

## LADIES' NIGHT AT CITY COUNCIL

Wives and Daughters Took a Hand in the Proceedings Last Evening.

## BIG SURPRISE WAS SPRUNG.

How E. H. Davis Played Even With His Associates for Previous Plot Against Him.

It was ladies' night at the city council meeting last night and the wives of the councilmen swooped down upon the council chamber, took possession of the same and soon converted it into a brilliant reception room. City Recorder Critchlow was in the act of reading the reports of the committees when the door leading into the mayor's office was opened and in marched the ladies and took seats in the auditorium. The councilmen were very much surprised and much confusion followed in their endeavor to find out what was coming next.

Martin wanted to know what it all meant as his wife had been ill all day and there must be something unusual to induce her to be with such a crowd. Recorder Critchlow tried to go on with the order of business but motions to adjourn came so fast that he was compelled to stop. Finally it was suggested that the ladies be given the floor so that they could explain the mystery. None of them seemed very anxious to be heard, so the council then took a recess until 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening and the festivities began.

Several games of "pit" were started and while many of them were interested in that game, several of the ladies prepared the tables in the large committee room on the south of the council chamber. When all was in readiness Recorder Critchlow called the roll and the councilmen with their wives or daughters sat in and took seats at the tables. The diningroom for the occasion presented an inviting appearance. The tables were decorated with carnations and chrysanthemums from the city greenhouses and the food was with the most tempting delicacies of the season. There was plenty to eat and drink and it would be impossible to find a jollier or more congenial crowd than was seated at the tables. The first toast proposed was to Mayor Morris, and it was responded to heartily by Judge C. B. Dohi, Assistant City Attorney, Recorder Critchlow, Councilmen Wood, Black and Martin.

Those present were, Messrs. and Mesdames Thomas R. Black, Arthur F. Barnes, A. J. Davis, G. D. Dean, F. S. Forsstrom, Thomas H. Hobbs, J. D. Martin, Joseph H. Preece, J. J. Wood, Christopher R. Diehl and J. B. Burdige, Mrs. F. J. Howlett, Miss Beatrice Hyde, the Misses Ethel and Florence Davis, daughters of Councilman E. H. Davis, Councilman W. J. Zudenhorn and E. A. Hartenstein; C. R. Aley, Maxwell R. Brothers, Chief W. H. Bywater, William Bramel, Richard G. Hartley, Henry Farnstrom, John S. Critchlow, J. J. Meyers and C. A. Erickson.

It was discovered finally that Councilman E. H. Davis was responsible for the gathering and that he simply played even for the surprise party given him a couple of weeks ago by the councilmen and their wives. Those present were about the same as took the trip to St. Louis to the fair on the council junket. It was certainly an enjoyable occasion and did not break up until about 12 o'clock.

The following routine business was transacted by the council:

Supt. of Waterworks Hines submitted a report on the cost of a filter for the city system. He said that a 10,000,000 gallon filter, like the one in use at Wilkesbarre, Pa., cost \$122,350 and the cost of operating the same is from \$3 to \$10 per day.

The council concurred in Mayor Morris' veto of the electric sign ordinance and changed it so as to allow the signs to project out from the buildings 12 feet instead of 10 feet in accordance with the mayor's views.

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## JAPANESE MEET WITH BIG LOSSES

Mukden, Dec. 5.—There is a persistent rumor that the force of Japanese sent to turn Gen. Rennenkampf's flank has been repulsed with great loss. The story is not yet officially confirmed, but details are given with great circumstantiality. It is said that Gen. Rennenkampf, who knew the movement was maturing, awaited the Japanese at the mouth of one of the captured passes, and that the Japanese turning force threw themselves unsuspecting into the ambush, where, after the fight, the Russians collected 200 Japanese corpses.

It is added that there are 1,000 more Japanese corpses which it has been impossible to collect, owing to the fire of the Japanese. This does not include the Japanese loss in wounded. The Russian loss, according to this account, was only 30 or 40 men.

The night of Dec. 2 the Japanese began a heavy artillery fire on Poutloff (Lone Tree) hill, paying the way for an infantry attack. The Russian artillery answered vigorously for several hours, and then slackened. The Japanese, imagining the Russian fire had been slackened, threw themselves in masses against the trenches, where they

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were allowed to come within close range, and then were met with withering volleys and a cooler charge with the bayonet. The Japanese fled, having sustained enormous losses.

