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Peking, May 4.—Military preparations are being made for the defense of Peking.
According to Chinese officials, whose statements have been corroborated in other circles, the government is making no preparations elsewhere than at the capital for defense, considering that the Chinese will be unable to oppose the Japanese should they attack.

It is assumed in high quarters that 100,000 troops have been gathered in the environs of Peking, but with sufficient ammunition for only a brief resistance.
Special police and military precautions have been taken throughout the city, especially around the Winter Palace, where President Yuan Shi Kai resides. Officials declare they are suspicious that the Japanese may attempt a repetition of the Korean coup d'etat.
The Japanese legation, it is said, notified the Japanese yesterday to prepare to leave Peking. It is said many women and children are getting ready to depart.
Telegram from Mukden say the Japanese bank and post office there have suspended business, that the Japanese reservists and other civilians are gathering in the railway zone.
Dr. Paul S. Reinsch, the American minister here, expressed the opinion that missionaries and other Americans in the interior are in no danger.
Surprise Ultimatum.
In spite of the belief which had prevailed in China for many years, that Japan covets the entire country, considerable surprise was caused by the report that Japan intended to issue an ultimatum to the government to accept all of Japan's demands. It is contended that the Chinese have conceded virtually all the articles contained in the seven demands made by the Japanese ultimatum to the powers, and a high official said yesterday that it was not believed Japan would dare enforce those contained in group three, which states that Japan covets the entire country, as well as the other powers, was merely regarded as desirable.
Whether President Yuan Shi Kai will concede all these demands is an open question. Chinese officials whose views are seriously considered in Yuan Shi Kai's councils express opposite opinions concerning this question. Some officials welcome the Japanese military ultimatum, which they profess to believe expels the present crisis, will increase the Japanese demands should a successful campaign follow.
On the other hand, it is considered that Yuan Shi Kai faces calamitous consequences in China if he yields to the Japanese. High members of his own government are said already to have voiced the suspicion that he may accept an alleged offer from Japan of military support and protection for himself against foreign nations and his own people, in return for conceding control of the country in fact, although not nominally, to Japan.

Japan to Send Ultimatum
Tokyo, May 4.—The Yomiuri in an extra edition declares that the cabinet has decided to issue an ultimatum to the Chinese government, which it is considered that Yuan Shi Kai faces calamitous consequences in China if he yields to the Japanese. High members of his own government are said already to have voiced the suspicion that he may accept an alleged offer from Japan of military support and protection for himself against foreign nations and his own people, in return for conceding control of the country in fact, although not nominally, to Japan.

Press For Ultimatum
The press considers the ultimatum a proper step. The Times believes that if China logical to yield, Japan should occupy provinces like Shantung "until China comes to her senses." This, the paper says, would not constitute a violation of China's integrity "since that no other would be to ensure the integrity of the country."
The belief is expressed in some circles that the ultimatum may send word at the last minute that additional concessions are possible and in this way avert the ultimatum.

Rankin Wins at Asheville
Municipal Election Most Bitterly Contested in Recent Years.
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Mayor Rankin led the ticket with a majority of 421 while the closest contest was waged for the position of judge. Mr. Glenn's majority being only forty-six. Mr. Ramsey won by 235 and Mr. Stikeleather's lead was 122.

Kenilworth Officers Elect Themselves
Only Six Ballots Cast in Election of Incorporated Suburb of Asheville

Asheville, May 4.—At a municipal election at which six of the seven registered voters cast their ballots, the officers of Kenilworth were chosen yesterday. Of the six men who voted, four were elected to office, the unopposed candidates being: Jake M. Chiles, for mayor; E. G. Heston, Roland Wilson and Morris Myers, for board of commissioners.
The election expenses were thirty-five cents which were spent in the purchase of a registration book.
Mayor Chiles punched out the tickets over his typewriter and the six voters exercised the right of franchise in a body early in the day in order that two of them, election officers, might be discharged from their duties. The seventh voter, who is out of the city, wired that they needn't hold the polls open for him.
Kenilworth is a residential part on the suburbs of Asheville which is incorporated and which is governed by the commission form. While it has many residents, the majority of them are visitors who take homes here but maintain their legal places of residence at other cities.

Soda Fountain Explodes, Two Men Injured

No Hope Held Out For Recovery of One of the Wounded.

Wilmington, May 4.—George Lyons, white, was so badly injured that he is not expected to live through the night, and Jim Carr, colored, was probably fatally injured, this morning at 7:30 o'clock, when a carbonator at the soda fountain of Crescent Clear Store exploded.
The 150-pound steel carbonator was hurled to the ceiling of the store and, rebounding, struck the men who were preparing the fountain for the day's work, on the head, rendering both unconscious. Lyons has not regained consciousness, and no hope is held out for his recovery.
The negro has a fair chance of recovery. Both have fractured skulls and other injuries about the heads.
The cause of the explosion is thought by the proprietor to have been caused by the men turning the full force of carboy into the carbonator.
The apparatus did not have a safety valve and an automatic stop.
The explosion came down this morning as an expert soda fountain man. The proprietor said today that he cautioned Lyons not to charge the fountain until he came down this morning, but he did not follow instructions. Lyons said he was from New York State, was a widower and had several small children, also that he was 33 years old.

TO MOVE LIGHTSHIP FROM FRYING PAN SHOALS

Action Taken Notwithstanding Violent Protest of Wilmington.

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BRITISH WAR COST \$10,500,000 DAILY
Debt of Country Now, Said Lloyd George, Stands Over \$5,000,000,000 Mark.

HINT AT NEW TAX MEASURE
Chancellor's Speech Taken to Indicate at Some Future Date He Would Propose Huge Loan to Finance War for Period of Six or Twelve Months.

