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WAR IMMINENT

Latest Report is That Japan Hae Quit Negotiations and Will Fight.

INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT WAR HAS BEGUN.

Only a Portion of the Advices From Is Putting Up a Big Bluff on Japan ed before removal, -Russian Fleet Has Left Port Arthur-Paris Recognizes That the Tension Is Threatening.

London, Feb. 4.—A special agent cables to the Evening News from Pekin as follows:

"Official information has been re ceived here that the Japanese government has decided to refuse any further negotiations with Russia, and will take action immediately." This is interpreted here in some quarters that war in the Far East

has begun. Imperial Council in Session. London, Feb. 4 .- A dispatch to the Central News Bureau from Tokio, says a special meeting of the cabinet was held this morning and wil meet again this afternoon, when the mikado will be present, News is received at Tokio that al Russian warships have left Port Ar

thur, destination unknown. Increasing Impatience. ion today is that the situation in the Far East is less reassuring. All advices show increasing impatience, which the diplomats here regard as a dangerous factor

Cabinet Resigns. Belgrade, Feb. 4. - The member of the Servia cabinet today handed their resignations to King Peter.

London Is Skeptical. London, Feb. 4.-Despite warlike rumors from Tokio this afternoon, high government officials are saying there is no doubt but that war will be averted, and that the situation is no more strained now than that at any other time during the past fortnight. These officials will be much surprised if Russia's reply does not recognize Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria, and absolutely concede all Japan's demands regarding Ko-

Russia's Big Bluff. Berlin, Feb. 4.-The Lokal Anzeiger, which is in close touch with officialdom, says Russia's movement in the Far East and mobilizations of and it is believed that he was pretroops is believed to be a bluff to paring to engage in his old occupaoverawe Japan into a conciliatory at-

WARLIKE INDICATIONS.

Russia Is Sending Troops Into Korea

-Emergency Has Arrived. London, Feb. 4.-A Seoul corres pondent of the Central News, wires that 6,000 Russians have embarked at Port Arthur for Korea. The transports are escorted by the Russian fleet. The troops will be landed at Chemulpo, which is the port stood that unless there is a conflict with the Japanese fleet en route from Chemulpo, the troops are expected to march overland to Seoul.

Reports of Russian Aggression, Tokio, Feb. 4.-The-seriousness of the situation here is shown by a MARCIS A. HANNA VIOLENT STORM Mikado this afternoon. The premier Mikado this afternoon. The premier gave a dinner to 18 peers, where the subject was given semi-official dis-

Reports continue to come that Russia is massing troops north of the Yalu river. The first break in the government's reticence came today in the publication of four dispatches from Manchurla and Siberia which shows the government now proposes to keep the people informed of the trend of events.

JACK LONDON IN LIMBO.

American Author Photographs Fortifications.

New York, Feb. 4.-Jack London the writer, who went recently to Japan for the purpose of reporting events in connection with the threat ened hostilities between that country and Russia, has been arrested and imprisoned at Shimonoseki, according to an American dispatch from Tokio. He is charged with photographing Japanese fortifica-

The socialistic clubs of the city are distributing 1,000 copies of the latest issue of An Appeal to Reason n which is a large article on the la- New York. bor troubles in Colorado, written by things as he saw them.

Joseph Barton, general freight and passenger agent of the Sumpter Valley, was here between trains today. Mr. Barton says that work will be resumed on the Tipton extension the very minute the snow has sufficiently cleared away. The extension will be completed early in the

season.-Sumpter Miner. Light in the Interior. The electric lights are now giv ing good satisfaction and have been installed in many business dwelling houses. It is said that they are better than those at Baker City.-Prairie City Miner.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA QUARANTINE BE LIFTED.

Will Be Done on Authority of Department of Agriculture - Plenty Feed in the Northern Counties-Whole State Under Temporary Quarantine.

that the secretary of the department | Hanna's blood will be known. of agriculture is willing to raise the government quarantine on the southern counties to permit the moving starving cattle northward to enjoying some natural sleep. where there is abundant feed. The understanding was that this implied LOAD PASSENGERS GO that the entire state would be once nore quarantined temporarily.

