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MORMONISM IS BEING EXPOSED

The Investigation at Washington Has Aroused Sentiment.

OPENLY DEFY THE GOVERNMENT

Plural Marriages are Common--Will Obey the Church in Preference to the Laws of the Land--Smoot a Small Part of the Issue.

Marrying dead women to living husbands was one of the practices of the Mormon church, according to the testimony of August Lundstrum at the Smoot inquiry on 14. Lundstrum left the Mormon church when he found that no matter what revelations were made he was expected to have them interpreted by "living oracles of the church," which meant apostles or other high officials. He made what Senators consider the most remarkable statement yet made in the investigation.

"Did you go into polygamy," Lundstrum was asked by Mr. Taylor, representing the protestants.

"Yes, to some extent," he answered. "I had another wife sealed to me in the Temple for eternity, but I only had one wife in this life. She was sealed to me for life and eternity, although as a matter of fact she was dead when I married her."

This statement was regarded as so extraordinary that Mr. Taylor had the witness repeat it in order that he might thoroughly understand him.

QUEER ROBES USED IN CEREMONIALS.

Senator Burrows secured, after much questioning, a partial description of the ceremonies and other mystic rites of the endowment House and Temple from the witness.

"Were robes used in these ceremonies?" asked Senator Burrows.

"Yes, sir."

"Were there any marks on the robes?"

"No. No marks on the robes. There were certain marks on the garment of holy priesthood. The marks are compasses on the left breast: a square on the right breast and a buttonhole-like opening in the garment opposite the navel and at the right knee. They signified the penalties for revealing the covenants--that our breasts might be torn open and our heart and vitals removed and that at the naval our bodies might be sawn asunder and our bowels gush out. The marks at the knee was a reminder that all knees should bow down to the Church."

"The garment or robe in which the endowment is taken is much like a union suit. It is never removed from the body of a good Mormon, except for the time that it requires to change it for purposes of cleanliness."

CHIEF RECORDER CLOSE MOUTHED.

"Why do the devout Mormons wear it at all times?" the witness was asked.

It is regarded as a shield against all danger, both temporal and spiritual."

Mr. Lundstrum answered.

Lundstrum is from Sweden, and is a man of more than average intelligence. He exhibited no feeling against the Mormon Church, and gave his narrative in a disinterested manner.

SMOOT MUST GO.

Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, has got to go, unless the Senate takes the unusual course of disregarding the report to be made to it by the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Those who are watching the progress of the Smoot case before the committee have made up their minds that the members almost to a man will vote to make a report in favor of unseating the Mormon Senator on the broad grounds that his identification with an organization such as the Mormon hierarchy has been shown to be renders him unfit to hold office under the Government of the United States. They have come to the conclusion that the Mormon Church is essentially inimical to civil government, and that its influence over its members, and especially over its officers, is such that they cannot be regarded as good citizens, and are bound to look on their allegiance to their church as superior to their allegiance to the State.

If the church confined its activities to strictly spiritual or religious matters its members and officers might still be good citizens. But the evidence before the committee has demonstrated to the satisfaction of most of its members, it is said, that the pretensions of the Mormon Church extend to all the relations of life, and bind its adherents to follow the mandates of the hierarchy in political as well as business and religious affairs.

The outcome of the present investigation by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections at Washington can have no other outcome in the opinion of all the best informed men about the capital.

Revelations made by leaders of the Mormon Church in their testimony before the committee have been of such a

LEST YOU FORGET.

All persons who have allowed their subscriptions to get in arrears for more than a year, will receive a statement of the account this coming week. We certainly would like to have a reply from each one, with a remittance, before January 1st. It will be an appropriate holiday present for us--as it will be greatly appreciated now, by

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nature as to mark their entire church system as a blot upon American civilization and progress.

From whatever angle the case is viewed by members of Congress, it looks dark for Senator Smoot. The moral aspects of the Mormon religion are no less startling than the political, and the latter impress members of the Senate even more unfavorably than the former. The fact that the church, wherever it has gained a foothold, has used the strength of its organization, its discipline and whatever there may be of faith in its doctrine, to interfere in and dominate politics in the interest of the church itself, has aroused even the dormant conscience of the Senate.

SMOOT NO LONGER THE ISSUE.

Investigation has gone so far beyond the more question of whether Smoot, an apostle of the Mormon Church, should be allowed to occupy a seat in the Senate of the United States that Smoot has almost been forgotten, and the larger question, that of the possibility of permitting Mormonism to continue longer as a menace to both the morals and the political institutions of the country, is engrossing attention.

