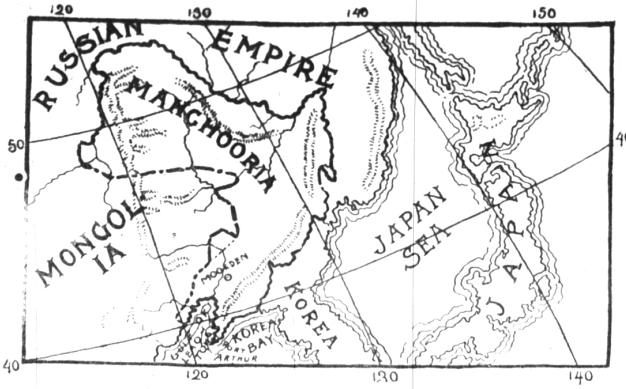
ABOUT MANCHOORIA.



MAP SHOWING THE RICH ASIATIC PRIZE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN SEIZED BY RUSSIA.

"Nearly one fourth of our exports to pay expenses. For these reasons Russia was the first to agree to our request that, no matter what the future political control of any part of China our treaty rights should remain unimpaired. It was evidently to Russia's interest that commerce with the United States should be encouraged. In the face of these facts how can Russia justify the seizing of the Manchoorian frontier?

"Manchooria is a vast country, and we believe that Russia has no right to annex Manchooria. A vast area of the public lands is there, and we do not believe that Russia therefore is making that concerns only herself in the seizure of Manchooria. Russia has declared the Czar's government has taken positive assurances that the occupation of Manchoo-ria made necessary to protect railway and other Russian interests during the Boxer outbreak, is temporary and solely for this purpose of restoring order, and fully carried out. London reports that Russia has notified the Chinese court to consent to the permanent alienation of Manchooria is evident upon the slightest consideration of the facts.

"Russia's interests in Eastern Asia demand that commerce with and through Manchooria be stimulated by every possible means. Supplies of every kind are needed for the development of Siberia. Traffic from the east as well as from the west is needed to make the Siberian railway

TALMAGE'S SERMON.

PRINTER'S INK THE SUBJECT LAST SUNDAY.

Good Influence of Newspapers and Books —The Public Conscience Is Easily Awakened — Letter-Writing a Good Habit for the Young.

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Washington, March 17. In a new way and from a peculiar text Dr. Talmage discourses of good influences brought to bear for the world's improvement. The text is Ezekiel ix., 2: "And one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side."

The poem from which my text is taken is epic, lyric, dramatic, weird and overpowering. It is more than Homeric or Dantean. No one ever had such divine dreams as Ezekiel. In a vision this prophet had seen awful angels destroying idolaters, each with a sword, but in my text he sees a merciful angel with an inkhorn. The receptacle for the ink in olden time was made out of horn, or sometimes of a ram or a reedstick, or now it is made out of metal or glass, and therefore was called the inkhorn. As now we say inkstand. We have all spoken of the power of the sword, of the power of wealth, of power of office, of the power of an influential family, but I speak of the power of the inkstand. It is upon your table holding a black or blue or red liquid. It is a fountain in miniature. A reed was a pen—or a steel pen. You may have a gold pen, or it is the pen that has in it the iridium. No matter. What is the influence of a dry goods? Except rags and cotton and paper and it is very little. It expends itself upon the floor. It is not worth the cost of the ink that is in it. But the inkstand!