HOW CZARS ARE CROWNED

The ceremony of the coronation of the Czars of Russia may in some respects be rightly called the greatest ceremony in the world. It is impossible to conceive of anything that surpasses it in grandeur, splendor, and richness. Nor is its political importance to be overlooked. The Czar is utterly powerless as a monarch previous to being crowned; he cannot proclaim war or sign a treaty of peace, nor can he confer decorations of a higher order than the Vladimir, nor can he enter the throne room. He is not styled by his 16 titles, but is simply addressed as Alexander, son of Alexander, and, by courtesy only, Emperor of all the Russias. Any document he might put his seal to would be disregarded if not countersigned by two of the Ministers of State. He is in every respect considered a minor or heir presumptive to the empire, in which he has no authority, and which is governed by a Regency of Ministers and hereditary noblemen. It can, therefore, be easily understood that the Czars have always hastened their coronation, not wishing to be under tutelage, and in the majority of cases the coronation has occurred within two months of the death of the Czar's predecessor. Where there has been a dispute about the throne, or even where the throne has been usurped, as in the case of Catherine the Great, the coronation has taken place immediately. Catherine left St. Petersburg secretly on the very day of the death of Peter, and hastened to Moscow, where she was crowned within a week. The Russians do not say the Czar to be "the most powerful by the grace of God" until he has been anointed at Moscow.

Many reasons have been ascribed for the postponement of the coronation of the present Czar, the principal one being that it was feared he might be assassinated by the Nihilists; but those who are acquainted with the reigning imperial family know that they do not lack courage, besides which, the present Emperor goes out daily on foot and unaccompanied in St. Petersburg, which he evidently would not do if he were afraid of the Nihilists. The real reason for delaying this ceremony, well-informed Russians say, was one of respect for the glorious memory of the late Czar, Alexander II., to whom his son was very much attached, and whose loss he still mourns. He has given proofs of his great devotion in not following the ordinary rule, "Le Roi est mort; vive le Roi." Long before the day fixed for the coronation official invitations are sent to all friendly imperial and royal courts and to presidents of republics, also to the diplomatic body. Commands, however, and not invitations are sent to all the members of the imperial family, the ministers, the clergy, the nobles, commanding officers, governors of districts, the head of all the guilds, the judges, and other notables. At Moscow, from time immemorial, have been crowned the Czars. The ceremony has been performed in the Church of the Holy Assumption, within the Kremlin walls. Although some of the late Emperors have wished their coronations to take place in St. Petersburg, the advisers of the crown, and especially the clergy, have declared that such a coronation would be illegal. For many days previous to this ceremony Moscow is in holiday attire, and by an old law every house in Moscow must have received three coats of white paint. Such a law is now unnecessary, as the inhabitants not only willingly paint their houses, but compete with each other in decorating them externally. Invited monarchs, princes, and diplomats are the guests of the Kremlin palace, but any Russian nobleman coming for the occasion goes straight to the house of a Moscow noble of his own rank, who, although not acquainted with him, is bound to give him accommodation, while other officials go, as the guests of the city of Moscow, to the various hotels and other establishments, where their expenses are paid by the municipality.

The Kremlin is not one building, but an enormous octagon plot of land, surrounded by high walls and fortresses, containing four Crown palaces, the cathedrals, of the Assumption, the Archangel, and the Annunciation; the Governor's palace, the headquarters of the Guards Regiment, and a number of monasteries and nunneries. All the walls are snow-white, the fortresses emerald-green, the principal entrances rose-color, and the roofs of the cathedrals gilded, the whole forming a beautiful combination, the effect of which is very striking. With the exception of the cathedrals and their pretty bell-towers, which are built in a cluster, there are large spaces between the other buildings, and with soldiers marching, carriages driving, priests, nuns and others walking about, the Kremlin has the appearance of a beautiful city. The procession does not form in the Kremlin, but at the cavalry barracks, four miles distant, to the north of the city. Here 60 heralds, mounted on cream-colored horses, form 20 abreast and, commanded by the chief master of ceremonies, blow a salvo, and the officer commanding the cavalry appears with his staff, and demands what they require of him, and the master of ceremonies replies: "The Czar commands thee follow me." The gates are then opened, and the regiment, which has been expecting the summons, marches out and follows the heralds. The next place visited is the university, where the same thing takes place; then the Cathedral of Kazan, where all the clergy are congregated; then the law courts, where the Judges join the procession; then the headquarters of the nobles; then the staff officers; then the various professions; then the Governors; then the deputations from every quarter of the empire; then the trade guilds, and in every case the heralds blow the salvo. The chief of the clergy, of the nobles, of the guilds, or of any other body, appears as if he were surprised, and asks what is wanted of him, whereupon the master of ceremonies replies, "The Czar commands thee follow me." Thus the procession goes on swelling. Arriving at the principal gates of the Kremlin and finding them closed, the heralds blow their trumpets, the commander of the garrison appears and asks them what they want; the crowd replies: "The Czar." "What for?" says the officer. "To crown him most powerful of powerful!" replies the crowd, and the gates are then opened.

