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Returned Traveller Says Great Britain Is Really Stronger Than Russia.

Is the Trans-Siberian Railway a Failure? The Road Is Badly Built.

It is popularly thought that the completion of the Trans-Siberian railway will so enable Russia to pour troops into the Far East that the balance of power on the Pacific Coast will be completely altered.

Mr. A. J. Barry, who has recently returned from China, via Siberia, thinks differently. Mr. Barry bases his views mainly on engineering grounds, and on engineering matters he speaks with authority, for he is a member of the great | methods employed in obtaining slave carfirm of which Sir John Wolfe Barry is goes. A Boston ship, commanded by one the head. In conversation with a repre- Captain Smith, went to Maderia with sentative of the London Daily Mail, Mr. salt fish and staves. Sailing thence, with Barry said:

"The main ideas that governed the the coast of Guinea," for slaves. She minds of the Russian engineers in con- found some London slave vessels already structing the Trans-Baikal section of the there, with their captains very much dis-Siberian railway have been "cheapness gusted because trade was dull. There and rapidity. To get the line built with were very few slaves for sale, that is, the utmost speed and for the lowest cost and to liven matters a little, the Yankees they have sacrificed everything. The and the Londoners united, and "on presingle line of rails starting from Lake tence of some quarrel with the natives Baikal eastward is so badly laid that it landed a 'murderer'-the expressive can accommodate neither fast nor heavy traffic. It is a series of sharp curves and steep gradients. A rise of 1 in 60 is frequent; and even if the line were a good one, the steep gradients and sharp curves would prevent anything like a fast service of good trains. While the line remains in good order, its carrying capacity is strictly limited. But it will not long remain in good working order. It will want continual repairing, and I would not sleep very sound at nights if I were the traffic manager responsible for the safety of the trains. Will Not Take Heavy Traffic.

"The line has been laid with fortyeight-pound rails, and that alone prevents heavy traffic running over it. In India we have tried as low as seventfive-pound rails, but found even them too light; and they are quickly being replaced by heavier. The Russian authorities will find that the whole of their fortyeight-pound rails must go.

"If you have light rails, the one thing you must do is to have very long and strong sleepers. On the Trans-Baikal railway it was impossible to import sleepers, on account of cost, and the timber growing along the line of route had. to be used. This is short, scrubby, and makes green, sappy sleepers, the very worst kind.

"When your lines are light and your sleepers are bad, have a thoroughly well ballasted road. But this railway is not ballasted at all. In short, you have three requirements for a good trackheavy rails, good sleepers and well ballasted road. On the Trans-Baikal railway not one of these requirements is

"But this is not all. The demand for has led to cutting everything -Vigilant, Seattle The slope of these hills is the angle made by nature toward the bed of the river. In Total altering this no attempt has been made to adjust the slope to the new cutting. Date. Vessel. That would often mean tremendous work, going far up the hill. But the slope will naturally adjust itself by filling up the cuttings with falling rocks, and thus continually stopping the line. "My view is, though I know I am less hopeful than many, that it will occupy four and a half years to complete the line and will cost at least twenty millions more to put it in a first-class condition. As for the Manchurian line, that is infinitely worse. Much of it has to be constructed in a zig-zag. And Russia has to settle Manchuria before it can reckon on doing anything there. Russia has yet to find that in Manchuria it has bitten off more than it can chew. Where is the Strategic Advantage? But after the Trans-Baikal line is that it has gained great strategic advantages in consequence? It is impossible, I believe, to carry more than 2,000 men a day over the line. There are not Date. Vessel. enough transport steamers on Lake Baikal to do more, and there is not enough rolling stock on the other side of the lake to convey them on. Remember, it is a single line only, and there is no return line of rails on which the empty carriages can easily and uninterruptedly come back. "When the army is conveyed to the for ten square miles. At present food to do this means friendship with England, which still has command of the seas, and with Japan. If England and Japan were hostile the only way to feed Date. Vessel. the Russian army would be by the rail-

Indian soldiers in Wei Hai Wei, to the Inside of great benefit of their health, and the enormous increase of our prestige throughout the Far East. China would prefer to work with us rather than with Russia, if we would only take a firm stand. But we allow Russia to bluff us, time after time. The Russians know the truth about the comparative strength of our two nations. They know that What Preceded the Surrender to their one hope is to bluff, and they have bluffed with magnificient success. From that point of view, I do not blame them

Mr. Barry does not recommend a trip now. "It is not the fault of the railway," he says. "It is not finished yet, and it is overrun with passengers." But many are his resolutions that the Siberian railways shall not see him again for some time, if he can possibly avoid it. For there is little fun in being cooped up

for some weeks in overcrowded carriages among a cosmopolitan crowd, and in train whose boasted luxury and comfort are mainly imaginary.

