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THE WEATHER. Westerly winds and very cold.

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RUSSIAN ARMY 450,000 STRONG.

Czar's Immense Fighting Force Situated Between the Shakhe River and Harbin--St. Petersburg Strike Is Over--Oyama Repulses the Russian Advances.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 14--The last visible vestige of the great St. Petersburg strike disappeared today when the employees of the Putiloff iron works returned.

Current rumors of trouble on the holiday tomorrow, on which occasion it has been reported that the revolutionaries had planned an armed uprising seem to be totally without foundation.

Unconfirmed Reports. St. Petersburg, Feb. 14--Intelligence made at the ministry of the interior shows that no confirmation has been received there of the report that a riot had occurred at Gomel.

A Warning. Tokio, Feb. 14--10 a. m.--In discussing a report that a Russian Pacific squadron on its way

TELEPHONE CO. FOR NORTHWEST. A New Concern With Half a Million Capital Seeking a Charter.

Ottawa, Feb. 14--(Special)--Mr. Currier had charge of a bill to incorporate the Northwest Telephone company.

A PLEASANT EVENT. The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pickett at Tennant's lane, King's county was the scene of a happy social event on Thursday the second instant.

NEW YORK STATE IN THE GRIP OF THE BLIZZARD. New York, Feb. 14--After a drop in temperature of 30 degrees since yesterday noon, New York was shivering today in a cold snap from the west.

The sand man says the middle of the street is plenty good enough for him. The report from Attboro, Mass., that water mains and service pipes in that town have been corroded by electrolysis, has sent an electric shock, as it were, down and also up the spine of the city council.

CITIZENS OF ST. JOHN FOR CIVIC REFORM.

Expressions of Opinion Given to the Times by Leading Tax Payers This Morning--Business Men Favor Business Management for the City's Affairs

The proposal to establish a civic reform league has awakened much interest among the citizens of this city. The Times obtained the business men this morning and the general opinion seems to be that such a league would do much good, and would tend to improve the present system of conducting business in the city.

Russians Again Repulsed. Tokio, Feb. 14--2 p. m.--Mandchuria headquarters reporting today says: "The Russians shelled and twice attacked Waitao Mountain on Sunday, Feb. 12, but were repulsed."

James F. Robertson. Mr. Robertson said the question was hardly worth answering. There has been a feeling for years that improvement is needed in this city.

Henry Tapley. Henry Tapley favors the movement to have the city council elected by the people.

William P. Court. F. W. Court favored the establishment of a civic reform league. He thought that a change in council was greatly needed, and that unless by a movement such as the reform league, no such change would be made.

A. O. Skinner. A. O. Skinner thought that the league would be all right if the system of doing business in the city was changed. At present there was too much work for a man to attend to, and too much time was wasted.

The Times New Reporter. The dear little Cupids hovering around him today have made him quite oblivious to the condition of the streets.

The chemical engine went to the fire yesterday and went back again. A large crowd of men with a derrick spent the forenoon trying to hoist out a pair of horses that had got mixed in ten feet of salt, sand and snow on Mill street.

THE KING OPENS PARLIAMENT

A Brilliant Affair Favored With Fine Weather--Nothing of Striking Importance in the Speech From the Throne--Probably the Last Session of Present House.

London, Feb. 14--The sixth session of the first parliament of his reign was opened this afternoon by King Edward with all the historic pageantry which has marked the ceremony since his accession.

W. E. Staveland. W. E. Staveland declined to express an opinion as he had not given the matter sufficient thought.

W. F. Hatheway. Mr. Hatheway said he was not in a position to express an opinion on the proposals of the Reform League as he has not sufficiently investigated the matter.

J. Gardner Taylor. J. Gardner Taylor said that while he had given the matter very little consideration, he thought a change in the method of civic government was necessary.

F. E. Williams. F. E. Williams thought the heads of the departments should have more power, and that the mayor should be the guiding hand over all.

T. H. Somerville. Thos. H. Somerville thought the present council spent too much time in discussing matters of detail which are unimportant.

IMMENSE CHICAGO HOTEL BADLY SCORCHED BY FIRE. Chicago, Feb. 14--Fire partly destroyed the Brevoort House early today causing a loss of \$100,000 to the building and hotel furnishings.

Chicago, Feb. 14--(Special)--The attorney-general has wired Deputy High Constable Lambert, who is on his way to Switzerland with a prisoner, to immediately return to Montreal, where an investigation will be held into the charges preferred against him and special constable Pratt by the matron and nurses of the Maternity Hospital.