# THE CZAR OF RUSSIA

The Emperor Nicholas II has already reigned for nearly ten years and ruled for fully eight; yet the concrete man, his individual character and the order of motives to which it is sensible are nearly all as legendary as those of Numa Pompilius. Clouds of journalistic myths, mainly of German origin, enwrap his figure, hiding it from the vulgar gaze as thoroughly as though he were the Dalai Lama; and the fanciful portrait which we are asked to accept is as abstract and as colorless as that of our legendary Russian princes. Beyond the precincts of the palace his person is transfigured, his most trivial deeds are glorified, and his least disinterested motives are twisted and pulled into line with the fundamental principles of ethics. The result is a caricature closely bordering on the grotesque. Nikolai Alexandrovitch is depicted as a prince of peace, a Slav Messiah sent for the salvation, not of his own people only, but of all the world. The most precious porcelain of human clay was lavished in the making of this unique ruler, who stands upon a much higher level thau that of the common run of mortals or of kings, in virtue, not only of the dread responsibilities laid upon him by the Most High, but by reason of his own passionate love of humanity and his selfless devotion to the true and the good. In short, he is an "Uebermensch" whose innate goodness of heart exceeds even his irresponsible power.

But no newspaper hero is a prophet in his own country for long; and Nicholas

The most remarkable article ever printed about Emperor Nicholas II of Russia appeared in the Quarterly Review for July, 1904. This article is from the pen of a Russian official of high rank. The following extracts will give an altogether different idea to that popularly entertained of His Majesty.

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#### Meeting Provincial Mining Association

Session of the Executive Open In Victoria Tomorrow Morning.

Business Slated For Discuss-

### How Captain Voss and His Tilikum Advertise Victoria

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They make him feel that what he thinks is correct, what he says is true, what he does is right. This Hobbesian view of his position has been carefully engrafted upon his mind by the two theorists of autocracy, M. Pobedonosts seff and Prince Meshtshersky.

The Czar, then, is what inherited tenderies and the doctrines of Pobedonosts of autocracy; what he doctrine of the two theorists of autocracy; such the conviction of their pupil. He is the one seeme in the empire; they are his organs. Hence they strive to please him, to carry out his behests, to anticipate his wishes, to suggest plans in harmony with his fixed ideas or passing moods. Necessarily, also, they color and distort facts, events and consequences; for, while he can appreciate effects, his faculty of discerning their relations to carry with phantoms, fighting with windmills, conversing with saints or consulting the spirits of the dead. But of the means at hand for helping his people or letting them help themselves he does not avail himself.

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"The cannerymen and fishermen on the Columbia river in the states of Oregor and Washington have reached a closing agreement which is to be crystallized into law. Why do not the Puget Sound and British Columbia interests get together? The British Columbia gevernment has enacted a law providing for a closed season of 36 hours each week during the sockeye seasons during the years 1905 and 1907, and for the complete seasons in the years 1906 and 1908. This season extends from July 1 until August 25 of each year.

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ernment will be revoked if the Washington legislature does not place a similar law on the statute books. The British Columbian government will not only prevent the taking of salmon during the years 1906 and 1908, but will also run her hatcheries to their fullest capacity. The ways of nature and the means of man will, therefore, unite for the perpetuity of the salmon industry."

Washington's Bill

PROCULATIONS OF THE PROPERTY O

When Captain J. C. Voss, at one time proprietor of the Queen's hotel, started from Victoria on May 21, 1901, to sail around the world in a three-ton Indian canoe, rigged as a yacht, few Victorians realized the wealth of advertisement he would bring to the city. The London Morning Advertiser tells of his lectures on his exploit, under the caption of "Round the World in a Canoe," as follows:

would float in any sea provided it was properly handled. However, he had an additional security in his patent sea anchor, which would prevent almost any vessel from sinking. His boat was hewn out of a cedar tree about forty-three years ago, and he put three small mass in her, carrying thirty-eight square yards of canvas. One day they sailed 177 miles.

They took arms and ammunition for

The extraordinary voyage of Captain J. C. Voss, a mariner of British Columbia, in an Indian cance dug out or a single tree, was told in interesting fashion at the Townhall, West Hampstead, last night, by the explorer himself. Hitherto the record small-boat voyage



THE "TILIKUM" AT MARGATE, ENGLAND. She Sailed from Victoria with Captain Voss and N. K. Luxton on board on May 21, 1901.

round the universe was held by an American vessel, the Spree, of 13½ tons, but Captain Voss easily lowered that distinction by doing the same distance in his little Tilikum (Indian for friend), a sailing boat of only 2½ tons. The time occupied was no less than three years and a half.

