### SEEKING SHARE OF CHINA'S BUSINESS

#### Association Tries to Further Interests of Americans.

#### OPPORTUNITIES ARE WIDE.

Attempts to Impress State Department at Washington With the Necsssity For Instant Action In Order That Americans May Share Profits-Other Nations Have Acted.

Peking, China.-The Americans of North China have formed a society under the style of the American Association of North China to foster the interests of American commerce.

They want a commercial attache to be assigned to duties of investigation throughout China following the practice of other nations, which keep a lively propaganda campaign afoot on behalf of their nationals and they are appealing to the American state department to appoint such an official

Foremost among those who recognize the need for activity is the new minis ter, Paul Reinsch. Dr. Reinsch brings to his office a keen perception of the tremendous possibilities which await intelligent effort in this field and a desire to see the American flag holding its own if not topping the bunting of other antions

Careful investigations have shown siy working. him that Americans have great opportunities for a market which is not only valuable but which it is also necessary to cultivate now in order to have it developed when the opening of the Panama canal will cause the westward drift of trade to become more and more pronounced.

The association, if it develops along the lines the founders have in view. will be a prod for the government. It will vigilantly protect American inter



ests, advise the administration upon conditions and suggest action best calculated to keep American commerce moving with an upward tendency rather than stagnating or slipping backward.

The first desire, therefore, is for the appointment of a commercial attache, whose duty it will be to report constantly upon commercial conditions, journey to various centers and make compilations which will be of material benefit to those engaged or who wish to engage in operations in this part of

The consuls at many ports already contribute valuable aid in this direction through their commercial reports, but a consul is restricted in his sphere. The commercial attache would bave more of a roving commission, and his information could be first hands Other nations have such officials constantly on the lookout for new avenues.

As a matter of fact, this proposal is not new. It was being investigated by the previous administration and the probability is that a commercial attache would have been at work in China had there been no change. That It is a desirable one is obvious

China is the largest market in the world that is in process of development. Italiway communication is being pushed ahead vigorously. Within the past year the government signed agreements with foreign financiers for the construction of more mileage than has been allotted in the past thirty-

eight years. Every other nation is striving energetically to lay foundations for commercial development, while America, the logical supplier, is idle. Americans in China appreciate this to the full, and the formation of the North China association is their answer to the question as to what they are doing to try to make the home land understand that there is a magnificent market awaiting exploitation, but which will not be permitted to await much longer. Other nations are wide awake and are socoring the plume as fast as they can gather them.

She Wine Hoircut and Shave. Ortley, B. D - At a recent farmers' Institute here business non offered prises for various exhibits. The village burther offered a delier bettle of shampus liquid for the less exhibit of popours and a share and helicus for the second last. Mrs. L. French was the second prize.

#### REALLY A BROADSIDE.

Tests on New Ship Shook Teeth In Mouths of Her Crew.

Boston.-With rubber pads between teeth and cotton stuffed into their ears to ease the jar, the crew of the new Argentine Dreadnought Rivadavia stood on tiptoe while twelve twelvefired in one broadside from the port side of the giant fighter.

Just to show that she could do it and still float-that was the condition of PHIL PEARSON, Secretary. her acceptance by the Argentine government.

The Rivadavia survived the test and the builders said that every requirement was fulfilled. The Dreadnought was somewhat shaken and some glass was broken, in spite of special copper shutters, but the structure stood firm and another test salvo was fired for good measure.

The Rivadavia is called the beaviest ordnance warship affont. She will carry 1,300 men and cost \$11,000,000.

#### SAY HE ATE THE CHECK.

Accused Man Is Nevertheless Bound

Over to Grand Jury. Portland, Ore.-Although he ate the documentary evidence against him while on the witness stand in full view of court attaches and spectators, according to officials, Samuel Matheson, Seattle contractor, was bound over to the grand jury by Municipal Judge Stevenson on a charge of passing a L. I. WHEELER, Secretary. bad check for \$35.

Matheson, while testifying in his own behalf, asked to be allowed to examine the check, retaining it while being questioned. He was noticed holding his handkerchief to his mouth, and court attaches said his jaws were busi-

Later, when the prosecution called for the check, the prisoner declared he did not have it. A search failed to reyeal the slip.

### PAST IS FORGOTTEN BY EXILED QUEEN

#### Natalie of Servia Presents Country With Mementos.

Berlin.-Ex-Queen Natalie of Servia has decided to forgive and forget her tragic history in the country where her unhappy married life was passed and where her son, King Alexander, and his spouse were assassinated. She has turned over 27,000 acres to the Beigrade university, a valuable collection of arms made by King Milan and King



NATALIE, EX-QUEEN OF SERVIA.

Alexander to the National museum and the libraries of her husband and her son to the Academy of Science at the Servian capital.

Natalle became the wife of King Milan of Servia in 1875 at the age of sixteen. Her son, the ill fated Alexander, was born a year later, but by that time she and her husband were scarcely on speaking terms owing to his dissolute life. They separated in 1886 and Natalie went to Wiesbaden with her son. Two years later Milan succeeded in getting possession of Alexander and induced the metropoli tan to grant him a divorce. This divorce was later declared illegal.

Milan abdicated in 1880 in favor of Prince Alexander. Queen Natalie, who thereupon returned to Servin, was foreed to go into exile in 1801, but in 1894 both she and her husband returned in triumph to Belgrade and they were apparently reconciled. Their triumph, however, was short lived. The hand of Russia was seen in Servian politics under the sway of Alexander, who drove his father into exile, and Queen Natalle again left the country, never to return. The tragic death of Alexander and Queen Draga followed in 1902 and Peter Karageorgevitch was called to the throne, the Obrenovitch dynasty being extinct. Milan had died in Vienna Plumbing and Steam Flittin

Child's Prayer Answered. Saginaw. Mich - Dear Lord, tell mamma we are in the trunk, and tell her to come quick." Mary Hart, eight years old, made this prayer when she and her brother, Leon, and six years, found themselves trapped in a trank into which they ted climbed. Their mother, Mrs. Michael Hert, falt impulled to look in the frunk in an anused upstairs feeleasen. Noth children

were abconscious, but were swived.

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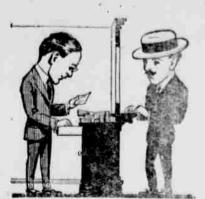
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