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Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

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Senator Perkins has been notified by the Department of State that the Russian Government, through its Minister here, will allow Adolph Kutner of California to visit his relations in Russian Poland. The case of Mr. Kutner has become quite celebrated, owing to his wealth and social standing in California and the interest taken in his behalf by the members of the California delegation in Congress.

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It will be remembered that Mr. Kutner last May applied to the State Department for the necessary papers to enable him to visit his relatives in Russian Poland. The Charge d'Affaires of the Russian legation refused to vize his passport on the ground that he was a Jew, and therefore under Russian law was excluded from the privilege of visiting the country. Senator Perkins and Representative Castle agitated the subject in the Senate and House of Representatives during the extraordinary session by bill and resolution.

After considerable correspondence between the State Department and the Russian Government on the subject the Russian authorities have finally concluded to make an exception in favor of Mr. Kutner without modifying its law excluding Jews from the country. The Russian Minister states that the authorities are satisfied that Mr. Kutner will not become a charge upon the Russian Government should he visit his friends in Poland, and therefore permission is granted him to make a visit not extending beyond one month. While this concession may be acceptable to Mr. Kutner, Senator Perkins will urge some legislation to meet cases of a similar nature.

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