

interest in Manchuria, and, should that province be annexed by the czar, a protest from Washington, from what was said to-day, is likely to go to St. Petersburg.

Information has reached Washington that the Japanese Minister in China, instructed by his government, has notified Prince Ching that the Japanese Government earnestly desires that China, in case of war between Russia and Japan, shall preserve strict neutrality in order to diminish as much as possible the distressing effects of war upon the people and the commercial interests of China and of the world by limiting the area of hostilities and the number of Powers engaged and preserving a high degree of order and tranquillity throughout the Chinese Empire.

On behalf of China, Prince Ching made answer to this communication, to the effect that the wish expressed by the Japanese Government was also the wish of China and that everything would be done to give it effect.

**JAPAN AWAITS OUTCOME.**  
Said to Have Ordered a 10,000-Ton Battleship of England.

**Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.**  
TOKYO, Jan. 14.—Japan is marking time, awaiting Russia's next move. There is less uneasiness observable. This is doubtless due to a realization that the Government is upholding the national interests. There is still some hope that it may be averted, it being believed that a majority of the Powers regard Japan's demands as moderate and reasonable and will morally support her. Patriotic Japanese have asked and received permission to contribute to the war fund.

The Emperor has notified the elder statesmen to remain in Tokio or to keep in touch with the capital and to return immediately they are telegraphed for.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—A despatch to the Telegraph from Tokio says that Japan has placed a contract in England for a 10,000-ton battleship.

Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese Minister here, said this evening that he had received the text of Japan's reply to Russia. It was in no sense an ultimatum and was not accompanied by a time limit. Its tone was pacific, but perfectly firm. Japan's chief claims were unchanged.

The main points of the reply are a repetition of the original conditions regarding the position of Manchuria and Korea, and insistence upon China's sovereignty in Manchuria. The latter is one of the chief points, perhaps the chief one.

The Minister added that it was impossible to say when a change in the situation might be expected. It all depended upon the Russian reply. Viscount Hayashi said that he had not heard the Paris report that the matter would be referred to The Hague tribunal.

Such a proposition had never been made to Japan, and he did not know how Tokio was likely to receive it.

PARIS, Jan. 14.—The *Matin* today says that France is disposed to join Great Britain in exercising in the Russian-Japanese dispute the friendly intervention which The Hague congress demonstrated good offices, by addressing Japan first. A reporter of the *Matin* was told at the Japanese Legation that if these good offices were tendered that they would be sympathetically received at Tokio.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 14.—It is stated that at the New Year reception at the Winter Palace to-day, the czar said: "I desire and intend to do all in my power to maintain peace in the Far East."

Department a few days ago that the Korean Government was likely to agree to the terms of the Wiju. The Korean army, according to other despatches from Mr. Allen, was on the verge of mutiny, and the people were riotous with the thought of the relief that it was giving away the country to foreigners. Some rioting has already taken place, but not at Seoul, where, however, the situation has been threatening for several weeks.

Why the feeling of the natives should be directed chiefly against Americans, the Government is unable clearly to understand, as both England and Japan are pressing Korea to open a port on the Yalu. Several valuable concessions have been granted to Americans by the Korean Government. The Seoul trolley road is owned by an American syndicate, organized in Cleveland, Ohio, and valuable mines in the interior are controlled by Americans. J. Sloan Fassett of Elmira, N. Y., being one of those largely interested.

**WU TING-FANG PROMOTED.**  
Capt. Allen, U. S. A., to Accompany Russian Army in Event of War.

**Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.**  
PEKIN, Jan. 14.—Wu Ting-fang, formerly Chinese Minister to the United States, who after his return to China was appointed to a subordinate post in the Board of Foreign Affairs, has now been appointed a vice-president of the second rank of that board.

With the exception of Lien Fang, who had a few years' experience at the legation in Paris, Wu Ting-fang will be the only officer or member of the board who has served abroad or who has any comprehension or practical experience of his duties. He is greatly pleased with his appointment, and regards it as a step to a higher post.

Capt. Henry Allen of the United States Army has arrived here. He will accompany the Russians as the American representative in the event of war. He has been attached to the American legation at St. Petersburg, speaks Russian and has a wide acquaintance among the Russian officials here. It would occasion no surprise if the Japanese reply to the Russian note proved to be an ultimatum, or if Japan began a naval fight before all the Russian ships can reach Port Arthur. The Japanese legation displays anxiety to have the new Japanese cruisers *Nishin* and *Kaasaga* get through the Suez Canal before a crisis is reached.

The Pekin view of Russia's recent reply to the Japanese proposal is that it deals with Korea as though that country were Russian territory which Russia has the right to dispose of as she pleases.

**CALL RICH MAN'S SON SWINDLER.**  
Forty Staten Island Men Accuse Him of Uttering Worthless Checks.

Ralph Westbrook, a popular young man of West New Brighton, Staten Island, son of John Westbrook, a wealthy broker and president of the Richmond County Savings Bank, was arrested and arraigned before Magistrate John Croak at New Brighton to-day on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. He pleaded not guilty and was held in \$500 bail for examination on Monday afternoon.