HOW SLAVERS GOT CARGOES.

The story of the first American voyage to Africa, of which we have a definite record, tells us somewhat of the the proceeds of her sale, she "touched on

name of a small cannon-attacked a negro village on a Sunday, killed many of the inhabitants, and made a few prisoners, two of whom fell to the share of the Boston ship." That was in 1645-just twenty-six years after the "Dutchman" landed the slaves in Virginia, as recorded by John

Rolfe, the first American squaw man. False pretence, outrage, and the slaughter of innocents characterized the first recorded gathering of slaves in which an American ship had part. They "killed many of the inhabitants," and got two slaves for their share of the plunder.

That Captain Smith's act was not according to the ordinary usages of the trade may be inferred from what happened when he returned to Boston. A taking all the money and the gold told in court, and although it was not ers then in town to reinforce those a criminal trial, one of the magistrates around Irene.

'charged the master with a threefold offence, murder, man stealing, and Sabbath breaking." The captain escaped punishment on these charges, on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction over crimes committed in Africa (a decision that was typical of what was to come) but the two slaves were returned home .- From "The Slave-trade in America," by John R. Spears, in Scribner's.

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS. Following are the foreign coal shipments for the month ending 31st August, 1900: New Vancouver Coal Co.'s Shipping.

Destination. Tons. Date. Vessel. Liable to "Wash-Outs." 1-Titania, San Francisco 5,847 4-Robt. Adamson, San Francisco. . 4,435 to the finest possible point. For in- 7-Mineola, Port Los Angeles 3,424 8 inches wide a banked road at least 16 13-Wanderer, Port Townsend feet wide at the top. In Siberia, for a 16-Titania, San Francisco 5,842 22 five-foot line, they cut the banked road 16-Ruth, Seattle these banks will be washed down, and 22-Vigilant. Seattle 12 in taking the line through hills, a sharp 28-Titania, San Francisco 5.816 cutting has been made along the slope. 31-Mineola, San Francisco 3,400 .41.070 Ladysmith Shipments. Destination. 'Tons 1-Sp. Hecla, St. Michaels 2,398 1-Str. Cottage City, Ketchikan ... 90 1-S.S. Bristol, San Francisco 2,200 3-S.S. Dirigo, Port Townsend 1 226 6-S.S. Siam, San Francisco 4,200 -Barge Gilley, No. 1. Blain 128 170 7-Barge Ajax, Seattle 9-Barge Colorado, Juneau 1,725 13-S.S. Warfield, San Francisco 4,336 -S.S. Al-Ki, Comox 24-S.S. City of Pueblo, Seattle 27-Str. Dirigo, Port Townsend 180 -Str. Wanderer, Vancouver finished, what then? Will Russia find 30-Sp. Fort George, Honolulu 3,000 defend it. Union Colliery Shipping. Destination. Tons 9-S.S. Cutch, Skagway 9-S.S. Bertha, Seattle 15-Barge Shirley, Port Townsend... 408 him up and recover the gold. 15-S.S. Pioneer, Port Townsend 60 15-S.S. Estella, Chilcoot Pacific Coast Russia's difficulties have 15-S.S. New England, Alaska only begun. The great problem of main- 29-S.S. Excelsior, Seattle 199 the shells were seen to burst on the hills tenance has to be faced. The provisions, 29-S.S. Farallon, Seattle 100 near the forts to the west of the town, for this army cannot be had from Siberia 29-S.S. Valencia, Cape Nome 800 while later in the afternoon Sunnysiders itself, for Siberia produces barely 29-S.S. Bristol, San Francisco 2,600 were scared by shells breaking in the enough for its own population, although 29-S.S. Al-Ki, Ketchikan 220 vicinity of their houses and of the Delathat population averages only about one 29-Sp. Glory of the Seas, 'Frisco .. 3,400 goa Bay railway line near Leith's house. can be had from Japan and by sea. But 29-S.S. Wellington, San Francisco .. 2,550 Pretoria as fast as they could. About Total 18.070 Chemainus Lumber. Destination. Tons

Pretoria Lord Roberts--A Reign of Lawlessness.

to Act as They Thought Best.

