WOULD-BE BICYCLISTS.

Bome Valuable Suggestions on Learning

How to Ride. would get up at daybreak for a spin through them around. Then if you feel steady bethe country and hurry home from busi- igin pedaling easily and steadily, making ness at night for a brief run on his safety. | the pressure on the pedal equal from the He found some sort of a contrivance which time it passes the perpendicular until it he clamped on the front part of his machine, reaches the low point. Then let it carry and into it he strapped his chubby, two- your foot up until it reaches the top, and year-old daughter. There she rode like a resume the pressure. Don't lift your feet bird on a branch, springing up and down as | from the pedals." they rolled along over the smooth roads.

The man next door looked with envy upon the wheelman. He thought his neigh- pedals he forgot about his steering and made bor was having altogether too much fun.

one down from her perch, "it seems to me I'd get one if it didn't take so long to learn." "But it doesn't take so long to learn."

"Well, you look like a man with an ordinary amount of gray matter in the upper part of your head. I guess you could learn to ride in about an hour.

"An hour ! Go on ; your joking. Why, it would take me a week."

of an hour." "Go you a box of cigars."

"Done. Of course you'll do your best for himself." and follow my instructions?"

ing."

had gone away. "I've taught fifty men to who will be roped in sometime in the near ride, and I never yet found one who, if he future. Two of them are in it now, both followed instructions, wasn't riding inside | being taught by the professor's pupil-one of an hour from the time we started. It's in thirty-five minutes and the other in all in getting a few little points."

"Any patent on your scheme ?" inquired the man to whom the man with the wheel addressed himself.

"Not any. Come along and see how it is done. Then you can tell others how to dead a good while, the year of his death bedo it and when they find out how simple it | ing generally put at 303 of our era. In the is they'll get wheels and the army of cyclers | general decay of all sublurary things includwill receive thousands of recruits."

guest was on hand bright and early. The man with the wheel, with dusty knick- on a person who died sixteen centuries ago. erbockers and wrinkled coat, had just Nevertheless, the fact of such a phenomenon dependants, and its delicacy in the conver- to satisfy an exigent committee of epicures the importance of this move of Russia and returned from a little spin of ten miles. The man next door appeared in a spick and span uniform and a wheel that was a thing | Diocletian, for embracing Christianity, of beauty. They walked up to a nice piece | there were present at his martyrdom a of road.

want," said "the professor," as he was dubbed by his companions, and he led the way to the east drive, which sloped gently these persons was Akindynos, who beaway to the south. "Any place where you came a notable saint of the Greek Church. get a gentle grade is all right. Now, first of all, take off your saddle and saddle post so they won't bother you.

"But where'll I sit if they're gone?" "You're not going to sit for a few minutes. Just listen to what I tell you and Archbishop Anthony of Novgorod, who try to remember it. Without going into the science of the thing it is enough to say the year 1200, and who left a manuscript that to maintain your equilibrium it is neces- account of his visit, which has come down sary to turn your steering wheel in the direction toward which you are falling. Don't a description of it. A silver plate was fastforget that. Turn your wheel in the ened to the bone of the saint, and on this direction toward which you are falling. Don't turn it too much; a little will do a Four years after the visit of the Archbishop great deal, and just the moment that the in 1204, the Latin warriors of the Fourth tendency to fall has been checked, straight. Crusade took Constantinople, and the spoils en the wheel.

"Now for your position. Stand astride city became the property of the conquerors, the rear wheel grasping a handle in each | and, transported to the West, were bestowed hand. You will notice a little step on the there on various churches and monasteries. left side of the rear axle. Put the ball of push with your right foot, and stand right up on the step. Of course you keep hold of the handles and lean well forward. If you lose your balance completely you are only a few inches from the ground and can jump off without trouble.

"Now give us the time." "Seven-ten."

be afraid, and don't forget about that front wheel turn it the way you are falling."

essaved to push off. It was a dismal failure. He couldn't get the right foot off the cious objects sent to the melting-pot. From wise to the left.

"Just incline the machine slightly to the right," said the professor, "so that when you throw your weight on the left side the center of gravity will be directly wheel touches the ground."