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Spawns in Fraser.

"In British Columbia an identical situation prevails. Cannerymen and fishermen there, as here, realize that effectual work must be done, which can only be accomplished by co-operation of the two governments, for the reason that the sockeye, the principal food fish of commerce, is a Fraser river fish. This fish home and spawning ground is the Fraser.

"Many millions of salmon are hatched yearly by the state of Washington, but the sockeye species are not among the number.

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The Bill Proposing Eig Day In Smelter Defeated.

Government Measures to Public Schools Br Down.

Record of Talk And In Local Assem Yesterday.

Wednesday, HE House assembled a and after prayers by Adams, the following der of business. The petitions from the Propers' Associations of Victoria

couver, asking amendments cipal Clauses Act, and from gowan, for leave to introduce bill to incorporate the Vancou Stave River and Lillooet Lak Reports.

Mr. Ross presented the third the private bills committee in the standing orders in conne the undermentioned petitions complied with:

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An Act to Incorporate the Valley Railway Co.; an Act a the Royal Trust Co. to carry of in British Columbia; an Act porate the Golden Light, Powe ter Co., Limited; an Act to Queen Charlotte Islands Rail pany Act, 1901; an Act resp Kootenay, Cariboo and Pacifi Co., and that as regards Petiti an Act respecting the Brunette Introduction of Bill

Hon. Mr. Fulton introduce amend and consolidate th Schools Act, which was slated

Schools Act, which was slated reading on Monday next.

The bill for licensing comme elers passed second reading, derson, upon whose motion thereof was adjourned on a day, agreeing to defer his critithe bill reached its committed by the bill to amend the Judg and the bill to amend the Distriction. The bill respecting assign preferences by susolvent persits committee stage.

Eight Hour Bill. Mr. Hawthornthwaite move ond reading of the bill proveight hour day for smelters, that this measure reflected to the employees, reading in nection a resolution passe Greenwood Miners' Union, at Socialist members to move the a resolution endorsing the meased by Nelson Trades and Lauren and the said he untied denial to a rube said he was in league tain foreign interests. The this matter he was in league tain foreign interests. The the smelters labored under v conditions, amid fumes of a imical to health. The occup unhealthy. At present the long, some of the men work hours a day. This meant thists were exacting from the four hours a day in addition the property to get the state of the st

that corporate in by lessening the number of the legislature.

Mr. McInnes said his refenot applied to corporate intebut to all interests, working

Mr. Hawthornthwaite wer

gue that if the legislature we there would be no other redr workingmen than an appeal strike" or other methods disas to themselves and to the co regard to the ethical side of tion he said that a recent had determined that the work Great Britain were rapidly d owing to improper food and As to the present bill, Mr. Ja muir had threatened to close if it passed, but he was not a had so informed the board. Ladysmith in a dispatch to t zation, and as a consequence tion from that place had con the withdrawal of the meas the speaker had refused to as he did not propose to be bulled. Mr. McBride remarked that assent of members to such might be considered to have in pronouncements made up measures in the past, yet to be reason for a declination tas the present bill proposed to the smelters of the country of the count the natural conditions under ter employees were surrour neither pleasant nor perhaps Still he was not prepared to idea that the health and limen were so endangered from as to make it at all imperations as to make the sure taken by the smelter of the province to give adequate to the lives of their men, and thing was done to make their ings as comfortable as possible there was the suggestion in sure of disturbance to the middle transfer of the sure of disturbance to the middle transfer in the sure of the disturbance to the middle transfer in the sure of the disturbance to the middle transfer in the sure of the disturbance to the middle the adoption of the sure that the sure was inop its introduction. There was introduction. There was the natural conditions und

of the bill, the time was inop its introduction. There was son to believe that smelter on the other side of the line be slow to seize the advant handicap upon local enterpret trade from their doors.

Mr. J. A. Macdonald said the counsel for one of the la industries he was diffidenting in the discussion of the bill. Still he could not let the pass without an expression of the still in the could not let the pass without an expression of the lates of the late pass without an expression of ments. He agreed that two was too long for a day's thought opportunity should the men and the operators to matter themselves without le terference. He understood the while the men were on hours, part of this time was and rooms where they migh

and rooms where they might smoke in the interim were in the smelter people. So the bethat the conditions of the ment were not so inhuman marks of the member for Nar suggest. Whether this was the did not think the legislative representations at the present time.