The Pretoria Friend of July 9th, prints left the town, and that he and Mr. Zeethe following, evidently an official ac- derberg, as head of the civil authority, count of the surrender of the city, from the inside point of view:

Seeing that arguments have already occurred, as to what share the different ing to carry a letter under a flag of corps had in being the "first to enter truce, the mayor asked him to write such a letter immediately, as a bombard-Pretoria," we think the following statement of what happened may be of inter-

To make matters clearer, we will go back for a week, when we find that the Transvaal government had appointed the burgermeester, or mayor, Mr. Potgieter, and Chief Justice Gregorowski, as a committee to surrender Pretoria "as soon certain whether Lord Roberts was so near the town. as a sufficiently large British force ap-

proached near enough to the town to endanger its safety, and if the military authorities should not decide to defend

more intense in Pretoria daily, while

ment gained credence.

concerning a strong Boer defence of Jo- the delegates should first take the letter experts told us last October would be hannesburg and the Rand, culminating to the artfillery camp, see this officer, in a notice in the Standard and Diggers' ascertain where Lord Roberts was, at News, that as there would likely be the same time asking him to await Lord it may be of profitable interest to the fighting around Johannesburg the in- Roberts's orders re hoisting the British casual reader to reflect that it is one of habitants are advised to leave in good flag. Excitement and anxiety became time.

A Private's Venture.

Dr. Knobel, Mr. Kreijienbroek, the rumors of a defence, siege and bombardhon, secretary of the Red Cross, and It was known that part of the British Mr. J. A. Denyssen, then drove to the troops had occupied Elandsfontein, and artillery camp and found a young prihad even advanced towards Kaal and vate, D. G. Campbell, of the N. S. Wales

toria to be bombarded.

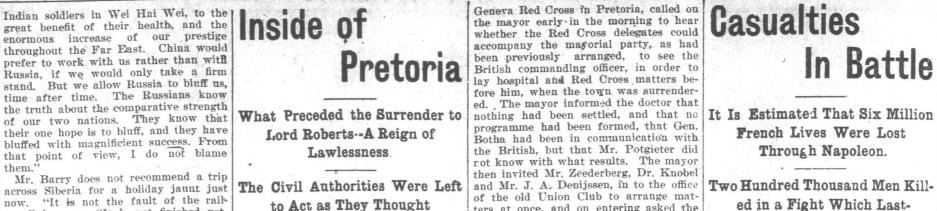
On Tuesday, 29th May, President Kru-

A Reign of Terror.

the town a small "reign of terror" set in, irresponsible crowds of burghers, and, what were more feared, members of the Irish corps, foreign volunteers and merber of troops coming to take possession cenaries began prowling about Pretoria streets, having retreated from their positions, in the south and west of the town used to say; forcible commandeering, tation with the letter, and then returned general-Marlborough; or the resourcealias looting, began, the large govern-

