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WAR IMMINENT AND PROBABLE

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

INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT WAR HAS BEGUN.

Only a Portion of the Advice From the Far East Confirm This View, However—Beria Believes Russia is Putting Up a Big Bluff on Japan—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 Peking as follows: "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 will meet again this afternoon, when the mikado will be present.

News is received at Tokio that all Russian warships have left Port Arthur, destination unknown. Increasing Impatience. Paris, Feb. 4.—The general opinion today is that the situation in the Far East is less reassuring. All advice shows increasing impatience, which the diplomats here regard as a dangerous factor.

Cabinet Resigns. Belgrade, Feb. 4.—The members 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 Korea.

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 troops is believed to be a bluff to overawe Japan into a conciliatory attitude.

WARLIKE INDICATIONS.

Russia is Sending Troops into Korea—Emergency Has Arrived.

London, Feb. 4.—A Seoul correspondent 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 for Seoul, tomorrow. It is understood 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 long conference between Ito and the mikado this afternoon. The premier gave a dinner to 18 peers, where the subject was given semi-official discussion.

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 Manchuria and Siberia which show 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 threatened hostilities between that country and Russia, has been arrested and imprisoned at Shimoda, according to an American dispatch from Tokio. He is charged with photographing Japanese fortifications.

Colorado Troubles.

The socialistic clubs of the city are distributing 1,000 copies of the latest issue of an Appeal to Reason in which is a large article on the labor troubles in Colorado, written by a special writer who went into the mining districts under the guise of a traveling man, and wrote the things as he saw them.

Will Extend Sumpter Valley.

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 giving good satisfaction and have been installed in many business and 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 of Feed in the Northern Counties—Whole State Under Temporary Quarantine.

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—Local cattlemen have received information that the secretary of the department of agriculture is willing to lift the government quarantine on the southern counties to permit the moving of starving cattle northward to where there is abundant feed. The understanding is that this implies that the entire state would be once more quarantined temporarily.

There are no ordinances in the northern counties against admitting cattle. Therefore it is said that if the secretary of agriculture takes favorable action all that would be necessary was for the state veterinarian to satisfy the counties that all cattle would be carefully inspected before removal.

There is abundance of feed in 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. Maybrick has been granted a license under the penal servitude law, and she is at present in her home, which she will be allowed to leave towards the end of the summer.

Must Vaccinate.

Seattle, Feb. 4.—The health board at its regular monthly meeting last night instructed Health Officer Lindberg to notify all private schools to the effect that the pupils should be vaccinated. A similar order was issued to the principals of the public schools several months ago. There are more than 1,000 children in the city attending private schools.

Big Damage Award.

Seattle, Feb. 4.—Alexander Montgomery was awarded \$12,000 damages against the Northern Pacific Railway company in the federal court yesterday for injuries sustained in an accident on the Seattle & International road two years ago. Montgomery was engineer on a freight train which ran into a landslide near Lake station. Seven cars were burned and Montgomery was badly hurt.

Counterfeiting Plant.

Seattle, Feb. 4.—A quantity of rabbit metal and other material used in counterfeiting, were found in the room of Joe Catherine, in the Russell house on First Avenue 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, and it is believed that he was preparing to engage in his old occupation.

Contagion at Astoria.

Astoria, Feb. 3.—Health Officer Pilkington reports that the scarlet fever and measles contagions are rapidly dying out in Astoria. There are now but two cases of scarlet, and both patients are well on the road of recovery. There are 23 cases of measles in 12 lanes.

Senator Elected in Maryland.

Annapolis, Feb. 4.—At noon Isador Royner was formally elected senator to succeed McComas, by the solid democratic vote of 86. McComas, republican, received 36 votes.

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 Opiates.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Senator 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 New York.

A sample of blood was taken this morning for analysis, and they hope to arrive at a definite diagnosis. Up to this time Hanna's malady was 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 half a degree above normal. He slept last night only through the heavy administration of opiates.

A further consultation of physicians will be held later in the day and a full report made, so if necessary, his brothers and sisters may be summoned.

LOAD PASSENGERS GO OVER 50-FOOT GRADE.

Limbs Were Broken and an Eye 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 on the morning when Elgin and Joseph, Wallowa county, last week, arrived in La Grande from Wallowa Wednesday morning. The gentlemen are M. J. Monthelt, of Albany; W. H. Casey, San Francisco; W. J. Raymond and T. H. Miller, of Portland. Mr. Monthelt sustained several bruises on the shoulder, and it was necessary for him to have Dr. Mollitor, of Baker City, and Dr. E. B. McDaniel, of Baker City, use an X-ray this morning 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 time.

