

SUNDAY'S SERMON.

ONE OF DR. TALMAGE'S STEELING DISCOURSES.

Subject: "The Truth About Russia."

Text: "Presumptuous are they, self-willed; they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities."—II Peter ii., 10.

Among a most representative crew Peter... have, perhaps by one stroke the portrait of those who delight to wash at people in authority. Now we all have a right to criticize evil behavior, whether in high places or low, but the fact that one is high up is no proof that he ought to be brought down.

There never was a Christ but the world had saw and hammer ready to fashion a cross on which to assassinate Him. Out of this evil spirit grow not only individual but national and international defamations.

Lord John Russell called us "a bubble bursting nationality." But our country has at last recovered from such caricature, and there is not a street in any city of Europe or Asia where the American flag is not flying with defiance.

In the name of righteousness, and in behalf of civilization, and for the encouragement of all those good people who have been disheartened by the scandalization of Russia, I do not intend to speak of a subject that to treat it in an objective like attempting to run Niagara Falls over one mill wheel.

I went last summer to Russia with as many baleful prejudices as would make an avalanche of the Russian Great Gorge, which has for years been heaped up against that empire.

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William H. Seward, secretary of state, asked the Russian minister at Washington the meaning of those Russian ships in American waters and got no satisfactory response.

What the United States now are on the western hemisphere Russia will be on the eastern hemisphere. Not only because of what Russia has been to our republic, but because of what she will be, let us cease the defamations of all that pertains to that great empire.

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business is to attend the emperor. I said to him, I suppose your religion is that of the Russian? "That is your religion?" I said to one of the highest and most influential officials at St. Petersburg. He said, "I am of the Church of England."

But, an American, of still another denomination of Christians, and never having been before a Christian in my life until I went to Russia, could not have received mere consideration had I been baptized in the Greek church and all my life worked at the very altar.

But, says some one, "have there not been persecutions of other religions in Russia?" No, not just as in other times in New-England was burned witches, and as we killed Quakers, and as the Jews in America have been outrageously treated ever since I can remember, and the Chinese in our land have been peled, and their stores torn down, and their way from the steamer wharf to their destinations tracked with their own blood.

Calumny the Fourth—Russia is so very grasping of territory, and she seems to want more. But what are we to do during the last century, and a quarter the United States have taken possession of everything between the thirteen colonies and the Pacific ocean, and England, during the same length of time, has taken possession of nearly three million square miles, and by the extent of her domain has added two hundred and fifty million population, while Russia has added during that time only one-half the number of square miles and about eighteen million of population.

Calumny the Fifth—Siberia is a den of horrors, and to-day people are driven like dumb cattle; no trial is afforded to the suspected ones; they are put into quicksilver mines, where they are whipped and starved, and they find themselves going around without any head, and they are not far from Siberia. Women, after being tied to stakes in the streets, are disrobed and whipped to death in the presence of howling mobs.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The work of incendiaries in the United States which insurance men believe causes great loss every year, has led fire underwriters to attempt to secure the enactment of laws providing for the adequate investigation of the causes of all fires and the prosecution of all persons believed to be incendiaries.

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Nor even Heaven itself is sacred to the advertiser, and the Milky Way is about to become a valuable advertising medium. The other night at Ealing, a town half way between London and Windsor, an enterprising genius, rejoicing in the name of Sidney Hodges, succeeded in projecting a large and highly luminous letter on the sky by some means of his own invention, and demonstrated to an interested party of spectators that with the electric light there would be no difficulty on a favorable night in displaying, not only letters, but words and signals in the same fashion.

Captain C. W. Adams, of West Addison, Vt., has raised quite a large portion of the timbers of the flagship Congress of General Benedict Arnold's fleet which was sunk in Lake Champlain, in October, 1776. The timbers, of which there are about thirty feet of the after part of the keel and keelson, with a number of the ribs attached, are of oak, and perfectly sound.

A number of German dentists have been heavily fined by justices in Prussia and Saxony for advertising themselves as doctors of dentistry on the strength of diplomas received from American colleges. The German laws recognize only four classes of doctors—those of law, theology, philosophy and medicine.

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The red glow of the planet Mars puzzled everybody but a French astronomer, who gives it as his opinion that the vegetation of that far away world is green instead of green. He also says that he hasn't the least doubt but that there are single flowers on the war-plo's surface which are as large as the incorporated limits of Paris.

A Newton county (Mo.) woman has sued the Spitting Railroad, based on the following claim: "She was a passenger on the road and was accidentally carried beyond her destination some distance when the train stopped and she alighted. While returning she was chased by a bull, and in outrunning him incurred her health."

Work of the Self-Binder. Edward Atkinson claims that the self-binder has done more to reduce the cost and price of wheat than any one thing. The final element in wheat production is the amount that the farmer can harvest.

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It is not generally known that in several localities in this State there are animals running wild which have descended from domestic ancestors. In Pacific, Chehalis and Mason Counties there is a remnant of a herd of wild cattle which have roamed through the woods and over the prairies of that portion of the State for years.

Notwithstanding the scanty fare which they often found and the deprivations of the black wolves that then infested the woods along the coast, the cattle increased in numbers very rapidly and proved a source of constant annoyance to early settlers.

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