There are no ordinances in the northern counties against admitting cattle. Therefore it is said that " the secretary of agriculture takes favorable action all that would be necessary was for the state veterin arian to satisfy the counties that all cattle would be carefully inspect

There is abundance of feed some of the northern counties. The grass is long and in reach.

NOT PARDONED. Mrs. Maybrick Is Out of Prison But Conditionally.

London, Feb. 4.-In the house of commons this afternoon the home secretary announced that Mrs. Mayunder the penal servitude law, and she will be allowed to leave towards the end of the summer.

Must Vaccinate,

Seattle, Feb. 4. - The health oard at its regular monthly meetnight, instructed Health ing last vate schools.

Big Damage Award, Montgomery was engineer on a that saved them. freight train which ran into a landslide near Lake station. Seven cars

badly hurt. Counterfeiting Plant. Seattle, Feb. 4. - A quantity of babbit metal and other material used in counterfeiting, were found the Russell house on First avenue support prices, which later rallied. south, yesterday. Catherine had been released from Justice Cann's court, where he was arraigned on a charge of burglary. Catherine

served one term for counterfeiting.

Contagion at Astoria. Astoria, Feb. 3. - Health Officer

Pilkington reports that the scarlet fever and measles contagions are rapidly dying out in Astoria. There forenoon. Five hundred children anare now but two cases of scarlet, swered the drill and marched out and both patients are well on the through the smoke without panic or road of recovery. There are 23 the slightest injury. cases of measles in 12 hames.

Annapolis, Feb. 4. - At noon Isa- that has been sweeping over dor Roynar was formally elected channel the past two days, continsenator to succeed McComas, by the solid democratic vote of 86. Mc- cury hoisted signals of distress and Comas, republican, received 36 tugs from Dover have gone to her

DANGEROUSLY ILL

HELD CONSULTATION OF

EMINENT PHYSICIANS.

It is Feared That the Case Has Developed Into a Typhoid-Blood Analysis Will Be Made-Patient Is Low Physically and Depressed in Every Way, But the Physicians Look for His Recovery-Sleeps Only When Under the Influence of

Washington, Feb. 4.-Sepator Hanna passed a fairly comfortable night, with no return of the congestive chill. Dr. Rixey will hold consultation with New York practitioners this noon

Result of Consultation.

A consultation lasting an hour, was held this morning by Rixey and Brewer, of New York, and Magruder, of Washington. Brewer treated Hanna during his recent illness in

A sample of blood was taken this a special writer who went into the morning for analysis, and they hope mining districts under the guise of to arrive at a definite diagnosis. Up a traveling man, and wrote the to this time Hanna's malady was to arrive at a definite diagnosis. Up believed to be la grippe. Fears are now, however, of typhoid

The physicians admit they are puzzled over the fact that notwithstanding his nervousness and irritability his temperature today is but last night only through the heavy

administrations of opiates. Hanna realizes his grave condition and submits unreservedly to the physicians' orders. A further conto a fulfillment of the official fo sultation of physicians will be held of showers. later in the day and a full report made, so if necessary his brothers and sisters may be summoned. Expect Recovery.

sicians issued the following bulletin: it will be weeks before he can re- tees to handle the business. "At the consultation held this sume his duties,

in Hanna's condition. He is suffering from a recurrent attack of la grippe, with an unusual amount of physical depression. There are no alarming conditions, and no reason to believe recovery will not take place within reasonable time." Brewer returned to New York on

the afternoon train. Rixey and Mc-Gruder hold another consultation at San Francisco, Feb. 4.-Local cat- 8 tonight, at which time it is extlemen have received information pected the results of an analysis of More Favorable.

> At 3 this afternoon Mr. Hanna's ondition is more favorable. He is

OVER 50-FOOT GRADE

Limbs Were Broken and an Ey Gouged Out-Several Crippled for Life-The Greatest Wonder Is That More Severe Injuries Did Not Result.