Mrs. Charles Henderson, the most seriously injured in the party, is still in a dangerous condition, and is under the care of a doctor and trained nurse at Wallowa. Her nose was broken, right eye gouged out, lip cut, and face all lacerated. She was found underneath the sleigh with tons of baggage piled upon her and had it not been for the heroic efforts of the men she would have died in a short time.

Mrs. Foster, of Wallowa, had her thigh badly mashed down to the ankle. She is getting along very well, but will be crippled for some time. The gentlemen state that the grade at this point was no less than 50 feet, and it was a narrow escape for them all. The conveyance being a sleigh, instead of wheels, is all that saved them.

PANIC ON COTTON EXCHANGE.

Bears Got Control of the Market, Which Rallied Somewhat. New York, Feb. 4.—There was a panic on the Cotton Exchange this morning, quotations dropping 70 points. Sully was present and nonchalant and market attributes to support prices, which later rallied.

Bears in Control.

Cotton went all to pieces. Just before the close it dropped 100 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 afternoon. Five hundred children answered the drill and marched out through the smoke without panic or the slightest injury.

Storm in English Channel.

London, Feb. 4.—A terrific gale that has been sweeping over the channel the past two days, continues today. The British cruiser Mercury hoisted signals of distress and tugs from Dover have gone to her assistance.

TO IMPROVE RIVER.

Congress Asked to Appropriates \$50,000 for Salmon River. Lewiston, Feb. 2.—Copies of petitions addressed to congress and asking for an appropriation of \$50,000 to improve the Salmon river, have been received by the committee on Salmon City, where the movement has been started.

Similar petitions are now being circulated in Lemhi and Idaho counties, and it is believed that a vast country by the improvement are cited in detail in the petition.

MAY "RAISE" RAILROADS.

Their Assessment Likely to Be Increased in Washington. Olympia, Wash., Feb. 3.—Members of the state board of equalization started for Spokane yesterday to meet with the county assessors who will hold their annual convention in that city, beginning Wednesday. The state board of equalization is composed of State Auditor Atkinson, State Secretary Nichols and State Land Commissioner Colvert. One of these state officials predicted that the winter has been a mild one, and that the assessment of all railroad property in the state.

The state board, while having no vote in the coming convention, is closely allied with the county assessors, for the reason the equalization of state taxes is based upon the returns made by the county assessors.

All's Well in Baker City.

The shipment of ore and concentrates from the mines this month aggregated 33 cars, and the largest month's business on record. A number of new people have settled here in the city and valley during the winter. The winter has been a mild one; stock has come through in good shape and fodder is plenty. All winter long building has been in progress, a number of handsome business blocks having been completed. The new Alder block was occupied yesterday and several business firms will enlarge their quarters in the near future. Baker City Democrat.

Cloudy weather generally in Southern California, and everything points to a fulfillment of the official forecast of showers.

Balfour Very Sick.

Manchester, Feb. 4.—A dispatch today says Balfour's illness is worse than has been made public, and that it will be weeks before he can resume his duties.

DEFENDING THE CANAL POLICY

Senator Fairbanks Opens Argument in Favor of Pending Treaty With Panama.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS LOAN TO THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Proposed to Reimburse Colombia for the Loss of Territory, Which Measure is Expected to Gain Democratic Votes for the Canal Treaty—New Governor and Vice-Governor of the Philippines Inaugurated With Great Ceremony.

Washington, Feb. 2.—In the senate today Fairbanks warmly defended the administration on the canal question.

He believed the majority of the critics had been inspired by politics, 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 Panama's perfectly natural right to secede, there being no other course in honor.

The charge that the administration was a party to the revolution has been shown by the records to be based only on vague suspicion, unsupported assertions and wild conjectures.

The senate committee on appropriations today decided to report the urgent deficiency bill, including the authorization to the St. Louis exposition to be repaid \$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 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 requesting the president to use his office to bring about peace between Colombia and Panama and pay Colombia money for the loss of territory. The democrats agree if the republicans will consent that they will then vote for the canal treaty.

New Philippine Governor.

Manila, Feb. 2.—Wright, as governor, and Ide as vice-governor, were inaugurated with imposing ceremony today. Three thousand troops were in line.

In his inaugural address Wright declared his intention of adhering to the policy of peace, justice, moderation, and urged increased friendliness with the natives, and asked the co-operation of all Americans for furthering the welfare of the islands rather than their personal gain.

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CUT-THROATS ARE CAPTURED

Queen of Gang Also in Coils of the Law. Implicated by a Letter.