ment stores being looted on the 31st. A

On the 2nd and 3rd June streams of On the 2nd and 3rd June streams of putation, received the letter from Dr. In every of Waterloo to put in burghers and auxiliaries were passing Knobel, and after reading it to Lord. Considering what he has achieved back and forwards, through Pretoria, Roberts, returned with a verbal answer, the set-off in prisoners of war whom we are in many instances allowed to mould to the finest possible point. For in-stance, we allow for a line of rails 4 feet 10-San Mateo, San Francisco 4,416 mostly in the direction of Hatherley and Wonderboompoort, and horses were seiz-to the direction of Hatherley and have captured, Roberts's record works and decay in damp vaults for want of Wonderboompoort, and horses were seiz- Lord Roberts himself approached and reed and purloined from carriages, cabs, stables, etc., to help in their retreat, until surrender, that he would bring as few that which Napoleon set down as a just Forum. many of the inhabitants threatened to troops into Pretoria as possible, that the one. That great authority has placed his shoot anyone trying to take the horses. major should retain the special police of opinion on record that "ceteris paribus, The shops and stores were closed since the town, and the warders of the lunatic the general who returned to his country the line will, in time, give way. Again, 22-San Mateo, San Francisco 4,394 the 31st, and many were guarded inside and leper asylums outside of Pretoria, with less than twenty per cent. of the by armed employees, as wholesale looting their posts, and that he would enter Pre- troops he set out with was deserving of toria formally at 2 p.m. After further a strict court-martial." The "ceteris of private places was hourly expected. conversation Lord Roberts decided that paribus" is evidently a concession to the The constant surging of armed burghers in the streets, etc., was the more Colonel Chamberlain should accompany disasters of confusing and alarming to the inhabitthe delegates, and see Mr. Potgieter at ants because General Botha had declaronce, re telegraph and other matters, When Napoleon crossed the Neva ed his decision to fight around Pretoria, whereupon they returned to town ac-companied by Colonel Chamberlain and Murat Schwartzenberg, and he himself and it was known that he and Generals Meyer and Erasmus were out for that staff, and at the high bridge of the purpose. Pietersburg line, north of the artillery camp, were met by Mr. Potgieter, Rail-A Botha Order. way Commissioner Smit, Mr. Wierda, in that disastrous campaign at the stag-On 2nd June General Botha issued a Mr. Mansveld and several others, who gering figure of 293,100 men. As he said proclamation, that he had taken over had been stopped there by a sentry. Pretoria into his charge formally, under martial law, and he appointed Landdrost The Occupation. dence, but I could not rule the elements; 15-S.S. Victoria, San Francisco 3,020 Schutte, Commandant Zeederberg and Colonel Chamberlain and the mayor could not command the sun." The 20-S.S. Czarina, Oakland 1,135 Mr. Sandberg as a committee to mainthen proceeded to the government build-ings and had a conference. 20-S.S. Wellington, San Francisco . . 2,281 replaced the one chosen by the inhabit-By 2 p.m. the Church square had been 47 ants, making confusion more confoundcleared and lined by troops, and at 2.30 the men who were killed at the passage nuts with their hands. As soon as her 586 ed. Meantime Johannesburg had been 24-S.S. Warfield, San Francisco 4,329 quietly surrendered, and many in Prep.m. Lord Roberts and staff rode into of Berezina. the square amid cheers and waving of It is of absorbing interest, though cer- nearest town or village, which she per-24-Str. Selkirk, Anacortes 175 toria hoped and expected that the same handkerchiefs by the crowd around the tainly a melancholy study, this one of ambulates, crying her water chestnuts process would occur here, notwithstandsquare and by ladies and gentlemen, in- the official returns of the lives lost in the These esculents are much appreciated 54 ing the general's expressed intention to cluding many of the released officers, who crowded the balconies of the Grand charming and at the same time a most pared for food by removing the rind and On 3rd June, Mr. Smuts, the state athotel, and, after taking up his position reliable historian, calculates the numbers boiling the bulb. torney, who had apparently been waitbetween the Dutch church and governing here for the purpose (luckily for him, of French lives lost through the Emperment buildings he had a small Union unknown to the public) seized upon all Jack hoisted on the flagstaff of the gov-9-S.S. Wellington, San Francisco . . 1,400 the recently minted money and cleared ernment building, followed by three 75 with it towards Midelburg, where the 407 government were then said to be, and cheers for the Queen, and the rendering of God Save the Queen; succeeded by a 9-S.S. Farallon, Skagway 171 producing such indignation among the 9-S.S. Selkirk, Fairhaven 170 officials and others, that several people march past of the troops, which lasted 15-S.S. Hero, Dutch Harbor 5,400 spoke of raising a commando to follow till 4.30 p.m., when Lord Roberts and staff retired. On Monday, 4th June, the inhabit-Thus ended the memorable day for 6 ants could hear that fighting was going Pretoria and set at rest the uncer-81 on near Pretoria, and by early afternoon tainty, anxiety and excitement which not exaggerated. had been existing for more than a At Austerlitz in 1805-his crowning week. FALL EXHIBITIONS. Austrians lost 35,000. List of Shows to Be Held Throughout the 29-S.S. Sea Lion, Port Townsend .. 21 while burghers were clearing off through Province-All Dates Not Learned. sunset an officer with a white flag was The following is a list of the agricultural seen in Pretoria, and was supposed to have gone to the mayor's, but was later and industrial exhibitions to be held known to have gone to General Botha's throughout the province during the fall: house. Communications followed during Vancouver Island. Meas. the night between the two commanders 1-Sp. Emilie, West Hartlepool 2.823 NanaimoSept. 20 and 21 of the world-the battle of Eylan-cost in-chief, we believe by means of Mr. 9-Bk. Elwell, Capetown 2,292 Comox Sept. 26 the Russians 43,000 men, while Napoleon Sandberg, but the result was apparently not considered satisfactory by General Botha, for he retired from Pretoria to 15-Sch. L. D. Foster, Melbourne ... 1,932 CowichanSept. 28 and 29 | 425,000 men engaged, 200,000 lay dead Hatherley early on Tuesday morning. 5th. His personal intervention has prac-Mainland. tically thrown the mayor overboard in Mission CitySept. 20 the overtures for the surender of Pre-Salmon ArmSept. 20 and 21 toria, and on Tuesday morning Mr. Pot-Destination. Tons. KelownaSept. 21 and 22 gieter and Mr. Zeederberg, as the only Okanagan-Spallumcheen.Sept. 25, 26, and 27 remaining member of General Botha's ius of war, cost the Empire 150,000 men. Langley Sept. 26 Napoleon himself states that in his aged. committee of peace and order, found Surrey Sept. 26 themselves left alone to face the music, and do whatever they thought best. Before the Surrender. Ashcroft (Inland)Oct. 2, 3, 4 and 5 This, of course, excludes minor engage- and two Italian members of the expedi Dr. Knobel, representing an appoint-



