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## JOSEPH F. SMITH.

Head of Mormon Church  
Testifies at Sugar Inquiry.



## SOCIETY SHADOWED IN DUTY FRAUDS

### Ten Men and Women Under Surveillance in New York.

Pending official developments, ten men and women of social standing are now under surveillance in New York city, and the names of a score more are on the list of Collector Loeb in the \$300,000 Jenkins smuggling case, ramifications of which are said to involve prominent New York financial men and to have cost the United States millions in customs losses.

Collector Loeb has received information that the underground channel, through which Mrs. Helen D. Jenkins and others brought goods of enormous value into this country duty free, is still open and that members of his staff are implicated in the scheme.

The collector said that he is sure of his facts, but he admitted that it might be difficult to prove them, and he is waiting warily until he has his case in satisfactory shape. As matters stand now, action against six inspectors is likely. Two and possibly more customs officers are said to be in the plot, which had its inception several years ago. These officers received, it is said, \$100 for every trunk they passed with only a casual inspection.

The New York leader in the operations not only was able to smuggle valuable goods, including much jewelry, for himself, but thousands of dollars worth of dutiable stuff for others, who became in this way obligated to him.

District Attorney Wise is reticent regarding the case, but it is feared the premature publicity will hinder the indictment of the head of the smuggling conspiracy.

There will be no compromise in the Jenkins smuggling case. Deputy Surveyor Parr is the authority for the statement that he learned of the smuggled goods some time before he confronted Mrs. Jenkins in the matter.

Just as Advertised.

Irate Visitor—I call this a downright fraud! You advertise on your bills, "The Most Remarkable Dwarf In the World," and he turns out to be five feet five inches high.

Bland Showman—Exactly so, sir. That's just what's so remarkable about him. He's the tallest dwarf on record.

## MORMON CHIEF ON THE STAND

### Joseph Smith Tells of Deals With Sugar Trust.

### HOW THE CHURCH GOT IN

Many Women Hear Prophet Tell How His Church Is Tied Up With Big Combine.

The story of the alliance of the Mormon church and the Havemeyer interests in the beet sugar business was told and the deal characterized as entirely legal by Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon church and of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, before the house "sugar trust" investigating committee.

A score or more women were present. Mr. Smith was escorted to the committee room by Bishops Thomas R. Cutler and C. N. Nibley, R. W. Young, a grandson of Brigham Young, and Representative Joseph Howell, the only Mormon member of the house.

The head of the church explained how Mormon affairs are conducted, how its funds come principally from the tithes of its people, how they are systematically accounted for. He asserted that the interests of the Mormon people are safeguarded at all times.

Mr. Smith testified that it was not the general practice of the church to make business investments, that the sugar business was its largest investment, and that was entered upon to help the Mormon people. He emphatically denied that the church had any stock in the American Sugar Refining company.

"Why haven't you folks bought out the Havemeyer interests?" asked Representative Raker, of California. "We haven't the money."

"You knew Havemeyer was a very powerful man in the business world and you were glad to get him interested in your business, weren't you?" "We were only interested in getting his money."

"Have you any official connection with the Utah-Idaho Sugar company?" asked Mr. Hardwick. "I am president of the company," replied Mr. Smith.

"Do you own any stock?" "Yes, sir; I own about 5000 shares individually." "Do you own any stock in a representative capacity?" "Yes; I hold 49,815 shares for the church. The title is held in the name of Joseph F. Smith, trustee."

Mr. Smith said the church became interested in the Utah Sugar company when many people who subscribed failed to pay for the stock, and the company, under bond to complete a beet sugar factory, was unable to do it. The church was appealed to by the stockholders to assist, which it did, to the extent of \$50,000.

"Does the Utah-Idaho company pay dividends?" "Yes; seven per cent."

"How is that dividend used by the church?" "In promoting its religious interests."

He seemed to know little of the Havemeyer proposition. It was negotiated, he thought, by Thomas R. Cutler, a Mormon and manager of the Utah-Idaho company.

Mr. Smith could give no figures as to the cost per pound of beet sugar, the cost of machinery and the number of acres in cultivation.