A Cossack expedition, which was sent the night of Dec. 2 to capture a Japanese battery on the Russian right flank, was only partially successful. The Cossacks wiped out the Japanese sentries, killed the gunners and got possession of the battery, but were unable to remove the guns, owing to the rapid arrival of Japanese reinforcements.

On Dec. 3, Capt. Gienkoon and Corp. Companset crawled up close to the Japanese position, where they remained under heavy fire all day, making sketches of the whole position, and returned in safety.

An attack by Japanese on Poutloff hill on Dec. 3 was probably due in part to a wish to distract attention from sapper operations on a neighboring hill, near the village of Shadke, but these operations were discovered and repulsed and the Japanese fled.

Skirmishes continue. The night of Nov. 30, Capt. Alexandroff with 20 men routed a force of 50 Japanese by a surprise attack on the trenches. The same night volunteers, under Lieut. Videtsky, surrounded and wiped out a platoon of 25 Japanese near Tougo. This led to a hand-to-hand fight in the Japanese underground trenches, where 30 more Japanese were bayoneted. The Russians lost severely in this fight, a number being caught in wire entanglements. Altogether 10 Russians were killed and 14 wounded.

The night of Dec. 2 there was another Russian attack on Japanese trenches, in which a number of trophies and rifles were secured, but at the cost of the life of Staff Capt. Mankofski, one of the most daring of the Russian scouts, who was killed in hand-to-hand fighting.

## ROJESTVENSKY'S LATEST ACCOUNT.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 5.—An official statement issued from naval headquarters gives Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's latest account of the Dogger bank affair and explains how the Baltic fleet fired on their own ships. The statement is as follows:

According to supplementary information from Vice Admiral Rojestvensky concerning the North sea incident of Oct. 2, after the Klaz Souvaroff ceased firing, two searchlights of the Dmitri Donskoi and Aurora suddenly appeared on the left of the ironclad division. The Dmitri Donskoi showed night signals, whereupon, fearing projectiles from the hindmost ships of our division should hit our vessels, either direct or by ricochet, a general signal to cease fire was made from the Souvaroff. The order was at once obeyed. The whole firing lasted less than 10 minutes. Communications by wireless telegraphy stated that the Japanese projectiles struck the Aurora, some ricocheting and others hitting direct.

Three were 75 millimeter and two 47 millimeter shells. The captain of the Aurora was seriously injured and a party officers was slightly wounded. The captain subsequently succumbed at Tangier.

The foregoing statement is the first official confirmation of the fact, previously published in these dispatches, that during the North sea affair five shells came aboard the cruiser Aurora, injuring a priest, who subsequently died at Algiers.

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## BLACK SEA FLEET AND DARDANELLES

Prof. Baronoffsky Says that the Convention of 1856 Can be Set Aside by Russia and Porte.

## A DENIAL COMES FROM FRANCE

That Country Has Not Consented to a Modification of the Treaty.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6, 7 a. m.—The Novoe Vremya prints today a long resume and analysis of the convention of 1856 by Prof. Baronoffsky with a view to showing that the convention is a barrier which can be set aside by a simple agreement with Russia and the Porte. The writer argues in line with previous demands of the Russian press, that steps should be taken at once to free the Black sea fleet for its journey to the far east. In concluding, Prof. Baronoffsky says:

"While it is held in some quarters that the sailing of the Black sea vessels would be an immediate signal for an outbreak of trouble in the Balkans, this is by no means the case. Russia long ago declined to back up the revolutionists, who all along waited for ultimate help from Russia, maturing their plans. The departure of the squadron would guarantee Lamdorff's assurances that revolutionists had nothing to hope from Russian assistance."

Other papers continue the agitation for the release of the Black sea fleet, urging the necessity of strengthening Admiral Rojestvensky to the point of unquestionable superiority over Admiral Togo. While admitting that Great Britain might be inclined to make trouble should the Dardanelles be opened the newspapers say it is the only nation opposed to the step, and it is certainly worth the risk.

FRANCE DENIES.  
Paris, Dec. 5.—The reports that France has given adhesion to Russian overtures for a modification of the treaty of Paris so as to permit the Black sea fleet to pass through the Dardanelles, are officially denied. The authorities here say that no such application has been made and that the present there is no indication of any modification of the treaty.

The reports, it is added, originated through an apparent misunderstanding between the Russian admiralty and the Russian foreign office. The former, dominated by the naval spirit, wishes the Black sea fleet to reinforce Admiral Rojestvensky in a half hour Russian diplomatic branch of the gov-

ernment does not share this view, owing to the recognized restrictions of the treaty of Paris.

