

HOW MOSCOW WAS "PURIFIED."

Four Hundred Jewish Families Driven Out by Grand Duke Sergius.

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The assassination of Grand Duke Sergius forms only another gloomy episode in a great drama that is unfolding itself in unfortunate Russia. It is becoming difficult, indeed, to draw in that fermenting country the line between crime and patriotism. For the victim whom Harold Frederic described as "this obscene simpleton" it is difficult to feel any sympathy. It was he by whose orders 400 Jewish families, dwelling in a suburb of Moscow, were in the Passover night of 1891 driven forth into the cold, with blows and curses, without being given time even to dress. Women with nursing babes ran barefooted over the snowy ground until they found refuge in an outlying cemetery. It was a barbarity which aroused a sensation even in Russia.

All this was done to "purify" Moscow for the residence of the Grand Duke and his wife. Many of the expelled Jews were marched in chains, by etape, to their destination to atone for the crime of illegal residence. It is to be feared that the terrorism of the Nihilist will not even hasten peace with Japan, much less bring the boon of liberty to poor, downtrodden Russia. But humanity loses nothing by the taking away of such monsters as De Plehve and Sergius.

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