

RECEIVES DANITE THREAT.

Remember the Doctrine of Blood Atonement.

A WARNING FROM SALT LAKE CITY.

Mysterious Letter Received by Miss Grace Talbot Hadley, a Young Woman Who, a Year Ago, Removed From Utah to New York, Where She is Now a Schoolteacher.

New York (Special).—"The Danites are not all dead. Their power may still reach from Zion to Babylon. Remember the old doctrine of Blood Atonement. Beware of blasphemous stories against the saints."

This is the startling communication received by Miss Grace Talbot Hadley, of No. 204 Lenox avenue. She is a highly intellectual young woman, who has moved to New York from Salt Lake City within the last year, and the mysterious communication she received is attributed by her to the fact that she has been an earnest fighter against the influence of Mormonism.

Shortly after coming to New York Miss Hadley published a book called "Much Married Saints and Some Sinners." Then, she says, she began to receive communications from indirect sources insinuating that the publication of stories about Mormonism was not pleasing in certain high quarters.

"Much Married Saints and Some Sinners" is a collection of short stories, telling of the sufferings of plural wives in Utah and of the methods by which young women are induced to go to the land of Mormonism.

For seven years Miss Hadley, who is at present a teacher in the public schools, lived in Salt Lake City, where she also taught.

"I was so impressed with the horrors of Mormonism that I determined to make a study of the religion," she said. "The denial of the existence of plural wives and the state of affairs in Salt Lake made my blood boil. I lived in a Mormon house for three months, and later lived in the Fifth East Hotel, which the United States built for the use of plural wives."

"When the law prohibiting polygamy was passed in the state of Utah, I was one of the first to go to Salt Lake to see the state of affairs there. I was told that the Mormons had refused to live there. It has since been bought and made into a hotel, and it was there I lived part of the time while I was in Utah."

"When I was in Salt Lake City I was often rebuked for taking so strong a view of the servile position of women, and was warned several times not to give expression in print to any of my ideas."

"I had antagonized some of the elders by trying to help several of the girls who were plural wives, and consequently my opinions were known. When I wrote my collection of impressions I had no idea that any action would be taken against me by the Mormons, for I left Salt Lake City when it was published. The ways of offenders are, however, watched with minuteness. How the writer of the letter I just received knew my address is beyond me, as I have moved three times since I have been in New York. To say that I am frightened would be exaggerating my sensations, for I do not believe that the old practices of the Danites are ever put into effect now. Of course, you still hear queer stories of what happens to people opposing Mormonism, but I cannot believe that any harm will befall me."

A BLIZZARD SWEEPS SEVERAL STATES.

Railroads in Central Illinois Badly Hampered—Drop in Temperature.

Bloomington, Ill. (Special).—A blizzard prevails throughout Central Illinois and transportation lines are badly hampered. The Chicago and Alton Railroad Company issued orders to move only stock or perishable freight, and then in light trains. All passenger trains are badly delayed. Other Central Illinois roads are already preparing for the blockade.

Lincoln, Neb.—Zero weather, or even colder, is in store for Southeastern Nebraska. The temperature late at night was 3 degrees above, but falling steadily, a drop in 24 hours of 29 degrees. The range country is experiencing the lowest December temperature for years. Snow has fallen in that section, but shelter for stock, with few exceptions, has been provided.

Kansas City, Mo.—The first genuine blizzard of the season prevails in portions of Northern, Central and Western Kansas having raged for the past 22 hours. Since midnight the thermometer at some points dropped 40 degrees. It now stands at 10 above. A snow and wind storm of milder proportions prevails in Western Missouri.

St. Louis, Mo.—Late in the afternoon blizzard weather swept over St. Louis and night at night drove in moderate fall of snow into drifts. The temperature dropped from 49 degrees at 2 o'clock to 19 degrees at midnight, and the government bureau predicted zero weather by daylight.

Missouri His Mother for a Burglar. McKeesport, Pa. (Special).—Mrs. Sarah Langley, aged 56, a widow, residing in this city with her son, Edward, aged 24, was mistaken by him for a burglar and was shot at by his three times. One bullet took effect and the woman is in a serious condition.

\$100,000 for Furman College. Charlotte, N. C. (Special).—Rev. E. M. Potat, president of Furman University, a Baptist college, located at Greenville, S. C., who is here attending the Baptist State convention, has just returned from the North. There he secured from John D. Rockefeller a donation of \$100,000 for Furman University. Dr. Potat recently raised \$125,000 for his institution, most of the contributions being in blocks of \$250.

