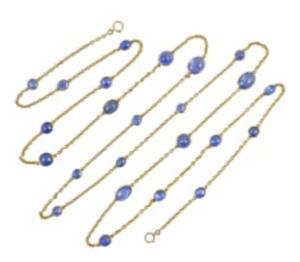
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Late 19th / early 20th century Russian spectacle set sapphire and gold long chain necklace by Fyodor Ruch of St. Petersburg, assayed Moscow 1898-1908, the chain spaced by 24 cushion, round and oval cabochon sapphires,

spectacle set and graduated larger to either side as worn, the chain of bold tracelinks, maker's mark to one end ring and '56' kokoshnik assaymark to the other terminal for assaymaster Ivan Lebedkin, testing as 14ct gold.

Fyodor Ruch (Friederich Ruch), originally of Heidelberg Germany, was a supplier of chains for Faberge. Mentioned from 1888 to 1910, his gold and silver workshop was located at Nevsky pr. 44 (1900) and Sadovaya str. 22 (1910).

Length 155cms / 61"

Links 3.2mm

The sapphires range in size approximately 14.6 x 12 x 7.5mm to 7.4 - 7.3 x 4.4mm Weight: 72.5g