The student followed directions and this time got up on the step all right, but forgot about his steering wheel. He made no effort to turn it as the machine fell over to the right, and down it came with a crash. The rider made a wild leap and landed on his feet all right. He picked up his machine, headed it down hill, and tried again. "Work that front wheel. Feel for the center point. You will find it and can tell | man ; the hair is long, the beard pointed. when you are on the center. Work the handles from side to side. No matter if you do wobble around wildly. It's all right.

You can't hurt yourself." Half a dozen times or more the student, who was by this time perspiring violently,

six feet, ten, a dozen, twenty, wobbling a father and a mother-that makes two wildly, but sticking to the step and manag- human beings. Each of them must have ing to keep going. Finally he rolled the had a father and a mother, that makes four full length of the hill without dismounting. | more human beings. Then, again, each of

we are ready for the saddle." forward into the seat. Let your legs hang by any school child, will show that 139, pedals. The lowering of the center of be all you can attend to for a moment-"

first time did not get into the seat at all, a single pair for 5,000 years each husband the effect of the shot. When a shell would ogist, says that foxes have already spread the whole thing going over just as he was and wife had married at 21 years of age and about to slide into the saddle.

"Don't be in a hurry," said the profestime."

Again he tried; this time with better numbers. luck. He went fifteen feet before losing control of his machine, and the next time he went further still. "You're all right," | Cen. Bonilla and Government troops the said the professor, approvingly, as the former and four of his officers were capturstudent rolled the machine uphill and mop- ed. One hundred persons were killed and ped his brow. "You're a rider without any | wounded.

question. You have mastered it. Now, this time after you have got well started draw up your legs and drop your feet on the pedals as they come up. Don't try to He was an enthusiastic wheelman. He work them, but just let your feet follow

The student started out bravely, but the moment he raised his feet to feel for the a wild plunge into the turf of the side of "Look here," he said a few evenings ago | the road. Three more trials made a great imas the man with the wheel lifted his little provement, and on the fourth attempt herode a hundred yards. Then the professor raised I'd like to ride one of those blamed things. | the saddle until it was high enough to allow the rider to reach the pedal at the low point with ease, and started him out for the final day, they slumber peacefully in the calyx of caused by eating animal substances. It is "How long do you think it would take whir!. He kept his balance beautifully, rode 200 yards, turned around, and came back wearing a smile of triumph.

" Time !" said the professor. "Seven-fifty-forty minutes, professor." " Well, I win those cigars."

"You do. I thought you'd lose." "It is simple enough," observed the pro-"Bet you I can teach you to ride inside fessor. "If one will try to ride on the step

and can master the blancing there he can, ride in the saddle. Let him try it and see And now the man with the wheel and "Sure. I'll order a wheel to-morrow and the other man with the wheel ride together, we'll tackle it early the following morn- forgetting business cares in the exhibaration

of the exercise. They have already planned "I've got a 'cinch' on these cigars." said | several tours together, and are talking serithe man with the wheel after his neighbor ously of a club, to be composed of neighbors forty-five.

A Man Who Saw St. George.

The patron saint of England has been ing human bodies, it would hardly seem On the appointed morning the invited possible that there can be yet in existence sweetness when it has nothing to soothe it, containing no fresh meat whatever, but any portion of a man who had set his eyes seems tolerably well established.

When St. George was put to death under number of persons who were so touched "Now, this is the kind of a place you at what they saw that they turned Christians. Forthwith they wore all arrested and decapitated at Nicomedia. One of After his death his churches of the Orient divided among them his remains. A portion of his skull became the property of the Church of Saints Comus and Damien in Constantinople. A Russian pilgrim, visited the capital of the Eastern Empire in to us, venerated this relic, and has given plate was engraved his name and bust.

of the innumerable religious edifices of the

The piece of the skull of Saint Akindypresented it to the Cistercian Abbey of persed, the monuments destroyed, and prein the vicinity of Rosieres, the Abbe Guibone of the saint, with the silver plate still fresh air. affixed to it.

left parietal fossa. The silver plate, a form. On it is engraved the bust of the saint, with his name written in Greek The plate is fastened to the skull by four little bands of metal and eight nails.

Your Legions of Ancestors.

