

# RUSSIA SHOWS HAND

**DEMANDS CESSION OF MANCHURIA BY CHINA.**  
 Chinese Send Warships and Call for Action of Japan, United States and Great Britain.

Peking, April 25.—Russia has demanded that China sign an agreement practically ceding to her the sovereignty of Manchuria and excluding other nations from that country. A Russian charge d'affaires, M. Anichon, has informed Prince Ching, president of the foreign office, that no further steps in the cession of Manchuria will be taken until this agreement is signed. Prince Ching refused the Russian demand, but his refusal probably means Russia as well as his acceptance would have done, because either alternative means the relinquishment of Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria. The Russian demands are as follows:—

- First—No more Manchuria ports or rivers are to be opened; second, no foreign consuls are to be admitted into Manchuria; third, no foreigners except Russians are to be employed in the public service of Manchuria; fourth, the present status of the administration of Manchuria is to remain unchanged; fifth, the customs receipts at the port of Niu-chwang are to be given to the Russian bank; sixth, a sanitary commission is to be organized under Russian control; seventh, Russia is to attach the telegraph wires to all Chinese lines in Manchuria; and eighth, no territory in Manchuria is to be alienated to any other power.

British circles over the appointment of a Russian commissioner in Niu Chwang, but this revelation of Russia's determination to retain control of Manchuria and close the door there robs this appointment of its importance.

The Chinese court returned to the Forbidden City today with a spectacular procession from the hunting park.

## GREAT RELAY RACE.

**Ninth Annual Affair Has Some Very Interesting Attractions.**

Philadelphia, Pa., April 25.—For the ninth consecutive year the cream of college athletes of the entire country line up on Franklin Field this afternoon for the annual relay races conducted under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania. Yale, Harvard, Columbia, University of Chicago, Pennsylvania, Amherst, Princeton, Cornell and other large colleges, besides a long list of smaller institutions, have sent their very best athletes to compete in the various events and there is every reason to believe that several records will go by the board before the afternoon's program is completed. While the big relay race, in which Chicago, Harvard, Yale and Pennsylvania will take part, quite naturally attracts most attention, there are several other events on the program that promise to be of equal interest. Among these are the broad jump, in which Prinstein, the American record holder, is entered, and the high jump, in which S. S. Jones, the world's champion will compete against several other athletes with splendid records. In the pole vault champion Horton, of Princeton, Magee, of Chicago, and Baird, of Pennsylvania are entered. If all of these men live up to their present performances there will be new figures established in this event.

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The custom of celebrating May Day is becoming more universal every year and in many cities it is recognized as a public holiday, business houses and banks closing.

The celebration at Walla Walla this year, arranged jointly by the Woodmen of the World and the Commercial Club of the city, promises to be unusually attractive.

Aside from the interest to members of the order above mentioned arrangements have been perfected to entertain a large crowd, and the attendance from the cities of the interior promises to be large.

The Washington & Columbia River Ry. announces a special service from Pendleton on that date, and from the general interest manifested there will undoubtedly be a large attendance from here. The train will leave the corner of Webb and Main streets at 7:30 a. m. and return before midnight. It will reach Walla Walla at

11 a. m. giving visitors an opportunity to get lunch and enjoy a stroll about the beautiful city before the street parade at 2 o'clock. From that time until 10 p. m. will be the most spirited Walla Walla has seen in recent years.

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### Our Field, Its Location and Indications

Right here on the banks of the Columbia River in Eastern Washington and Oregon, where thousand of acres of sagebrush and bunch grass lands are awaiting human energy for development, a discovery of gas has been made less than a year ago. In a dozen places in the vicinity of Alder Creek, Washington, and Castle Rock, Oregon, illuminating gas has been escaping for years through the surface soil. The gas can be burned for hours. Only recently some of the gas coming through the surface soil has been confined in large tanks and conveyed by pipe lines to several cabins, where it is being used for fuel as well as light. Surely no other oil field has displayed such excellent indications. Oil experts have thoroughly examined the ground and pronounced the prospect very good. We intend to drill 2000 feet if necessary but from all indications about 1000 feet will be sufficient depth. All money obtained will be used for developing purposes, purchasing of additional machinery and other necessary expenses. No expensive salaried officials are attached to this organization. It is strictly a home company organized by home capital. A limited amount of stock has been placed on the market at ten (10) cents per share.

If this property develops into a gusher or even into a moderate producer it will mean not only a big profit to investors at present prices of stock, but it will mean much to this section. It will bring money into Umatilla County.

### Active Operations

One of the largest, modern standard drilling rigs has been put into operation near the Washington side of the Columbia river.

### Our Drillers

Our drillers are old experienced men at the business, and if there is any possible way of getting results, we are positive that they will accomplish such. It is the universal opinion that the surface indications compare favorably with any of the gas and oil fields in the United States. Several experts who have investigated the discovery make this report.

### General Manager on the Field

Ross Beardsley, our efficient Vice-President, and one of the first discoverers of the gas, is in charge of the company's interests on the drilling ground. A more enthusiastic and earnest worker, fully alive to the interests of all the stockholders, could not be found anywhere.

### Fortunes in Oil

The wealth made and to be made in the production and marketing of oil is likewise so apparent that it is almost needless to recite the figures and comparison. No other proposition has ever supplied such riches as have oil wells for the amount of time and money invested in them. Oil is so easily handled after a well is secured and so short a time is needed before results can be obtained, that it is the quickest dividend bearer. The Standard Oil

Company in 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 and the first part of 1902, have paid \$202,000,000 in dividends.

### Profits in Oil Stocks

The following list will give a fair idea of some recent independent profits in oil stocks:

	Original Price	Present Price
New York Oil	\$0.50	\$ 200.00
Union	1.00	1,500.00
Kern River	1.00	26.00
Kern River Oil Co	1.00	37.00
San Joaquin	.50	16.00
Peerless	.20	8.62
Thirty Three Oil Co	.35	13.50
Hanford	2.00	118.00

### What \$100 Would Have Done in the Fore-going Stock

\$100 invested in N. Y. O. made	\$ 3,900.00
\$100 invested in Union	142,000.00
\$100 invested in Kern River	2,500.00
\$100 invested in Kern Oil Co	3,500.00
\$100 invested in San Joaquin	1,500.00
\$100 invested in Peerless	4,210.00
\$100 invested in Thirty Three	3,833.33
\$100 invested in Hanford	3,794.00

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