

MISERY IN THE PALACE.

The General Unhappy Surroundings of Czar Alexander III.

SECRETS OF THE RUSSIAN COURT.

The Czarina Finding into Incipient Insanity—The Son a Consumptive—Minister Seifsh—the Nihilists—Ever on the Watch.

St. Louis Globe Democrat: The following article is a translation from a letter written in the Russian language to a Russian citizen of New York state, by an official of high standing in the Russian court.

It is not too much to say that to-day Alexander III, the autocrat of all the Russias, is indeed one of the most miserable men in this country. Putting aside the absurd notion that he, the czar, is virtually an earthly god of his own country, let us look at him as a man, a husband and father of his family.

There is no man in Russia truer and more tender to his wife than Alexander Alexandrovitch is to his. Now imagine the lot of this loving husband realizing the dreadful fact that his beloved wife, not only mentally, but physically, is worn out; that the restless nights and weary days and constant fear for years have completely undermined her health.

The doom that this czar is sealed. He has consumption. This is a great secret. Think only of the czar's feelings in view of repeated attempts on his life. If the worst should happen to him, who would take charge of his family and the empire? Certainly the czar's death is no condition to take up the burden.

Further on, Minister of Public Instruction Delianoff, by his senseless orders, prevented his own sons and their parents to the last degree. He limited the number of students of each university to a certain maximum, and as that maximum is far below the number of the students enrolled, hundreds of them have been prevented from being admitted from each university.

Take for instance, the finances of the country. Since Alexander III. ascended the throne a rigid economy has been apparently observed in all departments, yet each year the state budget shows a deficit of \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000. Could the czar give out this deficit, he would gladly do it, but with a "his" personal economy he cannot do it, nor could his learned minister of finance, Prof. Dunge, achieve that feat.

ABOUT WYOMING.

A Trip With Governor Moonlight in a Buggy.

'Correspondence of the Boston Advertiser: The first thing that struck the governor in his trip was the way in which land-gobbling had been carried on in the territory. "I was amazed," said he, "to find cattle and horse ranches claiming thousands of acres of land under and by virtue of the various classes of entries permitted and granted by the United States laws, and much of it by virtue of discovery only."

The home-like principle of land for the landless has degenerated into the monopoly of a few men, and for the land-owners. There seems to have been an epidemic raging in Wyoming to secure this supposed to be worthless land, and then there seems to have been another epidemic to get rid of it, not by returning it to the government like so much conscience money, but by disposing of whatsoever rights they supposed they had obtained to it, to individuals, companies and corporations.

Governor Moonlight, the further he traveled, grew more familiar with this. By the time he had finished his trip he was thoroughly disgusted. "There seems to have been a 'sentiment' that all you can get out of the government you have a right to get, and not to be over-particular about it. There seems to be also another sentiment, that, as much of the land is of little value, the money for it, and not to get the land, and exacting about residence, cultivation, reclamation and timber culture."

But things are changing now. It is a case of reaction, owing to the abuses. There is a new sentiment in vogue, a frank and fearless forewarning of the land laws looking to actual settlement, and, strange as it may appear, many of those who are in possession of large bodies of land are desirous of selling, and are ready to give up the title from the government, and will sell.

There is a little coal mining in Crook county, but the oil field is perhaps the richest in the territory. There are reserves in the Shoshone basin, in the Rattlesnake basin and near Powder river. A syndicate has been organized in Chicago and Milwaukee to work the field. The value of the deposits in this region is being re-calculated, and it is observed that the Standard Oil company at once sprang to grasp all their chances.

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PEOPLES OF THE GOLD COAST.

Their Savagery Equals That of Any Known Community.

The London Field: Although a great portion of the Tshi-speaking peoples live for two centuries been under our rule, we know comparatively little of them—a fact which is, no doubt, attributable to the deadly climate and impenetrable forests in which they live.

Matthew Vassar, the millionaire, from whose will Vassar College got its start, came near being a tanner when his father succeeded in making him one he would probably have made a fortune at it. The boy, however, did not take to the idea and his mother helped him to start a book store, which he carried on for some years.

There is a significant commentary, indeed, on modern progress and civilization that the old man, "his father," famous heretofore only for his record of toiling, travel and desert privation, is soon to be the center of a region which will blossom as the rose.

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THE CRANKS.

Notes from the Experience of a White House Detective.

'Correspondence of the Globe-Democrat: Detective Henry Kolb, who has constant supervision of the white house at Washington, is one of the best judges of the crank and the crank-likes in this country. He can tell a great many new and interesting stories of his experience at Washington, but, as he is a quiet, modest man, it is rarely that he can be induced to talk on the subject.

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