

convicted of her too remote chance of ever presenting the Emperor with her hair, and there is a little doubt that it is a subject of intense pain and mortification to the Emperor and herself. It has been said that the Empress is capable of making a sacrifice on this account, and of taking the initiative of a most delicate character, but one which nevertheless the true nobility of her soul would render her equal to. It would indeed be a singular coincidence if the track of the Empress's hair should be exactly followed; and if, in consequence of this, she should be obliged to dwell upon sufficient upon the dark shadow of the future. Her Majesty's health is at present much improved, and she is enjoying the pleasures of the south, and it is hoped that the duties she will have to resume as hostess of the British Queen, will not interfere with the sanitary progress she is making.

Paris, July 17, 1855.

Political Effect of Lord John Russell's Retirement—Evaluation of the Legitimists—Hopes of the New Loan—Russian Prisoners at Home—Crimean Relief Payments of the Czar—General Forey on Half Pay—General Pelissier's Present to the Algerians—Royal Orange Trees.

The retirement of Lord John Russell from the English cabinet, accompanied by such a multiplicity of curious revelations, has, notwithstanding its probability, fallen like a bomb among our various political coteries. In the Quartier St. Germain, the Legitimists have appropriated the fact as a further testimony to that political sagacity which from the first denounced the raid upon Russia as a fatal blunder, ruinous to the best interests of France, and hostile to her most kindred alliance. "Yes," said a lady of the house of de Neveaux, whose father was formerly ambassador at St. Petersburg, while a crowd of admirers was grouped around her, exclaiming in the highest names of French history, "Lord John, for once has spoken an intelligible fact, which could be heard perceived before, would have saved a world of human misery." The question is indeed "between an imperfect security for Turkey and for Europe and the continuance of the war?" Every security for the maintenance and support of a rotten State like Turkey must necessarily be imperfect when you have done all you can; while the continuance of the war will cover the earth with a very locust-swarm of revolutionary principles. Russia is the incarnation of conservatism. The vast amount of her territory and population will bid defiance to the efforts of England and France, who, if they continue the war, enlarge its boundaries. Lord John knows and sees this. One after another, every statesman in England is giving way; and but for this Bonaparte at the Tuilleries, things might be suffered to fall back in their places to-morrow.

All the ministerial cliques are satisfied that the resignation of this important English minister will give immense force to the war party. An opinion prevails that other resignations must follow; that Lord Palmerston will enlarge the basis of his cabinet, and boldly appeal to the country, who, on the war policy, will return him such a majority as will be equal in value to the absolute possession of Malakoff and the Redan.

The readers of the *Siecle*, the great Republican paper of France—and their name is legion—are literally tossing up their hats with delight. They declare that every change which has hitherto occurred in the counsels of England has all been in favor of the downtrodden nationalities—that those closer bonds of union, now so observable in the great German powers, must inevitably either prove a breach between them and the Western powers, or an upheaving of peoples. Lord Palmerston is claimed as the representative—almost the sole representative among high statesmen—of the fact, that Austria is full of inherent weakness, while Turkey is full of living, palpable progress; and they believe the war will now go on as it never has before—that Russia, with her wide spread population, will become distressed—that she will draw to her assistance the German powers; and that then the blinding brand of freedom—"Liberté, égalité et fraternité!" will scatter its fiery sentinels among all men and languages, now crouching under the iron heel of tyranny; and that the general conflagration which must follow will only end, in the end, to purify and exalt the destinies of the human race. "Ay," said an American gentleman, who was by when these sentiments were expressed, "and may I tell me that whenever such a beacon light blazes on the heights and shores of Europe, America will stand an idle looker on."

Lord John Russell has, in truth, so often taken occasion to declare that England would not seek assistance in this war from the nations Russia opposes, that it is no wonder he meets with little favor at the hands of the re-loyalists.

At the Bourse to-day the last price of the 4-1/2 per cent Rente was 92 fr. 75c., and that of the 3 per cent 65 fr. 90c. These prices, compared with the rate of issue of the new loan, will give the subscribers a benefit of 50c. for the 4-1/2 per cent, and of 60c. for the 3 per cent. The principal advantage, however, will result from the delay of twenty months granted to the subscribers from the time of subscribing, and from the date from which the arrears of interest will be paid to them.

The dividend is equivalent to a fresh diminution of 27. 75c. on the 4-1/2 per cent and 11. 85c. on the 3 per cent. Those who shall be admitted to pay, by anticipation, will receive a discount which shall stand in lieu of this profit.

