

they are placed under such circumstances as will prevent either putrefaction or germination. Corn was found at Herculaneum which was lain buried for more than seventeen centuries, and was then in good preservation. Seeds brought from Herculaneum have since grown in Great Britain.

FROM PAPERS BY THE INTRINSIC TO THE FIRST OF APRIL.

SCOTLAND.

DREADFUL CHOLERA RIOT AT PAISLEY.

On Sunday afternoon, some stragglers near the field in Paisley Moss, where cholera patients are buried, found concealed, two shovels and a rope, with a small iron hook attached to it. These were brought to Paisley, and exhibited yesterday morning in a shop in Blacklaw, till passions of the multitude were sufficiently inflamed, and "too the Moss, too the Moss," became the cry.—The town was immediately thrown into confusion, and immense crowds hurried off to the burial field to ascertain whether or not any bodies had been stolen. Witness after witness, and eye ones too, arrived in town, declaring that out of 7 coffins 6 were empty. The tumult now assumed an alarming aspect, and it became evident that some serious riot would take place. The Sheriff and Magistrates; with a strong body of police, marched off to meet the crowd, and endeavoured to allay the feeling, but all in vain. The crowd found one coffin, dug it up, placed it on the shoulders of some of the porters while others tore up the stods which formed the fences, and off they came with the empty coffin, reared up in sight, and armed with a number of stods, shouldered like muskets, and breathing vengeance on the doctors. In this position they were met in St. James' Street; but all attempts to turn, soothe, or disperse, was vain. In attempting to stop the procession two of the police officers were very much cut, and the window of a house in James' Street, in which one of them took shelter, was severely damaged.—Rounding the corner of St. James' Street, the first attack was made on the shop of Dr. Vessie, whose window not being protected, was soon smashed. The windows of Mr. William Young, and of Dr. A. K. Young, followed in rapid succession. The mob then marched up School Wynd, to the Cholera Hospital, the barriers of which they immediately forced, and carried off the cholera burying cart in triumph; down Storrie Street they went, with hideous yells, to throw the cart into the Canal, but on reaching the basin they altered their mind, and proceeded with stods and stones to demolish the body of it. They again marched off with the empty cart to West George Street. The windows of Drs. Bell and Falconer were open, and the temptation could not be resisted—sticks and stones flew, and they were immediately in ruins. Off the mob went, huzzing with might and main up Lady Lone, down High Street, cheering Dr. Stewart in passing, and dashing some missiles at the windows of one of the active members of the Board of Health. Down New Street and Orchard Street was their next course, and the windows of Dr. McKinlay, the Medical Secretary of the Board of Health and of Dr. Jaffray, were promptly riddled. A passage across the Seedhill Bride, and through Cotton Street, brought them to another series of Doctors' windows; and those of Drs. Fulton, Torbet, and McKechie, shared in succession the fate of their predecessors. By this time the mob had got their vengeance so far satiated; but not sufficiently satisfied they came, vociferating vengeance, towards the Cross, but were met on the Old Bridge by Baillie Lymburn, Mr. John Bell, Woodside, and Mr. Reid, one of the members of the Board of Health, and were actually turned back. By this time the troops in the Barracks arrived, and the devastations were suspended. When our informant left Paisley, at 5 o'clock, the troops had been drawn off, and Special Constables were mustering to preserve the peace. A more disgraceful riot Paisley never witnessed. Well, indeed, may it be said that the Schoolmaster is abroad; for at home he is not, if ignorance and lawless violence are any symptom of his absence. Since the cholera appeared in Paisley, the doctors have been harassed with the most unremitting duties, by day and by night. The Members of the Board of Health have given almost all their time to the public service, and here is the grateful return made to them! This is an encouragement to proceed with a vengeance! A reward of £50 has been offered for the discovery of the persons who removed the body from the Moss.—

At four o'clock a troop of the 4th Dragoon Guards left this city for Paisley.

As evening advanced it became evident that the whole affray had been caused by the enemies of the surgeons; for, notwithstanding all that had been asserted during the day (by eye-witnesses too!) as to the number of graves which had been found empty, up to nine o'clock last night, although 20 had been opened, only one of these was found to be deprived of its inmate; and what will render this fact the more remarkable is, that the individuals who discovered the resurrectionary utensils on Sunday, were those only who chanced to pounce upon the empty grave, and give the signal to what afterwards took place. So soon as this had been satisfactorily ascertained, the authorities last night caused a hand-bill to be printed, and extensively circulated throughout the town, subscribed by 10 respectable citizens to this effect. But, although it instantaneously disabused the minds of the more respectable inhabitants, crowds of the credulous continued their labours in the burying ground; and it was feared that there might be a second breach of the peace in the course of the night. This being the case, a meeting of the constabulary force was held in the evening, in order that they might be ready to act, if their services were required. Happily, however, when we left Paisley at 9 o'clock, all was quiet; and from the effect produced in the afternoon, by the appearance of the military, it was hoped there would not be another outbreaking.

It may be as well to mention, that a dirty-faced, rascally chimney-sweep, was captured while attempting to break into the Hospital in Oakshay Street, to release the "medical victims," previous to the patriotic mob setting fire to the tenement, as was their intention; and that a patient, who was struck on the head with a stone, thrown in at one of the windows by a supposed *soi-disant* Parliamentary Elector, died almost instantly from the effects of the blow. Happily, beside the sweep in question, one or two others have been taken into custody; and it is to be hoped that the young blackguard who was collared by a respectable individual immediately after having sent a stone through a surgeon's window in the midst of the riot, will not be lost sight of by the Fiscal, Mr. Hart, who was made aware of the fact.