ters at once, and on entering asked the two latter gentlemen to ride out on their bicycles immediately and inform Lord Roberts that the military authorities had

surrendered Pretoria into Lord Roberts's charge. Upon a disinclination being expressed to carry such an important mess- fever-ravages, during the present war, of far-sighted and practical states age verbally, and on Dr. Knobel consentdown at the staggering figure of 20,000 of all ranks. Over 2,000 officers have in one way or

another paid their final debt to patriotism ment might begin at any moment. The letter being written was signed by "I'. and nature. Among these men there J. Potgieter, burgermaster, and P. F. were several who had reached general Zeederberg, member of commission of rank, many men of title, several heirs peace and order," and it was directed to to illustrious English names, and newlythe "Officer Commanding the British recruited subalterns by the score. Troops, near Pretoria," as it was not The figures are, however, not sufficient

To, "Stagger Humanity,"

Through Napoleon.

ed Four Days.

While Dr. Knobel was writing the as the Pretorian Dictator told the world letter, Major Erasmus sent a message on the outbreak of hostilities, when we try. Therefore, for a clear approfrom the artillery camp "that an English take into consideration the vastness of of the existing evils we must cast officer was there to raise the Union Jack our army in South Africa, and the dura- public weal. After a series of During this week rumors were rife over the camp." The mayor decided that tion of the campaign which pseudo-warover in six weeks.

And in regard to these two facts also, the largest armies which any country in trived an equilibrium. "And yet we are

the world-ancient or modern-has ever put in the field, and, by quite two score thousands, the most extensive army that

has ever been sent across the seas-7,000 miles from its political base. The military array which approaches Zuurfontein stations, while Gen. French's Mounted Rifles, who had come by him- the Imperial army in an extent anything troops were near Schoeman's Rust, and self, and without any special orders like comparative, was the army which it was positively stated that the Boer from any officer, to hoist the Union Jack Consular Rome sent to Africa under the generals had decided to oppose these on the camp; they informed him of their leadership of the Wellington of the Anforces, so the public daily expected Pre- orders, and he told them that Lord cient World-Scipio Africanus, who over-