La Grande, Feb. 4.-Four traveling men who were in the stage wreck between Elgin and Joseph. Wallowa county, last week, arrived in La Grande from Wallowa Wednesday morning. The gentlemen are M. J. Monteith, of Albany; W. H. Casey, San Francisco: W. J. Raymond and T. H. Miller, of Portland. Mr. Monteith sustained several bruises on the shoulder, and it was necessary for him to have Dr. Molitor, of this brick has been granted a license city, and Dr. E. B. McDaniel, of Baker City, use an X-ray this morning she is at present in her home, which to determine the exact nature of the injuries. They reported nothing serious, however, but say that he will be unable to use his arm for some

Mrs. Charles Henderson, the most seriously injured in the party, is still in a dangerous condition, and Officer Ludlow to notify all private trained nurse at Wallowa. Her nose is under the care of a doctor and schools to the effect that the pupils was broken, right eye gouged out, should be vaccinated. A similar lip cut, and face all battered up. order was issued to the principles of She was found underneath the sleigh the public schools several months ago. There are more than 1,000 and had it not been for the heroic and had it not been for the heroic efforts of the men she would

died in a short time. Mrs. Foster, of Wallowa, had her thigh badly mashed down to the Seattle, Feb. 4. - Alexander ankle. She is getting along very Montgomery was awarded \$12,000 well, but will be crippled for-life damages against the Northern Pa- The gentlemen state that the grade cific Railway company in the federal at this point was no less than 50 tained in an accident on the Seattle them all. The conveyance being a & International road two years ago. sleigh, instead of on wheels, is all

PANIC ON COTTON EXCHANGE. were burned and Montgomery was Bears Got Control of the Market

Which Rallied Somewhat. New York, Feb. 4.-There was a panic on the Cotton Exchange this the canal treaty. morning, quotations dropping 70 points. Sully was present and nonin the room of Jos. Catherine, in chalent and made no attempt to Bears in Control.

Cotton went all to pieces. Just be fore the close it dropped 160 points and may reach the 15 cent mark. New Orleans is also demoralized.

FIRE DRILL IN PRACTICE. Five Hundred Children March From

Burning Building. Norfolk, Feb. 4.-The new school building was destroyed by fire this

Storm in English Channel, London, Feb. 4 .- A terrific gale ues today. The British cruiser Mer-

HEAVY DOWNPOUR AND WIND IS A HURRICANE.

Hopes and Probability That Relief Storm is Drifting to the Southward-Heavy Snowstorms Rage in the Mountains and Far Eastward.

jest rainstorm of the season broke returns made by the county assessover Northern California early this ors. morning and continued throughout the day. The entire coast country north of San Francisco is within the storm area, marked precipitation being recorded at all points. Off shore the storm partook of the

70-mile wind blowing.

vada. The entire Sacramento valley is

precipitation alone will be of inestimable value to crops, Cloudy weather generally in South ern California, and everything points

Treaty With Panama.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS LOAN TO THE WORLD'S FAIR.

roposed to Reimburse Colombia for Measure Is Expected to Gain Democratic Votes for the Canal Treaty -New Governor and Vice-Gover. nor of the Philippines Inaugurated With Great Ceremony.

Washington, Feb. 2.-In the senate today Fairbanks warily defended the administration on the canal

He believed the majority of the criticisms had been inspired by pol-itics, though the subject ought to be above politics and upon the high level of national duty and honor. He charged Colombia with attempting to hold up America and the French canal company, making mention of conspirators and intended victims.

Panama's perfectly natural right to but refuse to make them public un-

tion was a party to the revolution has been shown by the records to be based only on vague suspicion, unsupported assertions and wild con-The senate committee on approrgent deficiency bill, including the were arrested.

authorization to the St Louis expo-

sition to borrow \$4,600,000 to be repaid from the gate receipts. To Reimburse Colombia, Negotiations for the payment of between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 to Colombia have it is said, reached court yesterday for injuries sus- feet, and it was a narrow escape for such a stage that they will be concluded within 10 days. For this reason the republicans are said to be considering a proposition from the democrats to adopt a resolution and Panama and pay Colombia

> New Philippine Governor, naugurated with imposing ceremony money. today. Three thousand troops were

In his inaugural address Wright declared his intention of adhering to ness with the natives, and asked the are reported to have been killed. o-operation of all Americans for furthering the welfare of the islands rather than their personal gain.

TO IMPROVE RIVER.