"Do you regard this combination as being in restraint of trade?" "I regard it as being extension of trade. It has enhanced the value of our farms; it has made possible the cheaper production of beets, and it has proved one of the greatest blessings ever visited upon Utah and Idaho. I do not think that the combine has increased the

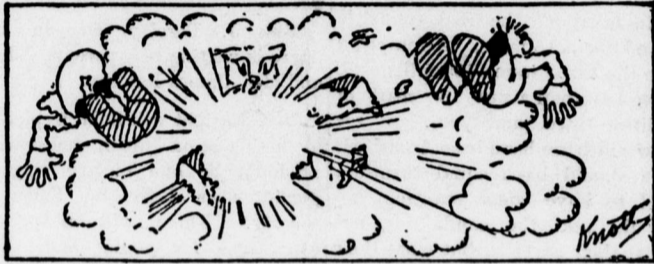
## FOURTH OF JULY FORECASTS

By CLARK M'ADAMS

COMMEMORATING that great day we published our intention,  
The young American will play with devilish invention;  
With boom and bang he'll get his gang from sundry hills and hollows,  
And, what with spat and spit, a cat will start the fun as follows:



THE guns of Captain John Paul Jones, the wild and tossing ocean,  
The cries of anguish and the groans, the fighting and commotion,  
The din and crash, the cannon's flash, the bloody deck and pit,  
In imagery we'll hear and see revived for us—to wit:



—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## LIBERTY—JEFFERSON

The love of liberty is found not in palaces, but with the poor and oppressed. It flutters in the heart of the caged bird, and sighs with the worn and wasted prisoner in his dungeon. It has gone with martyrs to the stake, and kissed their burning lips; as the tortured spirit winged its flight to God! In the temple of this deity Thomas Jefferson was high priest! For myself, I worship no mortal man living or dead; but if I could kneel at such a shrine, it would be with uncovered head and loving heart at the grave of Thomas Jefferson.—GEORGE G. VEST

price of sugar to the consumer one bit."

Mr. Smith volunteered the information that the church had borrowed money to help out the Utah Sugar company. "The church had a bonded indebtedness then of \$1,000,000," he said, "but we borrowed more to help out the sugar industry, that had not up to that time been successful."

"How was the money borrowed?" "By the church through me as trustee."

"Didn't the secretary of the Utah-Idaho company often write to Havemeyer at your direction?" asked Mr. Raker. "Never," said Mr. Smith. "I don't think I ever had but one letter from Henry Havemeyer in my life."

### Bridegroom Is Drowned.

William Covart, twenty years of age, an assistant yardmaster for the Erie Railroad company at Jersey City, N. J., was drowned while bathing in the Susquehanna at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Covart was seized with cramps while in the middle of the stream. The dead man and his bride of a few months were visiting friends in this section.

Taft Going to Pittsburg. President Taft promised Mayor Magee, of Pittsburg, Pa., to attend the centennial celebration of the beginning of steamboating on the Ohio river in that city on Oct. 27.

Fatally Shot In Shooting Gallery. Louis Lamaroff, aged twelve years, was fatally shot in a shooting gallery at Riverside Recreation park, near New Brunswick, N. J. He asked a boy friend, W. Hannon, to have a shot at the jumping monkey. Hannon, in picking up the gun, accidentally pulled the trigger, the bullet piercing Lamaroff's head. He died shortly afterward.

Mint Employee Crushed by Gold. Literally buried under \$9,000,000 in gold, Wadsworth S. Williams, an employe of the San Francisco mint, was so badly injured that his recovery is doubtful. The gold, in sacks, toppled over in one of the mint vaults and overwhelmed Williams, who was wheeling a truck.

Smallest Man in Tennessee Dead. Joseph A. Carter, the smallest adult in Tennessee, is dead at his home in Jefferson county, aged seventy-three. He was forty-two inches high and weighed fifty-eight pounds. He was registrar of his county for eighteen years.

Parachute Jumper Has Narrow Escape. Pieretta Lorenz, a triple parachute performer, after accidentally cutting the wrong parachute rope, fell from a height of nearly 1000 feet at Asheville, N. C. Her parachute got caught in some electric wires, which saved her life.

## TARIFF BILLS MAY PRECEDE PACT

### Tangle in Senate Sends Measure Back to Committee.

### WON'T FIX TIME TO VOTE

Senator Penrose's Attempt to Have Fate of Canadian Reciprocity Decided on July 24 Fails.

The tension that exists in the senate over the reciprocity measure was emphasized by incidents that occurred in the confused proceedings.

