

## REPLIES TO CASSINI

### H. Lippman Says Russian Jews Are Barred from Agriculture.

None of the incidental features of the Kishinef massacre has stirred the Jewish people to greater indignation than the statement from Count Cassini in yesterday's dispatches, Cassini said the Russian Jews scorned agriculture, preferring the role of money lenders and that their usurious practices naturally brought trouble. H. Lippman, who is thoroly familiar with Russian conditions, says:

"Count Cassini says to the Associated Press that the Jews of Russia will not work in the field or engage in agriculture. Count Cassini knows better than anybody here that the Jews of Russia are forbidden to own and cultivate land. Even those who did own a piece of land in the country were driven into the cities with their families. When the Jews were given land by Nicholas I. in Bessarabia they turned that state into a paradise, but lately they were driven off from the land and all they could do to sustain life was to engage in business in the cities.

"As to money lending, it has been proved long ago that the Russian money lender will crush his own brother a good deal quicker than the Jew would ever do and as to the Russians being a patient people, we want to state that it is not the Russian peasants that formed the mobs, but regularly organized gangs of cut-throats dressed in red shirts like satan's servants do the work which is mapped out for them by the officials. Further proof of this is that when the order came from St. Petersburg for the mobs to cease their diabolical acts after three days of murder and pillage, the rioting was stopped in a few minutes.

"Count Cassini says further that the Russian government affords the same protection to the Jews as to any other citizen. Was it not proven plainly enough in the Kischinef massacre that when a deputation of representative Jews called on the governor of the state to stop the slaughter of men, women and helpless children, they were driven from his courtyard like dogs by his servants. When the massacre was at its height the Russian officials and police were encouraging the mob to finish their murder and pillage.

"He also says that there is no feeling against the Jew in Russia because of religion. That also has been proven in Kishinef, when the Russian priests were at the head of the mob. But we hope that Count Cassini cannot whitewash the acts of his government to the world and the only thing that will stop the persecution of the Jews in Russia is the protest of the press of the world."