Congress Asked to Appropriate \$50, 000 for Salmon River. Lewiston, Feb. 2.-Copies of petiions addressed to congress and ask- served public notice on every con ing for an appropriation of \$50,000 tractor and builder in the city that o improve the Salmon river, have on and after April 1 of the present been recveived in Lewiston from year members of the union, repre- lett appeared before Justice of the Salmon City, where the movement has been setarted.

senting the majority of the mechan-Similar petitions are now being ties. The benefits to result to vast country by the improvement are cited in detail in the petition.

MAY "RAISE" RAILROADS

Their Assessment Likely to Be Increased in Washington. state board of equalization is comof these state officials predicted that

closely allied with the county asessors, for the reason the equaliza San Francisco, Feb. 4.—The heav- tion of state taxes is based upon the

All's Well in Baker City. The shipment of ore and concennature of a hurricane. The down- ber of new people have settled here ample pasture for them up to the pour on the sea was tremendous and in the city and valley during the time of their being driven out. The The storm is extending slowly one; stock has come through in and broken, and so cut by gulches southward and conditions are favor- good shape and fodder is plenty. and canyons that stock can easily able for rain throughout the San All winter long building has been in find shelter from storm and it mat-Joaquin valley. Rain is expected to progress, a number of handsome ters not from what direction it night over the whole country north business blocks being completed, comes,

CUT-THROATS

Senator Fairbanks Opens Ar- Queen of Gang Also in Coils gument in Favor of Pending of the Law. Implicated by a Letter.

> WOULD MURDER MONTANA MEN.

They Consist of the Most Desperate That State-Led By Ruby Taylor Murders-Were Regularly Organized for a Killing Business.

Butte, Feb. 3-The police today arrested the most desperate gang of criminals ever known in Montana, is known as "Jap alley," and these and intercepted a letter written to a woman known as Ruby Taylor, disclosing a plot to murder some

by some unknown party. The police have the names of the secede, there being no other course til other arrests are made. Ruby Taylor is in Denver.

The men arrested here gave the names of Harry Taylor, John Law. Charles Mooney, C. L. Warner and William Harris. Also a woman known as Lysle. Another member y exposing the person of another of the gang, known as Lynch, was and pleaded guilty to the charge captured in Anaconda after a des the punishment of which offense is priations today decided to report the perate fight. His two companions a fine not exceeding \$200 or six

of a most startling character, to this charge. Burke will serve out ment Company. He was accused of show that the gang has regularly his fine in the county jail. organized for the business of committing murders, for a money consideration.

MURRELL TELLS THINGS. He Says Butler is Guilty of Boodi

Fulton Mo. Feb. 3.-In the Ru requesting the president to use his ler trial today John Murrell, former offices of peace between Colombia member of the St Louis boodling combine, who returned from Mexico. money for the loss of territory. The turned state's evidence. He describdemocrats agree if the republicans ed the details of haggling over the join with them, all will then vote for price with Butler. He finally received 2,500 shares out of 47,500. John Helms followed Murrell and testi-Manila, Feb. 2.-Wright, as gover- fied of repeated boodling conversanor, and Ide as vice-governor, were tions with Butler, seeing him hanile

Several Person, Killed. dian Pacific express, on the Interthe principles of the Taft adminis- Colonial railway, was wrecked near tration, and urged increased friendli- here this morning. Seven persons

> Labor War in Walla Walla something unforseen interferes union through its officers today bers, etc., hauled over the line,

Future of Buffalo Hump, Mr. J. S. Overfield arrived in the city yesterday from Grangeville and will spend several days in the city.
Mr. Overfield, who is a brother of
George Overfield, one of the original owners of the Jumbo mine, has Olympia, Wash., Feb. 3 .- Members spent several months in the Hump of the state board of equalization district and has made a thorough instarted for Spokane yesterday to vestigation of conditions there. Mr meet with the county assessors who Overfield believes the camp has a will hold their annual convention in [great future and deplores the fact that city, beginning Wednesday. The that the roads are such a severe handicap. "At this time the secur posed of State Auditor Atkinson, lng of better roads," he said, "is the State Secretary Nichols and State important question. It is surely Land Commissioner Collvert. One discouragement to the prospective investor, especially from the East, Has Come to the Central and one of the results of the annual con- when he meets such conditions in vention will be to make a higher as entering the district. The mining Blowing 70 Miles Off Shore sessment of all railroad property in country is now c ming substantially to the front and should receive the The state board, while having no substantial support of every busivote in the coming convention, is ness interest."-Lewiston Tribune.