Did you ever stop to think how many tried to make that start and get into a male and female ancestors were required to standing position on the step. Finally he bring you into the world? Let us reason made it and the machine rolled six feet together on this subject and see if we canbefore it toppled far enough to make him | not prove it to be a most curious and interesting theme to write and talk about. First, Then it came easier by degrees. He rolled it was very necessary that you should have "Bravo!" shouted the professor. "Now | these four had a father and a mother, making eight more representatives of God's He put it in place and set it as low as it | greatest handiwork. So we go on back to would go. "Now," said he, "start just as the birth of Christ, or through fifty-six genyou did before, and after you have begun to erations in all. The result of such a calcuroll and feel moderately steady slide gently | lation, which can be made in a few minutes straight down. Pay no attention to the 235,017,489,534,976 births must have taken place in order to bring you into this world. gravity will make a slight change in the Yes, you who read these lines. All this, manipulation of the handles, and that will too, since the beginning of the Christian era, not since the beginning of time, by The student followed directions, but the any means. According to Proctor, if from there had been no deaths, the population of the earth would now be 2,199,915, followed sor. "Take it easy; you have plenty of by 144 ciphers. Verily, the human mind shrinks from contemplating such immense

In the recent battle in Honduras between

Golden Thoughts for Every Day-

Monday-Up to the hills I lift mine eyes, The eternal hills beyond the skies; Thence all her help my soul derives, There my almighty refuge lives.

He lives - the everlasting God, That built the world, That spread the flood The heavens with all their hosts He made, And the dark regions of the dead.

He guides our feet, He guards our way; His morning smiles bless all the day: He spreads the evening veil, and keeps The silent hours while Israel sleeps.

Israel, a name divinely blest,

May rise secure, securely rest:

The holy Guardian's wakeful eyes

Admit no slumber nor surprise.

-[Anon. how other bees act, and then go and do likewise. Wearied by the heat and labor of the Wilberforce.

Wednesday-

'Tis a life-long toil till our lump be leaven— The better! what's come to perfection per-

Things learned on earth we shall practice in Works done least rapidly, Art most cherish-

-[Robert Browning.

come solitude; the former is, I believe, the not eat half enough green meat, and almost the worst. In complete solitude, their tables those esculents are, in nine the eye wants objects, the heart wants at- cases out of ten, abominably cooked. With tachments, the understanding wants reci- a little taste, a little appreciation, and a procation. The character loses it tender- modicum of common sense, a cook, who ness when it has nothing to love, its firm- need not be by any means a vegetarian, ness when it has none to strengthen it, its might send up a dinner of 5 or 6 courses, sations of the uninformed—[Hannah More.

Friday—
Oft have I walked those woodland paths,
Without the blest foreknowing
That underneath the withered leaves,
The fairest buds were growing.

To-day the south wind sweeps away The types of autumn's splendor, And shows the sweet arbutus flowers, Spring's children pure and tender.

O, prophet flowers!—with lips of bloom Outvying in thy beauty The pearly tints of ocean shells-Ye teach me faith and duty!

"Walk life's dark ways," ye seem to say,
"With love's divine foreknowing,
That where man sees but withered leaves, God sees sweet flowers growing.

-[Albert Laighton. Saturday—It is not good for man to be alone. Hitherto all things that have been God's eye named not good .- [Milton.

They Know as Much as Men.

described those of South America, who a worthy physician who flourished early in safe to predict that they will surely be in build immense structures and provide space the reign of Charles I., but who, while he operation before the Trans-Siberian line is for the storage of grain. Wood ants, in- scrupulously admonished his disciples to completed. habiting hardwood trees, divide their house abstain from the fleshpots, whether they your left foot on the step, give a slight nos was allotted to a lord of Frenche Comte, into forty compartments. Noticing the min- were Egyptian or English, did not hesitate long a part of the kingdom of Burgnudy. ing ants, the lecturer said much might be to enjoin the generous exhibition, as bever-He was, propably, a Sire de Vadans. How- learned from their cleanly habits and their ages, of old ale, Canary wine and cordials. ever that may be, the possessor of the relic wonderful sanitary arrangements. Some kinds of ants do not keep cows but live en-Rosieres, a rich monastery which is entire. | tirely on grain. Mr. Plunket gave some ly destroyed, but which stood in what is facts about their interesting harvesting now the canton of Arbois. The piece of the operations-stating that they planted and skull was carefully preserved in the abbey cultivated a kind of grass called ant rice "All right. Now make your start, don't of Franche-Comte. It is mentioned in an and were so advanced in civilization that inventory of the property of the convent | malting was understood by them. Then made in 1714. In the time of the Revolution | there are mushroom growing ants who The student put his left foot upon the the relic of Rosieres disappeared with the cultivate fungus, and others again who use step as directed, grasped the handles, and abbey and the church. The monks were dis- umbrellas. Several species make raids on the black ants, rob them of their larvæ and compel the poor black ants to be their ground. The machine flopped over side- that time to this nothing was ever heard of slaves. In the burying of their dead ants the skull of Saint Akindynos until this show wonderful intelligence, having cemeyear, when it was discovered in a remaak- teries and even bury their slaves in a differable way. The parish of a priest commune | ent place from their masters, and are quite up in funeral pageantry. In conclusion the chard, an archæologist of reputation, in lecturer said that much could be learned over the point where the lower part of the some excavations he had made among a from ant life, in their wonderful governmass of wood ashes concained in an old salt- ment, common brotherhood, nursing and pit, 1 m. 50 c. under ground, found the care of the young, temperance, and love of

