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THE Seventh International Geological Congress convened at St. Petersburg, Russia, on August 29, 1897, in accordance with the Czar's invitation, presented at the Fifth Congress in 1891.

The enrollment far exceeded that of any previous Congress, the preliminary list showing 966 names, of which only 270 were of Russians. The final list has about 1,100, about 120 of them being American.

The arrangements were upon an imperial scale. Free transportation on all Russian railroads was provided not merely for the members, but also for their families. Excursions were given such as no other Congress can expect, unless, indeed, another meeting be held in Russia. A guide book of 660 pages, with many maps, plates and sections, was prepared, giving detailed information respecting the geology of regions to be visited, a most valuable contribution to geological literature, making accessible, to geologists all over the world, facts previously published for the most part only in proceedings of scientific societies and sealed up in the Russian language.

Three excursions preceded the Congress. That to the Ural Mountains, shared in by somewhat more than 200 members, was in charge of Dr. Tschernychew and lasted for four weeks. This, extending beyond railroad and all other ordinary means of trans-

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