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## CRUSADE AGAINST THE MORMONS

Some Startling Testimony Given At Washington.

### FRIGHTFUL OBLIGATIONS MADE

Throat To Be Cut and Tongue Cut Out For Disclosing Secrets--Blood of Prophets to Be Avenged--Mormonism In The Public Schools.

One of the most important things before the United States Senate, now in session, will be the disposal of the protest to Senator Smoot retaining his seat. This matter came before the last session and was backed by the various christian denominations and woman's organizations from all parts of the country. Years ago Utah was admitted to statehood, which entitled her to two senators. By a recent act of congress polygamous marriages and certain other practices were forbidden and the leaders of that sect promised to abide by the law of the land. In spite of all the sacred pledges and assurances, the Mormons appear to be defying the government and in many ways are continuing their polygamous customs.

Senator Reed Smoot, as one of the head men of that church, chosen by them as a representative, from the evidence adduced, has been guilty in so many ways of violating the laws that his claim to a seat in the U. S. Senate stands upon doubtful ground. This fight is made not exactly against Senator Smoot, but against the entire Mormon church. It implies the disfranchisement of the male members unless the church eradicates from its teaching certain features that are considered detrimental to the public welfare. Many witnesses have been summoned from Utah to show what the Mormon church teaches and practices.

Five witnesses were examined Tuesday by the Senate committee on privileges and elections in the investigations of protestations against Senator Reed Smoot retaining his seat in the Senate. J. H. Wallis, Sr., of Salt Lake City, the first witness, described the obligations taken by persons who pass through the Mormon Endowment House and declared that every one agrees to submit to mutilation of the person if he or she reveals what takes place during the ceremony.

Questioned as to his belief, the witness said he never believed fully in the celestial marriages to the dead, and four times had stood as proxy for four marriages of living women to dead men. He married his present wife in the Temple. Explaining the marriages in the Temple, Mr. Wallis said it is necessary to take the endowment before marriage and in this way had passed through the endowment house twenty times at least. The ceremonies, he said, are always substantially the same, and each one consumes about two hours.

#### THE HORRIBLE PENALTIES.

Mr. Wallis said he has a distinct recollection of the ceremonies within the Temple, and that he is able to describe them just as they took place. He was asked to give the oaths taken by those who participated and this he did together with a description of the secret signs executed by each person. Nearly all of the obligations were that those who took part would not reveal anything they saw or heard on penalties of mutilation of the person and everyone who passed through the Temple, said the witness, was compelled to agree to the conditions laid down by the priests.

The penalties agreed to were given by Mr. Wallis as follows:

That the throat be cut from ear to ear and the tongue torn out; that the breast be cut asunder and the heart and vitals be torn from the body; that the body be cut asunder at the middle and the bowels cut out; that if demanded we will give all we possess to the support of the church.

The next obligation was one of chastity, in which the obligator agreed not to cohabit with any person not given him or her by the priests.

Two members of the faculty of the Brigham Young University testified that they have sustained polygamous relations since the manifesto of 1890, and a teacher in the public schools asserted that the church had religion taught in such schools.

#### TO AVENGE BLOOD OF PROPHETS.

Another obligation was to "never cease to importune high heaven to avenge the blood of the prophets upon the nations of the earth, or the inhabitants of the earth. I don't remember which," said the witness. "This was followed by a quotation from the scriptures. I think Revelation viii. 'The souls of those slain cried aloud on the altars for vengeance.'"

#### TEACHES RELIGION IN SCHOOLS.

Arthur Morning, a teacher in the public schools of Utah, said he had been

called on to conduct religion classes in his school of 20 pupils. He read letters from Elder Stake, instructing him how to outline the Mormon class work. One letter was dated about a year ago and another in September, 1904. Mr. Morning says he is not a Mormon himself.

Mr. Taylor offered in evidence passages from the books on Mormonism, sent to all grades of the schools. They were largely composed of sketches of the lives of leading Mormons, among them the president of the church and the apostles, including Senator Smoot.

Senator Hopkins asked Mr. Taylor, what he expected to prove by that. "We are proving," said Mr. Taylor, "that the Mormon church is teaching its religion at public expense, and that the lessons are largely composed of biographies of men who are 'notorious' polygamists."

#### THE EASTERN WAR.

In the past few days there has been little news from the seat of war. Since the Japs captured Three Metre Hill which overlooks Port Arthur they have succeeded in sinking nearly all of the war vessels in the harbor, excepting one cruiser and some small torpedo boats. That practically eliminates any possible assistance when the great Baltic fleet arrives.