Here the procession is headed by the Metropolitans of Moscow, Kozan, Novgorod, and Kieff, and they proceed to the front of the palace, where deputations from every part of the empire, consisting of Russians, Mongolians, Roumanians, Calmucks, Afghans, Kirghees, Esquimaux, Turcomans, Bulgarians, Chinese, Tartars, Armenians, Mingrelians, Laplanders, Persians, Finns, Circassians, Baskhirs, Boukarras, Georgians, Courtzovlaks and Poles, all in their national costumes, leave the procession, and with the Bishops advance to below the imperial balcony and call upon the Czar to come forward. The Emperor then appears at the entrance of the palace in the uniform of a colonel of Imperial Guards, with the Empress dressed as a Russian peasant on his arm, and followed by their suits, upon which the deputation kneels. He then asks of them what they require of him, and the Metropolitan of Moscow replies that they have been sent from every part of his Majesjy's dominions to see the crown put upon his head, so that they can assure those who sent them that the Czar is the Lord's anointed, that they may obey none other than him. From here they all proceed to the Cathedral of the Holy Assumption, the ground being covered with bay leaves, where high mass is read. The Emperor and Empress occupy seats on the right-hand side, near the bishops, where they remain until the second lesson, when they are conducted by the Metropolitans to the centre of the church, where stands a large canopy of scarlet velvet embroidered in gold and surmounted by the Russian double-headed eagle. On a platform under this canopy is the famous historical throne of the Czar Vladimir Monomaque, beside which there is an ordinary throne for the Empress, and on a table facing the Emperor's throne are a mantle of ermine and the ancient crown and the sceptre of Constantinus Monomachus. As soon as the Emperor mounts the platform all the nobles surround him, and drawing their swords place them at his feet. The Metropolitan now asks the Emperor if he is a true believer, to which he replies by reading aloud the Apostles' creed, after which the Bisnop of Kazan says: "If there be any of you here present knowing any impediment for which Alexander Alexandrovich (or as the case may be) should not be crowned Emperor of all the Russias, Grand Duke of Waldemar, Grand Duke of Moscow, Lord and Great Duke of Novgorod, King of Kazan and Astrachan, Commander of all Siberia, Lord of Plesk, Smolensk, Iver, Krym, Novorossick and Amenia, and Emperor of Finland and its dependencies, let him come forward now, in the name of the Holy Trinity, and show what the impediment is." This he repeats three times, and upon no answer being made he puts his hands upon the Czar's head, upon which the latter kneels, and while in this position the Metropolitan of Moscow takes the mantle of ermine with which he robes him, saying, "Cover and protect thy people, as this robe covers and protects thee," the Emperor replying, "I will, I will, I will," each time kissing the prelate's hand. Tuen the Metropolian of Novgorod places the sceptre in his hand, and the Metropolitan of Kieff puts the crown upon his head. The Empress then kneels beside the Emperor, who holds the crown above her head without placing it upon the head, and they both remain in prayer for a few minutes.