No Feed This Winter The large band of cattle belonging to people in the Dayville country was recently driven out of the Murderer's creek country where they had ranged since being turned out early last spring. The Blue trates from the mines this month Mountain Eagle is informed that aggregated 33 cars, the largest the entire band is in excellent conmonth's business on record. A num- dition, the range having furnished winter; the winter has been a mild Murderer's creek country is rough

of Tehachapi, and showers tomorrow south of that line.

Heavy snows in the mountains prevail tonight, accompanied by high winds sweeping as far inland as Ne
Democrat.

The new Alder block was occupied in the locality during the past season, hence the condition of the stock just driven from that locality.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

well drenched. Crop sharps are unanimous in declaring that today's avy

Portland, Feb. 2.—(Special to the time the matter was taken from the dust-bin. The government's attitude East Oregonian.)—On the application of the trustees appointed by tion of the creditors, Judge Bellin Mr. Wade, there has been no one dishonest. The government's prom-Balfour Very Sick.

Manchester, Feb. 4.—A dispatch today says Balfour's illness is worse

Here the Creditors, Judge Belling and the property and this appointment is simply to provide for some responsible person to hold the property in safe keeping At 12:30 this afternoon the phy- than has been made public, and that itors of the estate shall appoint trus- until such a time as it will be

brought before the courts for set- introduced at his daughter's dancing fort to conceal their exasperation at lement the tardiness of reply. As the matter has stood since the tlement.

SEC. 188955

DEMOCRATS HAVE ADJOURNED, MANY PEOPLE Will Meet April 10 to Arrange

Reserved Seats. committee adjourned at on today to meet again April 10. decided to make no reservations for seats until the April meeting. when newspaper men will be appointed to take charge of the matter. It has reserved the entire Jefferson hotel for convention head-

WILL SERVE TEN YEARS.

George Rose, Embezzler, Gets Heavy Sentence for Looting Bank. Cleveland, Feb. 3.-George Rose cashler of the Produce Exchange Bank, who embezzled \$87,000, was today sentenced to 10 years.

"Couldn't" But Did, Spokane, Feb. 3. - In just exact 14 days from the day the preachers voted to close the gives through

victory is won. The final surrender came last night when Eugene lears for the safety of the party had Aitken closed his dens in the main building under his control in the fortnight, tenderloin, and he also closed those in the Paris hallway, controlled by him through a woman. There are still seven Japanese women in what with one white woman, have been allowed to remain over night, owing o the fact that as yet the ministers committee has not caused the arres of the person collecting the rents

rom that side of the building. The Colfax Horror.

Colfax, Wash., Feb. 3. - Paddy turke, one of the trio arrested in onnection with the Ida Lee outrage oday entered a plea of guilty to th harge of selling liquor to minors nd was fined \$50 and costs by Jus ice Doolittle. Burke, when first urrested, was charged with indecent months in the county jail. Prosecuting Attorney Hanna dismissed

Fowls at Walla Walla. Walla Walla, Feb. 3. - Five hun- very little property to back up his fred birds were in place last night glowing promises. in Armory hall when the last littl orterie of the faithful stopped work among the cacklers and quackers who herald the opening of the an- Ex-Postmaster James Marries Young ual poultry show of the Walla Walla Vailey Poultry association. This morning several more delegations fancy fowl will arrive and chickenwould be in for the judging.

Want a New Trial. and George T. Thompson, attorneys were present. for Christ Hilbrick have filed a mo tion for a new trial in the superior court. Hilbrick was tried and con victed Monday of the crime of arson he having attempted to set fire to Halifax, N. B., Feb. 3.-The Cana- the residence of Enos B. Palmer, on Jefferson street.

