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### SARGENT SENT TO RUSSIA.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—After routine business yesterday, Mr. Miller, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, asked that the senate proceed to executive business, and Sargent's nomination was confirmed in executive session without reference, as is the rule, to a committee. There were two reasons for the celerity shown by the senate in action on the case; the first undoubtedly was the feeling that Sargent had not been pleasantly received in Berlin, and that the legislative department of the government wished to show their appreciation of his services by sanctioning without delay the action of the president; secondly it is an unwritten rule of the senate that ex-members of that body appointed to federal offices shall be confirmed without the formality observed in other cases of reference to a committee.

Secretary Frelinghuysen, immediately after the nomination had been confirmed, called Sargent notifying him of the complimentary action of the senate and congratulating him upon the change.

The events which had transpired in the course of the attempt by Sargent to prevent the prohibition of the exportation of American food products to Germany, and subsequently the discourteous manner in which the American minister was treated by Bismarck in the Lasker correspondence, had satisfied the state department that a change should be made in the German mission. The day of Sargent's usefulness there had passed and while the department fully approved of all that he had done, it could not be blind to the fact that the interest of this government demanded a change. The German foreign office for many months had shown its dislike of our representative to Berlin, and without passing over the bounds of diplomatic courtesy, had made his position uncomfortable and burdensome. Instead of using the American minister as the medium of communication between the home government and the United States upon any subject communicated through the usual channels by the state department here to Germany, Count Hatfeld, the head of the foreign office, presumably by the direction of Bismarck, ignored Sargent and used Herr Eisenacker, German minister at Washington, for the transmission of his correspondence. Since the Lasker episode the American minister has been treated with great consideration but his transfer to Russia is evidence that the administration appreciates these late courtesies at their true value. It is doubtful if a successor to Sargent will soon be appointed, and there is talk of leaving the business of legislation in the hands of the first secretary for some time to come. If the sending of the food question now pending before congress should require the presence of a United States minister in Berlin an appointment will be made.

Secretary Frelinghuysen sent the following telegram to Minister Sargent last evening:

Sargent, Minister to Berlin: The president approves entirely your course in the Lasker matter. You have done nothing but obey the instructions of this government therein. The president, thinking this may be agreeable to you, to-day nominated you as minister to St. Petersburg, and your nomination, without reference to any committee, was immediately unanimously confirmed by the American senate. This action is a manifest appreciation of your worth, and does you an honor of which any citizen may well be proud.

[Signed] FRELINGHUYSEN.

The Tribune, in an editorial note, says: The president has transferred Sargent from Berlin to St. Petersburg, and it relieves Sargent from a position which was most painful to him and humiliating to this country, and at the same time does so in a way that casts no reflection either on the minister or the nation. Experience will probably teach the state department something, but really it is no credit to the state department to have to learn wisdom in this way.

### The Right Kind of Retaliation.

There seems to be some prospect of the passage of the bill, now before the house, which authorizes the president to prohibit the importation of articles of food or drink, when he is satisfied the same are injurious to health. There appears to be an under-purpose to the measure, to the effect that he is not to exercise that authority unless in the case of discrimination against our products. If so, the basis of the proposed legislation is not exactly what it ought to be. The laws of a great country like the United States should in all cases be candid, open and above-board.

We ought not to wink, as it were, at the swapping of adulterated articles of food or drink. We should not admit adulterated wines, oils and other articles from Europe, merely because Europe buys hogs from us, which may or may not be diseased. We ought to have a general and comprehensive law on adulteration. Tea is subjected to examination now before it is admitted. Before that law went into effect the country was filled up with the vilest trash under that name. There is no reason why the same rule should not be extended to wine and oils. The discrimination against our products is another thing. If there is proof that such is the fact, we ought to discriminate by way of reprisal. But we should not be so weak as to seek a pretext for our action. A general law, setting forth that if any of our products are unjustly excluded by any nation, articles equal in value should be shut out here, would meet the case.