London, May 4.—David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, today gave the British public further insight into what the war is costing the nation.
The expenditure now, Mr. Lloyd George said, was \$10,500,000 daily and he added that if the war continued for a year Great Britain's bill would be upward of \$5,000,000,000. The debt of the country, according to Mr. Lloyd George, already had been almost doubled and stood well over the \$5,000,000,000 mark.
The chancellor declined to predict the length of the war. He introduced no measure calling for new taxes, although he hinted that such a step likely would have to be taken. There was little discussion of the budget itself and the usual income tax resolutions were passed before the House adjourned.

Mr. Lloyd George said he was able to report that the revenue of the country had exceeded all estimates and that the sur-tax and income taxpayers were sending in their money, with unusual celerity.
During the evening Austen Chamberlain mentioned the proposals for increasing the taxes on beer, wine and spirits, which the Unionists and Nationalists and several Liberal members declared their intention to oppose.
Mr. Lloyd George said he was open to consider proposals from distillers and brewers. He added, however, that he would ask that the government be given power to control the sale of liquor in the areas where millions of war are made.

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RUSSIANS BEAT TURKS IN PERSIA
But This Battle is Small Affair to Defeat Austrians Gave Russians in Galicia.

30,000 RUSSIAN PRISONERS
Many Guns Also Captured; In Belgium Germans Capture Some Villages Which British Claim They Evacuated in Readjusting Line; Allies Advancing in Dardanelles Fight

London, May 4.—The Russians have had at least a partial revenge for their defeat in Western Galicia by badly beating the Turks who had invaded Persia.
The Turkish defeat took place in a three days battle near the frontier and Petrograd reports that the Russians inflicted heavy losses. If the success has been followed up, military observers believe that Persia now should be free of her uninvited guests.
This battle, however, was a small affair compared with what Germany and Austria claim to have done to the Russians in Galicia. The reports tonight state that some 30,000 Russians were captured and that many guns were taken. There was no mention, however, of any towns, such as Gorlice and Barrow, which were close to the front, being captured, which leads British military critics to the conclusion that while the German allies have won important successes, they have not driven the Russians far back. Should they do this, however, it is assumed that a general retreat of the Russians would be imperative and that the British would have to withdraw from the Caucasus, which the British say they evacuated in the process of readjusting their line.

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WIFE ACCUSED OF MURDER HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER



Mrs. Edwin Carman, her husband and daughter Elizabeth.

CAROLINA PLAYERS WITH RICHMOND
Crane, Harper, "Shag" Thompson and Morrisette With Dunn's Team.

Richmond, just over the State line but being represented in the International League, has signed four old Carolina League players and bids fair to win a pennant this season.
When players, Sammy Crane, shortstop; John Harper, pitcher; Shag Thompson, outfielder and hitter; and Bill Morrisette, pitcher. And Jack Dunn considers himself very lucky that he signed these young men.
A sudden thought will convince fans in the Carolina circuit that Dunn has four good players, far better than he could have secured from the Virginia League. But, maybe, if the Virginia League had as good players the Richmond management would hesitate some before signing them.
Richmond and the Virginia League, it is said, are distant now.
Crane is already proving a sensation in his fielding and the ex-Greensboro player is hitting about .340 since he joined the Ints. Morrisette pitched six innings Monday and worked well until his last when he eased up and out went Thompson who probably got into the line-up today. Harper has not been given a chance yet to pitch.
"Shag" is a native of Alliance county. His career in college baseball began in the spring of 1911 when he matriculated in Trinity College. He played one season with Trinity, alternating at the berth of centerfield and catcher. He won a reputation for his combined ability to hit and clever fielding.
He matriculated in the University of North Carolina in the fall of 1912 and was a member of Carolina's successful team the following spring. He constituted one of that trio of players that made individual reputations.—Captain Burr Edwards, Raymond Lee and "Shag" Thompson. The team won the championship from the University of Virginia that year, defeating the "Old Dominion" in Winston-Salem and Charlottesville. Thompson's spectacular fielding attracted notice throughout the season. His batting average exceeded .300.
"Shag" joined the Durham team of the Carolina league in the summer of 1913. Here the eye of Connie Mack first was riveted on the work of the 28-year-old youngster. At the conclusion of the season, Connie Mack drafted him, and he has been with the Athletics since then. He was a member of the team that played the championship series in 1914, drawing a portion of the proceeds from the games.

HATCH DEFEATS GOODWIN
Hamlet Elects Is Town Officers and Commissioners.

GREAT BRITAIN TAKES CHARGE OF MEAT SUPPLIES
Requisitions Entire Stock of Australia and New Zealand.

WILHELM INTERNED
Second German Raider Placed Beside Prima Etica.

LUNCHEON GIVEN BY MISS WEIL
Executive Board of State Federation of Woman's Clubs Charming Entertainment.

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JOHNSON FAVORS STOPPING SUITS
President of American League Says Baseball Should Have Been Kept From Courts.

Boston, May 4.—Ban Johnson, president of the American League, today declared himself in favor of withdrawing from the courts suits between organized baseball and the Federal League. A suggestion to this effect from Philip Ball, president of the St. Louis Federals, he said, met with his consent.
Johnson explained that an earlier statement that he was willing to have the suit in the Illinois Federal Court withdrawn did not refer solely to this case.
"The suggestion, and my acceptance of it," he said, "referred to suits generally at issue between the Federals and those allied with the National Commission. Baseball should have been kept out of the courts, and it is not now too late to reach an agreement outside of the court rooms, I believe."
Johnson expressed the opinion that the national pastime as professionalized "would be bettered by the trials which it is undergoing." He asserted that peace, or an agreement between organized baseball and the Federal League was not in sight immediately and had not been discussed recently but he added that he had no fears for the future.

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