The session began with an unsuccessful attempt by Chairman Penrose, of the finance committee, to obtain an agreement for a vote on reciprocity July 24, on the wool bill July 26, and free list bill July 28. Friends of reciprocity will insist upon coupling all three measures in any agreement to vote.

After refusing to permit such an arrangement, the opponents of the reciprocity bill allowed that measure to advance one important parliamentary step before they realized what had happened. For a quarter of an hour the senate was in executive session. At its conclusion, no one being ready to speak on the measure, and following the parliamentary custom of the senate, Vice President Sherman announced that the bill would be reported from the committee of the whole to the senate.

The bill actually passed through all the stages of being reported to the senate before members realized what was going on. While under consideration in the committee of the whole the measure could be amended, but could not be voted upon. In the senate it could be brought to a final vote at any time. Senators Nelson, Bristow, Clapp and Bailey joined in the protest that arose when it was found what had happened to the bill.

At first Senator Penrose objected to having the measure reinstated in the committee of the whole. He said the senate had shown no disposition to hurry in its consideration of the bill, and had rejected his proposal for a definite time for a vote on the measure. He therefore thought no backward step should be taken.

Friends of the bill on the Democratic side, led by Senators Stone and Bacon, said the senate had evidently been off its guard, and had permitted the bill to be advanced unintentionally. Senator Penrose finally consented to having it restored to its former status.

The feeling that developed over this incident was not so marked as that which greeted Senator Penrose's attempt to fix a time for the vote on the bills. Insurgents objected to any definite date for the reciprocity vote; and the finance committee was extricated from the embarrassing position of having the other votes determined by an objection from Senator Smoot. Several Democrats and insurgents would have welcomed the fixing of the other two dates, so that the tariff bills could be forced up to President Taft ahead of the reciprocity bill and the latter held back as a means of forcing his signature to the others.

The Penrose request will be renewed from time to time and whenever conditions seem favorable. Ultimately the friends of reciprocity may consent to change the order, allowing the vote on the tariff bills to come first, but they will not do so at present, nor in taking this position will they consent for one to go through without the others.

Australia Has 4,449,495 People. The new census gives the commonwealth of Australia a population of 4,449,495.

## REV. R. S. MACARTHUR.

Head of Baptist World Alliance  
too See the Czar.



Seek Religious Freedom in Russia. Because of his election as president of the Baptist World Alliance, an office of the Alliance, v. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur, Jr., of New York.

He will go soon to Russia to see the czar of the Russians.

"The time has arrived," said the preacher, "when the czar must learn that this is the twentieth century, not the fifteenth, and when the voice of religious democracy must be heard even in Peterhof."

The pastor of Calvary church was unanimously elected to be the head of the World Alliance of Baptists for the next five years at the closing session of the alliance convention in Philadelphia last Friday. He announced at his morning service that next Wednesday evening in Calvary church thirty to forty Russian Baptist ministers will be presented, and several of them are here under bail, only to be rearrested and imprisoned the moment they return to Russia. One of them was suspended by his thumbs and flogged. His wife was treated in the same way, and when cut down at last his wife dropped dead, while the man fainted.

At the White House in Washington these Russians are to be presented to President Taft. Dr. MacArthur says that the United States government is being urged to use its influence with the czar of Russia to mitigate the punishment of these Baptists as much as he can.

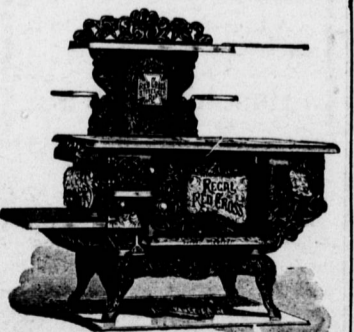
To induce him to do so and if possible to see the authorities of the Russian church is the purpose of the visit of the new president of the alliance to Russia. He is to be accompanied by Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, of Philadelphia, and Rev. Drs. F. B. Meyer and John Clifford, of London.

Locusts Delay Trains. "Delayed by locusts on the rails" is now a common excuse of locomotive engineers when called on to explain delays at Newton, N. J.

So many seventeen-year locusts have overrun Warren and Sussex counties that the driving wheels of heavily loaded locomotives are unable to grip the rails.

Woman Found Dead on Lot. Mrs. Mary Gallagher, aged thirty-three years, was found dead, with her throat cut, on a vacant lot near one of the city parks in Harrisburg, Pa. A search is being made for members of a party with whom she spent the previous evening.

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