Forty New Flat Cars. Astoria, Feb. 3. - Forty new 41 oot flat cars for use on the Astoria & Columbia River railroad are en Walla Walla, Feb. 3. - Unless route to Astoria from Baltimore, Md. These cars are considered the finest Walla Walla may see a bitter war of the kind made and have a capafare waged between the builders city of 40 tons each. The new cars and contractors of the city and the were purchased because of the great local carpenters' union. The local amount of long stuff-bridge tim

La Grande, Feb. 3.-E. W. Bart Peace Grant this morning and paid ics of Walla Walla would positively a fine of \$15, the lowest provided by refuse to work upon any building the statute, for trespass in the way circulated in Lemhi and Idaho coun- where non-union men are employed. of going on a farm near Island City for the purpose of shooting wild

BRITISH METHODS BAD

"OUR PRESENT METHODS

ARE CURRUP

Irish Gave Statesman a Tremendous Ovation When He Concluded in Speaking on Behalf of Them-He Says They Are Governed Against Their Will-He Declares the Gov. ernment Promises Have Been

house of commons. There was fre- break is inevitable. quent cheering. He said the present populated Ireland. He said no greater delusion could be entertained until that question

London, Feb 3.-Redmond in be

could be got rid of. Neither force nor concession could relieve the British government of necessary consequences of maintaining a system opposed to the will of the governed. He predicted that if the liberals Fusan Railway, according to a discame into power they could get the Irish vote on the promise of home rule. He said: "Our present government is corrupt. Ireland would rather govern of the legation herself badly than be governed well by another nation. Ireland lags pe-

hind in commerce and agriculturel

anti-national, narrow, incompetent,

art because the education

ises have been false." Henry Hagemeier, of St. Louis, the Russo-Japanese situation has such thing as an honorary member.

—Spokesman-Review. committed suicide by taking car- reached a climax. bolic acid, just as guests were being

LOSE THEIR LIVES. St. Louis, Feb. 3.-The democratic One-third of French Town is Under Water-Panic-stricken People Flee to Hills for Their Lives-Floods

Came at Night-Number of Dead

Not Known.

NO. 17

Brest, France, Feb. 3.-A tidai wave, last night, off the coast of New Machinery will Also Be Ponmarch, wrecked many fishing boats, Many were drowned but the number is yet unknown. Immense damage was caused. One-third f Ponmarch is under water and inhab

itants have fled to the hills. GOVERNOR STOPS REBELLION Grave Fears Had Been Entertained

Over His Arrival in South Africa. Berlin, Feb. 3.-A dispatch today announces the safe arrival of Gover nor Leutwin, German, to Southwest Africa, at the coast station and he prosecuting the vice landlords the has successfully ended the trouble with the rebellious Herroeros. Grave been entertained during the past

> SENATOR HANNA MAY DIE. Report That He Was Dead Caused

Panic at White House, Washington, Feb. 3.-This after on a rumor which was circulated hat Senator Hanna was dead, created a panic in the corridors of the apitol and at the principal hotels. It is announced at the Arlingtor totel that his condition since mornng is unchanged, and he is still 'r itable and weak. Rixey is constantat his bedside. The latter still nsists there is no cause for alarm.

USED MAILS WRONGFULLY. Milliam Ewing Is Found Guilty of Defrauding Standard Oil Compa-

San Francisco, Feb. 3 .- William Ewing was found guilty today of ising the mail to defraud the sec gathering several thousand dollars from investors throughout the Coast region. It developed that he ha

DIFFERENCE IN AGE.

English Lady. London, Feb 3 .- Former Postmas ter-General Thomas James, of the men last night said 700 specimens United States, today married Edith on the pumps at the station, dedaughter of Alderman Colbourne, in Shakespeare's church, Staford-Avon and otherwise lessen the operating The bride is 30 years old and James Walla Walla, Feb. 3. -Oscar Cain 73. Only relatives and close frienzs on the system.

> Ministers May Pay Full Fare. Spokane, Feb. 3. - There is a sus cion that ministers of the gospel a large saving during the summer Canada will not entirely approve the new railway legislation in the province, under which the commis sion began work yesterday. Begin ning yesterday preachers have to pay full fare when they travel, instead of the usual half rates hereto fore allowed. Notification to that effect has been sent out by all the Canadian roads to their ticket off

es everywhere. More Telegraph Lines. Walla Walla, Fe .. 3 -E. P Smith perintendent of the construction partment of the Western Unio elegraph company, is in the city naking an inspection of the lines and system of the company in this ection of the country. While here it is understood that Mr. Smith will superintend the construction of ad ittional lines along the W. & C. R

