

THE CZAR'S VAST WEALTH

So Rich He Can Scarcely Compute the Amount.

HE HAS MANY HOLIDAYS

With His Salary, Royalties From Mines and Other Properties, His Annual Income is About Fifty Millions of Dollars.—Vast Sums Left Him by His Subjects.

The Czar of Russia is personally the richest monarch in Europe, and, consequently, in the whole world. He has palaces by the dozen, estates almost without number, and mines that bring him in fabulous sums of money every year, says a London exchange.

But the Czar can well afford it. He is unquestionably the richest man on earth. Even Mr. Rockefeller's many millions would look small by comparison with his multitudinous sources of wealth and the vast treasures hoarded for him by his ancestors.

The official revenue of Nicholas II.—salary, so to speak—is nearly \$10,000,000 per annum. It is difficult to arrive at it exactly, for it is paid in various ways and under many heads, and the sum total fluctuates from year to year.

With the sole exception of the shah of Persia, the Czar owns a greater fortune in diamonds and precious stones than any man in the world.

When Nicholas II. was crowned a few years ago the emir of Bokhara and the khan of Khiva, his two principal vassal princes, vied with one another in making him the richest gifts within their power.

The Czar is the luckiest man on earth in the matter of "windfalls." His loyal subjects are constantly leaving him large sums of money by will, which are not always accepted.

These legacies, when accepted, are never used by the Czar for his private gratification. He regards them as a trust fund and they have been so regarded by most of his ancestors.

Some of the legacies reach immense sums. A merchant named Stephanoff, who died at Nijni-Novgorod last year, left the Czar 11,000,000 rubles.

The Czar pockets more mining royalties than any other man on earth. The silver, gold, platinum and lead mines in the Ural Mountains are government property.

Most of the proceeds go into the government treasury, but royalties ranging from 6 to 15 per cent. are paid over to the emperor's private purse.

He receives similar royalties on the numerous government mines in Siberia, which are worked by the free labor of convicts. He also receives quit rents, tithes and other payments for vast tracts of crown lands in Siberia and central Asia, as well as a share of the large revenue accruing from the exploitation of the immense areas of government forest land in Siberia.

Whole blocks of real estate in St. Petersburg, Moscow, Odessa, Nijni-Novgorod, Irkutsk, Omsk, and other cities and towns in European Russia and Siberia are owned by the emperor and the rents are duly collected by a small army of agents under the supervision of Baron Freidrichs.

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SOME HISTORICAL SIEGES

Alexandria Silenced in Ten Hours, Short Record.

AWFUL BOMBARDMENTS

Gibraltar, Although Week After Week 6,000 Shells a Day Were Hurlled at It, Withstood Allied Fleets of Spain and France for Eight Hundred and Seventy-four Days.

MYSTERIOUS AUSTRIAN LAKE.

Its Water Disappears and Crops Grow Before It Returns.

Around the head of the gulf of Trieste, in the southern part of Austria, and extending across the base of the Istrian peninsula, is a plateau of limestone, which presents some peculiar phenomena.

Full grown rivers issue from its sides, disappear under other hills, to reappear later at some distant point.

Mysterious springs rise through the bottom of the bay of Trieste, in times of heavy rainfall, bubbling up with a violence sufficient to endanger small craft.

In the heart of Cherso Island, which is in the middle of the gulf of Quarnero, is the lake of Vrana. It is surrounded entirely by hills, and lies in a basin said to be 45 fathoms deep.

It has no apparent affluent or effluent, yet the waters are always fresh and cool. It is believed the lake is fed by some subterranean passage, leading out under the bay from the Istrian Alps, possibly from Monte Maggiore itself.

Some distance to the northward is a lake which disappears for weeks at a time. This sheet of water, known as the lake of Zirknitz, is about four miles long and from two to three miles broad.

Frequently, in July, although not every year, the waters begin to disappear, and in August the bed, 50 feet below the surface at some points, at times gradually appears.

When the bed is revealed the peasants plant crops of barley where only a short time before they were drawing their nets. The bed remains uncovered sometimes for many weeks.

The limestone which forms the bed is perforated with a vast number of caverns and fissures. Nearly 30 of these are visible. They are funnel shaped, and some of them are 50 feet deep.

Japan's Financial Position. We must recognize, at the outset, that Japan is a poor country, like nearly all Oriental lands, though not quite so poor as British India.

Japan has less than a fourth of Germany's revenue, or, to take her ally England as the basis of comparison, Japan, with a population half as great again as England, has less than a fifth of the revenue of England.

Japan is very densely populated. Nearly forty millions of her population are settled at from 400 to 475 to the square miles, nearly thirty millions approaching the latter figure in density.

N-Rays from Plants. Botanists have recently been investigating the N-rays, and we are told that they are emitted from plants, as well as from nerves and muscles.

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Uniform Divorce Laws.

Governor Higgins Favors Co-operation of State Commissioners.

Governor Higgins expressed himself in favor of the proposed co-operation of state commissioners to secure uniformity of divorce legislation throughout the country.

