

## RUSSIAN WORKMEN.

begin to work in the fields, spending half the day at school and half the day on the farm of his father's employer. When he was 14 he left school altogether and became an agricultural laborer at fifty cents a week.

During the many hours which he spent plodding along the rough ground behind the primitive plows which still are in use in Russia, he had ample opportunities of brooding over the lot of the class to which his family belonged. His mode of life offered a striking contrast to that of the average young Russian peasant, who spends most of his spare time in drinking vodka, for young Gapon devoted his leisure hours to the continuation of his studies and to the reading and rereading of the few books he could borrow. Sometimes he picked up a copy of a newspaper published at Moscow or Kieff or Odessa, and in its columns he found information which suggested entirely new lines of thought to him.

He found that it was possible to rise in life only by adopting the clerical profession, and accordingly he turned his energies in the direction of becoming a priest. This is no very difficult matter in Russia, and with the help of the parish priest at his own home, whose confidence he contrived to secure, young Gapon was able to enter a theological college at Kieff at the age of 21.

## HIS PRIESTHOOD.

A fellow student of his gives an interesting description of Gapon's first appearance in the theological college. He was clad in the roughest peasant garb, and resembled a Caucasian brigand more than a novice about to enter the priesthood. The majority of the students were strongly in sympathy with the Nihilist movement, and Gapon probably sympathized with them somewhat at the time, although his preaching, until Bloody Sunday, at least, has always been in favor of constitutional reforms rather than violence.

The five years he spent at the theological college were devoted to work earnestly, that they transformed him from an ignorant country bumpkin into a man of some education and culture and sufficient knowledge of the outside world to make him the intellectual superior of most of his fellows. When he left the college it was his secret determination to devote the greater part of his energy to obtaining liberties for Russian workmen.

The priesthood was merely a means to an end, and he entered it simply because it gave him the best opportunities of earning his living without using all his strength, and at the same time of occupying a position which of itself gave him extensive influence. He married a young school teacher who had been outspoken in the cause of liberal ideas and settled down to parish work in his native district of Poltava.

## FOOLED THE GOVERNMENT.

During these years of priestly activity Father Gapon seems to have elaborated in his mind those plans for revolutionary leadership which he has now carried into effect. He succeeded, however, in keeping his revolutionary sympathies absolutely secret, and no one who came into contact with him had the least suspicion that he was not as other orthodox Greek priests. He approached the authorities and suggested to them various schemes for combating—so he said—the revolutionary agitation among the workmen of the Russian capital. At first his proposals received scant attention, but the priest gradually won for himself the approval and confidence of the administrative authorities and of the police.

It is not much more than a year since Father Gapon sought an audience of the late M. Ploshch, the minister of the interior, and submitted to him a detailed scheme for organizing an anti-socialist league among the St. Petersburg workmen. M. Ploshch considered the idea excellent and gave instructions to the authorities to lend Father Gapon all the assistance which he needed to carry out his project.

In this way, with the approval and the support of an intensely reactionary minister of the interior and active co-operation of the administrative authorities of the Russian empire, Little did M. Ploshch imagine that the insignificant priest to whom he lent his powerful aid was using him as an instrument to promote the cause of revolution.

## THE TYRANT IN TERROR.

During the first months of its existence, Father Gapon's organization of workmen enjoyed the active co-operation of the police to such an extent that Gapon himself was regarded by the revolutionists and Socialists as a dangerous enemy to their cause. There is an interesting photograph in existence which shows Father Gapon at one of the meetings of his workmen's league in company with a tall, powerfully built man wearing the uniform of the czar with epaulettes, stripes and decorations, which show him to be a high officer. This uniformed ally of the revolutionary leader was none other than Gen. Potilov, the chief of the police in St. Petersburg, who, acting on M. Ploshch's orders, did all he could to promote the success of the workmen's league founded by the Poltava priest. The complete success with which the unknown priest, born in a peasant's house in remote Poltava, fooled the leading statesman and some of the highest administrative officials in Russia has been astonishing.



RUSSIAN WORKMEN AT MOSCOW.

This gives a good idea of the Russian workmen who have been demanding reforms. It can be easily seen they are a half starved crowd, and it looks like anything their intelligence is not great. It is such as these that the soldiers have shot down.

Suddenly, after the government had refused his plea for reforms, Father Gapon proclaimed a general strike in St. Petersburg. His organization numbered 6,000 workmen, but these were all such enthusiastic adherents to their leader and all imbued with such enthusiasm for the cause that they infected the entire proletarian population of the Russian capital and brought about a strike of 150,000 workers. The results of this strike have become history, written in blood.

## WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

At the time of writing uncertainty exists regarding the present whereabouts of Father Gapon. According to one report he is busily engaged in organizing a similar movement in Moscow; according to another he is lying dangerously wounded in a hospital in St. Petersburg and is being carefully nursed back to life in order that he may be hanged. It is also stated that he is unharmed and remaining in hiding from fear of arrest. But Father Gapon is not a man to be discouraged by the defeat inflicted on him and on his adherents on "Bloody Sunday" in the Russian capital. He will not give up the struggle against despotism as long as there is breath in his body. Whatever his fate may be, he is a man of courage whose name will be handed down to future generations of Russians as one of the most notable pioneers of Russian freedom.