There does not appear to be any necessity to dignify the operation by bringing the president so prominently into the foreground. Besides it may be doubted whether the suspensory power proposed to be conferred on him is constitutional. When the president issues a proclamation prohibiting the importation of a foreign article, he suspends the laws bearing

upon it; in other words he repeals an act of congress. That is an exercise of executive power which hardly fits our form of government. A claim of a right to do the same thing costs James II his crown.

Alive by Night and Dead by Day.

One of the most wonderful cases of suspended animation in a human being ever heard of is now puzzling the doctors of this county. They have been treating the case for the past two months. The subject is a boy, eight years old, who resides with his parents near Egypt, Cranberry Township. Both the parents are healthy Germans. One of the physicians, on being interviewed, said:

"Two months ago I was called to attend the boy, whom I had previously treated for whooping cough. What was my surprise, when the boy's parents told me they had been in a comatose condition all day, and they were afraid he was dead. He had slept all night, they said, and at sunrise had complained of sickness, after which he fell into a stupor from which they failed to arouse him.

"He had no sensible respiration, no pulse, no motion of the heart, no feeling. A convulsive movement of the right eyelid convinced me that the child was not dead, and I applied such restorative remedies as I had at hand, but they were of no avail. I worked until the sun had disappeared from the horizon, when the boy recovered his senses by degrees and arose without any symptoms of his having been ill. I was puzzled and resolved to ascertain the nature and cause of the deathlike stupor.

"That evening I took other doctors in consultation, and we visited the house together. We remained with him until six o'clock in the morning. He slept very tranquilly through the night, and shortly before daybreak we awoke him, made him speak and amused him until the sun began to rise. The little fellow was very happy and laughed heartily at the stories we told him, until the first glimpse of sun-shine appeared, when he suddenly said, 'O, mister, I'm so sick,' and lay down upon the bed and immediately assumed all the appearance of death. We poked him with a pin and applied a galvanic battery, but without creating the least impression.

"I forcibly raised one of his arms, and it remained in an upright position; the members were soft like wax and were covered with indentations we made with our fingers. The child remained thus until the sun disappeared behind the hill-tops, when symptoms of returning animation were noticed, and after awhile he arose as on the previous evening. He was ravenously hungry and ate very heartily of a meal, after which he slept with his brother until bedtime, when he again went to sleep. Thus the boy has lived and died every day during the past month."

"During the sun's ascendancy the inanimate boy's limbs were plastic as clay, and the doctor bent and twisted them as he pleased without evoking the least sign of consciousness from the child.—*Phil. Press.*

### Two Remarkable Holstein Cattle.

John Mitchell, owner of Meadow Brook farm, six miles from here, is the possessor of two three-year-old Holstein heifers (with calves) that have beaten the milk producing record of that class of cattle, and for one of which with her calf he has just raised an offer of \$15,000. They are named Jamaica and Ethelka. Mr. Mitchell is a retired New York merchant, having been for many years previous to his purchase of the Meadow Brook farm, connected with the firm of W. & J. Sloan. They were purchased from J. N. Robbins of Beacon farm on Long Island. Jamaica's production is according to a member of Mr. Mitchell's family, nearly twice as much per day as the highest record heretofore made by three-year-old Holstein, that of Smith & Powell's Clothilde at Syracuse, which was sixty-four pounds per day, or, estimating two pounds to a quart, thirty-two quarts. Jamaica, however, has far exceeded this, by giving in one day the remarkable quantity of 108½ pounds of milk, or about fifty-one and a half quarts. Ethelka, though beating Clothilde's best record, does not approximate the production of her mate. Her best yield of one day has been eighty and one-half quarts, or about forty quarts. Young Mr. Mitchell says an accurate account has been kept of the production of these two Holstein heifers, and that the milk of both is rich and of fine flavor. Jamaica's milk has also produced in one week the usually large quantity of twenty-six pounds and three ounces of fine unsalted butter. Both developed their prolific qualities after the birth of their second calves.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

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