and the Northern Pacific railroads. NOW IS TIME FOR JAPAN TO STRIK

LAST NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE

RESORTING TO ARMS. Japs Have Taken Possession of Se oul Railroad - They Have Also Seoul for the Protection of the Le-

ion Before February 10. London, Feb. 3.-Letters from \$10,000 which he will furnish in a leading men of Tokio to friends here few days. state that everything is in readiness in Japan for war and that an out Russia's concessions are not like

gations-First Important Advance

influential Japanese citizens from Europe, including noted diplomats, have advised Japan that now is the time to strike. Have Taken Guns at Seoul.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.-The Seon

negotiations before they resort to

patch to Vladivostock has been ocupled by Japanese troops. the guns at Seoul for the protection Russia Is Given One Week,

and should now be swept into the sion is reached prior to that date. Has Reached Climax council attended by the mikauo, learn anything vital. As three admirals and the war minister,

The highest officials make no ofthe tardiness of reply,

PUMP HOUSE

Installed, at an Expense of \$5,000.

FINAL ACTION TAKEN

WATER COMMISSION.

Connection With Sprinkling the sion Over Construction of Second Reservoir - Will Soon Need High Line Tank.

At the meeting of the city water commission last night the matter of improvement work for the year was discussed and it was decided that it would be confined to the building of a new brick house at the pumping station and the installation of a large boiler to take the place of one of the old ones which has been in service for the past 17 years,

The work as contemplated will aggregate close to \$5,000 and will make a great improvement in the service of the system. The old house will be torn down and the new structure built over the pumps and other machinery as they now stand. The old boilers will not be molested but will be thoroughly overhauled and kept in reserve for use in time

of emergency. To Save Wasted Water, The commissioners have in hand an innovation in the way of water saving which they will try early in the season and if it is a success will adopt it in the work of the street sprinkling department during the summer. It is the installation of a set of siphon pumps at those parts of the city where water is going to waste, which could be used for street use, would reduce the strain crease the amount of fuel necessary

expenses of the plan and the wear The commission could by the use of this contrivance save at least half of the water formerly used on the streets, and thus cut down the city's bill one-half, which would be

For New Reservoir The question of the construction of a new reservoir was discussed and it was decided to put the consideration of until the coming year as the work on hand would use the surplus money. The commissioners have realized for some time that the capacit you the present reservoir is too small

for the town during the season when the drain is heavy but at the present time it cannot be enlarged. is probable that next year a new and much larger reservoir will be built on the hill on the north side of the river to help supply the demand. It will be put on the same level with the old one and will hold twice as much water or more High Line Tank

One question confronts the commissioners which they have not yet settled, the supplying to those who wish to build on land higher than the present water line.

It will necessitate the construction of an extra reservoir and pump when this condition is met, for the high line reservoir could not be connected with the present system, without the lower basins draining the higher one of its water. When will be compelled to construct a reservoir on top of one of the hills put in a high pressure pump and lay lines to supply the high service district entirely separate from the old system, which is the way the question is met in towns similarly situated to this which have outgrown the range of the systems first installed. Such a system would cost not less than \$10,000.

The bond of the city treasurer. Already Made-Want Final Deciswho also handles the funds of the Water Commission, was fixed at

She Cannot Wear the Horns, Mrs. King, of Ballard, who says she knows all about the secrets of y to suffice and this is the last phase the Elks, is merely a seeker after notoriety, in the opinion of leading Elks here. She says that she placed a plank from the room of her home and listened on the window sill of the Elks' lodgeroom later saying that she was in full cog nizance of the secret work of the order and expressed the belief that she was a good Elk or should be Officers and ex-officers of the Spokane lodge had heard something about Mrs. King, but had paid fit-Japanese soldiers have also taken the attention to her and her asser-

tions of . nowledge, Nulton E. Nuzum, district deputy of Grand Exalted Ruler Fanning. said: "We have no such thing as a Rome, Feb. 3.—News from the far east today asserts that Japan is desecret work. In my imposed on the country, which was termined to present an ultimatum to King might have stood where she Russia on February 10 if no concludid until she froze before getting anything the Elks care about. The secret work is conducted in such a Tokio, Feb. 3.-An important way that she could not possibly

Wind blew for several hours