There has been much discussion as to the exact attitude of Father Gapon up to the time he led the strikers toward the czar's palace. He knew well enough, of course, the power of the weapon he was so carefully forging at the meetings of the workmen's societies, with the encouragement of a government which supposed this weapon was to be its own. According to my own observation and information, Gapon was sincere in opposing any movement to overturn the government. Up to the very moment the order to fire was given he believed that a beneficent czar could be persuaded to grant voluntarily some of the reforms which were most desperately needed.

If the massacre which ensued proves to have turned this born leader of men from an advocate of peaceful reforms into a frebrand, the government will have only itself to thank for it.

SERGIUS VOLKHOVSKY.

## Cured Consumption.

Mrs. B. W. Evans, Charwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago and since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal." 25c. and \$1.00. Sold by Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept.

## WILL THIS BE A SECOND BECK CASE?

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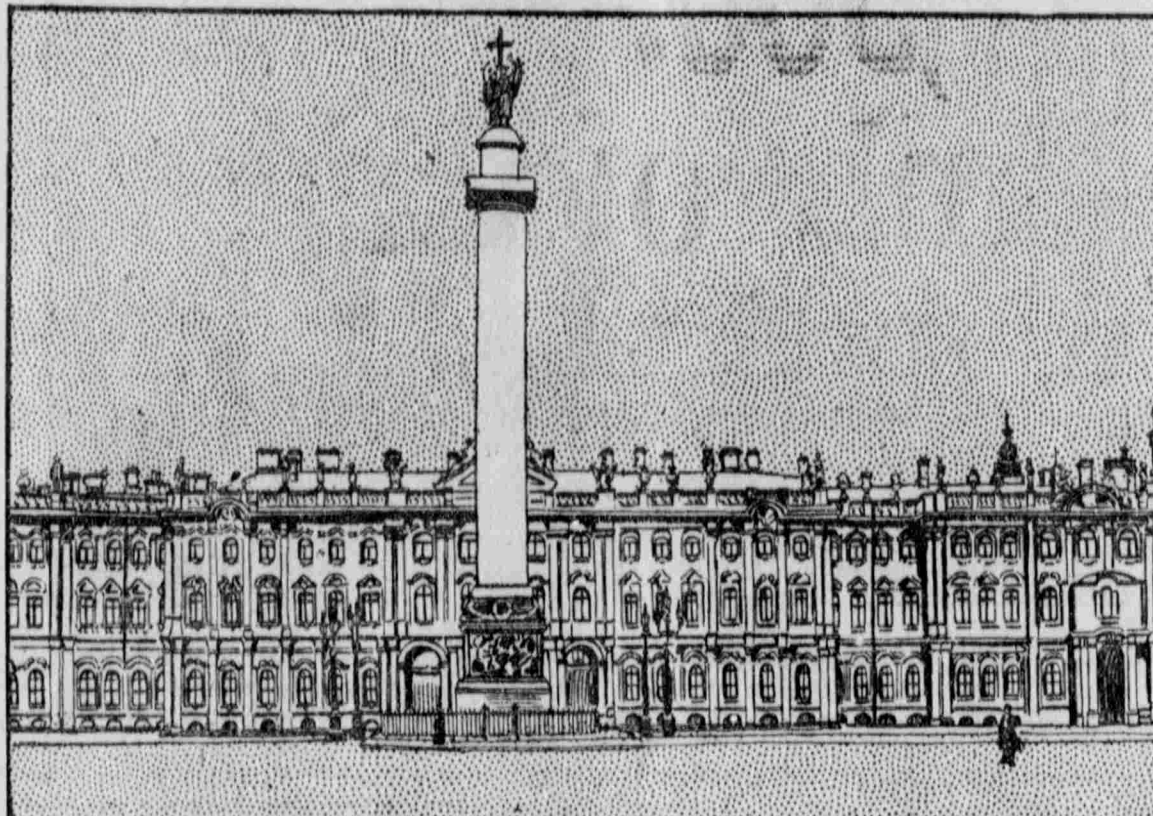
piled to the home secretary for copies of the reports made to the home secretary by the police, in support of their contention that the conviction was an unjust one, that he might have an opportunity of rebutting them. This was summarily refused as "contrary to the practice of the department."

Mr. Labouchere, who has championed the cause of Edalji, says that there was nothing brought out in the Beck case "more damning to the department than this revelation. Here we have," he adds, "a minister of the crown, exercising virtually the functions of a court of appeal, and revealing on the consideration of this appeal secret evidence from one side which the appellant is denied even the right to know of, still less an opportunity to meet in any way. Such procedure is repugnant to the most elementary principles of the administration of justice, and it is difficult to believe that a counterpart to it could be found in any civilized country."

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## THE FAMOUS WINTER PALACE AT ST. PETERSBURG.