GOVERNMENT IS DEFIED.

It has been shown by one witness after another that promises made to the general government in the past have been either openly violated or secretly evaded.

It has been proved by witnesses both in and out of the church that the oaths taken by all members, including Senator Smoot, have placed the duty of the Mormons to the Church ahead of their duty to the nation.

It was further shown that in a clash of authority between the United States and the Church, the Church would be obeyed against the country.

So grave is the problem presented to the Senate for consideration that it is probable Smoot will not be expelled from the Senate at this session of Congress. The case involves many legal and constitutional questions which must be thought out carefully.

The legality of Smoot's election cannot be questioned, if Mormonism is to be tolerated in the future as in the past. The whole contest against him is based upon the charge that his religion, and the practices countenanced by the church, of which he is an authority, prove him an unworthy person to participate in the national law making.

MRS. CHADWICK'S WOES.

There is no startling news in the famous Chadwick embezzlement case. In our last issue mention was made that she was then enroute from New York for Cleveland. Upon her arrival at Cleveland, Ohio, the station was surrounded by a howling, jeering mob, that gave a very embarrassing welcome to this Queen of Finance, upon her return home with the officers of the law as chaperons. Thousands of people thronged the streets and at the prison such a large mob had assembled that it was with difficulty that the officers landed her safely inside. She was hooted and jeered by all forms of insulting remarks.

Upon being taken to her cell Mrs. Chadwick collapsed. The excitement of the past month had been too great for her. It is definitely known that Mrs. Chadwick is the same Madame De Vere, a noted forger, who but a few years ago served a term in the penitentiary. She has been identified by the prison authorities, and that banishes the thought that she is the illegitimate child of Andrew Carnegie, as she alleged to successfully conduct her swindling operations.

Prior to her exposure and arrest there were chests filled with costly gems and jewelry but all has mysteriously disappeared from her home and no trace can be found. While the extent of her swindling runs into the millions, only a few thousand dollars in furniture and such like remain for her dupes.

A number of prosecutions have been instituted, and her chances for escaping a long term of imprisonment are slight.

Jury Commissioners at Work.

The Jury Commissioners, Frederick Robb, Romola, and John Decker, of Potters Mills, have been in session the past week making up a new list of jurors for the coming year. It requires several weeks to do this work as the entire list must be revised by taking out all names of parties who have moved away or died, and new names selected for these, and such as were drawn out.

A paper of pins has a lot of good points.

AFTER THE BALTIC FLEET

Japs Send Big Squadron South to Meet Rojestvsky

MAY ALTER RUSSIAN PLANS

Port Arthur Squadron no Longer to be Feared--Forty Japanese Warships are Steaming to Attack Relief Fleet--Great Naval Battle Coming.

It is known that Japan has dispatched a great fleet of 40 warships to meet and destroy the powerful Russian Baltic fleet which left St. Petersburg some weeks ago to relieve Port Arthur.

At this moment the Baltic fleet is divided. Admiral Folkersahm's division, comprising 20 ships, has entered the Indian Ocean, having been last reported at Jibuti. Admiral Rojestvsky's detachment, 15 ships or more, is believed to be in the vicinity of the Cape of Good Hope, having sailed around Africa.

The place agreed upon by the Russians to concentrate is believed to be the Chagos group of islands, south of India. Naval experts here figure that the Czar's officers expected to mobilize the armada about January 4.

However, this sudden and dramatic move on the world's chess board by the Mikado is declared to be certain to surprise the Russians and compel a hurried change of plans.

The destruction of the last of the Port Arthur squadron by the plunging fire from 243-Metre Hill and the successful attack by torpedo boats on the battleship Sevastopol in the outer harbor released the tried fighting ships and men of Admiral Togo. It is pointed out by the naval experts that only a few torpedo boats and some swift armed merchant ships have been in all likelihood left at Port Arthur to look after blockade runners.

Various foreign merchantmen have reported seeing the Japanese battleship Mikasa and other vessels entirely repaired, repaired and in the best of fighting trim off Nagasaki, the great naval depot of Japan. It is believed that the Mikado's ships have had their bottoms scraped and are now able to steam at their swiftest.

In all likelihood the Japanese will seize a base in one of the many island harbors of the Indian Ocean and make the dazzling dash to cut off the Russian squadrons.