New Railroad Luxuries. Chicago (Special).—Beginning next Sunday the entire Great Western System will be equipped with new combination cafe, parlor and observation cars, embodying all the characteristics of an up-to-date four-room flat. Finished in Cuban mahogany, there are to be found in regular order a library and smoking room, a parlor, dining room and a kitchen. For those who do not care for the "home" car there has also been arranged a "club" car, which embraces all the luxuries to be found in the average club.

THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

Domestic.

President Broderick and Cashier Collins, of the Indiana National Bank, at Elkhart, were arrested on the charge of violating the National Banking Law.

John E. Chandler was arrested in Los Angeles, Cal., on the charge of dynamiting the transfer house of the Sun and Moon Mine, at Idaho Springs, Col.

At the annual dinner of the Arctic Club in New York Walter Wellman said he had some entirely new ideas about the way to surely reach the North Pole.

Merchants of Havana, Cuba, expect the passage of the Reciprocity Treaty to result immediately in an extraordinary demand for American goods.

Ben C. Ayler was acquitted in Carthage, Mo., of the charge of murder, his plea being that he killed Gordon Allen in self-defense.

The Franklin Union, No. 4 Press Feders, of Chicago, was fined \$500 by Judge Holden, of Chicago, for contempt of court.

The New Orleans flyer and a freight train collided at the terminals in East St. Louis, and the passengers had a shaking up.

United States Minister Squiers sailed from Havana for New York, whence he will go immediately to Washington.

Anna Cypress, the young wife of an American consul in Federal, Pa., was found dead at her home with a gunshot wound in her breast. The husband is under arrest, pending an investigation.

Mrs. Rachel Ann Beall, 71 years old, was found murdered in her home, in Washington, D. C., two men and a woman, members of the murdered woman's family, are under arrest on suspicion.

A firm of Cleveland commission brokers secured in New York a verdict for \$7,043 against Alfred E. Goslin, Robert A. Ammon and other members of the "rich-quick" syndicate.

The schooner Willie L. Newton was capsized while en route from Jacksonville to Providence, R. I., and the captain and crew of six men were drowned.

Robert Middlebrooks, colored, was hanged at Cartersville, Ga., for the murder of J. J. Reed, whom he killed six months ago while resisting arrest.

The railways of Pennsylvania have devoted \$177,000,000 to construction work and betterments to steam and electric railways during the past year.

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The Lake City Electric Railway was sold in Michigan city, Ind., to Francis M. Ingler, representing claims amounting to \$115,000, which amount was obtained at the sale.

A second explosion occurred in the Euclid Mines at Port Royal, Pa., killing Superintendent A. W. Sweeney and fatally injuring the pit boss and two others.

Two of the royal gamekeepers in Spain have been arrested in connection with the shooting of a shepherd while King Alfonso was hunting, and the rumors are revived that the affair was really a plot against the King's life.

The Countess Diane Ogier d'Urvy, a beautiful young woman, while in male attire was fatally injured in a driving accident in Paris and her sex was discovered by the surgeons at the hospital in which she died.

Russia's reply to the Japanese proposals has been received at Tokio. The Japanese government is apparently determined to prosecute the negotiations according to the original plan.

The British, French, German and Belgian ministers at Santo Domingo have refused to recognize the provisional government until similar action is taken by the United States, which insists that the new government must accept the settlements of American claims made with the previous government.

All the foreign ministers are leaving or preparing to leave Serbia because King Peter has negated their demands for the punishment of the assassins of King Alexander and Queen Draga.

Dr. Errington testified in Paris that, from the position of the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Fair as he found them after the fatal automobile accident, he believed Mrs. Fair survived her husband.

War Minister von Einem admitted in the German Reichstag that there was some truth in Lieutenant Eilsen's book that led to the Lieutenant's dismissal from the army.

Governor Hurd, of Louisiana, in his message to the legislature in special session, dwelt on the necessity of a law providing measures to check the cotton boll weevil.

The Pullman Car Company has a cash surplus of \$14,275,740.

There are 518 national banks in the United States, and in their statements to the Comptroller of the Currency on November 17 they held \$135,000,000 of United States deposits.

New York Stock Exchange governors decided to close on Saturday following Christmas. The Philadelphia Exchange will also be closed.

DID M'ARTHUR SAY WAR?

Reported as Predicting a Fight With Germany.

URGES THE FORTIFYING OF HAWAII.

Said to Have Made the Statement as an Argument for Making the National Guard of Hawaii Efficient So as to Protect the Pacific Coast States Against Invasion—The Story Disclosed.

