

RIOTING IN RUSSIA.

Patients Buried Alive by the Overzealous Authorities. DOCTORS KILLED BY THE MOB. Ignorant People Accuse Them of Causing the Dread Disease. IN THE CHOLERA STRICKEN DISTRICT.

BOSTON, July 26.—Private advices just received in Boston from the city of Astrakhan, Russia, tell the story of a popular outbreak that scarcely finds a parallel in modern history since the plague riots of the Middle Ages, and is only to be paralleled in Russian annals by such risings as those of Stenka Rasin, the brigand, and Pugacheff, the political pretender.

The first news of the disturbance came about the beginning of the present month in the form of a telegram stating that a number of workmen fleeing from the cholera had been killed in a riot, due to the stampede of the mob, in the absence of the sanitary authorities. Still later intelligence ascribed the disturbances to a revolt on the part of the ignorant populace against the sanitary measures taken to prevent the spread of the plague.

The detailed account just received, while it corrects the ignorance, the superstitious hallucinations and the murderous violence of the mob in the most lurid colors, represents the outbreak as having been precipitated in the first instance by the discovery that the sanitary authorities, in their over-zeal to stamp out the dread disease, had been putting cholera patients into their coffins alive.

Story of the Astrakhan Riot. The Astrakhan riot, with all its shocking features, is now seen to be one of the incidents of that double scourge of famine and plague from which Russia is suffering so direly to-day. The story of it really begins with the cholera outbreak, since there is evidence to believe that the epidemic of disease, there would have been any connection with the authorities. Situated on the lower Volga, at the entrance to the Caspian, the city is connected by steamship service with all the ports of the Caspian, and receives for European transportation almost the entire commerce with Persia and Transcaucasia, and holds annually markets and bazaars that attract thousands of merchants from all parts of Asia and Europe. Its complete communications with the East, in fact, have made it the much-dreaded gateway through which, despite the sanitary precautions of the Russian Government, Asiatic cholera so frequently gains admission to the western world.

The latest visitation of the disease, due to a temporary relaxation of sanitary vigilance at the Caspian ports, began toward the latter part of June, and cholera was raging in the city for about a week before the official announcement of its presence was made on the 16th of July. The normal population of Astrakhan at the present time is about 80,000 persons, made up of Russians, Armenians, Tartars and Persians, the Russians dominating; the industries carried on include shipbuilding, dyeing, silk rearing, the manufacture of soap, soap making, fruit raising and fishing. But this year, owing to the migration of large numbers of peasants and artisans from the famine-stricken districts in search of work, the population of Astrakhan at the present time is estimated to be about 150,000 persons.

Measures to Prevent the Spread. As soon as the presence of the disease had been definitely ascertained the authorities set to work to prevent its further spread. One of the first of these was the quarantining of all vessels coming from the Caspian ports, and this measure has been carried out so rigorously that at the time of writing only about 1,000 persons were detained in the roadstead, where, owing to lack of provisions, they were for many days restricted to a diet of half a pound of bread a day. Quarantines were also established for the Caspian ports, and all vessels, practically cutting off Astrakhan from the rest of the world. The city itself was divided for sanitary purposes into 16 districts, and a new hospital, furnishing accommodation for 200 patients, was opened.

At the time the sanitary regulations were issued cholera patients were being conveyed to hospitals at the rate of about ten a day. It was originally intended that the dead bodies should be buried in the city, but that cholera patients be wrapped in sheets covered with quicklime, and then, without religious ceremonies of any kind, conveyed to the city cemetery. The first signs of popular discontent manifested themselves after the issue of the sanitary regulations, when the artisans and common people generally, being of the orthodox Greek faith, strongly resent the idea of interring dead people without a preliminary religious ceremony, and they refused to obey the regulations, but as a side issue, they were angry at the fact that the corpses should be wrapped in sheets covered with quicklime, and then, without religious ceremonies of any kind, conveyed to the city cemetery, and there interred.

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An Interesting Historical Sketch of the Secretaries of State. THE MENTAL CAPACITY OF MANY FAR OVERSHADOWED THAT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PRESIDENTS.

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Webster, of course, who was at the head of the State Department under William H. Harrison, and who held the post during the latter part of the President's term of office, was immeasurably superior to either in intellectual power. He also possessed the greatest of all American statesmen and the greatest of all American orators. It could be said of Webster with more truth than it was said of Shakespeare's Henry V., that "The rarer the man, the more the world is made for him."

