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JAPAN'S GOURSE IN MANCHURIA

Reports Sent From America That President Roosevelt Will Protest

as a consequence of official representa-tions that have reached Washington concerning the violation by Japan of the open door understanding in Man-churia, President Roosevelt intends despatch a note of protest to the owers, accompanied by a request hat they join with the United States reminding Japan of her engage-

M. Lanzanne adds that this note will be sent as soon as the American fleet arrives at San Francisco, provided that Japan does not change her atti-

Doubted in London.

London, Feb. '21.—Considerable interest has been aroused in official and commercial circles by the report sent over here by the American companients of certain London part the United States is about the United States is about the propersy with th

with the powers with a view of pro-testing against the policy adopted by Japan in Manchuria, it being contended that Japan's course has given her own merchants advantages over other traders in that part of China. Nothing is known here officially regarding this proposed protest, and the Foreign Office doubts the reliability of the reports. Some complaints have been received from Englishmen trading in Manchuria, and in some isolated cases

NOW BREAKS LAW

Former Chief of Rolice of Saratoga Charged With Securing Money By Fraudulent Process

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Harold MacGill, accused of uttering a fictitious cheque, after a preliminary examination before Police Judge Weller was identified by the police as a former chief of police of Saratoga, N. Y., having filled that position from '88 to '98. He nearly collapsed in court when his former position was reviewed.

FOREIGN OFFICE DOUBTS

MacGill is said to have advertised in a paper about a week ago for a refined woman to accompany his "wife" and infant son on an eastern tour.

Mrs. Margaret Page answered the advertisement. He advised her, it is said, that she must be equipped with an elaborate wardrobe, and accompanied her to a drygoods store where he bought her a great deal of wearing apparel and is alleged to have paid for it with a cheque. After the purchases had been made, MacGill, it is said, borrowed \$100 from Mrs. Page, saying that he could get no more ready money until the banks opened on the following day. After receiving the \$100 in cash MacGill is said to have countermanded the order for the countermanded the order for the countermanded on the highest authority that as a consequence of official representa-

Naples, Feb. 22.—Admiral Eberhardt and the other officers of the Russian squadron now in this harbor, were informed this morning that Lleut. Gen. Stoessel had been condemned to die in St. Petersburg for the surrender of Port Arthur fortress to the Japanese. Admiral Eberhardt declined to express any opinion on the sentence, but the midshipmen and the sentence, but the midshipmen and the younger officers did not conceal their belief that General Stoessel had been made a scapegoat for the deplorable system which was responsible for the defeat of Russia in the last war.

FIND WEAPONS

Petersburg Police Stumble on Headquarters of the Organization

FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

Several Participants in Former Crimes Among Those Arrested

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22.-An official and frustrated two days ago by the police, the object of which was the assassination of the Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholaievitch, second cousin

The details correspond to those already given in these dispatches. The announcement ascribes the attempt directly to the social revolutionary party, whose terrorist organization was reorganized last May, after having been allowed to lapse since the congress held in Finland during the soring of 1907. spring of 1907.

At the time of reorganization the sum of \$40,000 n.orthly was assigned for espionage and the explosion of bombs. The group to which the execution of these latest crimes was entrusted is officially designated as the "Mobile fighting detachment of the Northern district."

The social revolutionary party four months ago made an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Minister Shtcheglowitoff on the occasion of the Hearst's Independence League
Launches New National
Party

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Steps for the formation of a new national party were taken at a conference of the Independence of action followed a short speech by Wil
Shtcheglowitoff on the occasion of the funeral of General Maximoffsky, director of prisons of the ministry of the interior, who was killed in this city by Mile. Ragosianikof, and it is responsible also for the assassination of Lieut. Gen. Vladimir Pavloff in January, 1907, Major-Gen. Von Der Launitz on January 3, and M. Guidema, governor of the political prison on Basil Island, on January 30 of the same year. The murderer of M. Guidema, for whom the police have been searching since the crime, is among those arrested the day before.

VICTORIA, B. C., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1908

Honolulu, Feb. 22.—Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to the United States, arrived here today with a large retinue on the Pacific mail liner Sibenia, en route to Washington. He was given a military reception by the territorial and federal officers, and exchanged calls with Governor Frer.