Roberts was at Quagga's Poort. Just threw his illustrious opponent, Hannithen one of Loch's Horse rode up, Percy bal, on the plains of Zama in the year ger drove out to Hatherley to join a train Shepherd, and asked if he could enter the 202 B.C., Tacitus, Sallust and Livy put there, and the government left Pretoria, town, and on being told that the dele- the numbers of this army at about 125,gates were on their way to Lord Rob- 000 men, and those of the Carthaginian quarrel with the ship's owners over the they could lay hands on, and on 31st erts he accompanied them first to the at about 85,000. Scipio's army, in the proceeds of the voyage resulted in a Generals Meyer and Erasmus went out Pietersburg railway station, where matter of mercenaries-German, Spanish lawsuit. The story of the voyage was to Irene station with some of the burgh- they found some soldiers and later and Swiss-was as "sorry a mixture" is

an officer, in possession of the station, that of Wellington in the Netherlands, and part of the line. This officer explain- and the number of its Romans did not Fortimato, the deputy, estimates the ed to them that Lord Roberts's headquart- amount to more than 70,000. The Imers camp was not in Quaggaspoort, but perial army of South Africa, on the oth- 800 millions are devoured by the interes After the government retreated from in the poort to the west of the Brick- er hand, is entirely British, Anglo-Saxon on the public debt in its various forms, fields, on the Johannesburg road (i.e. and Imperial to the core. Lord Roberts including pensions. Deduct another 100 past the Volks hospital) they next drove has supreme command of up the dusty poort, meeting a large num-

The Greatest Army

of the Pretoria railway station. Shep- that Britain has ever put together, and herd rode on ahead to find Lord Roberts. he has been entrusted with a task which to inform him of the surrender of Pre- would have taxed the intellectual and "vol van moed," as the Volksstem toria, and of the approach of the depu- military genius of our greatest British and led them past Winterboer's house fulness of the defender of the lines of among the brickfields), to where Lord Torres Vedras, admittedly the exploit committee of inhabitants was formed Roberts and staff were having an 8 which proved incontestably Wellesley's for keeping peace and order, and they o'clock breakfast near the main road. genius as a military commander; a decalled on all nationalities to aid in keep- Colonei Chamberlain, Lord Roberts's fence which would hever have required private secretary, came to meet the de-the victory of Waterloo to put a seal

the Corsican. The figures alone show us that those were, indeed, days when In Battle the price of war more than staggered hunanity.-London Herald. SOME ITALIAN PROBLEMS The recent warnings of Prof. Villari

in the Nuova Antologia have directed attention to the real causes of the growing unrest and discontent manifest to all who interest themselves, even from afar, in the affairs of the Italian Kingdom.

not difficult, however, to believe in Cor

reard's statement that millions of Fi

lives were sacrificed to the ambitio

Prof. Villari, who is a senator of the Kingdom of Italy, is neither a pessionist The latest returns as officially given nor an alarmist; nor would any of his

by the war office put the sum total of our countrymen presume to style him a vislosses in killed, wounded, missing, and ionary or a doctrinaire. In the language ship instinct with simple patriotism, and free from "fanfaronade," or narrow tisanship, he has expessed to his fellow citizens some of the more flagrant existing evils, and the dangers that at them. The unquestionable authori

the exponent, and his universally knowledged moderation in historical and political criticism, preclude any thought of exaggeration.

The budget is the mirror which reflects not only the financial, but all social and political conditions of a

more discontented than ever!" exclaims

instances, which, although individual

not only meagre, but absolutely insuf-

ficient. While declining to discuss the

bearings of the greatly hampered finan-

cial resources upon the general efficiency

of the army and navy. Prof. Villari as

serts that the medical clinics and labora

tories, as well as the schools, all stand

in more or less need of essentials, while

there is not a public library in the king-

dom which can afford to keep abreast

B01 glance at this important register pardonable errors (to use Signor Vil words), the deficit in 1888-89 was com But puted at 470 million lire. By a longapplied series of economies, and by dint of prodigious feats of financial gymnastics, successive governments have con-

Signor Villari. Consequently, the realization of this acme of administrative bliss has not proved the panacea for the Lore social and political maladies undermin-Kruge ing the state. Nor has it preceptibly ameliorated the general economic condi tions, except in certain local and special

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important, are of small-significance dispate the mass. The reasons for this are obdepart vious. Economics alone, however sweep ing, could not accomplish this much officer heralded equilibrium; it was necessar the cas to devise fresh taxes or to increase the "Lo burdens of those in force. Italians now enjoy the unenviable distinction of being have 1 the most heavily taxed nation in Europe. from The interest on the perpetual debts alone tions. amounts to 490 million lire. Signor This buget at 1,600 million lire, out of which partme of Bo Cap millions reserved for the payment of m missio demptions, and but 600 millions remain States for the expense of the government, i cluding the army, navy, public works prisons, public security, etc. This i Tribu

way from the productive basis of Russia in Europe, on the other side of the Ural mountains. It would be impossible to 14-Sp. Jas. Drummond, Sydney, N. maintain an army of any size by such means. England's Strength in the East.