One of the greatest modern naval conflicts is now scheduled for the coming month. There will be an awful havoc on the high seas when the Japs and Russian war vessels meet. It must be a decisive action, a victory and a defeat and upon the outcome of this engagement will depend the fate of the war on land, and the result of this war will have much to do with the future geographical lines of the Eastern hemisphere.

CALLS 250,000 MORE MEN.

Mobilization of the reserves has been announced in seven Russian districts. This is the third and most extensive mobilization of the war and will add about 200,000 men to the army in the Far East. It is thought the whole force can be placed in the field by spring then the problem of food and fuel will be easier met and the transportation of the troops will create less strain upon the trans-Siberian railway. It will bring General Kuropatkin's effective force roughly estimated, at 680,000.

HORRORS OF WAR.

Port Arthur Deserted Except for the Sick and Wounded.

Commander Mizzenoff, who was executive officer of the Russian battleship Poltava until that vessel was disabled, and who, on December 15, headed the party of seven Russians who left Port Arthur in a sail boat and arrived at Chefoo on Saturday reports:

"The Russians are husbanding their artillery ammunition, firing only when the effect will be certain. There are 16,000 men in the lines of forts and their periods of rest are few. Every building in the whole town is more or less injured. General Stoessel has put the entire population on the regular rations, sufficient to last three months. The ammunition is sufficient to last much longer. I believe the Japanese will never take the fortress under present conditions."

JAPS HIT HOSPITALS.

Continuing, Commander Mizzenoff said: "Port Arthur never looked more sepulchral than on the night of December 9, when the Japanese shells repeatedly hit a hospital, killing seven of the patients. A number died from exposure. The hospitals contain 8,000 patients.

"Since the Japanese began their attack on the high hill they call 203 Metre Hill, the fighting has been continuous. The steep and sandy slopes of the hill were streaked and dotted with snow when the Japanese began the battle, and

there was so much slaughter that even Port Arthur's war-hardened veterans shuddered at the sight.

"The Japanese were compelled to clamber up the hill in many cases without firing in the face of one of the most murderous deluges ever poured from rifles and machine guns. It seemed to me that flesh and blood would be unable to stand our fire for a minute.

"The enemy went down in squads and companies, but there were always others grimly coming forward. Their bravery was beyond praise, as was that of our men. Sometimes the fighting was hand to hand, with the muzzles of the rifles at the breasts of the contestants, the bayonets being used as swords.

"The sides of the hill were strewn with bodies and the snow was crimsoned with the blood of the wounded, some of whom had crawled into it, seeking in its coldness to soothe their dying agonies.

"Eventually we retired, leaving the work of driving the enemy from the summit to the resistless guns of the neighboring forts, notably those of Liaoti Mountain.

"When a Japanese standard bearer reached the summit and planted his flag, gigantic Russian corporal left his retreating comrades, and rushing back seized the flag, which he was tearing with his hands and with his teeth when he fell, pierced with several bullets.

NO QUARTER ASKED OR GIVEN.

"The second and third assaults were repetitions of the first.

"The assaults up to that time had cost the Japanese easily 12,000 men, while our own were under 2,000. The sides of the hill were literally covered with dead and wounded. The trenches were rivulets of blood and every visible spot was dyed crimson.

"Since then numerous small engagements have been waged, but the responsibility for keeping the Japanese from occupying the hill in force or from mounting guns thereon has been left mainly to the shrapnel fire from other forts.

"The Japanese, who simply use the hill to observe the harbor, do so at great peril.

"Following the third assault an armistice of five hours was agreed on to bury the dead.

WOUNDED BURED ALIVE.

"In this task great speed was necessary. The Japanese undoubtedly made many awful mistakes and beyond doubt heaps of bodies containing helpless wounded were shoveled into the pits and trenches.

"The Japanese could not, owing to the darkness and their feverish haste, distinguish between the dead and wounded.

"In the third assault as the Russians, still facing the enemy, retreated, a Japanese standard-bearer, holding his flag aloft, climbed the pinnacle and fell dead clutching the colors. In his tracks another arose with the colors, only to fall instantly with a dozen wounds in his body. Six others followed and met the same fate. At last, when the ninth man appeared, a Russian officer exclaimed: "Don't shoot that fellow with the flag; it will be planted anyhow."

SEBASTOPOL TORPEDOED TEN TIMES.

The battleship Sebastopol has been successfully torpedoed ten times. She is aground and evidently completely disabled.

This is the last of the Russian battleships at Port Arthur and it is certain that it is completely disabled. The Japanese lost one torpedo boat and another was disabled in the attack.