A delegation of Chinese called on Minister Wu, and urged the hardships of exclusion and the nee din Hawaii of Chinese as reasons for modification of the present exclusion laws. Mr. Wu, expressed the hope that some modifications can be secured, promised to make the effort, and asked the co-

to make the effort, and asked the co-operation of the local Chinese in the matter.

The Chinese section is gaily decorated in his honor.

U. S. Torpedo Factory.

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Newport, R. I., Feb. 22.—A naval torpedo factory authorized by act of congress of March 2, 1907, is now practically complete at the naval torpedo station here, and by contract repedo station of honor at the Ellicott club's thirteenth anniversary celebration of honor at the Ellicott club's thirteenth anniversary celebra

CONTROL OF THE HALL MINES CHANGES HANDS

Debenture Holders take Charge of Property—Likely to Improve Mine Prospects

Chinese in Hawaii Ask Him to Get Modification of the Exclusion Law

Says Country Has Failed to Follow Advice of First President

IS UNPREPARED FOR WAR

Hopes Improvement of Army May Follow Strengthening of Navy

the civil war from lack of preparation, show that, in this respect at least, we have not followed the advice of the first president. We are, however, making our ravy more and more respectable each year, and I am very hopeful that congress will take the steps which will make our army proper nucleus for the rapid enlargement of a force for national defense, commensurate with the population of the country and with the extent of our jurisdiction. We have not completed coast defenses in Hawaii, in the coast defenses in Hawaii, in the Philippines or at the Isthmian canal.

MISSOURI DESPERADOES Plan to Rob Express Train and Wreck Freight Instead—Near Scene of James Robbery

Sedalia, Mo., Feb. 22.—An attempt to de-rail an eastbound fast passenger train on the Missouri Pacific, evident-

train on the Missouri Pacific, evidently for the purpose of robbery, was made at Otterville, 20 miles east of here, at midnight last night, a rail having been removed. The bad place in the track was struck by an extra freight train from St. Louis. The freight was wrecked, the engineer, fireman and brakemen being seriously injured. The train the wreckers evidently The train the wreekers evidently sought to catch left Kansas City at 3-10 last night for St. Louis. It was supposed to carry considerable money. Wreekers had removed a rail on Otterville Hill, a mile and a half east of Otterville, and built a fire between the tracks to bring the passenger train to a stop. The freight crew did not notice the fire until too late to stop, and the engine and several cars were determined to the stop of the commission of the commi

the engine and several cars were derailed and badly damaged. The injured men were brought to a hospital at Sedalia. There is no ciue to the would-be robbers.

Almost at the exact spot where last night's attempt was made to rob the train on the top of Otterville Hill, the famous James and Younger gang of robbers on the night of July 8, 1886, held up a Missouri Pacific train and secured \$17,000. As some of the gang covered the passengers with their guns, others fired voiley after volley of shots through the train, to intimidate the passengers and crew. Jesse James swung aboard the express car, while the Younger's held the engineer date the passengers and crew Jesse of James swung aboard the express car, in while the Younger's held the engineer and fireman submissive.

Death and Havoc Caused in

TORNADO SWEEPS

Assurance Sent to Tokio That Interests Will Be Protected

INCREASED IMMIGRATION

The terrified express messenger unlocked his strong box and gave up the province could have at once passed another act, and the situation of the \$17,000. No one was injured. The past few days would have been repeated. A cable message has been sent to the Japanese government, acquainting it with the facts of the case, and giving assurance that if the courts did not promptly declars the courts did not promptly declare the act ultra vires, it would be disallowed here. In any case the interests of the Japanese would be adequately protected by the

PORTION OF BRITAIN

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The lightship at Grimsby was sunk, but the crew was rescued by a trawler. A schooner foundered off Sheerness, and the skipper was drowned. Many were injured at Birmingham.

Leading Lines of Railways Promise There Will Be
No Reduction

C. P. R. Appointments
Winnipeg, Feb. 22.—At the office of the second vice-president of the C. P. R. last evening circulars were issued appointing G. J. Bury general manager of C. P. R. western lines, and F. W. Peters, assistant to the second vice-president, with headquarters at Winnipeg. These promotions are effective March 1 next.

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