It is pointed out that the prohibition of the passage of the Dardanelles by warships of the powers is chiefly beneficial to Russia as it gives her a preferential position in the Black sea. If the treaty is modified so as to open the Dardanelles the straits thereafter will remain open for the entrance of foreign fleets into the Black sea, thus terminating Russia's privileged position.

Therefore, the authorities here have reason to believe that the Russian diplomatic branch will not yield to the desires of the Russian admiralty. It is recalled that the admiralty brought on the Anglo-Russian crisis by permitting volunteer fleet vessels to pass the Dardanelles without consulting the Russian foreign branch.

MUSSIA AND TURKEY EXCHANGE VIEWS.  
London, Dec. 6.—The Morning Post learns that there has been an unofficial exchange of views between Russia and Turkey concerning the exit of the Russian Black sea fleet through the Dardanelles. Turkey, at present, deems it advisable to adhere strictly to the Berlin and Paris treaties.

BOMBARDING PORT ARTHUR.  
Proceeding to Satisfaction of the Besiegers.  
Tokio, Dec. 6, 10 a. m.—It is reported that the Japanese bombardment against the fleet at Port Arthur is proceeding to the satisfaction of the attacking forces. On the evening of Dec. 4 (Sunday) two or three Russian ships were fired and burned in a half hour. Their names and the extent of damage done are not known. It is generally believed that the Russian fleet must either make an early sortie, or suffer irreparable damage.

Want Burke Roche Arrested.  
London, Dec. 6.—The Daily Mail learns that private application was made yesterday, it is believed at the Bow street court, for the arrest of Burke Roche and the captain who navigated the turbine yacht Slanet. He has stated that he carried Burke Roche to Libau and a third person, presumably a "Mr. Slanet."

WOMEN CAN KEEP YOUNG  
Ohio Woman Tells the Secret. May Explain Youthful Looks of Some in Salt Lake City.  
Mrs. Anna Patton, 34 Charles Street, Xenia, Ohio, in a recent interview, tells the secret of how to grow young. "Although I am over sixty, I feel as though I was only twenty years old. It does not seem possible that I am the same woman that I was a year ago. Then I suffered with my head all the time, had so much gas on my stomach that I could hardly endure it and was always troubled with a bad taste in my mouth and a coated tongue, and was so bloated that at times I could not fasten my clothes. I was unable to do my work, but now after taking one box of Mi-o-na, nature's cure for dyspepsia, I am a well woman and can do my work as well as ever."

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The Times hears from Paris that "Mr. and Mrs. Yarrow had received summonses to appear at the Bow street court.

Artillery Duel for Four Days.  
Mukden, Dec. 5.—A four-days artillery duel on the Russian's center and right wings has failed to alter the general situation. There is considerable illness among the Russian troops, consequent upon close confinement to the trenches.

Adolph Weber Indicted.  
Auburn, Cal., Dec. 5.—The grand jury today brought in an indictment against Adolph Julius Weber for the murder of

his father, Julius Weber. Young Weber appeared in the superior court today to plead to the previous charge of having murdered his mother, but the transcript of the evidence taken at the preliminary examination not being ready, an adjournment was taken until Wednesday.

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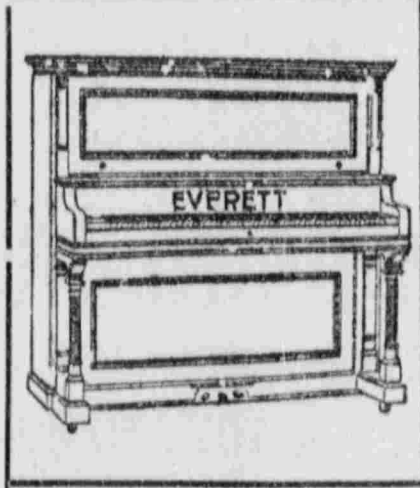


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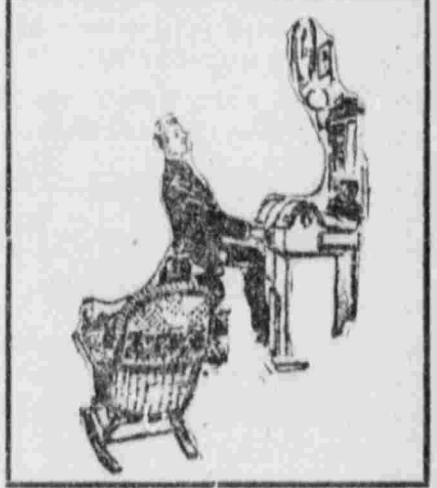


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