

# Russian Business Ways a Trial to Tourists

Bank Officials Hardly What We Would Call Up-to-Date—  
Delights of a Sail on the Black Sea—Some Views  
of Moscow, the Ancient Capital of the Empire.

(Special Correspondence.)



French either? we speculated. One of them appearing at the door of their private lair, to regard with puzzled glances our open countenances, we hailed him politely in German. An expression of immense relief overspread his fat face, and he spoke to us with fleet, "fat" feet, and all smiles and beaming glances, took a chair back of the large table at which we were seated, and then, in fairly good German, begged that the ladies, if they objected not, would read to him the contents of the letters of credit.

The ladies did so in German, and explained as best they could the meaning of the things—why we had come to them and the fact that we were not to be charged a large percentage on our checks. The ladies themselves were, I fear, extremely hazy in their understanding of the subject in hand; but they did their best, wondering at the same time why the sign "English

our passports. There was much both in unearthing the things, but they were at last produced, and after an hour returned, and again we prepared to sail forth.

As by that time we felt that we pretty well understood the ways and methods of letters of credit, we decided to send our courier on a shopping expedition and go by ourselves to the bank. We found all the officials of the bank most polite and considerate. To all that we said they bowed and smiled and said:

"Yes, certainly." And, taking our letters, returned to a far room to peruse their contents.

After waiting many minutes it occurred to one of us that the identification was not sufficient. So we begged the attendance of one of the stalwart gentlemen, both of whom looked like Germans, and said in English (which we took it for granted they understood, as there had always been English-speaking clerks in all the banks heretofore), that if they wished further identification we could name each and such people in Batoum. They still bowed politely and said, "Yes, certainly."

Then we decided that those two words were the only ones they knew or understood, which really proved to

spoken" was to be seen displayed upon the bank's doors, and why the name of a bank which evidently knew not the ways of a letter of credit was to be found upon those letters.

All that afternoon we skirted the shore in sight of the magnificent mountains, with those of Asia Minor also in view, a panorama of peaks seen across a sea almost unbelievably blue.

It was a dreadful night, and had there been any kind of shelter near by the captain would have put us off. But we were several miles from town and there were no droschkes in sight or hearing. Even if there had been it would have been impossible to drive in such a wind. The captain was up all night and in great doubt as to the strength of his cables.

Next morning we watched with interest the arrival of two droschkes of passengers. They proved to contain only a melancholy young Russian and four French officers, none of whom could speak a word of English. We longed for one other woman. We started late in the afternoon, and the next four days were made as pleasant for us as possible. The ship's officers did all in their power to make us content. The captain we consider a very remarkable person. Born in Corsica of parents who could not



Temple of the Savior.  
(Moscow.)

our passports. There was much both in unearthing the things, but they were at last produced, and after an hour returned, and again we prepared to sail forth.

Rich Wives and Lottery Prizes.

For the Milan exhibition of 1905 an original competition is proposed—nothing less than a world's beauty show, with a first prize of a million francs, four prizes of 500,000 francs, eight of 200,000, twenty of 100,000, and fifty-five of 50,000. To cover expenses a lottery would be organized. The lucky winner of the first prize would take the prize lady and the million, if both, like Barkis, were "willin'." If not, they would have the "dot" between them. The other prizes would be dealt with on the same principle.

### CATCHING A BURGLAR

NEW YORK MAN HAS FIXED UP  
ELABORATE SCHEME.

He Rightly Thinks a Midnight Prowler Would Have Little Chance to Escape the Traps So Cleverly Set—A Most Ingenious Scheme.

In Westchester county, where many burglaries have been committed recently, people are asking one another what they would do if they should awaken suddenly some night and find a burglar in the room. The answers do not vary much. One man, however, has, or thinks he has, solved the problem.

"What a burglar fears," he said, "is a noise, so I have arranged a scheme that I think will work."

"Right in my bedroom is a big, healthy, 12-inch gong. It is worked by electricity and the switch is fastened on the inside of the sideboard of my bedstead, out of sight, but very convenient to my hand as I lie in the bed."

"When I turn that switch there is a racket right there in the room that is enough to set a man crazy, especially in the night time. Just imagine that big gong starting its racket while a poor burglar is gathering up a few trinkets to take away with him as souvenirs. I'll bet it would scare him so that he'd drop his booty, and his intentions with it, and just light out."

Calculating on this effect I have arranged a little surprise for burglarious visitors. Fastened by its lower end to one of the banisters at the head of the stairs leading to the parlor floor is a stick of oak an inch and a half square. At the top it is held in place by a catch such as holds the front door in a flat house.

