

INDIAN RAILWAY EXTENSION.

Survey of Quetta Extension Line Sanctioned—Russian Press Alarmed.

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Special Cablegram.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—A cablegram to The Times from Simla says the Government has sanctioned the survey for the railway from Quetta to Nushki, along the new route to Eastern Persia.

The work of the engineers is regarded as of great importance, as the route is selected for its strategic features.

Judging by recent articles in the Russian press, the projected Western extension of the Quetta (Beluchistan) Railway is viewed with much alarm in the Czar's empire. The Germans checkmated Russia in regard to the Bagdad Railway, and it seems that Russian diplomacy will receive another setback if the Quetta-Nushki line is built.

The Novoe Vremya said three weeks ago: "The English have already completed the surveys and tracing of the track of the Quetta extension line through Northern Beluchistan to Seistan. Our example has borne fruit. The rapidity with which we built the Transcaspian Railway has found a ready emulator in England, in evidence of which we may point to the extraordinary expedition shown in Lord Kitchener's construction of the Soudan Railway. We may take it for granted, therefore, that within the very near future England will have brought Northwestern India into direct railway communication with Eastern Persia.

"England will then be in possession of another base from which she may attack us in Central Asia, and, it is needless to add, she will monopolize the new markets opened up by the Western extension of her Indian railway system. In order to complete the new communication, it will only be necessary to connect Seistan with Bussorah, but before that is accomplished, and before the German Bagdad Railway has become an accomplished fact, Russia's railway projects in Persia will have been advanced to an important stage. Our influence at Teheran is still all-powerful, and the time has now arrived, or is rapidly approaching, when we should take the fullest advantage of the privileged facilities we command in the dominions of the Shah."

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