During the most stormy period of the tumult, and while the work of devastation was proceeding with alarming energy, a dirty copy of that libel on periodicals, and stain on the literature of the West of Scotland, the misnamed *Loyal Reformer's Gazette*, was exhibited by one of the rioters as the warrant for their lawless proceedings, while the yell of "Cholera Humbug" was vociferated by the infatuated and demagogue-ridden miscreants,—the Editor of which print, it would appear, is the acknowledged oracle of the low, the depraved, and degraded classes of the population. After such disgraceful scenes as these, may we not marvel at the supineness of our authorities in allowing such filthy, emasculated, and grovelling publications to brutalize and lay prostrate the minds of the working classes.—Surely, surely, it is high time that a remedy should be applied to this moral pestilence. The incendiary placards which have been so industriously published throughout this portion of the country, during the latter part of last week, bearing the words 'Cholera Impostures,' are of themselves sufficient to rouse the angry feelings, and call into operation the worst passions of the unthinking and ignorant portion of that class of people which has been and is the chief support of the *Reformer's Gazette*, against a body of men who have been straining every nerve and making every exertion to arrest the progress of the appalling distemper.

LONDON, Wednesday Evening, March 28.

The speeches of Lords Harrowby and Wharncliffe, on the first reading of the Reform Bill, may perhaps revive the drooping spirits of a few ill-formed Radicals at a distance, but have done nothing whatever, to allay the apprehensions of the same party here, who know any thing of the ordeal through which this jacobinical *lusus naturæ*, has yet to pass. The fact is, the two Noble Lords beforementioned, have little or no influence either in, or out of doors, and when they vote for the second reading, we question much, if they will be enabled to prevail upon more than other two Peers on the same side of the House to support them. With

regard to the Bishop of London, he has always been looked upon, merely as a sort of political fishing coble, which could be had by any body, who would take the trouble of pushing it into Canterbury, or any other Archiepiscopal harbour within hail. Supposing the whole thres, therefore, in place of cutting down the Bill in the Committee, as they say they will, were to become its out and out supporters, the loss to the opponents of the measure would be a mere fraction out of the majority who rejected it on a former occasion; hence the woeful misgivings of the revolutionary faction of the press here, regarding the fate of the Bill, and the old cry for a creation of Peers; because it is a well known truth, that, if it reach the Committee at all, it will only be through the courtesy of the Duke of Wellington and his party.

We have Hamburg papers this afternoon of Friday, but they contain no political intelligence. Large purchases of sugar had been made in the Hamburg market last week, on English account. The advices from Vienna, in these papers, mention that a few cases of Cholera had occurred in that capital, which were attributed to the festivities which had been indulged in on the Ash Wednesday.

Both the French and Dutch funds come lower today; and for the same reason, the warlike preparations which are going on in Holland, and the probability of a resumption of hostilities with Belgium. Count Orloff, contrary to expectation, has come over here; but that his mission is not of the most conciliatory description, may be guessed at, from the fact, that the Dutch funds fell fully a half per cent. upon the eve of his departure.—The funds in the stock at Amsterdam come down to-day to 40 3/4, which is a fall of upwards of 2 1/2 per cent. within the last fortnight.

The celebrated Spanish General Murillo died on the 17th inst.

A fight between Noon and Swift, for £25 a-side took place yesterday at Colney Heath, on the borders of Hertfordshire. The fight lasted above two hours, during which sixty five rounds were fought. Victory was ultimately claimed for Noon, but a doubt having arisen as to whether a blow given by him was a fair one, the matter was referred to umpires, and the question as to the best man therefore remains undecided.

Apprehension of a gang of Conspirators.—Last night, in consequence of information, which had been forwarded to Superintendent Hunter of the H division, that gentleman, in company with Inspector Norman, took fifteen policemen in private clothes, and went to a building in Glass-house-court, Goodman's-yard, which had formerly been used as a carpenter's shop; and having carefully effected an entrance, they proceeded to a step ladder to the first floor, and from thence to another ladder to the loft above, where they discovered six individuals, having the appearance of mechanics, exercising themselves with broad-swords. They made no resistance; and, indeed, they had no opportunity of doing so, so cautiously and suddenly were they surrounded by the police. They were disarmed and taken in hackney-coaches to Scotland-yard, where they were lodged during the night. This morning they were taken before a magistrate merely *pro forma*, in order to get them remanded, until evidence against them could be collected and prepared. In the loft were found several weapons of various descriptions, but no fire-arms; there were also some papers, which were secured. The prisoners, with several others, have been in the habit of meeting in the above place for some time past; and are connected with a large body of men who have united for the purpose of training themselves to the use of arms. On the walls of the building were painted the different cuts and positions of the broadsword exercise.

Mr. Robinson's notice for a Committee to inquire into the state of trade, commerce, navigation, &c. is deferred till the 5th April.

The wind on Wednesday morning being favourable for vessels going to sea, upwards of 270 sail of all descriptions took advantage of it, and proceeded on their respective voyages.—*Gore's Liverpool Advertiser.*

On Sunday last Mr O'Connell made his triumphant entry into Cork, escorted, says the Mercantile Chronicle, by upwards of 200,000 individuals. He made a violent speech, as usual, to the assembled multitude, about the Union, and to accomplish the object of the Emigrant Van Diemen's Wales, is the place. The now fitting to carry pa We can good autho and has, Marquis of under his There a vessels for amounts to Albion. A Lie. cles, that and can, shortest a

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