W. F. Liesching, writing in the new The fragment of skull is a portion of the number of the Selborne Society's Magazine on ants in Ceylon, says he saw one day a work of the tenth century, is of circular string of ants streaming forth, evidently in search of "pastures new." He flicked away the leader and waited to see the result. An characters. The figure is that of a young immediate halt was made by the foremost ants and a scene of the utmost confusion ensued. The ants from behind kept arriving at the scene of the catastrophe, and there was soon a black crowd of ants huddling and jostling one another. Some detached themselves from the main group and took a turn round, trying to find traces of their leader. At last the tail end of the line arrived, and after brief consulation they all started off again, and a line soon began to unravel itself from the tangled mass, moving back to the hole from which the whole company had so lately started on "pleasure bound or labor all intent."

The Horse in Battle-

When it comes to a battle, a horse on; but he does his duty nobly, and seems to be in his element. He enters into the spirit of the battle like a human being. shows no fear of death; and it is singular that, if his mate is shot down, he will turn to look at him, and seem pleased. A horse in my battery was once struck by a piece of broken heart.

VEGETARIANISM.

No Reason Why Man Should Absolutely Forsake the Fleshpots.

We are continually being told, says the

the world mankind lived wholly on the | way, from Vladivostock to the Ural Mounvegetable productions of the earth, and tains, has gained general credence throughthat even at this day millions of human out the western world, but such it not the beings in Asia and Africa subsist in a simi- case. Russia has no intentions whatever lar manner. Then we have that eminent of calling a halt in the construction of this authority, Sir John Sinclair, who noted all-important railroad, and so long as she that the Tartars, who live principally is unfettered by a war in Europe her suron animal food, possess a degree of ferocity | plus energy and talent and all the money of mind and fierceness of character which she can divert into this use will be employform the leading features of all carnivorous ed in carrying on the work already so animals. Furthermore, we are reminded that the celebrated surgeon, Mr. Abernethy, maintained that many persons acquire pre-Tuesday-Observe on a summer's evening posterous noses, others blotches on the face, and others inflammation of the eyes -all arising from irritation of the stomach, | tier, connecting the larger cities and importhe flowers, The latter inclose them with true that the great doctor, who was himtheir tender petals, and the gentle whispers | self of a convivial temperament, when he of the evening zephyr rock the reposing and was asked why he did not practice what he well-secured insect on its balmy couch. How preached, replied by reminding the insweet the rest! So do thou also slumber in quirer of the old story of the parson the calvx of the Rose of Sharon. Forget and the sign post-both pointed the thyself in thinking of Jesus. Be He thy all, right way, but neither followed its and his promises and merits the covering course. The Vegetarian Society, who over thee and the pillow beneath thy head. met in council at Salford, by Manches-O then, what does it matter if the tempest ter, in August, 1829, were just as enthusihowls without, and croaking night-birds astic, and in many respects just as unreasflutter around thee? Soft is thy couch, onable, as the Vegetarian Federal Union, and the banner over thee is love .- [Bishop | who banqueted and orated recently; but, at the same time, it is obvious to those who have attentively studied and diligently tested the principal components of the food of man, in different countries and under varying conditions of civilization, that there are many admirable features in the vegetarian crusine, and that the kitchen in question should be, to a reasonable extent, encouraged and patronized, were it only Thursday-My retirement was now be- for the reason that the English people do best state for the mind of man, the latter that when they have any vegetables on pottages, full of wholesomeness and flavor, construction has been begun. can be prepared from onions, carrots, tomatoes, hop-tops and such herbs as beet, sorrel lines has been appropriated, or at least such leek and purslain. It must not be thought a sum is made payable annually as will that either the Saltord vegetarians of 1829 cover the expenses incurred in the construcnamed were approved of God to be very or the Vegetarian Federal Unionists of 1892 tion up to date of payment. The work is good; loneliness is the first thing which have any claim to the invention of purely largely done by soldiers and convicts, and vegetarian soups, or, indeed, of any of the by this means the heavy cost of the undermore conspicuous items in the modern vege- taking is greatly reduced. No time has tarian bill of fare. Recipes for most of been fixed for the completion of these railthese dainties were printed in a folio enti- ways, but judging by the eagerness with A recent lecturer on ants and their ways | tled "The Diet of the Diseased," the work of | which work is being pushed forward it is