Walter Bros., grocers of West Brighton, are the complainants. They said they cashed a worthless check for Westbrook for \$14. The check was signed Littleton. A number of similar checks learned that they were in circulation for a week. When the persons who held such checks learned that Westbrook had been arrested they flocked to the Magistrate's court to make complaint. About forty appeared. The Magistrate, however, only entertained one complaint. Westbrook's father appeared in court later and intimated that he would make good any checks that his son had cashed.

**PROF. L. E. SMITH A SUICIDE.**  
Shot Himself in a West Virginia Hotel Because of a Newspaper Article.

HUNTINGDON, W. Va., Jan. 14.—Prof. Lyman Elliott Smith committed suicide at the Glenwood Inn in Kenova last night. He first severed his right temporal artery with the blade of a penknife and after waiting several minutes sent a bullet through his brain.

Smith's home is not known here. He had letters addressed to him in many parts of the world. He returned to America last week after a trip through France, Germany and Italy.

**LABOR ATTACK ON ROOSEVELT**

**PRESIDENT NOT A GOOD UNION MAN, SAYS BEN HANFORD.**

Address at the Mass Meeting to Protest Against the Deportation of John Turner—The Coal Strike, the Miller Case and Mather Jones's March.

Cooper Union was crowded last night by the mass meeting called to protest against deporting John Turner. But most of the speakers merely used Turner as a hook upon which to hang addresses upon socialism, trade-unionism and anarchy.

Benjamin Hanford, the Socialist Labor leader, and the last speaker of the evening, switched from these subjects to a bitter attack upon President Roosevelt, accusing him of treason as a trade-unionist to the cause of labor.

President Oberwager of the Central Federation of Labor presided, had this to say of the law under which Turner may be deported:

But who can tell but that this law may be applied to-morrow to men who believe in government but who think that workingmen have a right to refuse to work when conditions become intolerable? Who can tell but that this law may be applied to any one who may be considered a leader of the common people? The immigration laws must be so amended as not to interfere with a person's political opinion. For the time may not be distant when the religious belief or disability can become a source of a great deal of trouble.

"Organized labor," said Herman Robinson, "believes that this law is too elastic. The occasion may arise when it will be stretched altogether too far. We are opposed to violence of any kind, whether from anarchy or trade unionism."

"But just now trades unions are the scapegoat for any kind of violence that may arise. We read that bribes are taken by labor leaders, that they have been railroaded to Sing Sing. But during the same period thirty-five lawyers and a number of preachers were sent to the same place."

There was found in this city in the past year an association of labor leaders, and here to-day for the purpose of organizing for the campaign of 1904. James P. Goodrich was elected chairman; George A. Cunningham, vice-chairman; Fred Sims, secretary, and Harry W. Bennett, treasurer. No date was fixed for the State convention.

The committee, as constituted and re-organized, is under the control of the friends of Senator Hanna, and there was no effort to conceal the fact. The sentiment was pronounced, however, that the committee would work as earnestly for President Roosevelt, if he is nominated, as if they had been selected because of their fealty to him. Some of the members said that the sentiments of the individual members of the committee would have no significance whatever except in case Senator Hanna became a candidate, and that there now seemed to be no probability of that.

They deny that the selection of Goodrich for chairman was brought about by his fealty to the President, though they admitted that he had been pronounced in his advocacy of Hanna and that the committee would be for the Ohio man if he were a candidate.

The President's friends express themselves as satisfied with the organization of the committee, but say that they would have made a protest against it had there been the least probability of Hanna being nominated.

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**HANNA MEN IN CONTROL**

Indiana Republican Committee Organized by the Senator's Friends.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 14.—The newly elected Indiana State central committee met here to-day for the purpose of organizing for the campaign of 1904. James P. Goodrich was elected chairman; George A. Cunningham, vice-chairman; Fred Sims, secretary, and Harry W. Bennett, treasurer. No date was fixed for the State convention.

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**SINDBADS OF THE 21ST.**

Bound to Shake Off Old Man Gruber From His Strange Hold.

The Republican organization of the Twenty-first Assembly district, which is opposed to the leadership of Col. Abe Gruber, met last night at the Republican Club in West Ninety-ninth street and discussed plans to bring about his defeat at the primaries in March. Speeches were made by Hector M. Hitchings, Philip Block and others, in which Gruber was denounced and blamed for the decreased Republican vote in the district at the last election. Mr. Hitchings, among other things, said:

Judge Bennett, who is my personal friend, was defeated because of the disastrous leadership of Gruber. He is a man who should advocate the establishment of a court and then, because his candidate is defeated, he goes to the other side of the street and attacks the court on the ground that it is unnecessary. The Citizens' Union in this district has gone to a degree that I hope you can understand. I am a Republican, but I would suggest a leader commanding proper respect, they would all be Republicans.