"When I turn on the switch this catch is released and the stick drops straight across the stairway about six inches from the floor. I know a burglar will run if he hears that bell in my room, and I want to do something for him after he leaves. He will, naturally, rush for the stairs—and he won't be particular to examine the way to find out if it is just as he left it when he came up."

"Imagine him, then, rushing in terror from my room and meaning to escape by way of the stairs. He's sure to bring up with his shins against that stick. When he does I'll bet he won't go down the stairs on his feet. Of course, I am not anxious to hurt him, but if he will place himself in a bad position, I must do the best I can for the community, of which he is certainly not a useful member."

"If the burglar lands on his feet, which is not likely, or is spry and well enough after he strikes the parlor floor to jump up and run before I can get to the top of the stairs, he is all right and safe enough for all of me. If, however, I can get him at a disadvantage I will try to have him put where he will not commit another burglary for some time, and this is how I propose to accomplish that trick."

"In one corner of my bedroom I keep a double-barreled shotgun. It is always loaded and ready for use."

"My intention is when I have scared any burglar with the sound of the big bell, to jump from my bed, grab the shotgun and reach the head of the stairs as soon as he reaches the bottom. At my door is another switch which will turn on the electric light in the hall at the foot of the stairs. I intend to turn this and let the poor fellow see where he lands, if he cares to look."

"But the light will show me also where he lands, while I myself will be in semi-darkness. If I am at the top of the stairs, where it is not so dark that he cannot see my gun, and he is in a bright light, I think the odds will be heavily on my side, especially since he is certain to feel a little discommoded because of his undignified descent. The probability is that he will be kind enough to heed me if I tell him to stay just where he is while my wife calls the police on the telephone."

### Couldn't Catch the Bed.

A correspondent sends this story to the New York Times: A little boy and his older sister, together with their parents and myself, had all been walking in the park one evening, and on our way home stopped at the Casino. The father whispered an order to the waiter: "Lemonade. Four plain, and a stick in mine." When the father got his glass there was no "stick," but he supposed it was an oversight and drank in silence. We walked home, and the children were sent up to bed. Ten minutes later the sister came to report that Johnnie was unmanageable and that he refused to go to bed. I was asked to go and set things straight. On entering the room I found him creeping stealthily about the floor on all fours, his eyes fixed on the bed. When I ordered him to "Get right straight into bed!" he answered: "Well, I want to. I'm all right. Somebody hold the bed!"

Third United States artillery. He then returned to Michigan, where he engaged in business and married. At this time he learned telegraphy and on his return to Nebraska in 1878 he entered the service of the Western Union Telegraph company, holding the position of operator until the Western Union and the American Union companies consolidated, whereupon he was appointed cashier of the Omaha office.

### PRETTY TELEPHONE GIRL WEDS IRON MILLIONAIRE



Miss MADE TOWNE BOGARDUS

Miss Mary Towne Bogardus, the pretty telephone girl, whose romantic engagement to Albert Edward Tower, the millionaire widower and owner of the Poughkeepsie iron works, has been a subject of comment in society circles since the announcement was made shortly after Mr. Tower's wife killed herself and her 14-year-old son last spring, was married to her admirer in her parents' humble home at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., last week. After the ceremony Mr. Tower took his bride direct to his palatial home on Hyde Park road. His mansion had been extensively altered and refurnished in preparation for the coming of its new mistress.

### HEAD OF TELEGRAPH DIVISION

Charles B. Horton to Succeed Colonel John J. Dickey.

Charles B. Horton, who has been appointed superintendent of the western division of the Western Union Telegraph company to succeed Col. John J. Dickey, deceased, is one of the best known and most popular telegraph men in the West.

Mr. Horton was born at Geneva, N. Y. He was taken by his parents to Northville, Mich., in 1857 and in 1863 he migrated to Nebraska. In 1864 young Horton crossed the plains, driving six yoke of oxen hitched to a "prairie schooner" and reached Denver in the fall. He enlisted in the Third Colorado Cavalry, better known as "Chivington's 100-day men," and took part in the expedition against the Indians which resulted in the famous Sand Creek massacre. At the expiration of his term of service with Chivington he re-enlisted in the Second Colorado cavalry.

After the war Mr. Horton attended Tabor college for two years and then served three years in the regular army, being a member of battery C,



CHARLES B. HORTON

Where Carnegie Drew the Line.

