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HARD PROBLEM BEFORE RUSSIA

Talk of Issuing Statement Recognizing Sovereignty of China

Shows China's Strength of Position

St. Petersburg, April 4—The Russian government is considering the issuance of a statement formally recognizing China's sovereignity in Mancuria insofar as is consistent with the purely administrative rights of Russia in the railroad zone. This is thought to be the best way out of the Harbin difficulty, which has been brought to an issue by the refusal of Fred D. Fisher, the United States consultated as the demented son of one of the chief of police officials of Madrid.

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Akorotovitz, who was in charge of the Asiatic department of the Foreign Office, regarding the situation at Harbin. The exchange of views was wholly informal. There have been no important developments, but it is learned that Russia objects less to Consul Fisher's official attitude than to the views expressed by him in private conversation on the Russian procedure.

London, April 4.—There was much alarm here last night over a report that the famous Harrow school at Harrow-On-The-Hill, 10 miles northwest of London was on fire. The house in which the fire broke out accommodated forty boys. All the students, however, were assembled in the speech room for a lecture when the fire broke out and no one was injured.

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DISCIPLINE FOR FINNS

Russian Government's Reasons for Dissolution of Diet-People Are Quiet

Helsingfors, April 4.—It is announced that the dissolution of the diet will take place on April 8. General Langhoff will continue as secretary of state.

The senate possibly will continue until shortly before the convocation of the new diet. The announcement of the dissolution of the diet has been Amendments

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Insane Youth Caused Scare

an administration of this territory.

Russian diplomacy is anxious at all azards to give the impression that the corganization of the administration of Harbin and Challar involves no further encroachments upon the integrity Manchuria, and there is reason to elieve that Russia would be willing a statement acceptable to the integration of a statement acceptable to the integration of a statement acceptable to the integration of the suspension at the coal mines pending an agreement.

Scattle, April 4.—Henry Harrison has had removed from the innermost recesses of his system eleven blades, five lath nails, six small screws, three tacks and sundry other bits of hardware incidentally. When Harrison summoned the surgeon he thought he was suffering from appendicitis. Harrison makes his living on the Vaude-ville circuits swallowing glass, knife-blades, horseshoe nails and other articles. He is 38 years old and has been following his vocation for twenty years.

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THE DEBATE IN COMMITTEE

Opposed by Business

Washington, April 4.—The proposed amendments to the Sherman anti-trust bill, as framed by the National Civic Federation, and introduced in

would permit Russia to institute the necessary reforms in the administration of the railroad.

The reforms are a prerogative of Russia under the treaty of 1896.

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BRITAIN'S PREMIER

Sir Henry Has Prospect of Recovery, But Will Soon Retire From Office

London, April 4.—The prospects for the recovery of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman seem brighter now than a week ago. Convalescence, however, under the best of circumstances will be very slow. The prime minister has now intimated to his colleagues his desire, to be relieved of office and a public announcement of his resignation may be expected any day. It is understood that communications on the subject are now passing between London and Biarritz, where King Edward is staying.

According to well-informed gossip some difficulty was perienced in

portfolios owing to the rival claims of John Morley, secretary of state for India; David Lloyd George, president of the board of trade; and Reginald McKenna, president of the board of

The following bulletin was issued today in regard to the health of Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman: "The prime minister had a quiet day yesterday and passed a restful night."

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NEW YORK SOCIALISTS

Orderly Meeting Held to Consider the Treatment of Unemployed— Police Present in Force

New York, April 4.—Without semblance of disorder, and under the surveillance of scores of police and detectives, fifteen hundred persons took
part in a meeting of the Socialist
party in Grand Central palace today.
The purpose of the gathering was to
discuss the attitude of the authorities
in permitting them to hold a public
meeting in Union Square last Saturday, and to let it be known that the
Socialists were not in sympathy with
the act of bomb throwing.

The police had warned the speakers
against violence, and the speeches
were mild.

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Robert Hunter, the Socialist, who had been announced as one of the speakers, did not appear. Resolutions were passed denouncing the city officials for failing to give work to the unemployed and for withholding permission for the meeting in Union Square.

Arbitration Treaties.

Washington, April 4.—Arbitration treaties between Great Britain and the United States and Norway and the United States were signed at the state department today. The conventions follow the lines of previous arbitration treaties negotiated recently.

