

far as Denver, Colorado, which is about 2000 miles, and \$76.20 to go to San Francisco. A comparison with the Russian rates will give an idea how much more cheaply it is possible to carry people :

Distance.	American Rates.	Russian Rates.		
		3rd Class.	4th Class.	Immigrants' Rate.
2000 miles	39.60 dollars	9 dollars	4.20 dollars	1 dollar
3230 "	76.20 "	12.50 "	6 "	1.60 dollars

Of course the cost of working is more in America than in Russia, and the trains are twice as fast ; but that is not enough to set off against the enormous differences in fares. A great profit is made out of the railway business, and the profit is at the expense of America as a whole. It is absurd to compare the prices of fares in America with the prices of fares in Great Britain. It is bad enough with us, but ours is a small territory ; it does not cost much to go from end to end. But America is a vast country. It costs almost a year's wages to pay the fare of a family across it. You think twice before determining to travel even a thousand miles. The consequence is that the circulation of people is sluggish in the extreme. The East begins to get congested, and the cities are packed with people who would gladly have gone straight to the West if facilities had been granted them.