WOULD MURDER MONTANA MEN.

They Consist of the Most Desperate Band of Criminals Ever Known in That State—Led By Ruby Taylor—Were to Receive \$8,000 for Two 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, and intercepted a letter written to a woman known as Ruby Taylor, disclosing a plot to murder some well known Butte man and another at Helena, for which the gang was to receive \$2,000 and \$5,000 respectively for doing the job, to be paid by some unknown party.

The police have the names of the conspirators and intended victims, but refuse to make them public until 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 Lyle. Another member of the gang, known as Lynch, was captured in Anaconda after a desperate fight. His two companions were arrested.

The police say they have evidence of the gang's character, and to show that the gang has regularly organized for the business of committing murders, for a money consideration.

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DEMOCRATS HAVE ADJOURNED.

Will Meet April 10 to Arrange for Reserved Seats.

St. Louis, Feb. 3.—The democratic national committee adjourned at noon today to meet again April 10. It decided to make no reservations for seats until the April meeting, when the newspaper men will be appointed to take charge of the matter. It has reserved the entire Jefferson hotel for convention headquarters.

WILL SERVE TEN YEARS.

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

"Could't" But Did.

Spokane, Feb. 3.—In just exactly 14 days from the day the preachers voted to close the wives through prosecuting the vice landlady the wife was won. The final surrender came last night when Eugene Aitken closed his den in the main building under his control in the tenderloin, and he also closed those in the Paris hallway, controlled by a woman through a woman. There are still seven Japanese women in what is known as "Jap alley," and these with one white woman, have been allowed to remain over night, pending the fact that as yet the minister's committee has not caused the arrest of the person collecting the rents from that side of the building.

The Colfax Horror.

Colfax, Wash., Feb. 3.—Paddy Burke, one of the trip arrested in connection with the Ida Lee outrage today entered a plea of guilty to the charge of selling liquor to minors and was fined \$50 and costs by Judge Doollittle. Burke, "ben first arrested, was charged with indecent exposure of the person of another and pleaded guilty to the charge. The punishment of which offense is a fine not exceeding \$200 or six months in the county jail. Prosecuting Attorney Hanna dismissed the charge. Burke will serve out his fine in the county jail.

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MANY PEOPLE LOSE THEIR LIVES.

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.

Brest, France, Feb. 3.—A tidal wave, last night, off the coast of Pomarch, wrecked many sailing boats. Many were drowned but the number is yet unknown. Immense damage was caused. One-third of Pomarch is under water and inhabitants 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 Governor Louw, German, to Southwest Africa, at the coast station and he has successfully ended the trouble with the rebellious Hereros. Grave fears for the safety of the party had been entertained during the past fortnight.

SENATOR HANNA MAY DIE.

Report That He Was Dead Caused Panic at White House. Washington, Feb. 3.—This afternoon a rumor which was circulated that Senator Hanna was dead, created a panic in the corridors of the capitol and at the principal hotels. It is announced at the Arlington hotel that his condition since morning is unchanged, and he is still unable to get up. Rixey is constantly by his bedside. The latter still insists there is no cause for alarm.

USED MAILS WRONGFULLY.

William Ewing is Found Guilty of Defrauding Standard Oil Company. San Francisco, Feb. 3.—William E. Ewing was found guilty today of using the mail to defraud the secretary of the Standard Oil Development Company. He was accused of diverting several thousand dollars from investors throughout the Coast region. It developed that he had very little property to back up his glowing promises.

DIFFERENCE IN AGE.

Ex-Postmaster James Marries Young English Lady. London, Feb. 3.—Former Postmaster-General Thomas James, of the United States, today married Edith daughter of Alderman Colbourne, in Shakespeare's church, St. James. The bride is 20 years old and James 72. Only relatives and close friends were present.

Ministers May Pay Full Fare.

Spokane, Feb. 3.—There is a suspicion that ministers of the gospel in Canada will not entirely approve the new railway legislation in the province, under which the commission began work yesterday. Beginning yesterday preachers have in some cases refused to pay the full fare when they travel, in violation of the usual half rates heretofore allowed. Notification to that effect has been sent out by all the Canadian roads to their ticket offices everywhere.

More Telegraph Lines.

Walla Walla, Feb. 3.—E. P. Smith superintendent of the construction department of the Western Union Telegraph company, is in the city making an inspection of the lines and system of the company in this section of the country. While here it is understood that Mr. Smith will superintend the construction of additional lines along the W. & C. R. and the Northern Pacific railroads.

High Line Tank.

One question confronting 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