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Two Secretaries in One Term. In the four years of the first Adams' service as President there were two Secretaries of State—Timothy Pickens and John Marshall. Pickens had come over from Washington's administration. Presidents in those days sometimes kept some of their predecessors' Cabinet in office. Adams held on to nearly all of Washington's, Marshall succeeded Pickens near the end of Adams' administration.

The Stepping Stone to the Presidency. James Madison was the Secretary of State under Jefferson, Robert Smith and James Monroe under Madison and John Quincy Adams under Monroe. Thus this post came to be known as a stepping stone to the Presidency. Madison, Monroe and John Quincy Adams went direct from the chief office of the Cabinet to the highest post under the Government, while Jefferson had also held the office of Secretary of State before going to the post of Executive, but he did not step at once from the lower office to the higher, for the Vice Presidency came to him in the interval. Smith is not well remembered, but Madison, Monroe and Adams were before the public for a long time. Madison was the last to die of all the men who signed the Constitution, while Monroe was the last of the men who figured in the army or in politics at the time of the Revolution.

Grant's Fame Was Purely Military. When Buchanan went to the Presidency he found himself somewhat overshadowed by the Secretary of State, Lewis Cass. Buchanan had before this time held all ambition to become President, had ceased to seek the office, and had voluntarily retired to private life, with the intention of keeping out of politics for the rest of his life. He had been Secretary of State under W. H. Harrison, ever elected President, being 66 years of age at the time. Cass was older, however, than his official superior, but years sat on him more lightly and political ambition remained with him. Jeremiah S. Black, who succeeded Cass near the end of the Buchanan administration, was previously Attorney General in the same Cabinet, and was one of the best known and most influential men of his time. The remaining Secretaries of State, down to the accession of the present incumbent, were William H. Seward, Elihu B. Washburne, Hamilton Fish, William M. Evarts, James C. Blaine, Charles F. Smith, Fish, Bayard, all of whom were national figures before going to the chief place in the Presidential Ministerial Council. Seward served under Lincoln and Grant, and was one of the ablest statesmen of his time. Blaine served under Grant and Hayes, Blaine, Garfield and Harrison, Frelinghuysen under Arthur and Bayard under Cleveland. Each of these men was a bigger figure on the national stage than the President who appointed him at the time of the latter's nomination to the Presidency (or the Vice Presidency in the case of Arthur), unless we make an exception in favor of Grant. Grant's fame, however, at the time of his nomination was unqualifiedly national. The present Secretary of State had had less practical experience than did any of his predecessors. In this instance, as in any other, the President overshadowed his chief official adviser.

The Skill and Knowledge. Essential to the production of the most perfect of all the mechanical arts, the watchmaking industry, has enabled the California Fig Syrup Co. to achieve a great success in the reputation of its "Fruit Syrup" and it is conceded to be the universal favorite of all druggists.

A GROWING INDUSTRY.

Is the Making of Pearl Buttons in Newark, Now It Is Protected in THE TARIFF HAS DOUBLED WAGES.

A Manufacturer Kicks Since It Lowers Prices by Competition. FACTS FOR FREE TRADERS TO PONDER. NEW YORK, July 26.—The Republicans of Newark are already making an active canvass in behalf of Harrison and Reid, and they find much encouragement in the attitude of manufacturers on the subject of protection, as there is a general feeling among the latter class that the McKinley act has been a decided benefit, not only to the manufacturers, but to employees as well.

Under the McKinley law a duty of 2 1/2 cents a line was imposed, in addition to the 25 per cent duty. Under this law there is a chance for American manufacturers to show what they can do, and the pearl button makers of Newark are taking advantage of the benefits afforded them under the McKinley bill to the fullest extent, and, although this is now nearly a year since the law was passed, every firm in this line of business is now running its factory on full time and at its utmost capacity.

It makes Lower Prices and Competition. "There have been, of course, a good many people going into the business, and this has created such a lively competition among the manufacturers that a large number of new factories at very low rates, and there is little profit in the business for us. At the same time we are obliged to pay our hands higher wages than we did before the McKinley bill was passed, as there is now more demand for labor."

The Story of a Business Enterprise. Mr. Webb started in business in the Newark works, Newark, four years ago, and since the passage of the McKinley bill his business has increased to such an extent that he has been compelled to make arrangements for the erection of a building to house his operations. His present factory is high in which to carry out his factory.

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