All the disadvantages attend the bringing down the price of the 4-1/2 per cent, in reality, to 89f. 40c.; and that of the 3 per cent to 63f. 27c.; and compared with the last price at the Bourse procure to the subscribers a profit of 20c. on the former, and of 2f. 65c. on the latter; a profit which must appear still greater when it is considered that for several days past the Bourse has been influenced by the imminence of the loan, and that the uncertainty of the late price is an accidental depreciation.

There is no doubt that this loan will be equally popular with those that have preceded it, and that the Emperor may, if he pleases, already anticipate a portion of the communications which will be made on Saturday 400 Russian prisoners, landed at Havre. They wore their knapsacks, long gray coats, and carried their camp utensils. In the afternoon they were marched off in two detachments to St. Adresse and Bourville, in the command of the Prince of Orange, who conducted them with the most perfect order. The Czar has detached from the Polish army, for the service of the Crimea, 70,000 men.

orange trees belonging to the Luxembourg is one of the most remarkable of any of the public gardens in France, both in the number and age of the trees. Orange trees, it is known, attain a vast age. In the garden of Versailles the one known under the name of a Grand Orange, Frangula L. and Grand Bourbon, which is more than 400 years old. It comes from some pippin of a tree of bitter oranges planted in a pot at the commencement of the reign of Louis XIV. The tree was the gift of Charles the Third, King of Navarre. The trees which sprang from them were preserved in the same case up to 1499, at Pampluna; they afterwards passed into different hands as rare and precious objects, and finally found their way to the residence of Bourbon, who placed them in his Chateau de Chantelle in the Bourbonnais. The property of the Constable having been confiscated in 1572, the orange trees were sent to decorate the palace of Fontainebleau, and were there preserved and enlarged. When Louis XIV. had terminated Versailles, and built that magnificent orangerie, he gave orders that all the orange trees existing in the royal residences should be conveyed to it. This was done, and the orange trees of Pampluna, which were among those removed, were then two centuries and a half old. The Grand Constable, notwithstanding his great age, is still perfectly vigorous.

Our March Cholera.

I hasten to send you a short notice of a work which I deem of the utmost importance to Europe and America. It has just been published here by Dr. Max Pettenkofer, and bears the title—"Investigations and observations in regard to the propagation of cholera, with reflections on the proper means of arresting its progress." The author is professor of medicinal chemistry at the University of Munich, and has been employed by the government during the whole of last year investigating the progress and mode of propagation of the disease in the principal towns of Bavaria. The present work is the result of his and other physicians' researches, in the form of a report to the government, and has given such complete satisfaction that its gratuitous distribution has been ordered throughout the kingdom, at the expense of the government.

The author is a lover of truth. He advances no new theory, but produces a volume of facts of a most positive and conclusive character. These facts could hardly have been ascertained with the same precision in any other country; for not only would it have been impossible to ascertain age, condition, mode of life, &c., of the sick, but the patients themselves would not willingly have subjected themselves to a similar control. Observations were made in Munich, Nuernberg, Augsburg, Wurzburg, Ebrach, Ingolstadt, Galmersheim, Ratisbonne, Fraunstein, and Freysing, and the author compares his results with the "Report of the Mortality of Cholera in England, 1848-49," and the reports on the cholera in India during the years 1817, 1818 and 1819, by James Smeaton. He shows conclusively, I think, that there is no contradiction in these reports—that the facts ascertained in India are precisely those which have been observed later in England, and but last year in Bavaria; that any apparent contradiction is due solely to accompanying circumstances by which the results were modified, and which in part are mentioned by the authors themselves; and that a skilful and scientific reasoner like Dr. Liebig, who prophesied years ago that the cholera would never become epidemic in Wurzburg, (which was proved last year, when nobody did there, except those who brought it there from other places,) would have been able to arrive at the same conclusion he did, had he read but any one of those reports, or observed the progress of cholera in its inception to its disappearance in a single city.

I have not time now to translate any considerable portion of the work before me, so as to furnish data for the doctor's conclusions; but will simply state what these conclusions are. He, himself, expresses the hope that these conclusions will be attacked by other members of the faculty, in order that he may be able to answer them with facts and observations. "In the investigation of any truth," he says, "it is necessary first to ascertain one fact or principle beyond the power of contradiction, and then from this to go to the next one." The facts ascertained in regard to the cholera are:

- 1. That it is not contagious, in the usual sense of the word; but that it can, nevertheless, be carried from one place to another.
- 2. That it always follows a usual route of commerce.
- 3. That no elevation above the level of the ocean, furnishes a guarantee against the disease, nor is any degree of elevation sufficient to prevent its progress.
- 4. That no contagious cholera matter is floating in the atmosphere, and that consequently the disease is not propagated by currents of air.
- 5. That it is not propagated through the water.
- 6. That it is propagated through the earth.
- 7. That the earth receives and develops the cholera contagion from the excrements of diseased persons.
- 8. That excrements from a diseased person thrown into a sink or privy, are capable of transforming the whole mass into a hearth of cholera contagion.
- 9. That the gases disengaged by the decomposition of organic substances, and especially of excrements, penetrate the soil, and become the cause of fevers and of cholera.
- 10. That there has not been a single case of cholera observed in Bavaria that could not be traced to one of the above causes.
- 11. That the stools of persons afflicted with cholera, or that peculiar species of diarrhoea which usually precedes cholera, are more infectious than those who are actually seized with the disease.
- 12. That cholera is always carried to a place where it has not yet appeared by a diseased person, and communicated through excrements brought in contact with the earth; and that there is no other way of propagating the disease. Immediate contact with the patient, or the air of the room, or the washing of the dead body, may, indeed, disseminate it after death, does not communicate the disease.
- 13. Not every species of earth acts on the process of decomposition in the same manner, and the capacity for spreading the contagion in the manner above stated varies in consequence with the composition of the soils on which dwellings are built. On rocky soil, and on a silty soil, cholera never becomes epidemic. An aluvial soil, underlain with lime or clay, or any other cause which keeps the ground moist, may become a teeming womb for the cholera contagion.
- 14. That cholera, as proved in London, is more infectious and fatal in the plain than on elevations; it is more infectious in the former than in the latter; the latter drainage, by which filth is removed before it is decomposed, or before it enters, as in damp and wet soils, into process of fermentation. Dr. Pettenkofer found some of the worst cases of cholera on hills where the price of the soil is still higher, elevated into sinks or sewers of improper fall. The upper houses were generally exempt.
- 15. To prevent contagion, the stools of cholera patients should be disinfected before they are emptied. The best disinfecting agent is vitriol of iron. Chloride of lime only purifies the air, but does not destroy the cholera poison.
- 16. When strangers from cholera districts are expected to arrive, their baggage and bedding should be disinfected with vitriol of iron—say once a week in the rooms and corridors of hospitals, surpentine may be spread on paper and exposed to the atmosphere. The ozone of electric light, when given out in the best purifier of the atmosphere.
- 17. Care must be had not to allow any linen to be washed which is soiled with the excrements of a cholera patient. The process of washing is capable of developing and communicating the disease in its worst form. Jameson found the same truth in 1817, '18 and '19 in India, without tracing it to its source.
- 18. There are no other sanitary regulations capable of creating or preventing cholera in its progress, than those which have reference to cleaning and purifying those places which serve to collect or convey human excrements.

I shall extract from the work of Dr. P. some of the most remarkable facts sustaining his views, which are also of other distinguished chemists and physicians in Germany. The experience in hospitals the author very properly receives with a grain of salt; because all manner of patients, with every mode of treatment, are admitted, and receive, and he says great stress is laid on the observation, that persons, several hundred persons are subject to the same diet, the same rules, the same causes of infection or disinfection, and that for weeks and months the cholera never appears among them.

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Our Frankfurt Correspondence.

FRANKFURT, July 11, 1855. The Austrian Minister's Demands in the Diet.—Free Navigation of the Danube.—Merged Fleet of England and France.—Hopes of Poland.—Effect of the Bank's Restriction.—American Railroad Stocks.—Lake Superior Mining Products. The Austrian minister to the Diet is instructed to demand from the Confederation an indemnity for the loss of the Principality. I doubt whether any of the smaller German Powers—not even those who are known to favor the views of Austria—will show themselves disposed to obey their purpose for such an extension, and it is doubtful whether Austria, being the desired even the pecuniary aid of the Fund, will continue the occupation of Wallachia and Bulgaria. Strict neutrality demands that she should not oppose the Turks in their march on Bosnia or any other Russian province; and she will, no doubt, comply with this implied obligation, to the best of her ability.

The free navigation of the Danube, which Austria expects as the result of the present war, is of immense consequence to her commerce, and to that of Southern Germany. The Danube, so navigable for steamboats from Ulm in Wurtemberg, to its mouth in the Black Sea, and open to the central States of Europe the only natural road of commerce which can pour the wealth of Asia into their lap. The commerce of the Rhine is a subject to taxation from Holland—decidedly the first commercial nation on the Continent, and which has always taken good care to discount the products of their German cousins on the Rhine. The free navigation of the Danube being a part of the programme of peace put forth by the allies, it is clear that Austria, whatever her political predilections may be, must not break with France or England. The speech of the Emperor Napoleon rendered the continuance of the good understanding between the Courts of Austria and France desirable—funds fell 11 per cent in a day; hence an article in the *Viertel Zeitung*, which will soon be followed by others—in reply to the articles in the *Standard* and *Times*—has been published in France as the climax of the exchange here.