The cut is a front view of the Winter palace, once the favorite town residence of the Russian sovereigns, which is one of the largest and most costly royal habitations in the world. It has fallen somewhat into disuse as a permanent winter home for the czars and has been especially neglected by Nicholas II., whose domestic tastes lead him to prefer the less ceremonial atmosphere of one of the suburban palaces. The palace is 455 feet in length, 350 feet in breadth and 85 feet in height. The interior contains a great number of highly ornamented halls and suits. In one of these, the Nicholas hall, the court balls are given.

## ENGLISH SCHEME TO EXTRACT GOLD FROM OCEAN.

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to thoroughly test the process. A small plant had been established on the south coast capable of dealing with from 40 to 50 tons at a time. The results thus far obtained he regarded as "satisfactory," but much remained to be done before the process could be established on a commercial scale. As to the nature of the process he declined to give any particulars.

J. H. Snell, the inventor of it, has been at work on it 25 years. He was at the head of a firm of stained glass enamel manufacturers when he made the discovery which started him on the hunt for gold in the sea. While carrying out some experiments in connection with his glass business he left a glass rod in the sea for a year. When he removed it he found that it had turned yellow, and ascertained by analysis that the "yellow" was gold. The process which is now being tested is the fourth that he has devised. The three previous ones proved failures. The last of them had to be discarded as too dangerous, after it had killed his partner and laid himself up for eight months. "This was due to the poisonous chemicals employed. He is sanguine that he has struck the right thing now."

## ZEMSKY SOBOR.

The zemsky sobor, which is to all intents and purposes a Russian national assembly representing all classes of the people, has never been abolished by law, though it has remained in a state of "innocuous desuetude" for more than two centuries. One of them, in fact, elected the first Romanoff emperor, and, moreover, made him promise that no laws should be

made or changed, no taxes levied, no war declared and no estates confiscated without the consent of the representatives of the people.

The Russian national assembly dates

from the time of Ivan the Terrible, who in 1564, and for merely selfish purposes, called an assembly of the local nobility, clergy, landowners, merchants and others, to limit the power of the coun-



Esther M. Davidson

## Cures Unnecessary Pains

No. 1655 Eliot St., DENVER, COLO., June 20, 1904.

I had been suffering from female troubles for the past nine years, and if it had not been for Wine of Cardui I would be suffering yet. My husband had to break up his business East to come with me to Colorado, as a change of climate was recommended to me by friends. Coming to Denver I felt some change in my appetite, but my general health was as bad as ever. I did not care to bother my husband to go back East as it would have broken up our home and business, so I had my family physician attend me, but all his skill came to naught. I asked him whether there was some known cure for my trouble and he told me there was a patent medicine but he would not recommend it. I noticed that his object was to keep me for his patient so I went to the drug store and asked for a patent medicine and I was told that Wine of Cardui was tried by some people with success. He would not guarantee whether it would fit my case. I have tried it and I can say that Wine of Cardui with plenty of fresh air will do more than all the doctors combined. I recommend Wine of Cardui to all female sufferers where no surgical operation is necessary.

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B. F. HARE, Supt., The Miami Cycle & Mfg. Co., Middletown, Ohio.

## RAILROAD STATION AT WARSAW, POLAND.



The cut is from a picture of the railway station at the Polish capital which was recently set on fire by the rioting inhabitants. It was the largest and most complete station in Poland. Most of the railroads in Russia are the property of the government, and the firing of the one at Warsaw was intended to convince the authorities of the province as well as the central government that the strikers were in earnest.

oil of boyars, whose power threatened his own. It passed upon the question of continuing the war with Poland. Again, in 1888, when the line of Turuk became extinct, the zemsky sobor elected the first Romanoff emperor, under whom and his immediate successors it dealt with the questions of war or peace, commercial policy and the putting down of rebellions. The last sobor was called in 1898 to try Princess Sophia, who had arrived at the throne during the absence of Peter the Great in western Europe. In this assembly all classes of the people were represented.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

## TOO SLOW.

The Hare—Your reputation for slowness gives you a great advantage at election time.

The Tortoise—In what way?

The Hare—They can't accuse you of being a repeater.—Puck

## DOUBTFUL BARGAINS.

Mary—So Miss Gotox is engaged to an Italian count, eh? How much is he worth?

Edyth—I don't know what he is worth, but I understand her father paid half a million for him.—Chicago News.

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JOHN S. WILSON, 41 Schuyler St., Albany, N. Y., writes: "About six years ago I was a martyr to frequent attacks of inflammatory rheumatism in my feet and hip joints. Often had to give up work for five or six weeks at a time. I tried prescriptions by the dozen, one after another, and some would be sure cures from different friends. None seemed to do me any good. At last fortune caused me to visit an old friend of mine who I knew at one time suffered as I did. He told me what Warner's Safe Cure had done for him. He had about half a bottle left over and I took it home and began to take it as directed. By the time I had finished I found a little relief. I got a bottle and continued taking the remedy until I had used up three bottles. I was so encouraged that I kept on taking it for two months after when I was entirely cured and had absolutely no rheumatism since. I always keep a bottle in the house and recommend it to all I hear complaining as I did."

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