Suddenly the heralds sound, guns are fired, the Czar and Czarina rise, and everybody present kneels to them and shouts, "Long live the Czar." The nobles approach and swear allegiance, upon which each receives his sword back from the imperial hands. The mass continues, and after the Emperor has been conducted to the altar of solid silver, where he partakes of the holy communion, the golden gates of the iconostasion are closed, and he remains in the sanctuary, where the Metropolitan of Moscow anoints his head, temples, eyelids, lips, ears, nostrils, breast, and hands, saying, "Behold the seal of the Holy Ghost; may it keep thee ever holy." The gates of the iconostasion are reopened, and, upon the Czar appearing at the entrance, the people hail him, saying, "Behold the seal of the Holy Ghost; may it keep thee ever holy." The gates of the iconostasion are reopened, and, upon the Czar appearing at the entrance, the people hail him, saying, "Thou art verily the Lord's anointed." The Emperor now joins the Czarina, who has been waiting for her lord at the entrance to the sanctuary, and they leave the cathedral arm in arm, escorted by a guard of all the nobles with drawn swords. They go first to the Cathedral of the Archangel, then to the Cathedral of the Annunciation, where they remain in prayer for a few minutes, and on emerging from there they enter a gilded chariot drawn by 12 white horses. Other gilded chariots contain the members of the imperial family, and gala carriages belonging to the imperial stables are filled with foreign princes, prelates, ministers, and the diplomatic corps. The procession then forms, as it did upon approaching the Kremlin, and goes through the principal streets of Moscow, which are lined with troops. The imperial carriage, instead of being escorted by the nobles or by troops, is, according to an old custom, guarded by 100 maidens belonging to the best Russian families, who hold large, fragrant bouquets instead of swords. Immediately on his return to the palace the Czar signs decrees, confirming those already in existence, which had become invalid by the coronation, and then confers a large number of decorations on those of the officials who took prominent parts in the ceremony.

A Mine Named After His Girl.

A young and enthusiastic prospector returned to the city recently from Wood river looking bronzed and weather-beaten. He hadn't proceeded far on his way home before meeting his sweetheart who was going to the depot to meet him.

"Why, George, you look just like an old smoked ham," were the endearing words that greeted him. George had been living on ham for the last two months, and when his girl referred to that article he didn't know but what there was something hoggish-looking about him.

"Nothing mean or hoggish about me, Jane; bet your bangs on that. Found a mine up in Wood river and named it Jane after you."

"What are you giving me, dear George? What do you take me for?"

"Fact, Jane; named it after you."

"How jealous that'll make the other girls in the Fifteenth Ward! Won't their bangs curl down their for'ead? Won't the green-eyed monster rankle in their bosarums though? Oh, you're so nice, George." And Jane laughed all over and insisted on carrying his blankets and the grip sack.

"That's all right, Jane, carry this overcoat, too."

"How did you come to name the mine after me, you too-too tootsy Georgie?"

"Because it didn't amount to anything. Nothing in it, Jane."

When the grip sack came down on his head George thought a snow-slide had struck him, and he swears he will never name another mine after a Salt Lake girl.—[Salt Lake Paper.

A stingy family—"But why did you leave your last place?" asked Mrs. Brown. "Och, mum," replied the young person, with a toss of her shapely head, "they were that mean that there was no living with 'em. If you will only belave it, 'twas only yesterday I wint into the parlor and there was two of the gurrals a playin' on one peanny, and their father rich enough to buy a dozen and never fale it."

Chinese "Wives"

The North China Herald has the following:

An Australian Chinaman, when anxious for a wife of his own nation, sends a letter to an agent in Hong Kong. The following is a condensed translation of the espistle:

"I want a wife. She must be a maiden under twenty years of age, and must not have left her father's house. She must have never read a book, and her eyelashes must be half an inch in length. Her teeth must be as sparkling as the pearls of Ceylon. Her breath must be like unto the scents of the magnificent odor groves of Java, and her attire must be from the silken weavers of the Ka Li-Ching, which are on the banks of the greatest river in the world—the overflowing Yanktse Kiang."

The price of a Chinese woman delivered in Sidney is $38, but two Chinese women only cost $52, therefore, the heathen Chinese import women in couples. The importer never sees his women before they arrive, and then he generally selects the best looking one. The other is shown around to a number of well-to-do Chinamen, and after they have inspected her, she is submitted to what may be called public auction. At a recent sale at Sidney a young girl aged about nineteen was offered, and after some spirited bidding, she was purchased by a wealthy Chinese store-keeper, whose place of business is in one of the leading towns of New South Wales, for $120. The melancholy aspect of the Celestial girl, as she went away in company with the man who purchased her, was deplorable to the last degree.

A Woman's Hair.