In estimating the power of France and England at this moment, we must not overlook the capacity of their moneyed men to depress or inflate the value of their currencies. In Europe, more than Prussia, must be considered the fifth in Europe. The London and Paris exchanges, but especially the former, govern all other exchanges in Europe; while the men thus drawn into commerce, and who are the brokers of London and Paris, are those on whom eventually depends the fate of every government. In the present age money is king, and a decline in the funds is more fearful to an existing government than the creation of battalions by the laboring classes of the capital.

Not another word is heard—except from Komoth—about the revival of Polish nationality. The placing of Count Komoth at the head of the Diet Department is a revival of another sort. If a revival of Hungary were attempted, France and England would be annoyed with the change of opinion on that subject in Hungary itself. It is the feeling of innovation, every body seems bent to their country as it was when they left it. Neither Poland nor Hungary are fit for democratic republics after the model of the United States; while the aristocratic elements in those countries, to which a distinct national existence can possibly attach, have for ages past been accustomed to take commission under other crowns. Count Esterhazy is at this moment the ultra-Austrian representative at Berlin, and his presence is a warning to his former office of Secret Counsellor of the Emperor.

In Germany, the effects of the late revolutions, and the force which was exerted upon the life of the German people, is still visible, even in the most ordinary transactions of life. The communists and socialists of Germany, like those of France, have ruined everything, and have brought the very name of Germany into disrepute. On hearing it pronounced there is not an artisan or a shopkeeper that does not look round for the police, or who is not ready to throw himself at the feet of the nearest justice of the peace to inquire as to the latest regulations of the Government. Whether the excesses of the socialists, or their fanaticism, or the absurdity of their doctrines, have created this fear; but it is certain that it exists, and that in it the very name of Germany is discredited. A powerful ally. There is a feeling of insecurity throughout Germany, accompanied by a dull, desponding submission to everything in the shape of power, and an instinctive dread of everything in the shape of a revolution. The feeling is not confined to the most of things as they are, feeling certain that nothing better must be expected from the future. All political theories are at a discount—even those by which the German people are governed. They will tell you that Germany is overpopled—that she is old and decrepit, and that the best thing people can do is to go to the United States to become young again. There seems to be but little faith in any of the institutions of Europe, and none in the future of the continent. Hence the enormous amount of American stocks held in Germany—stocks which you never see quoted either in London or Paris, or in New York and Boston, and which, nevertheless, are early sold by the holders, and the proceeds are sent to the United States, where they are held as permanent investments; and if these securities are home are but deceptively managed, they cannot fail to command in this country a high price for the services of a permanent market.

Of late, the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad Company, in Texas, has succeeded in placing a large quantity of their bonds here, and in their hands, and they are now endeavoring to liquidate her debts, and thereby to remove the cloud which hangs over her credit and destiny. I have no doubt that all enterprises of a similar sort in every part of the continent will be successful. Every dollar which is sent from Germany to Texas, or to any other part of the continent, is a benefit in more than one direction. An American mineral stock is also much in vogue. The mines of California have carried to the United States five millions of francs from Paris to pay for purchases made by Europeans on Lake Superior. The purchase was effected after a thorough examination made by a French scientific commission, and the result was that the mines were found to be rich in gold, and that the French Government had secured a valuable property for the European market, and there will be no difficulty in placing the stock. The mines of California have carried to the United States five millions of francs from Paris to pay for purchases made by Europeans on Lake Superior. The purchase was effected after a thorough examination made by a French scientific commission, and the result was that the mines were found to be rich in gold, and that the French Government had secured a valuable property for the European market, and there will be no difficulty in placing the stock.

The Danish government is understood to have answered the notice of the speedy lapse of the Sound dues given by the President of the United States, in a long and argumentative memorial, apparently to the following effect:

"The Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs expresses his regret that the government at Washington should not have been more explicit in its views on the subject of the Sound dues, and that it had not taken any steps in this matter, and that in so doing it will cause difficulties which might have otherwise been avoided. He expresses his regret that the Danish government should not have been more explicit in its views on the subject of the Sound dues, and that it had not taken any steps in this matter, and that in so doing it will cause difficulties which might have otherwise been avoided. He expresses his regret that the Danish government should not have been more explicit in its views on the subject of the Sound dues, and that it had not taken any steps in this matter, and that in so doing it will cause difficulties which might have otherwise been avoided. 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