Hardwood Lumber Concerns Force Drivers Out, Tie Up Mills.

FAIRBANKS WOULD ACT IN INTEREST OF PEACE

Vice-President States That He Would Be Glad to Assist in Settlement of Teamsters' Struggle.

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, May 25.—With the spread of the teamsters' strike to hardwood lumber concerns, which now seems inevitable, several hundred more teamsters will be involved. Managers of hardwood companies announced this morning that they would start to make deliveries to "strike-bound" concerns in the face of the declaration that the teamsters would walk out when such demands were made. This strike will involve nearly a thousand employes of the mills and lumber yards, which will be compelled to shut down.

Vice-President Fairbanks reached Chicago today on his way to Portland. When questioned regarding the report that he would be asked to use his influence to end the strike, he said:

"Of course I feel an interest in the strike situation in Chicago and would like myself to bring about an amicable agreement between the contending parties if my good offices were considered in the same manner that the efforts of any good citizen should be considered. It is not known to me that Fairbanks has been asked by either of the parties to the strike to take a hand in an effort to effect a settlement."

In the contempt hearing before Judge Kohnstamm today Attorney Mayer specially asked that President Shea of the Teamsters' union be sent to jail for contempt in refusing to answer questions designated by the court. Attorney for Shea made an answer to Mayor's motion.

Fifty men responded this morning to the call for 1,000 additional policemen issued by Mayor Dunne last night. Twenty-four officers were sent out this morning guarding 2,500 wagons. If the new installment of police is unable to cope with the situation, Mayor Dunne will ask for troops.

At twenty-four and Dearborn streets this morning five men attacked Louis Flint, a colored strikebreaker, who was beaten into insensibility. His assailants escaped. Flint is in a critical condition.

The strike in the lumber district has spread with great rapidity and practically all business is at a standstill. Planning mills and saw and door factories are rapidly giving out of commission and by tomorrow the most of them will probably be closed owing to the exhaustion of the stock on hand.

There has been but little rioting in the last few days. Members of the executive board of the international teamsters have appointed Edward Gould of San Francisco to be active strike director in case the United States court sends President Shea to jail.

Senator Platt, president of the United States Express company, in a statement issued at New York today, announced that the striking teamsters would not be taken back by the company. He declared that the men in leaving violated their contract as well as the rules of the company to which they subscribed, and consequently former drivers could not be trusted to perform important duties properly.

At 1:30 o'clock Judge Kohlsaat took the contempt matter of Shea and other labor leaders under advisement.

INTEGRITY IN OFFICE

Keynote of Speeches at Enthusiastic Opening of Lane Campaign.

J. M. GEARIN ARRIGNS GEORGE H. WILLIAMS

Says the Money He Took in the City's Partnership Agreement With the Gamblers Was Stained.

Dr. Harry Lane's mayoralty campaign was formally opened last night at a meeting in Gomez hall, Albina, at which 600 persons, of whom two-thirds were republicans, cheered him to the echo and gave indisputable evidence that the sentiments expressed were those for which they would vote at the polls June 5.

John M. Gearin gave the principal address, and for more than an hour kept his audience under the sway of his oratory. Dr. Lane spoke, and again made clear his position as the candidate of the element that stands for law and order, and A. F. Egeal, candidate for councilman-at-large, closed the meeting with the declaration that he stood on the platform he built while a councilman the past three years.

The mention of Lane's name was the signal for instant applause. His popularity was shown in every way possible, and the conclusion drawn from the evening's proceedings was that in Albina there will be a Lane majority on election day.

A feature of the meeting was the outburst of applause when John Gearin referred to "the democratic sheriff who went downtown one day and simply closed the poolrooms that Mayor Williams and his immaculate Chief Hunt, with his 70 policemen could not close," and then asked how the democratic sheriff, thinking that Mayor Williams was overworked and his immaculate Chief Hunt was doing more than was good for his health, just walked down one afternoon and told the boys to close their gambling games, and when the boys learned that Tom Word meant what he said, why, they quit, just as they would have done for the mayor and the chief of police, had those worthies wanted to stop gambling."

There was a clear note rung in the issue of the campaign. It was sounded when Dr. Lane said:

"This element that endorsed Judge Williams by issuing the lit red ticket are welcome to vote for him, so far as I am concerned, I prefer the support of those persons who want the mayor to serve as an executive of the law, without arrogating to himself powers that properly belong to the legislative and judicial branches of the government."

When Mr. Gearin read and commented on Mayor Williams' statement, made in the same hall Monday night, that those who attended the Marquam theatre meeting that night were "scoundrels" and denounced his administration, were "liars and scoundrels," the indignation of the audience was apparent.

L. T. Feary presided, and on the platform with him sat Dr. Lane, John Gearin, R. D. Inman, Sheriff Tom Word and Charles Petrain.

The audience was composed of citizens representative of the voting strength of Albina. Not more than five minutes had passed last night before it was obvious that with virtual unanimity the 600 persons present were Lane enthusiasts, notwithstanding that most of them were republicans.

Campaign songs were sung by the Gladsie club.

Mr. Gearin was introduced as a lawyer and citizen of distinction, not a politician, who would speak from the same platform occupied last Monday night by an ex-councilman member, ex-convict, ex-ward, ex-councilman-general, and about to be ex-mayor.

Old, Foxy Grandpa.

"I will speak no word of personal abuse against Judge Williams," said he, "for he is an old friend of mine of 30 years' standing, a man of winning personality, gallant as a child, but, he is a foxy old grandpa, just the same. However, I make no charge of personal corruption against him. I believe that no

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London, May 25.—A dispatch from Constantinople says that it is reported that Arabian insurgents have captured the town of Hodeidah, in the Yemen province.

Great progress has been made by the revolutionists who now control a large part of Arabia, and whose ranks are growing rapidly. Natives are flocking to the standards of the Arab chiefs, whose motto is "Arabia for the Arabians," and who are determined to throw off the Turkish yoke which has rested heavily on the country for centuries.

(Journal Special Service.)
Denver, May 25.—After having been sentenced to a term of from three to eleven years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$100,000, Estes G. Rathbone, former fourth assistant postmaster-general and director of posts in Cuba, is again in the employ of the postoffice department. Rathbone left for the east today after paying an official visit to Denver and checking up the books of the postoffice. Postmaster Paul J. Soars and inspectors say that Rathbone has been reinstated, although no previous announcement of his reinstatement has been made.

Rathbone arrived Saturday night from Omaha. Credentials presented to the postoffice authorities here were sufficient to give him an official standing. Last night Monday morning he began work. An inspection of the registers of the leading hotels does not reveal Rathbone's name. Today he left for St. Louis.

Major Estes G. Rathbone at the close of the Spanish-American war in which he served as an officer in an Ohio volunteer regiment, was appointed in charge of the postal service of Cuba by the provisional military government. While holding this office he was accused and convicted after a sensational trial of misappropriating an immense sum from postal receipts, which was diverted from government revenues to his personal account.

Charges were filed against Rathbone both in congress and in the courts and he was tried (together with his associate, Nease, and conspired.

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