

the Russian Post-office, and transmitted to Kiachta, taking from 11 to 14 days; thence by courier to Kasan, and sent by telegraph thence to London; but as soon as the telegraph line, which this year will be completed to Omsk, shall reach Irkutsk (some time in 1862), European telegrams to or from Pekin will be transmitted in 14 days.

Thus the universally important Siberian line will be a *fait accompli*, more particularly if it is carried through America.

The Russo-American telegraph line will be constructed as follows :—

A line as far as Omsk, *viâ* the Ural Mountains, will unite Europe with Asia this year, and the following year it will be extended to Irkutsk, so that in 1863 all the Russian ports will be connected through the sea of Japan, Nikolaevske, and the Amoor; and telegraphic communication from the Baltic to the Pacific will be finished in the year 1864.

At the same time, *i. e.*, during the year 1862, the North Americans will construct a line as far as San Francisco, through the scarcely penetrable deserts, wilds and mountainous districts inhabited by the Red Indians.

Thus, in the year 1862-1863, there will be two well-constructed telegraph lines, with two conducting wires on the two opposite shores of the Pacific; the one leading to the shores of the Baltic will bring the telegraphic news from New York, Boston, Canada, Philadelphia, New Orleans, and from all the Northern States of the New World; and the other from Castries and Wladivostok to Europe will be connected with London, Paris, Lisbon, Rome, Algiers, Naples, Constantinople, and all the principal cities of the Old World.