The Countess of Suffolk had married Mr. Howard, and they were both so poor that they took a resolution of going to Hanover, before the death of Queen Auna, in order to pay their court to the future royal family. Such was their poverty that having some friends to dinner, and being disappointed of a full remittance, the Countess was forced to sell her hair to furnish the entertainment. Long wigs were then in fashion, and the Countess' hair being long, fine and fair, produced her £20. The Countess' hair, however, appears to have been exceeded in value by that of an Oxfordshire lass, of whom we find the following story recorded in the Protestant Mercury for July 10, 1700: "An Oxfordshire lass was lately courted by a young man of that county, who was not willing to marry her unless her friends could advance £50 for her portion, which they, being incaple of doing, the lass came to this city to try her fortune, where she met with a good chapman in the Strand, who made a purchase of her hair, which was delicately long and light, and gave her £60, being twenty ounces at £3 an ounce, with which money she joyfully returned to the country and bought her a husband." Even the hair of this Oxfordshire lass is rivaled by that of an old lady who died in 1720, whose long gray tresses are said in the journals of that period to have been sold to a periwig maker for £50.

A SINGULAR AFFECTION.—Thomas Bigley and wife, residing at Rockport, have an adopted daughter, ten years of age. The girl is of average size, though slender, quite intelligent and presents the appearance of much physical suffering—yet she seems to be cheerful and communicative. About five years ago she became a sufferer from bleeding at the nose and a pain in the head. About a year ago, during one of her bleeding spells, a number of small live red ants were discovered in the flow of blood from the nose, and at different times some also issued from her ears. Some months, on one occasion, she lost more blood than usual, and a large number—probably nearly a hundred—of live ants were found in it, after which she appeared much easier, comparatively free from pain in the head and able to sleep well. At the present time she suffers from the same pain in the head—in the temple and behind the ears. Mrs. Bigley says that five years ago the child took a nap in the yard under a shade tree, and her peculiar suffering commenced immediately afterwards, and this leads her to believe that some red ants made their way into her nose, and they have multiplied and annoyed her ever since.

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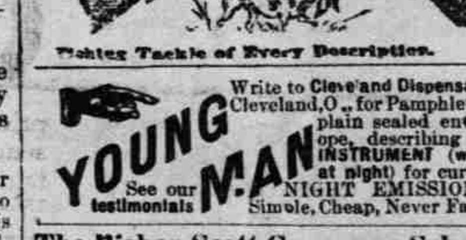

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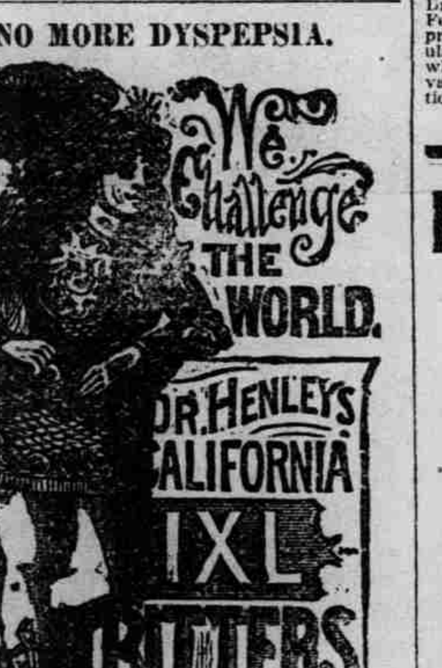

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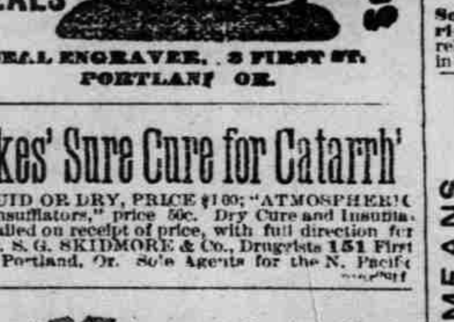

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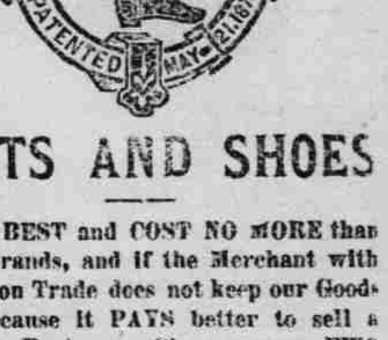

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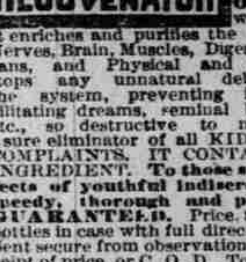

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