"I have no authority to appoint delegates to a congress to meet at Washington to consider the subject of divorce, but I think the matter falls properly within the jurisdiction of the commissioners for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States, and I have referred your communication to Walter S. Logan of 27 William street, New York city, who is the senior commissioner in this state, and have requested him to communicate with his colleagues and, if possible, to attend such a congress, should it meet, on behalf of New York."

The act of Assembly which permits taking carp, mullets and suckers with a four inch mesh net after the fisherman has given bond in the sum of \$200 does not become operative until September 1st.

There has been a steady increase the last thirty days in the application to the State highway department for state aid to build public roads under the law passed by the last legislature.

Supreme Secretary W. O. Robson, of the Royal Arcanum, issued the following statement: "The Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum will be called to meet in special session at Hotel Victory Put-in-Bay, Lake Erie, Ohio, on Wednesday, August 30th, at 2 o'clock P. M., forty-two representatives from the Grand Councils having signed a request to Supreme Regent Wiggins, therefor.

Advance copies of the new Methodist hymnal which has been in process of compilation and publication for more than six years, has been obtained by a few people.

The book contains the ritual of the church, and shows that in marriage service the word obey, has been eliminated, and hereafter the bride will take no such obligation.

Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy state of matrimony? Wilt thou love, honor, and keep him in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him so long as ye both shall live.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levant Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county and to me directed there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1905, at two o'clock p. m. All that certain lot or piece of land situate in the town of Bloomsburg aforesaid at the southwest corner of Brugler's alley and Market street, thence south sixty-two and one half degrees west by said Brugler's alley one hundred and ninety-eight feet; thence by an alley south twenty-six and three-fourth degrees east fifty feet to lot of Laura L. Wilson; thence by said lot of Laura L. Wilson north sixty-two and one half degrees east one hundred and ninety-eight feet to Market street aforesaid; thence by said Market street north twenty-six and three-fourth degrees west fifty feet to the place of beginning, containing nine thousand nine hundred square feet be the same more or less, whereon is erected a

TWO STORY BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, and out buildings. Seized, taken in execution at the suit of Martha M. Drieker and Margery A. Barkley, executrix of Charles G. Barkley, deceased vs. James S. Wilson and to be sold as the property of James S. Wilson.

W. W. BLACK, Sheriff. FREEZE, Attorney.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of Sundry writs of Pl. Fa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county and to me directed there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1905, at two o'clock p. m. All that certain piece or town lot of land being situate in the village of Rohrsburg, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at a post on Main street of said village of Rohrsburg; thence by lot now or formerly of John McMertrie south seventy-eight and one half degrees east one hundred and fifteen and one half feet to a post, and one fourth degrees west ninety and three fourths feet to a post; thence by land of the said P. D. Appleman north seventy-eight and one half degrees west one hundred and fifteen and one half feet to a post; thence by said Main street north eleven and one fourth degrees east ninety and three fourths feet to the place of beginning containing thirty-eight and one half perches of land strict measure, whereon is erected a

TWO STORY FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, barn and out buildings. Seized, taken in execution at the suit of C. M. Swayze vs. P. D. Appleman and to be sold as the property of P. D. Appleman.

W. W. BLACK, Sheriff. FREEZE, Attorney.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of nra issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1905, at two o'clock p. m. All that certain lot of land situate on the north westerly corner of Fairview avenue and Mercer street in Michael's addition to the Borough of West Berwick, in the county of Columbia and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: On the east by Mercer street, on the south by Fairview avenue and on the north by Brittain street, being forty five feet in width and one hundred and sixty feet in depth, containing 7300 square feet of land and being numbered and designated as lot No. 24 Michael's addition to West Berwick, Pennsylvania, whereon is erected a small

FRAME BLACKSMITH SHOP. Seized, taken in execution at the suit of A. Michael vs. J. E. Merrell and to be sold as the property of J. E. Merrell.

W. W. BLACK, Sheriff. CHAR. C. EVANS, Atty.

WIDOWS' APPRAISEMENTS.

Notice is hereby given that the following widows' appraisements will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Columbia county on Monday, September 4th A. D. 1905, by the clerk of said court and confirmed nisi, and unless exceptions are filed to same within four days they will be confirmed finally.

Estate of Adam Miller late of Mifflin township, deceased. Personalty \$300.00. Estate of John Howell late of Locust township, deceased. Personalty \$125.00. Realty \$125.00. Estate of Virgil D. Robbins late of Greenwood township, deceased. Personalty \$300.00. Estate of Charles Fisher late of Montour township, deceased. Personalty \$74.50. Estate of Jonas Rantz late of Benton township, deceased. Personalty \$307.00. Estate of Joseph Snyder late of Homick township, deceased. Personalty \$215.00.

Clerk's Office, C. M. TERWILLIGER, Bloomsburg, Pa., Aug. 9, '05. Clerk, O. C.

CHARTER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Tuesday, the 29th day of August, A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., by S. H. Hartman, Charles Altmiller, R. C. Neal, Jr., et al., under the provisions of the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29th, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "The Hartman Advertising Agency," the character and object of which is the transaction of the business of Advertising in all its branches, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

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