June Song.

O sing of a scudding sky in June!—
He who can sing it sweet—
When the yachts of God are all abroad,
Ten million in the fleet:
Nor mightiest hand in all the land

Can stay one snowy sheet! The oriole and the bobolink Fling challenge to the quail; The clover nods to the milk weed pods, And the daisies dot the swale; The soul of the rose on light wing goes And sweetens all the gale.

Ah! fair is the green world underneath! But O for the blue above! To leave the grass and lightly pass, As the pinion of a dove, To the snowy boat that seems to float To the haven of my love!

Then hey for a scudding sky in June, When the world is fresh and sweet; When the yachts of God are all abroad, Ten million in the fleet: Nor mightiest hand in all the land Can furl one flying sheet!

In Paradise.

According to a Mohammedan legend, ten animals have been admitted to paradise the dog Kratim, the faithful follower of the seven sleepers of Ephesus; Balaam's ass, Solomon's ant, Jonah's whale, the ram which was offered in sacrifice instead of Isaac, the camel of Saleb, originally created out of a rock; the cuckoo of Belkis, the ox of Moses, and Alborak, the horse which conveyed Mohammed to heaven and back again. To these some add the beast which the Savior rode on his entry to Jerusalem, and the faithful mule which bore the Queen of Sheba to Jerusalem. When Mary, Queen of Scots, was sent to the scaffold her little dog unnoticed, followed her, and when her cloak was laid aside the little animal crept beneath it, nor could it be induced to move, and was finally taken away by force. The faithfulness of the little creature has secured it a kind of immortality, for no artist of the last scene in Mary's unfortunate life omits seems to know everything that is going the lap-dog, and this act of devotion probably inspired a recent reviewer to include it among the ten fortunate animals admitted to the Mohammedan paradise.

Foxes Are as Bad as the Rabbits.

Australians have had bitter experience of shell, which split his skull. The driver the mischief which rabbits are capable of turned him loose, but he walked up to the doing, and now they seem likely to have side of the gun and watched the firing, and, trouble of a similar kind from the introducwhen the shot was fired, would look away | tion of foxes. An Australian journal, quotin the direction of the enemy, as if to see ed in the May number of the London Zoolburst near by he would calmly turn and over a wide area, and are most destructive been opened with a Vancouver syndicate for look at it. When he saw his own team go- both to lambs and poultry. They attain transport from Canton of several thousand ing back for ammunition he ran back to his greater size and strength in Australia than laborers, who had been previously engaged own place and galloped back to the caissons in England, and the mild climate is highly upon the Canadian Pacific Railroad, to Siwith the rest. When the lieutenant push- favorable to the increase of their numbers. beria for work upon the Russian line. The ed him aside to put in another horse he "It must be very disheartening," says the agents of this syndicate have made an exlooked at the other sorrowfully while he writer, "to all who have stock of any kind amination of the route of the railway and was being harnessed up, and when he seem- to lose, to find themselves confronted by are now engaged in making estimates of the ed to realize that there was no further use some new enemy introduced by thoughtless contract for finishing it. for him he lay down and died. The lieuten- or selfish persons. If some energetic steps ant strongly asserted that he died of a are not soon taken, nothing can prevent the The mortality from cholera at Meshad, spread of foxes over the whole continent." | Persia, has reached 460 daily.

A GREAT RAILWAY.

Russia's Trans-Siberian Line Being Push ed with Vigor.

