

AN AMERICAN TRAVELLER IN RUSSIA.

St. PETERSBURG.—After travelling six nights and seven days without resting, I am here a member by invitation, of the family of Gov. Seymour, of Connecticut, our Plenipotentiary at the Court of Russia. On Friday I made the acquaintance of Count Nesselrode, for thirty years past the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, a gentleman who has not wrinkle on his brow, and who told me was within two years of my age, and consequently 73. A man of more amiable address I never met with. He proposed to introduce me to the Emperor, offered me a letter of introduction to the Russian Commander of an army of 35,000 men at Revel, and inquired if I had a military costume with me, that I might today accompany the Emperor to a review of 40,000 men. He was opposed to this war, and is universally regarded here as a man of great virtue, as well as of great intelligence.

In a few days I shall proceed to Revel, leaving most valued, I may say beloved Russian friends, who accompanied me from Rome to Naples, and nursed me at the former when laid up and attended by a physician whose prescriptions were much less efficient than their kind attentions. Mrs. de G. speaks six languages, among them the English as well as I do, and free from all foreign accent. She is the most beautiful woman I have seen in Europe. Her husband speaks seven fluently, and in all respects worthy of the finest woman I have met with since I left America. I spoke most highly of them to Count Nesselrode, as I shall to the Emperor, if I have a suitable opportunity. But he is at present, I have no doubt, greatly depressed by the recent news from the Crimea, where Menschikoff is said to have lost 5,000 men in the encounter with the Allies at the river Alma, where he attempted to arrest their march upon Sebastopol. The government here acknowledged the loss of 4,000 out of 35,000 of Menschikoff's army. Of the fall of Sebastopol melancholy forebodings are entertained by the Russian population here, and as it is assailed by 66,000 men, the present force marshalled against Fort Constantine, which commands the city and harbour, I have never entertained doubt.

But of the effect of this reduction I have altered my opinion since my arrival here, for I have heard and seen at two large dinner parties, one German and one American, given in the last week, more of the country I am in, than I did of Prussia in Berlin, France in Paris, or the three great cities of Italy in all my much longer visits to any of them.

I find K., formerly Secretary of Legation, and Consul General of Russia, at Alexandria, in Egypt, and at London, a most valuable and intelligent acquaintance. He is the uncle of Mad. de G., and is to accompany me shortly to Revel, which, it is said,

will be assailed by the British and French fleet.

I came here, believing that the conquest of the Crimea would end the war. I am now thoroughly convinced that it will protract it. All that you hear through England about poverty and distress here, is false. The Emperor's popularity imputable to his excellent private character and his figure and personal address is unbounded.

The manufacturer of Russia are so far advanced as to supply all her wants, and the wealth of this city alone concentrated upon her churches, would sustain an army of 500,000 men for a twelvemonth. She has entered upon a war not anticipated, and for which preparations are to be made. She claims an armed force of two millions, and can readily raise one half that number, and that she is now doing.

I am a Turk in this contest, and therefore impartial in these estimates. C. D. M. *Louisville Journal.*

CARE OF CATTLE.—A man who takes good care of cattle must be fond of the business. Never hire a man to take care of farm stock unless he shows an inclination to be with them much of his time in preference to sitting by the fire.

Cattle should be carefully attended to in the fall, just before the winter commences.—They will eat of the poorest hay if they can get it, while they are yet permitted to ran at large in the pastures.

Let them have some of the poor hay and learn gradually what they must come to before the winter is over. Fall feed is shorter than usual, and other food is in demand; but cattle must not be suffered to go hungry, though hay and grain may be dear.—*Massachusetts Ploughman.*

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Barley, per minot, from 5s to 5s 3d.	
Rye, none.	
Oats from 2s 6d to 2s 9d.	
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Buckwheat, 4s 6d.	
Peas, from 5s to 5s 3d.	
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JOHN AULD.

Montreal, 2nd October, 1854.