### THE CZAR'S COUNTRY.

**The Greatest Territory on the Globe and the Most Extensive Land Monopoly.**

*From the New York Independent.*

Russia is the greatest land monopoly in the world; the greatest, indeed, known to history. Its enormous acreage would furnish four such empires as the Roman in the days of Antonines. It comprises, it is estimated, one twenty-sixth part of the entire surface of the earth and one-seventh of the dry part, or more than eight and a half millions of squares. Beginning at the Baltic on the west, and following the sixtieth parallel of latitude east through St. Petersburg, a traveler would traverse Russian territory continuously until he reached the shore of the Behring Sea, crossing one hundred and forty-five meridians of longitude, and accomplishing more than three-eighths of the distance round the globe, or over 5000 miles. If he were to follow the Arctic circle, beginning at a point twenty-five degrees east of the Paris meridian, he could journey on Russian soil until he reached the 190th meridian. The entire northern part of Europe, east of the Baltic, and of Asia, is Russian soil. Its meridianal lines are also of great extent. From the northernmost point of the mainland, Northeast Sarakha, is a distance of about 2800 miles. In this vast empire two such republics as the United States, including Alaska, could be placed, and there would still be room enough for Mexico, Canada, Great Britain and Ireland, Germany and France. It is larger than all North America, including the Arctic and West India islands.

Upwards of three-fourths of the empire is in Asia, the wastes of Siberia alone constituting more than half of the whole area. The Caucasus and Trans-Caspian regions comprise about 481,900 square miles, Siberia 4,825,000, and Central Asia 1,165,773. Russia in Europe, exclusive of Poland and Finland, has an area of 1,859,000 square miles. The czar controls his immense domain by a system of general governments, governments and districts. There are six general governments, or vice-royalties, in Europe, and five in Asia. The European general governments, which are Finland, Poland, Wilna, Kieff, Odessa and Moscow, embrace sixty-eight governments, with 625 districts. The Finnish and Polish vice-royalties formerly had considerable independence, but Poland has had her privileges so cut down that, according to one of her princes, she can only beg for leave to live. The general governments of Asia are Caucasus, Turkestan, Stepnoye (of the steppes), Eastern Siberia and Amoor. The viceroy, or head of each general government, is the czar's direct representative, exercising supreme civil and military jurisdiction in his government by virtue of his master's authority. To the viceroy all subordinate governors and officers make their reports. In local, or town affairs, the people, especially in European Russia, manage their own affairs, settling in their communal assemblies, which are held at least once a year, all questions of division of fields, tenancies, distribution of taxes, recruiting for the army, etc. This system allows a large degree of self-government, and would probably prevent, in case of a revolution and overthrow of the monarchy, anarchy in the communes.

The Russian population is very unevenly distributed. In the European provinces it is much denser than in the Asiatic. Hardly more than one-eighth of Russia's 102,000,000 belongs to Asia, and the average to the square mile is only two individuals, while in Europe it is forty. The great strength, therefore, of Russia lies in its older and more compact population west of the Ural mountains. But in pushing her frontier toward India, she is striking for a section of Asia which would give her incalculable power and advantage. There is no question that she covets India for the outlet it would give for commerce and the opportunity it would afford for the development of her navy. With the Indian ocean as her southern, the Arctic as her northern, the Pacific as her eastern boundaries, what more would she need, except to control the Bosphorus and absorb Norway and Sweden?

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**Riders "on the Pad."**

*From the Philadelphia Times.*

Alice Lake, who captivated the whole country about 1860, by her riding, was the daughter of "Bill" and Agnes Lake, of Robinson & Lake's circus. She was taught to ride from infancy and what she did not know about a circus was not worth knowing, as her father was a clown and her mother a slack-wire performer. In the height of her successes her death startled the professional world.

"Crossing Lake Pontchartrain on a steamboat with her husband and a crowd of friends one day, she leaned over the rail watching the water, when a large diamond cross valued at thousands of dollars, became detached from about her throat and fell overboard. She clutched for it, lost her balance, fell and was never again seen.

"Rose and Sally Stickney were great women riders twenty years ago; they served a sort of apprenticship to Sam Stickney, the rider and general performer. Rose Madigan, another good rider of that time, was also a pupil of her father. One of the pet stories of the old-time circus men is that told about the famous bareback rider, Eliza Zoyara, who appeared in this country about 1860 with S. Q. Stokes, an old-time showman. In New York Zoyara's daring riding aroused great enthusiasm. She did things on horseback that no woman had ever yet attempted, and as she was very pretty and of splendid physique she soon had hundreds of admirers. She began a tour of the country, but had not gone far before she met with an accident. It was trivial in nature, but most alarming in its results, for in half an hour the whole show knew that Ella Zoyara, the beautiful woman rider, was—a man! It was afterward found out that her proper name was Omar Kingsley, an American lad, Kingsley afterward married Salley Stickney, the rider, and died in India.

"All the great riders served apprenticeship in their younger days. Jim Robinson, who was famous in 1850 as a bareback rider, served under his father, John Robinson; Bob Stickney, who was a favorite in 1837, was taught by his father, Sam stickney; 'Billy' Morgan, who was with the European circus as late as 1873, and who astonished people by his daring hurdle jumping, was another of the old-time apprentice boys. He was murdered by robbers last winter in Texas. Chas. W. Fish, one of the finest of modern riders, was apprenticed to Chas. Rodgers, of the old circus firm of Spalding and Rogers, and Wm. Dutton served his apprenticeship with 'Bill' Lake."

**Catarrh—A New Treatment.**

Perhaps the most extraordinary success that has been achieved in modern science has been attained by the Dixon treatment for catarrh. Out of 2000 patients treated during the past six months, fully ninety per cent. have been cured of this stubborn malady. This is none the less startling when it is remembered that not five per cent. of the patients presenting themselves to the regular practitioner are benefitted, while the patent medicines and other advertised cures never record a cure at all. Starting with the claim now generally believed by the most scientific men that the disease is due to the presence of living parasites in the tissues, Mr. Dixon at once adapted his cure to their extermination; this accomplished, the catarrh is practically cured, and the permanency is unquestioned, as cures effected by him four years ago are cures still. No one else has ever attempted to cure catarrh in this manner, and no other treatment has ever cured catarrh. The application of the remedy is simple and can be done at home, and the present season of the year is the most favorable for a speedy and permanent cure, the majority of cases being cured at one treatment. Sufferers should correspond with Messrs. A. H. Dixon & Son, 305 King street west, Toronto, Canada, and enclose stamp for their treatise on catarrh.—Montreal Star. 46

In some of the New York skating rinks a novel feature is the presence of boys dressed in female attire. Young America is cute. He soon learns that it is more comfortable to sit down on a bustle than on a pair of dude pants.

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