The capture of this strategic point involved a great sacrifice, as men fell by the thousands as they stormed the fortified position, and they do not feel like making any further desperate attacks, as the campaign in the future will be an effort to starve the Russian garrison into surrender.

In the north the two armies in Manchuria remain inactive and are in permanent winter quarters.

In St. Petersburg the unrest among the people continues by rioting and threatening demonstrations that are continually breaking out.

#### DARING ROBBERY.

Saturday afternoon two masked men entered the office of the Leakey Coal Mining company, in the Masonic temple, Altoona, gagged the clerk, Wilbur M. Ale, and made off with \$2,000 in cash that was to be used in paying off the company miners at Lily and Bens creek. The robbers turned their attention to the bag of gold and emptied it into some bag or satchel. Ale could not tell which because of his obscured vision. They coolly walked out of the door, which they locked after them, and down the stairs and away. Paymaster Leakey returned to the building about 11:30 o'clock. Leakey walked to the door, rapped and receiving no answer called to Ale. He still received no answer and becoming alarmed a step-ladder was secured, and assisted by Mr. Eppelman and Thomas Nicholson, he crawled through the transept and discovered the daring robbery.

#### Warning For Rowdies.

The case of the Commonwealth against John McCroy, Raymond Miller, William Mapestone, Thomas Powell and Patrick McQueeney came up in the Clearfield court and was disposed of. It grew out of the attack upon Conductor Snyder on his train just south of Clearfield on the evening of October 8 last, when it will be remembered that Mr. Snyder was severely beaten by a gang of whiskey crazed men. Four of the men plead guilty to the charge of rioting on the train and attacking the conductor, but the fifth man, Patrick McQueeney, according to the statement of the other four, did not join in the disturbance and was therefore discharged. The court sentenced McCroy to pay \$50 fine and serve ten months in jail, Miller to \$50 fine and costs and serve six months in jail, and Mapestone and Powell each to pay their share of the costs but further sentence was suspended in their cases.

#### For Selling Bad Food and Drink.

The State pure food people have been working in Clinton county, and six hotel keepers and a groceryman of Lock Haven and a merchant and liquor man of Renova were before Alderman E. K. Parsons, charged by James Faust, of Altoona, with selling adulterated foods, such as brandies, cherries, blackberry wine, jellies and maple syrup. They all waived a hearing and were bound over under \$200 bail each for the January Court.

#### Bituminous Interests.

Some idea of the importance of the bituminous coal interests of Clearfield county may be gathered from the annual report of the Pennsylvania state bureau of statistics, which gives the number of mines in said county at 168 and the number of tons of coal shipped in 1903 at 7,474,709.

#### Kicked by a Mule.

On Thursday last, after dinner, as J. A. Grenoble of Spring Mills was in the act of hitching up a mule preparatory to going to the woods, the animal kicked him on the head, knocking Mr. Grenoble unconscious, in which condition he remained some time, the blow being a very severe one.

## CLEVER WOMAN'S SWINDLING CAREER

Successful In Duping Bankers for Millions.

### MRS. CHADWICK IS A MARVEL

One of the Most Astounding Swindles on Record--Bank Wrecked, Wealthy Men Ruined--Follies of an Extravagant Woman.

During the past two weeks the leading sensation has been the gigantic swindle perpetrated by Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, of Cleveland, Ohio, by which she succeeded in cleverly duping bankers, capitalists, and noted shrewd money lenders out of great sums of money that will aggregate probably two millions. This remarkable woman accomplished all this in three years, during which time her feats in finance and lavish waste of money reads like a romance, the like of which never was known in this country. An obscure woman, formerly a convict from the penitentiary, she succeeded in marrying Dr. Chadwick, a man of means and social standing.

Next step, she represented to some bankers that she was an illegitimate daughter of Andrew Carnegie, and that he had given her five million in stocks and bonds, the income of which he annually furnished her and upon his death she was to receive the same outright. These alleged securities and the article of agreement bearing Carnegie's name to that effect, she gave to a banker Ira Reynolds, to keep for her. The package was sealed, and Reynolds gave her a receipt (without examining same) that he had over \$5,000,000 of certain stocks of hers in his vault. Reynolds was recognized as a reliable, careful business man, and by exhibiting this receipt Mrs. Chadwick was able to convince other bankers that she possessed great wealth and they loaned her money by the hundred thousands, and the woman spent it with reckless extravagance that amazed everybody. Other papers were shown by her having Andrew Carnegie's signature upon which she borrowed fabulous sums. A bank at Oberlin, Ohio, was one of her victims and the savings of hundreds of poor people is gone. A millionaire in Pittsburg was duped for almost a million, and a large number of others for smaller sums.