ANOTHER FORT CAPTURED.

The Japanese fired an immense mine under portions of the north fort of East Kekewan mountain Sunday afternoon. The infantry immediately afterward charged and occupied the fort with a heavy force.

It is reported the Japanese have seized a strong position about 1,000 yards south-east of 203 meter hill, preparatory to assaulting the new town and pushing between Liaoti mountain and the Russian headquarters at Port Arthur.

MUST PAY OR GO TO JAIL.

Rev. Edgar J. Heilman, pastor of the Wyndmoor Lutheran church at Norris-town will either have to pay Miss Blanche Gertrude Keck, of Allentown, \$3000 or go to jail. That amount was awarded to Miss Keck several months ago by a jury in a breach of promise suit.

Although his income is only a few hundred dollars a year, a Court has held that the prestige of being a minister's wife is worth fully the amount of the verdict, and therefore, the young woman is entitled to the damages awarded her. It has been held in some Courts that bankruptcy will not relieve a man from a judgment for breach of promise, so that the reverend gentleman has probably only two courses to choose between. If the recreant lover deserves his fate for no other reason he deserves it for pretending that his promise to marry was made on Sunday and a legal holiday, Christmas. As courting is generally done Sunday night, it would undermine the foundations of society to sustain his plea.

FIVE MILLIONS FOR ONE ELECTION

Contributed by the Standard Oil Company in 1896.

LAWSON'S "FRENZIED FINANCE"

Creating a Great Furor in Political and Financial Circles--Panic on Wall Street--More Exposures to Follow--Boodlers are Scared.

Among the sensations that are attracting unusual attention at present is "Frenzied Finance," and Thomas Lawson, of Boston, seems to be about the leading actor on the stage. Lawson is a millionaire many times over and his great wealth was made as a stock broker.

In years gone by he was an important factor in many questionable deals that fleeced others out of enormous sums. He has figured right along with the best operators on Wall street, is one of the big guns. Recently he professed a change of heart and promised to change his methods. Instead of fleecing the public, he insists that henceforth he will devote his energies and wealth to saving the public from the hungry maw of the boodlers who infest and control Wall street.

He began his crusade by writing a series of articles in "Everybody's Magazine" in which he has been making some damaging charges against the leading corporations, and especially the Standard Oil Company.

His writings have attracted wide attention and won public confidence; and on several occasions he created panics on Wall street, business houses were wrecked and millions were lost by declines in all the leading stocks, due to his writings.

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This has caused the Standard Oil Company to squirm. H. H. Rogers, the man accused, attempted to suppress the distribution of the magazine by threats of prosecution of criminal libel against news companies, the publishers of the magazine and especially Lawson. The magazine's went out. Lawson retaliated by urging them to prosecute as it would enable him to prove before court and jury that he has been telling only a small part of the real truth thus far.

On Tuesday a number of informations were made against Lawson by Wall street stock brokers and Standard Oil representatives and prosecutions on gigantic scale will follow. If Lawson keeps on telling of the shady transactions of the Standard Oil Company and other corporations who buy up Governors and Presidents, the public will be greatly benefited.

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright, Sparkling Paragraphs--Selected and Original.

LONG AFORE I KNOWED.

JES' a little bit o' feller--I remember will--
Use to almost cry for Christmas, like a youngster will.

Fourth o' July's nothin' to it!--New Year's ain't a smell; Easter Sunday, circus day--jes' all dead in the shell. I sat, though--at night, you know--to get around and hear The old folks work the story off about the ledge and deer And Santy shootin' round the roof, all wrapped in fur and lux--
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UST to wait and set up late a week or two ahead; Couldn't hardly keep awake see wouldn't go to bed; Kittle stevin' on the fire and mother stin' here Darnin' socks and rockin' in the slumky rockin' cheer; Pap'd up' and wonder where it wuz the money went And qua'l with his foot heels and spit his liniment, And me a-dreamin' deighbelle when the clock 'd whir and buzz.

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At a meeting composed of members from all the Grand Army posts of Snyder county, on Friday, resolutions were unanimously adopted declaring that "The Commissioners of Snyder county have shamefully and persistently ignored the members of the Grand Army in the erection of their so-called soldiers' monument.

"That the members of the Grand Army of the Republic of Snyder county disown any connection with said monument. They propose to erect a monument that will suit them.

--Culhane and Weston's Minstrels, opera house Friday, December 30th.

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