**OFFERED TO FINE THE COP.**

**BUT IMPRISONED "CLUBMAN" REFUSED TO COMPLAIN.**

Crane Attempts to Limit the Police Activity in Their Gambling Crusade—Brooks Warns Schmittberger's Men—The De Lacy Poolrooms Are Closed.

Borough Inspector Brooks summoned to Police Headquarters yesterday all the plain clothes policemen in the precincts of the First Inspection district and told them that poolrooms and gambling houses were to be closed and kept closed. He said that if these places were allowed to keep open the policemen would find themselves in trouble.

The First district is commanded by Inspector Max Schmittberger and includes all precincts in the East Side from the Battery to Fourteenth street. Brooks will talk to the sleuths of other precincts before the week is over.

The De Lacy poolrooms around town were closed up yesterday, according to those who ought to know, and all sorts of stories as to the reasons were advanced. Poolroom men said that the closing was only temporary and was because of the order just issued by the telegraph company which supplies the rooms with new cards each week. The telegraph people want \$25 a day for each poolroom supplied, directly or indirectly. This will mean extra expense for the syndicate room-run by the police.

The telegraph people are going to inspect the poolrooms if they can get in. One phase of the McAdoo crusade came up before Magistrate Crane in the Jefferson Market police court yesterday. The Magistrate announced that he would accept a charge of disorderly conduct against, and would impose a fine of \$10 on, a policeman who attempted to follow a member into a poolroom that he went to eighth street, which is under surveillance by the police as a poolroom.

Five policemen watched the premises near the entrance and warned every one not to enter as the place was a poolroom. Policeman John Manning attempted to follow Aaron Brown into the house, and Brown threatened to sue him for entering. Manning arrested the man and took him before Magistrate Crane. When the Magistrate heard the circumstances he refused to accept any complaint against Brown.

Half an hour later Policeman Dennis Sullivan arrested Daniel Quigley under similar circumstances. "You have no right in there, officer," said the Magistrate. "Officers must do their warning from the sidewalk and cannot enter a poolroom. Let the policeman's charge of disorderly conduct against the officer and I'll fine him \$10."

Quigley refused to make the complaint. He was discharged, and the policeman. Precinct detectives from the Mercer street police station had a hard time yesterday in attempting to obtain evidence against persons suspected of conducting poolrooms. They went to four places, 65 West Broadway, 18 Dey street, 86 Cortlandt street and 19 Cortlandt street, and had trouble at all of them. Two men were arrested at each doorway of each house for barring the way to the detectives. This made eight prisoners in all. They were discharged by Magistrate Brennan in the Tombs.

There was no evidence that they had committed offenses. Among the prisoners was a little man with red hair and a bulldog face, who was identified by Ed McFadden, the prizefighter. He was taken into custody in front of 89 Cortlandt street for encouraging another man to keep the detectives out.

**BERGH SOCIETY PROSPERS.**

While Charitable Societies Suffer From Stringency—How, Too.

At the annual meeting of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals yesterday, President John P. Haines said that although nearly every charitable association in the city is facing a large deficit, owing to the reaction from the moderate and unwise speculation of the past year, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has not only succeeded in paying every dollar of the year's expenses, but has, besides, wiped out the mortgage with which the headquarters building was encumbered.

Mr. Haines said that the society was beginning to fulfil the expectations of its founder, Mr. Bergh, and was becoming national instead of local in its scope. There are 233 such societies in this country now. Among other things Mr. Haines said: "There is seldom a session of Congress that we are not obliged to defeat some mercenary scheme, especially proposed for the liberal filling of the capacious and vacuous pockets of some other of adventures."

Last year the society prevented long distance horse-race races in the West, cooking mains in the South and a cat tournament in Stamford—a competition in which the killing of Mr. Haines said that the society could "well afford to disregard the malicious vituperation with which its interference was resented."

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**TO WED THE STAGE MANAGER.**

Then Near Admiral Worden's Niece Will Retire From Theatricals.

The engagement is announced of Edgar J. Mcgregor, stage manager for Gordon Hall, and Florence Worden, niece of E. H. Sothern's company. Mr. Mcgregor is a son of John Edgar Mcgregor of Dongan Hill, S. I. Miss Worden is a niece of the late Rear Admiral Worden, U. S. N. She went on the stage in musical comedy seasons ago, but after her marriage is to retire.

**JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.**

Justice Blachoff has granted an absolute divorce to Jessie G. Respross from Heard Respross.

**Laughed and Joked, Then Killed Himself.**

Charles Kinger, an express driver, 21 years old, who boarded with the family of Frederick Moessel, at 105 Suydam street, Williamsburg, was in a jolly frame of mind at the breakfast table yesterday morning when Kinger arose from the table he said he never felt better in his life. He went to a bathroom on the second floor and shot himself with a revolver. Death was instantaneous. The Moessel family could give no motive for Kinger's act.

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