Fought With Mexican Policem Douglas, Ariz., April 4.—John Kidder, a member of the Arizona Rangers, is wounded and dying in the Mexican jail across the border from Naco, Ariz., and three Mexican police-men of that town are wounded, but not seriously injured, as the result of a fight today. Kidder had trouble with a Mexicon woman, and when the officers came in response to her call, Kidder fired upon them.

ILLINOIS TO VOTE ON SALOON QUESTION

Eighty-Four Counties to Pronounce Opinion at Polls on Tuesday

Chicago, April 4.—Today saw the formal but not the actual closing of one of the most spectacular and vigorous of campaigns waged in this state since the Civil war. The sole issue has been the licensed saloon and many the sole of the civil war. cause expansion of business, but be treated the public continues to hold off, and cheaper money only brought out further new issues. The huge German loan announced on Thursday was the chief cause of the weakness in first class securities, it being anticipated that these would be sold by continue the scurities, of the new issues, thus causing a gold movement toward Berlin.

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TAKE ON NEW LIFE

New York, April 4.—The directors of the Great Northern Railway Company declared a quarterly dividend of 1 3-4 per cent, on its stock. This is unchanged from the past previous

Toronto, April 4.—Confectionery manufacturers of Ontario have decided to form a branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. It was also decided to raise the price of candies half a cent per pound, in view of the high price of sugar.

ROYAL MARRIAGE

Many Notables to Attend Wedding of Prince Wilhelm and Grand Duchess Marie

FIFTIETH YEAR

Administrator Signifies Royal Pleasure as to Various Measures

CO-OPERATIVE BILL'S FATE

mall Fees Enacted for Val able Fishing Leases in Northwest

Ottawa, April 4.—Sir Chas. Fitz-patrick, administrator, has assented to the bills respecting the Bank of Winnipeg, amending the gold and silver marking act, amending the companies act, amending the irrigation act, the Bank of Vancouver, the Trans-Canada railway, the French treaty, amending the supreme court act, the government railway act, and bills granting to his Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial years ending respectively March, 1908, and March. spectively March, 1908, and March,

The third reading has been given the bills of Mr. Macpherson, of Van-couver, respecting the Pacific Coast Fire Insurance company, and the Western Alberta Railway company. Western Alberta Railway company.

His Excellency has been advised by the Admiralty of a change in the regulations for the entry of naval cadets. "Hereafter parents or guardians will be required to undertake on entry of a cadet that in the event of his withdrawal or being withdrawn from college or from the navy before being confirmed as a sub-licutenant, they will pay to the admiralty £25 per term passed by him at the Royal Navy colleges, Osborne and Dartmouth from the date of his entry to the date of withdrawal. This undertaking does not apply to cadets withdrawn at the request of the Admiralty."

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Sir Wilfrid Laurier has informed a deputation representing the Retail Merchants' association that their opposition to Mr. Monk's co-operation bill came very late. The government took up the bill in view of the unanimous report of the committee and it went through the House without opposition. In fact, it was a love feast. The government would not force the bill until both sides had been given an opportunity to express their opinions.

Committed For Trial

Toronto, April 4.—Douglas Findlay has been committed for trial on the charge of misappropriation of \$2,700 from his employers, McDonald and Mabee, cattle dealers, of this city.

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Calgary Council Liberal
Calgary, April 4.—Calgary has decided to make an annual grant of \$1,500-to the board of trade, and \$500 to the Hundred Thousand Club. Several of the city officials have received handsome increases to salaries.

Montreal, April 4.—A London cable says: The wedding took place today, in the presence of 3 large number of the British aristocracy and others prominent socially and politically in London, of Lady Ruby Elliott, second daughter of Earl Minto, viceroy of India, and former governor-general of Canada, and Rowland Thomas Baring, Viscount Errington, eldest son of trade

Rock Travelled Far

Kenora, April 4.—A peculiar accident occurred yesterday at McDougall's camp, on the G. T. P. north of Dryden. Blasting operations were in progress near the lake, when a piece of rock struck through a tent a quarter of a mile away, injuring two men, one quite seriously.

Seeding on the Prairles

Winnipeg, April 4.—Reports received this morning from the west show that seeding has already commenced in Alberta. Both Lethbridge and Calgary report seeding in progress. The acreage is largely increased, and the outlook is good. In Manitoba and Saskatchewan the ground is in splendid shape, and the farmers are pleased at the outlook, and will start operations next week.

Consolidated Gas Wins Out