

KNOX SEES SUCCESS

MANCHURIAN PLAN WELL RECEIVED.

Russia and Japan Will Probably Join Other Powers in Movement.

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST.

It was this consideration which prompted President Taft to address a communication directly to Prince Chun, Regent of the empire, in which he reasserted his personal interest in making use of the American capital in the development of China's welfare without entanglements or embarrassments that might affect the growth of her independent political power and the preservation of her territorial integrity.

CO-OPERATION NECESSARY.

Such a policy would naturally require for its execution the co-operation not only of China, but also of Japan and of Russia, and it is already clear that the interests of the latter two nations are in direct conflict with the interests of the United States. The advantages of such a plan are obvious. It would insure unlimited markets for the products of the American provinces and furnish a substantial reason for the early solution of the problems of fiscal and monetary reform which are now receiving such earnest attention by the Chinese government.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 6.—The Foreign Office has taken no action on the memorandum presented by the United States government relative to the neutralization of the Manchurian railroads, which has been submitted for a careful examination conjointly by the ministers of Finance and War. The ultimate attitude of Russia will depend largely upon the reception of the proposals by the other powers, and the developments in this matter will necessarily consume a great deal of time.

WICKERSHAM HEARD.

Closes Argument Against Tobacco Trust.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Attorney General Wickersham closed the last of the arguments in the United States Supreme Court in the Tobacco Trust cases to-day. He had about two hours in which to present the government's contention for the dissolution of the trust.

Chicago Society Plans a Convention at Washington.

THE DAY IN WASHINGTON

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High Officials of the Taft Administration, with the exception of the President, are becoming increasingly alarmed over the activities of the "muckraking" portion of the periodical press.

THE PEACE TRIBUNAL.

Success of Secretary Knox's Plan Expected.

MAY OUST PINCHOT

making it an official document. He said that Messrs. Price and Shaw had prepared an official report upon their actions which he was transmitting to the Secretary of Agriculture.

MR. PINCHOT'S LETTER.

BALLINGER UPHELD.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The President submitted to the Senate to-day his reply to the Flint resolution calling for the papers in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. The most important document submitted is the report and summary of the Attorney General's report on the Glavis charges.

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