Last week the woman was arrested in New York City and in default of \$15,000 bail was sent to the Tombs. An investigation was instituted and the mysterious package given to Ira Reynolds, supposed to contain \$5,000,000, was opened and contained only worthless paper and the Carnegie agreement which the famous iron master at once declared a fraud; that he never knew or saw the woman, knew nothing of her and never signed such a paper, or any of the numerous notes bearing his signature, aggregating millions which this woman exhibited and upon which she secured immense loans.

On Tuesday she was taken back to Cleveland, where several criminal indictments have been found against her and interesting proceedings will follow. This was one of the most gigantic swindles perpetrated. She selected for her victims the shrewdest and wealthiest, and the success she achieved is simply astounding.

She had a royal good time while the money lasted, but now she must meet her fate, for the way of the transgressor is hard. The extravagant follies of the eccentric woman are noted:

Her home in Cleveland is a curious compound of junk shop and palace, priceless art treasures occupying place side by side with ten-cent novelties. In the overfurnishing of this house she has spent an immense fortune. Some of her notable extravagances have been:

Sending jewelers to scour Europe for unique rings and other ornaments for gifts to servants.

Taking twenty young women of her acquaintance to Europe on a pleasure trip and defraying all of their expenses. Having painted in Europe, at tremendous expense, two dozen miniatures on ivory. These she had framed in Cleveland in 14-karat gold, and distributed them among her friends as presents.

Enticing her husband away from home on Christmas Eve and astonishing him, upon their return, by having had the house completely refurnished during their absence, at an expense of more than \$10,000.

Buying at one time eight grand pianos, which she presented to friends as presents.

Presenting to her cook a sealskin coat that reached below her knees.

Buying at one time, in Toronto, fifty-six diamond rings for distribution as gifts. One of these rings cost her more than \$3000.

The purchase of jewels for her per-

sonal adornment until she had three chests full of them. Among the number of these jewels is one pearl necklace of fabulous value.

Presenting to friends as wedding presents imported French automobiles and touring cars.

Had French maids in her home and at times gave select entertainments of rare flavor, that surpassed all records for novel feasts and bacchanalian revelry.

Columns appear every day in the papers giving some new phase of the case and bring to the surface additional victims. It is thought that the woman was not alone in this gigantic swindle, as the papers used were designed by a clever legal mind, and the real purpose may have been to hope for the death of Andrew Carnegie and by use of the same documents recover many millions from his estate.

#### PINE HALL LUTHERANS.

Dedicated Their New Church Last Sunday Morning.

The new Lutheran church at Pine Hall was dedicated last Sunday with appropriate exercises. The former building was destroyed by fire a year ago December 15th. The new edifice is of brick with slate roof, with an auditorium of 30x50 feet and an annex of 20x30, all on the ground floor. In the basement is a modern furnace for heating and an acetylene gas plant for lighting. The interior is finished in natural oak, quartered oak pews. The cost of the building was \$5000 and on Sunday the entire amount, with several hundred dollars in excess were raised before the dedicatory services took place. Rev. Frank Manhart, D. D., of the Susquehanna University assisted by Rev. J. I. Stoneycypher, of Boalsburg and Rev. J. M. Rearick, of Centre Hall, assisted the pastor, Rev. Aikens, who had services in charge.

Rev. C. T. Aikens has been pastor of this congregation for sixteen years and it has prospered in that time. This is one of the oldest congregations in the valley and dates back to the early settler.

#### The Penny Wires.

The Supreme court of the United States decided the case of the Western Union Telegraph company vs. the Pennsylvania Railroad company, involving the right of the railroad company to remove the telegraph company's poles from its right of way, in favor of the railroad company.

The opinion was handed down by Justice McKenna. In the decision the court held that the congressional act of 1866, which controlled in the case, does not grant eminent domain to telegraph companies over the private property of railroad companies. The lines destroyed by the railroad company was a loss of two and a half millions.

#### A Little Premature.

Sheriff Taylor is receiving many applications from over the county and elsewhere for permits to attend the execution of the two convicted prisoners in our jail. This is a little premature as all legal recourse has not been exhausted, and executions are not a certainty. They have hope of a reversal by the Supreme Court which would mean a retrial. Failing in that they can next appeal to the Board of Pardons. If that is unfavorable, executive clemency will be sought. All these steps will be invoked before the death penalty will be imposed, and by that time Centre county may have a new official at the county jail.

