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**Polytechnic Institute.***Warsaw.*

The city of Warszawa (pr. Varsharva), during the chequered course of her stormy history, has experienced many calamities and bewildering changes, but in spite of all her vicissitudes the beautiful city continues to grow in educational, political, and commercial greatness; in 1915 the population was over one million. In 1901 this very important and imposing block of buildings was erected to teach all that is best in modern science and education. Previous to the war the institute was attended by about 600 students.

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**Kremlin and Monastery.***Kazan.*

The most striking feature of Kazan is the Kremlin (founded 1437), which contains the magnificent Preobrazhenski monastery, built 1556; the celebrated Suyumbeka tower, 246 ft. high, an object of great veneration to the Tartars; a fine cathedral (1562), an arsenal, several churches, &c. This part of eastern Russia belonged to the Bulgarians (the ruins of their ancient capital, Bolgari, are 60 m. S. of Kazan), who were vanquished by Ulugh Mahommed, Khan of the Golden Horde of the Mongols, and they in turn were defeated by Ivan the Terrible of Russia 1552.

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**Kremlin.***Moscow.*

On the left bank of the Moskva, occupying the Borovitsky hill, stands the world-famous *Krem!* or Kremlin—a holy spot for the Russians. It is an old fortress, nearly triangular in shape, about 100 acres in extent, and surrounded by a wall 2,430 yds. in length and 65 feet high, built by Ivan III., and restored during the 19th century. Enclosed within this wall are cathedrals, a monastery, a convent, palaces, a court of justice, barracks, an arsenal, &c., forming one of the most wonderful and historic groups of buildings in the world.

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**Winter Palace.***Petrograd.*

The Imperial winter residence, designed by Rastrelli, was finished 1764, partly destroyed by fire 1837, and restored 1839. The interior is magnificent. The Crown Jewel Room contains the Imperial Regalia; the Sceptre alone is valued at 2,400,000 roubles, on this is set the celebrated Orloff Diamond, 194<sup>2</sup> carats; the beautiful Imperial Crown (1,100,000 roubles), and many other objects of enormous value. In the picture gallery are all the portraits of the Romanovs from the Patriarch Philarete Nikititch, father of Mikhail, the first of the Romanov Tsars.

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## Hall of the Imperial Council.

*Petrograd.*

This extensive block of handsome buildings was erected for the Tsar Nicholas I. 1844, in the Italian style from the designs of Stakenschneider. It was presented by Nicholas I. to his eldest daughter Marie, Duchess of Leuchtenberg, and her husband. The building is now used as the Hall of the Imperial Council of the Russian Empire. The assembly was first formed 1810; in 1906 it was transformed into a legislative body, and no law can now come into effect without the approval of both the Duma and this Council.

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**Ipatiyev Monastery.***Kostroma.*

The founder of the Godunov family, Zacharias Tchet, a Tartar prince, built this celebrated monastery 1330. It was surrounded by a very strong stone wall in 1586-90, and formed into a fortress, which provided shelter for Mikháil Romanov, the first of the present reigning dynasty of Russia, when he was threatened by the Poles 1613. It was at Kostroma that Mikhail was persuaded to accept the crown of Russia on March 14th (O.S.), 1613. The throne which Mikháil used is preserved in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity close by the monastery.

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TSARSHOYE SELO.

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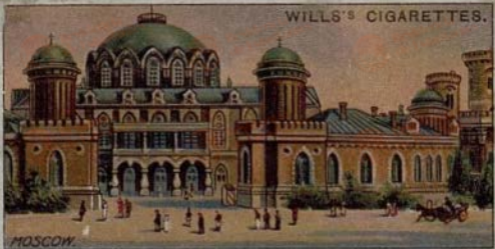
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**Summer Palace.***Tsarskoye Selo.*

**Tsarskoye Selo** (Village of the Tsar), 15 miles from Petrograd, is a favourite summer residence of the Russian Court. This beautiful palace was built by Rastrelli 1724. The interior is most gorgeously decorated. The Amber Room contains panels of amber; another room has walls of opalescent glass, violet glass pillars, and the floor inlaid with mother-of-pearl. The Lapis Lazuli Room is embellished with lapis lazuli, and contains chandeliers and tables decorated with this precious mineral; other rooms are resplendent with agate, silver and gold.

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**Petrovsky Palace.***Moscow.*

Before their coronation the Tsars of Russia visit this historic palace, and from there in stately procession proceed to the Kremlin. The original palace was built in 1776 by Kazakov. Napoleon occupied the palace Sept. 1812, and on his retreat from Moscow it was plundered and burnt. The present building was erected in the Lombardo-Gothic style 1840. A massive loop-holed wall, surmounted by battlements and towers, surrounds the court. The beautiful park adjoining the palace was laid out by the Tsar Nicholas I. in 1834.

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**Royal Palace.***Warsaw.*

This palace was at one time the residence of the Kings of Poland. It was founded by the dukes of Mazovia, and rebuilt as a royal residence by Sigismund III. and Wladislaus IV. Most of its art treasures and objects of value were transferred to Petrograd and Moscow in 1831. The palace stands about 120 feet above the level of the river Vistula, and its beautiful gardens are arranged in terraces sloping to the banks of the river. Previous to the war the Russian Governor - General of Poland resided here.

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**Upenskiy Cathedral.***Kostroma.*

It was here that the Grand-Prince Vasili Kostromski had a vision in which the Virgin Mary appeared to him. To commemorate this he built the cathedral 1239. It was burnt down and rebuilt 1773, and is a very fine and imposing monument of old Russian architecture. It stands on the site of the old Kremlin or citadel. On the Ikonostas in the cathedral, is the large wonder-working picture of the Virgin, painted in the 13th century. Kostroma (founded 1152) is one of the oldest towns in Russia.

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