They tell a story of Mr. and Mrs. Carnegie being invited to dinner by a box holder at the Metropolitan opera house, the party going on to the performance afterward. As the dessert was reached the guest of honor asked his fashionable hostess what opera they were to see. "La Tosca," was the reply. "Ah!" said Mr. Carnegie, moving away his chair, "that's immoral. We cannot go to it," and immediately the frontmaster and his wife ordered their carriage and departed.

### DUSE TO HAVE A THEATER.

Daughter of Pierpont Morgan Will Aid Famous Italian Actress.

Miss Anne T. Morgan, daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, has undertaken to raise a fund of \$150,000 with which to



MISS ANNE T. MORGAN

provide a theater in Italy for the use of Mme. Eleonora Duse, the actress. While Mme. Duse was attending a reception Miss Morgan heard her speak of her long cherished plan to erect a temple of art to be devoted to the production of classic and modern drama. The young New York woman at once raised \$21,000 among her friends and pledged her support to the project until the theater is built. Only the women friends of Miss Morgan are to be asked to subscribe to the undertaking.

### MANY GREET BISHOP HARE.

South Dakotans Celebrate Thirtieth Anniversary of His Consecration. Sioux Falls residents and many clergymen and others from various parts of South Dakota participated last week in the public reception given in honor of the thirtieth anniversary of the consecration of Rt. Rev. William Hobart Hare, Episcopal bishop of



REV. WM. BISHOP HARE

South Dakota and famous for his work among the Indians. The reception was informal and largely attended.

### For Comfort in 'Cycling.

The latest invention is a combined umbrella and fan for the cycle. The canopy is made in the form of an ordinary umbrella and is fitted with blades, which as the cycle speeds along, catch the air and rotate the apparatus.

### Monument to Pioneers.

The three Swedish pioneers in Minnesota, Oscar Roos, Carl Fernstrom and August Sandahl, have just had a monument erected to their memory at New Scandia, Minn.

### Cress a Quick Growing Plant.

Cress is the quickest growing of plants. Under perfect conditions it will flower and seed within eight days of planting.

### Princess Has Beautiful Eyes.

The little Princess Yolande of Italy is said to have the largest and darkest eyes of any European princess.

### Use for Spent Hops.

Litter for horses and cows is to be made from spent hops at Dublin.

### A Struggle for Life.

Eagle River, Mo., Jan. 19th.—Maggie E. Decker, a hard-working woman 49 years of age, whose home is here, has just gone through a thrilling battle for her life. Many another would have lain down and died, for for twelve long years she has suffered the most awful pains.

She had Kidney Trouble and Rheumatism, combined with a very distressing stomach trouble. At last she got so bad that she could not sleep, for she ached all over, and was so lame that she could scarcely walk. She spent over a hundred dollars in different medicines, but only to be disappointed, for everything failed to help her.

At last, however, just when she was beginning to despair of ever finding a remedy, she heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills and bought six boxes. She says: "Now I can eat well, sleep well, and am feeling splendid. God bless Dodd's Kidney Pills, for they saved my life. My troubles were many, but Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me completely. But for them I surely would have died."

During courtship affection is apt to be overdone, but after marriage it is rare.

### NO MORE TICKET SCALPING IN CHICAGO.

Illinois comes into line with New York and Pennsylvania in vigorous action against the ticket scalping thieves and forgers, three having been sentenced on Saturday, in Chicago, after a night's trial, one of whom, profiting by his experience, pleaded guilty to a second indictment, while the trial of the others will doubtless proceed to another conviction. Chicago has long been a favorite field for ticket speculation, and a blow against the nefarious practice could nowhere have been landed more effectively. The persistent and united efforts of the leading railroads of the country to exterminate the business, which is simply one of petty larceny, robbing the poor and the wage earners, are bringing most satisfactory results.—From the Brooklyn Standard-Union.

Somehow cut-diamond rates are always higher than the original prices.

**\$3.00**  
**W. L. DOUGLAS**  
SHOES **\$3.50**  
UNION MADE

W. L. Douglas makes and sells more men's \$3.50 and \$5.00 shoes than any other two manufacturers in the world, which proves their superiority; they are worn by more people in all stations of life than any other make.

Because W. L. Douglas is the largest manufacturer he can buy cheaper and produce his shoes at a lower cost than other concerns, which enables him to sell shoes for \$3.50 and \$5.00 equal in every way to those sold elsewhere for \$4 and \$5.00. W. L. Douglas \$3.50 and \$5.00 shoes are worn by thousands of men who have been paying \$4 and \$5, not realizing they could get a first-class shoe for \$3.50 or \$5.00. He has convinced them that the style, fit and wear of his \$3.50 and \$5.00 shoes is just as good. Placed side by side it is impossible to see any difference. A trial will convince.