#### Double Disappointment.

Maude Griffith, aged about 20 years, who lives with her sister, Mrs. John Collins, in Altoona, it is alleged attempted to commit suicide by swallowing six condensed antiseptic bichloride of mercury tablets containing sufficient poison to kill a horse. A doctor administered antidotes and the girl came round all right. It is said the poison tablets Miss Griffith took were furnished her about a week ago, when she run a rusty nail in her foot. They were to be dissolved in water and used to bathe the wound in the foot. It was after an alleged quarrel with her lover that she swallowed the poison.

#### Russia vs Japan.

This beautifully illustrated lecture will be the second entertainment of the Star Course. The pictures are magnificent, and as Mr. Roberson has lectured in Philadelphia this season for the 20th time and in Utica, N. Y., 16 times, no doubt he is fine. The Cincinnati Enquirer says "He is the all seeing eye of a Dickens, up-to-date."

Course Tickets now on sale at Shaffer's store, \$1.20 for the four entertainments. No further reduction. Chart opens on Friday, single admission 50cts; reserved seats 15cts extra.

E. J. Warner, of Lamar, lays claim that he is the oldest ex-teacher in the county, having taught his first term when but 16 years of age, in 1854, under Coates Allison, the first county superintendent Clinton county had. Can Centre county show up an older teacher?

## RE-DEDICATION OF AN OLD CHURCH

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Aaronsburg.

### HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Was Organized Over a Century ago--Many Prominent Pastors Have come from it--Historical Sketch By Pastor Sheeder.

The Salem Lutheran church, at Aaronsburg, has been undergoing extensive repairs for some months, and on next Sunday, December 18th, the rededication exercises will take place. This church and congregation being one of the oldest in that valley, a brief sketch, by the present pastor, Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder, having been prepared for us, we consider it of historical merit and worthy of publication.

#### SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The organization of Salem Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Aaronsburg, Pa., dates back to A. D. 1793 and the corner stone for the first church was laid May 1, 1794. At that time Centre county was not born, the territory now called Centre was then Northumberland. The elders of the congregation at this time were Jacob Stover and George Wolf, Sr.; deacons were Nicholas Snyder and Adam Stover; building committee, Wm. Sauerwine, John Schuke, Jacob Stover and George Troutner. The Rev. Christian Espich was pastor at this time.

The second church was built in 1852 under Rev. J. M. Alleman. It was built of brick and the cost was about \$5400 and constitutes the present building, although through remodeling, little more than the original brick wall still stands.

The elders at this time were Jacob and Philip B. Musser; the deacons were Wm. Harter and Jacob Wolf; and the building committee were Jno. Wolf, Em. Ettinger and Henry Gross. The building was large and well suited to the time and place when and where it was erected. The following pastors have served this congregation from time to time:

Rev. Christian Espich from 1793 to 1800.

Rev. Ludwig Albrecht Wilhelm Ilgen, of Hechlingen, Markgrafschaft, Germany, from 1800 to his death Aug. 20, 1823.

Rev. Abele from 1823 to 1838.

Rev. Dan'l Gottwald from 1838 to 1843.

Rev. C. Reese from 1843 to 1853.

Rev. M. J. Alleman from 1853 to 1855.

Rev. J. Weiker from 1855 to 1862.

Rev. Dan'l Sell from 1862 to 1867.

Rev. A. C. Felker from 1867 to 1869.

Rev. P. Sahn, D. D., from 1869 to 1873. During the time of Dr. Sahn the church was repaired at a cost of \$1200.

Rev. Jno. Tomlinson from 1873 to 1884.

Rev. M. L. Deitler from 1885 to 1890.

Rev. A. G. Wolf from 1890 to 1899.

During the time of Rev. Wolf the lecture room was remodeled and art glass windows placed in auditorium.

Rev. E. H. Gearhart from 1899 to 1900.

Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder the present pastor began his labors May 21, 1902.

Under the administration of the present pastor the interior of the church has undergone a complete remodeling until it is practically a new church. The character of the remodeling is as follows:

The end gallery and belfry stairway have been remodeled, the floor sloped, the church replastered and walls painted in water colors; a steel ceiling decorated to harmonize, adds materially to the effect. New carpet has been laid and the wood work grained in oak, new choir chairs purchased and a fine confirmation altar railing placed upon platform shaped to receive it.

There are now two side and one centre aisles with the side pews turned so as to face the pulpit.

The vestibule has been lowered in such a manner as to enter lecture room without steps and the entire building is lighted by an acetylene gas plant.