The statement that Russia had concluded London Telegraph, that in the first ages of | to stop work upon her Trans-Siberian Railextensively begun.

The knowledge that the Chinese Government has contracted for and commenced the construction of a counter line of railways running along the northern Chinese frontant military strongholds, has tended to urge forward rather than detract from the anxiety shown by the Russian officials in hastening the completion of the Trans-Siberian line. This railway, when completed, will insure Russian supremacy in the far East. It will put Vladivostock, the naval station of the Czar's empire on the Pacific, within fourteen days of St. Petersburg and within ten days of Odessa and Sebastopol, and thus leave the Russian fleet, in case of war, to act offensively against the commerce and other interests of the enemy without fear as to the safety of Vladivostock. The troops from the Siberian interior posts can be hurried to any threatened point along the coast, and the railway will guarante their arriving to garrison any port days in advance of the arrival of a hostile squadron.

Along the Chinese border the advantages of this strategic line of railway are very great. Running as it does close along the frontier, it affords a ready means of landing and massing any available number of Russian troops at any point from which it may be desired to make an invasion of the Chinese provinces or an attack upon any desire.

CHINA SET TO WORK.

As slow as the Chinese Government has been to take note of the inroads made by its patience when it meets no contradic- comprising such animal products as butter, foreign countries against the peace and weltion, its humility when it is surrounded by | milk, cheese and eggs, of a nature thoroughly | fare of their ancient empire, it has realized who, on most days of the week, were meat does not propose to be caught napping. eaters. Who can say anything adverse to To this end foreign engineers have been emgreen pea soup with rice, in which the peas ployed and railways planned and routes are stewed with sliced onions, carrots, surveyed along almost the whole of turnips and a head of celery, strained the northern provinces of the emthrough a sieve, flavored with mushroom pire. In addition telegraph lines to all catsup, rendered smooth with butter, the principal cities and fortresses are being mingled with rice boiled very tender; pushed forward as rapidly as the materials thickened with the yolks of eggs, and with | can be obtained from the foreign firms conmilk or cream; boiled up again, and served | tracting for their delivery in China. The up hot with sippets? White purees of material is supplied wholly by English and turnip, Jerusalem artichokes, arrowroot, other European firms and is brought to barley, sago, semolino, potatoes and pars- China by sea. The vessels unload their nips can be made as tasty as soups of spin- cargoes at Hankow and from there it is carach, peas and young cabbage, while brown | ried overland to the points at which the

The money necessary for building these

It is most remarkable that, coincident with the terrible famine in European Russia, the Usuri Valley, through which the Trans-Siberian Railway runs, has produced this year a prodigious cereal crop, insomuch that the authorities have been compelled to come to the agriculturists' relief by purchasing at one time a year's supply of rye for the entire Russian army. The Usuri Valley is one of the most prolific valleys in the world, but at present only a small part of it has been brought under cultivation. Yet this small section has produced during the past year such an enormous crop that were there a means of transporting it to European Russia it would go far toward checking the horrors of the present famine. What an incentive for expediting the work of the railway !

LENGTH AND COST.

Strategic considerations have been heretofore mainly urged for the speedy completion of this railway, but now a new inducement has arisen-that of striving to avert the recurrence of abnornal abundance in one part of the empire and a wasting famine in another. It is a problem which urgently calls for a prompt solution of how the work can be most readily prosecuted. The railway as now surveyed and being

built will present no serious engineering difficulties, and it is of supreme importance to the entire world in its commercial and politial aspects. It will comprise a total length of 4,785 miles, and will cost roughly \$200,000,000. The construction of the line is divided into six divisions, and these divisions are subdivided into sections of 100, 200, or 300 miles, according to the nature of the country. The contract for the building of the line is let by the section, thus enabling many contractors to come in for small portions, and consequently greatly expediting the completion of the In addition to the large number of famine

sufferers employed in the construction of this work and of others previously engaged in it, it is now suggested to use Chinese and Japanese laborers. Convict labor, upon which much reliance was at first placed, has been found to be very dilatory and expensive, and free labor is not sufficiently, available in Siberia to meet the demand. For reasons which at first seemed cogent and satisfactory it was decreed that only the Russian proletariat should be employed on the construction of the railway, but now it is quite evident that without the aid of an army of Chinese coolies the consummation of the undertaking must be delayed to a period that must be detrimental to the interests of Russia.

In view of this fact negotiations have