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The Trade Treaties With China. If Russia keeps her promise to respect the commercial treaties made by other countries with China regarding Manchuria the United States can have little more than an academic interest in the situation in the far east. The observance of the "open door" principle is all that America asks of the rulers of NORTHWEST! Manchuria, whether they be Russian, Chinese or Japanese, and this seems to be guaranteed by the treaty with China just ratified in Washington, backed up by Russia's assurance that she will put no obstacle in the way of its fulfillment. But, while official utterances from St. Petersburg are reassuring, the Russian newspapers persist in looking upon the United States as more or less of an open enemy, and M. Plancon, Admiral Alexeieff's diplomatic agent at Port Arthur, has said unofficially that the action of the United States in negotiating a commercial treaty with China at this time is "unfriendly and undiplomatic."

The president has appointed consuls for Mukden, Antung and Dalny, the chief trade cities of Manchuria, opened by the new treaty, and when they reach their new posts Russia will have to show her hand. The United States has not been officially informed that Manchuria is no longer a portion of the Chinese empire, and the exequaturs of the new consuls will come from Peking. If Russia opposes their entrance into Manchuria she will have formally to lare that she has annexed the provto justify that annexation. ights of the United States

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