The present officers are elders, Israel Weaver and Dr. B. F. Bowersox; deacons, Ed. A. Bower, S. H. Winkleblech and Walter C. Orwig; trustee, Lewis Mensch.

The building committee consists of S. H. Winkleblech, Jas. S. Weaver and Ed. A. Bower with the pastor, Rev. B. R. M. Sheeder, chairman.

The rededication exercises will take place on Sabbath, Dec. 18, at 10 am., and the sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. F. Hartman, D. D., of Lafayette Hill, Philadelphia, Pa., who will also preach in the evening at 7 pm.

Services will be continued during the week at which neighboring pastors will preach and concluded with the Holy communion on Christmas day (25).

A cordial invitation is extended to old residents, friends and everybody to be present at all these services.

The following is a brief history of the congregations that sprung from the

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## FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

#### TIME TO ACT.

Oh, hasten, girls, the time is short;  
The days, alas, are flying  
When you a gentleman may court  
With honeyed words and sighing  
For leap year, so the a'manacs say,  
Will soon have journeyed far away.

Then hasten to pick out a mate  
And don't be too exacting  
Or four years you may have to wait  
The thought is quite distracting.  
So hustle round and choose a lad,  
For there are still some to be had.

You wouldn't miss a chance, I know,  
Or hesitate debating  
Were you aware some timid beau  
For your advance was waiting.  
Or falter if you only thought  
That man was dying to be caught.

So tie a ribbon in your hair  
And fit your smile up pretty  
And for a grown man set your snare  
In country or in city,  
And if at first the boys are shy,  
Keep on. You'll land one by and by.

Lives of great men oft reminds us  
Fine clothes look most awful nice;  
But often trousers that are patched  
Hold the men who cut most ice.

The most truthful of elevator boys is a story teller.

An airship may be safest when it has its drawbacks.

It goes without saying that a wagon's tongue never speaks.

Contortionists are not the only men who have their doubles.

In looking for others, the detective certainly looks out for himself.

A good speller may be completely floored by a bad spell of sickness.

Strange Matrimonial Tangle.

Twenty-eight years ago Miss Mary A. Kreider, a handsome young woman of Penn township, Snyder county, was married to Wilson Bickert. Six months later he disappeared, and has not been seen or heard of since.

A year and a half later Mrs. Bickert believed her husband dead and wedded G. A. Kauffman, a prominent and wealthy farmer. The couple lived happily for more than twenty-six years. A year ago, however, the husband and wife being anxious that no legal complications might arise which might prejudice the rights of their children, employed a lawyer to institute proceedings in divorce, she being the libelant and her first husband the respondent. Last week the divorce was granted. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman will be formally remarried.

It is said that this case has no parallel in the legal annals of Pennsylvania.

TOOK HIS LIFE.

G. B. Burchfield, a young man formerly of near Shingletown, in Ferguson twp., but for several years employed at Conneville, Pa., shot himself at that place, on Sunday evening and died soon after. The body was shipped to Boalsburg and the interment will be made there this Thursday morning. His father died years ago, and his mother, two brothers and one sister reside at Altoona; another sister, Mrs. John Jacobs, lives at Boalsburg. He was married to Cora McClelland, of this place, some years ago, who with two small children, a boy and a girl, survive. He was separated from his family, and his wife had instituted divorce proceedings. The Conneville Pa., "Courier" attributes his rash act to despondency, as he brooded over these difficulties.

Williamsport Milkmen Sentenced.

J. W. Kimble, F. A. Kunze and John Wolf, three of the milkmen who were convicted in the Lycoming county court of adulterating milk, appeared for sentence Monday. In sentencing Kimble and Kunze the court stated that as it was the first offence of either, he would give the minimum sentence and each was required to pay a fine of \$50 and costs. John Wolf was fined \$100 and costs, the court stating that as it was his second conviction for adulterating milk he could see no reason for clemency.

Introduced the Spanish Game.

The citizens of Verdilia, near Selinsgrove, witnessed a bull chase last Friday. A big bull was liberated by its owner, with the understanding that any one might join in the sport of shooting him, as he was dangerously vicious. A number of riders responded. After a run of about ten miles, Daniel W. Stahl fired the shot which brought the infuriated animal to his knees, dead. His was the fourth bullet that struck the beast.

Turned Away a Freezing Man.

An unknown German, aged about 40, was found frozen to death on Sunday, one and a half-miles north of Tipton. He begged for admittance to farmer Samuel Burket's home three times, but was turned away, it being supposed he was drunk. Footprints in the snow indicate that he walked in a circle six miles, in an adjoining field, before he fell exhausted.