27-Bk. Hesper, Melbourne 1,611 "The truth is that England is really much stronger in the Far East than Rus-sia is. Russia would find it most difficult Ladysmith, Mount Sicker Ore, to keep an army of 20,000 men long in Date, Vessel. the field, when dependent on a base many 3-Str. Lapwing, Everett 103 thousands of miles away, and connected 7-Str. Lapwing, Everett 116 with that base only by a single line of 13-Str. Lapwing, Everett 109 rails. England could draw an almost un- 14-Str. Oscar, Everett 150 limited supply of splendid fighting men 27-Str. Oscar, Everett 150 from India, and could maintain them 30-Str. Oscar, Everett 150 with ease. Nothing would be more practicable than to plant down 20,000 of our

funds to provide suitable storage.-

· GARDENING IN CHINA. Many Trees Are Cultivated Which Are

The Russian Campaign.

commanded close on 500,000 troops among them, official returns placed his losses from death and starvation alone sfterwards at St. Helena, "I did all a commander could do in the way of pru-

many hardships and were compelled to eat

Unknown in Other Lands. Queer people, the Chinese. If prizes for profitable gardening were competed for by nations, the Mongolians would have a very fair chance of being successful competitors. 'The Chinese do not confine themselves to cultivation on dry

land only: they also cultivate the bo tom of the waters, and in the beds of shallow lakes, ponds and brooks produce fruits unknown to other people. The water chestnut, the fruit of which is enclosed in a case formed by its root, is one of the most noteworthy of these products and is grown up in large quan tities. It is very wholesome and delicate flavor, and is gathered by above figures in casualty-returns do not men, who tuck up their wide trousers include the troops who were slaughter- and wade above their knees into the ed at the bloody battle of Borodino or bonds, where they grope for the chestbasket is full, the gatherer repairs to the

Napoleonic wars. Correard, a most and meet a ready sale. They are pre-

A great variety of trees, some or's ambition at six millions. The Em- which are little known out of China, ar peror's losses were generally less than to be found in the orchards. In add those of the conquered, and the same tion to the peach, apricot, custard-apple authority estimates that no fewer than rose-apple, pineapple, pear, pium. date seven millions of his enemies can have | cocoa, plantain, banana, persim fallen in battle between 1796 and 1815; citron, orange, lemon, quince, guard clive, pomegranate and vine-the la gargantuan slaughter in sober truth!

Yet if one looks at the returns of the mentioned being grown in many val slain in a half-dozen of his bloodiest bat- ties-there are the li-chi, the frui tles it will be seen that the numbers are which is of the size of a strawb the stone being in soft, succulent of a very delicious flavor: the lung

or dragon's eve: the wampee. victory-he lost 20.000 men killed, while fruit, about the size of a pigeon's the Austrians and Russians lost 40,000. is much esteemed, and the can At Wagram he lost 20,000, while the Of these fruits the carambolo is, perhal gathered in greatest abundance.

Jena Spelt Death

for 25,000 Prussians, while a similar chards are in a state of perpetual gor, from the beating of gongs by be number of French fell on the same day. hired for the purpose, and without w Marengo, a battle which had no polithe birds would consume more than half tical result whatever, cost Napoleon 15,the fruit. 000 men, while the Austrians lost 30,000. The bloodiest battle known in the history SUFFERINGS OF EXPLORERS. Christinia, Sept. 6.-A telegram from when hostilities ceased. But this battle lasted four days, Waterloo cost both sides 60,000 lives altogether, and the campaign of France in 1814, where Napoleon put the seal on his glory as a gen-

Tromsoe, Norway, in reporting the return Abrussi's Arctic expedition on board, says the Stella Polar reached a point in latitud 86.33 north, thus penetrating further north than Dr. Nansen's record. The Stella

autumn when the fruit ripens

Polar remained fast in the ice for 1 months. The pressure stove in her side making a hole a foot and a quarter i breadth. Her machinery was also dam-