

Where Czar Holds Sway.

There are remote regions in the interior of far away Alaska, under American rule, where the czar of Russia still holds the faithful allegiance of hundreds of former subjects, where his word as head of the Russian church means more to the people than a law of the United States congress or a ruling of the United States courts. These people are descendants of mixed Russian and native stock and the active proselyting of the representatives of the Russian church has kept them loyal to the "Little Father" and has led them to accept him as their temporal ruler, although forty years have passed since the signing of the treaty which conveyed the country to the United States. In these settlements the Russian language is almost exclusively spoken, missions are maintained by the Russian church and schools conducted under the auspices of those missions. In many respects the people are as thoroughly Russian in both appearance and allegiance as are the people in the outlying portions of Siberia on the opposite coast of Bering sea.

Of the 60,000 people living in Alaska, one-sixth are communicants of the Russian orthodox church. The church maintains in the district 16 parishes, 38 missions and 30 schools, having a total of 740 children in attendance. The total enrollment in the 33 public schools maintained in the district by the United States government is 2,100, only three times as large as that at Russian schools. In all there are 106 missions maintained in Alaska by different religious denominations, of which the Russian church maintains 38, the Presbyterian church 21, the Roman Catholic church 10, the Episcopal church 14, the Baptist Home Missionary Society two, the Methodist six, the Swedish Evangelical Union three, the Friends society three, the Congregational church four, and the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran five. These figures show that while the Russian religious influence in Alaska, it is easily the largest religious influence, and is probably the dominant influence among the native population, since many of the churches, notably the Congregational and Episcopal, devote their energies largely to the white settlements where the population is chiefly native or a mixture of native and Russian.

It is difficult for most Americans to understand how an absolute autocrat like the czar of Russia has so long held the unwavering allegiance of millions of people, extending from the Baltic Sea to the Bering Strait and from the Caucasus to the Arctic. A key to this enigma may be found in any one of the thousands of modest homes in the District of Alaska. In the humble cabin of the average Indian river pilot on the Yukon river, in the shack of the Aleut fisherman, on any of the Aleutian Islands or in the miserable igloo of the Eskimo reindeer herder at Point Barrow may be found hanging side by side two highly colored prints; one that of the meek and lowly Nazarene, and the other that of the czar of Russia, the head of the Russian Greek Eastern Orthodox church. In each of the Russian missions the Russian speaking priests and missionaries persistently instruct their parishioners that the power of the czar is not only temporal, but spiritual as well, and that no loyal and devout member of the church should take up arms against the "Little Father," or in any respect disregard his wishes or commands. An act of disloyalty to the czar, they are taught, would be an act of disloyalty to the church, and despite their poverty and ignorance, the natives of Alaska falling under Russian church influences are imbued with the most profound religious reverence for both the church and its royal head.

\$12,000,000 Income a Year.

Washington, D. C., July 27.—Public interest properly attaches to the health of a man reputed to have an income of

\$12,000,000 a year, and when that man has a vote in the United States senate in the interest is increased. Consequently the announcement that Senator Clark of Montana has successfully undergone an operation in New York for mastoiditis is a topic of discussion here.

He was under ether for two hours. A section of the skull one and a half by two inches was removed and an abscess reached and removed.

A peculiar case in Washington was that of a woman who was under treatment for mastoiditis in both ears, in the hope that an operation could be avoided. For four weeks she had been confined to her bed, and the physicians thought that with care she would recover sufficiently to be out in six weeks more. Early one morning in March her house caught fire, and for several hours she danced around on the lawn in her bare feet and a bathrobe. The next day the bandages came off, and since then she has not been troubled with mastoiditis in any form.

The illness of Senator Clark has revived interest in his possible candidacy for the senate. In the case of Senator Clark, those familiar with the details estimate that in a former battle at least half a million dollars was expended in this city by the opposing interests. Some say he spent that much himself. No suspicion attaches that this money was expended illegitimately, but it went for "information" and the pay of the small army of employees.

Public is Aroused

The public is aroused to a knowledge of the curative merits of that great medicinal tonic, Electric Bitters, for sick stomach, liver and kidneys. Mary H. Walters, of 546 St. Clair Ave., Columbus, O., writes: "For several months, I was given up to die. I had fever and ague, my nerves were wrecked; I could not sleep, and my stomach was so weak from useless doctor's drugs, that I could not eat. Soon after beginning to take Electric Bitters, I obtained relief, and in a short time I was entirely cured." Guaranteed at Slocum's drug store; price 50c.

Her Dignity Is Hurt.

Washington, July 27.—Some doubt is expressed in official circles whether it will be possible to obtain China's consent to another treaty with the United States providing for even the exclusion of Chinese laborers from this country. The State Department is aware of ill feeling throughout China on the whole subject, and now that the immigration treaty with China has been allowed to lapse without the negotiation of a new agreement, reports have reached here China is inclined hereafter to refuse to sign any similar convention.

China's position appears to be that the exclusion of the Chinese citizens from a friendly country is in itself a disgrace, and, while she cannot ignore the laws of a foreign power providing for such exclusion, she can refuse to

sanction it or become party to it by concluding a treaty involving such restrictions. A year ago, it is said, it would have been easy to conduct negotiations with China for the exclusion of Chinese laborers only. Now, however, it is understood the Chinese officials are disposed to regard the signing of such a treaty as beneath the dignity of their government.

The reason for the assumption at Peking of this new attitude is not quite clear to the officials here, though in some circles it is attributed to be the influence of foreign powers.

Paintings Worth Millions.

London, July 26.—During his absence from America, J. Pierpont Morgan has added a whole Fragonard room to his London residence, the intrinsic value of which is estimated in hundreds of thousands of pounds sterling, besides being of infinite historical importance. Some appreciation of the value of the collection may be gathered from the fact that, while a Fragonard a foot square is worth \$5000, the largest room in Mr. Morgan's house is walled with the great artist's pictures. In all there are 12 of these paintings, each measuring three yards high and two yards wide.

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Three Drowned.

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Edna Fisher, aged 19 years. Lillie Ziegler, aged 20 years. May Ziegler, aged 18 years.

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