Notice Increase shoe sales: \$2,000,000 in 1905; \$5,000,000 in 1906; \$7,000,000 in 1907; \$9,000,000 in 1908.

**W. L. DOUGLAS \$4.00 GILT EDGE LINE, Worth \$5.00 Compared with Other Makes.**

The best Imported and American leathers, Heyl's Patent Gilt, Enamel, Box Calf, Vici Kid, Corona Gold, and National Kangaroo, Fast Color Calfskin. The genuine have W. L. DOUGLAS Caution: name and price stamped on bottom. Shoes by mail, 3c extra. Wholesale free.

**W. L. DOUGLAS, BROCKTON, MASS.**

### WESTERN CANADA GRAIN GROWING. MIXED FARMING.

The Reason Why more wheat is grown in Western Canada in a few short months than elsewhere, is because vegetation grows to perfection in the north, in the northern latitude in which grain will come to perfection, the better it is. Therefore 62 lbs. per bushel is as fair a standard as 60 lbs. in the East. Area under crop in Western Canada, 1902, 1,987,300 Acres. '11, 1593, 117,922,734 Bush.

**HOMESTEAD LANDS OF 160 ACRES FREE,** the only offer for which \$10 for making sure.

Abundance of water and fuel, building material, cheap, good grass for pasture and hay, a fertile soil, a sufficient rainfall, and a climate giving an assured and adequate season of growth.

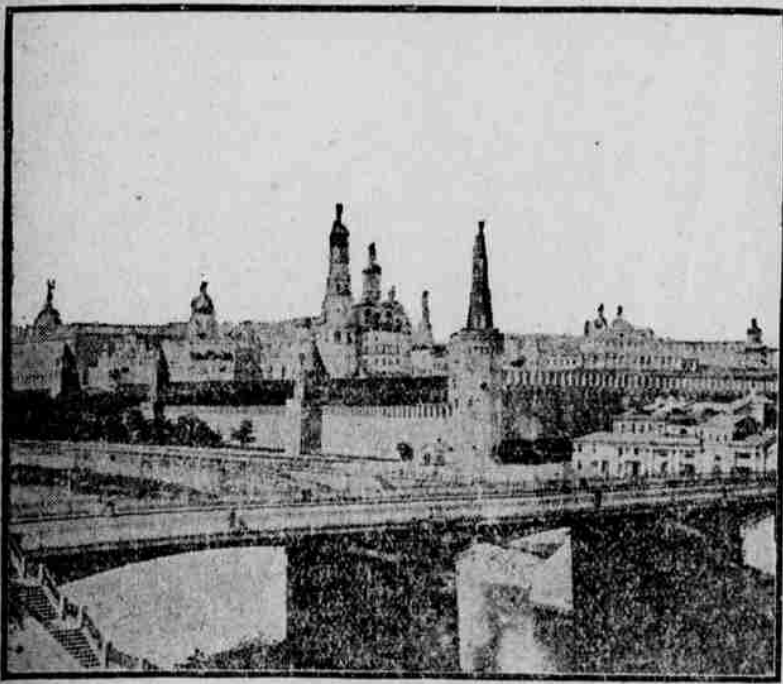
Send in the following for an Atlas and other literature, and also for certificate giving you reduced freight and passenger rates, etc., etc.: Superintendent of Immigration, Ottawa, Canada, or to J. S. Crawford, 214 West Ninth St., Kansas City, Mo., the authorized Canadian Government Agent.

### ARE YOU SATISFIED?

Are you entirely satisfied with the goods you buy and with the prices that you pay? Over 2,000,000 people are trading with us and getting their goods at wholesale prices.

Our 1,000-page catalogue will be sent on receipt of 15 cents. It tells the story.

**Montgomery Ward & Co.**  
CHICAGO  
The house that tells the truth.



General View of Moscow.

the case. I said politely that possibly Monsieur would prefer to speak French, and they both brightened visibly. After a time, however, the same affably knowing look began to return to their blonde countenances, and they retired again to cover, taking the letters with them.

Can it be that they understand no

even read their language, and which had not money enough to give him an education, he had educated himself, and worked his way up, until at the age of fifty he commanded the best ship of the Black Sea merchant fleet besides which he had learned to speak Italian, French and German and could understand English.