Honolulu (By Cable).—Much interest has been aroused here by a report of Colonel Jones, of the Hawaiian militia, to Governor Carter, of the Territory of Hawaii, in which Colonel Jones, in commenting on the strategic importance of the Hawaiian Islands and the need of strong defense, quoted Major General MacArthur, United States Army, as predicting war in the immediate future between the United States and Germany, and that the principal scene of the fighting would be in the Pacific ocean, with the Hawaiian Islands as an objective point.

General MacArthur, who is still in Honolulu, having been here the past two weeks studying the military situation of the Territory, stated that the report of Colonel Jones does not correctly represent his views in any particular and utterly misrepresents them in some.

Colonel Jones said his report to Governor Carter was based solely upon social conversations he had with Major General MacArthur and that he only reported his expressions in substance with a view of impressing Governor Carter with the need of strengthening the isolated islands from a military standpoint. Colonel Jones said he took notes of his conversation with General MacArthur and that his report was made from memory.

Colonel Jones in his report quotes General MacArthur as saying that the Pan-Germanic doctrine which is being spread throughout the world is being fostered and propagated by the Imperial Government in every possible way. The theatre of operations, according to Colonel Jones' account of what General MacArthur said, is changing gradually into the Pacific. The German people are multiplying rapidly and emigrating in large numbers, the tide of immigration being directed to the German Government toward South America. The manufactured products of the German Empire overbalance their consumption, so that a market has to be ordered for the surplus. The known policy of the Emperor is to acquire colonies which will provide markets for such production and places to which the tide of immigration shall be directed for strengthening the Fatherland.

Throughout all South American countries the Germans are advancing in commercial power and prestige. The conclusion general MacArthur said to have drawn was that the interests of Germany in South America, where there are large colonies of Germans, numbering hundreds of thousands, preclude any testing and straining of the Monroe doctrine and in all probability a contest of arms between Germany and the United States in the near future, in which event no one can now forecast the attitude of England and other European powers.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS.

Envoy to Panama.

In order that the United States may have the services of a trained diplomat at Panama without delay President Roosevelt appointed Mr. W. I. Buchanan, of New York, to the United States, Minister to the Republic of Panama, on a special mission.

The character of this appointment will permit Mr. Buchanan to start for Panama immediately. In the meanwhile his regular appointment as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary will go to the Senate.

Mr. Buchanan was selected by the President on the recommendation of the State Department because of his long experience as a diplomat in the Argentine Republic to which he was accredited as United States Minister during the administration of President Cleveland. His services in this capacity were of such a high order of merit that President McKinley continued him in office for several years after his accession to office.

Mr. Buchanan expects to leave for Panama Tuesday and will remain there as United States Minister until the settlement of relations between the new republic and the United States and until the formation of a permanent government by Panama.

It is expected in official circles that there will be a fight in the Senate by those opposed to the Administration's policy over the confirmation of Mr. Buchanan. It was for this reason that he has been given a commission as Minister on a "special mission," so that he will be no delay in his assuming the duties of his position in Panama.

New Year's Greeting to the World. The United States Naval Observatory announced the details of its scheme to send telegraphic time signals throughout the world to mark the beginning of the new year. The signals were sent out last year for each of the four great standard time belts of the United States, but this year it is proposed not only to secure a wide distribution of these new-year signals throughout North and South America and cable companies, but also to send one or more of the four series of signals around the world and back to the room in the Naval Observatory where they started.

The signals will begin at 11.55 p. m. and end at midnight, Eastern time. The same series will be sent out an hour later, ending at midnight, central time, and again an hour later, ending at 2 a. m., for midnight of mountain standard time, and again an hour after that, ending at 3 a. m., for midnight of the Pacific Coast standard time. During each of these four five-minute intervals the transmitting clock will send an electric impulse practically every second. On the world circuit the signals will go by land lines to Cape Canis, Nova Scotia; thence by cable to the Azores, Lisbon, Gibraltar, Malta, Alexandria and Port Said; by land to Suez; by cable to Aden and Bombay; by land to Madras; by cable to Penang, Singapore, Saigon, Hongkong, Manila, Guam, Midway, Honolulu and San Francisco, and by land back to Washington.

Naval Officers on Collars. The Secretary of the Navy has approved a project for manning 11 of the 20 naval collars with naval officers and enlisted men at the beginning of the next fiscal year and to follow this course with the remaining nine collars as rapidly as conditions of the service will permit. These collars are now officered and manned by civilians.

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UNITED STATES READY.

The Country Has Prepared for Possible Conflict With Colombia.

ALL MILITARY PLANS PERFECTED.

Orders Have Been Issued by the Navy Department Sending the Cruiser Pringle, now at Guantanamo, With 300 Marines Aboard, to Colón, to Act as Reinforcements to the Naval Forces Already There.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Lieutenant General Young, chief of staff, authorized the statement that the War Department was ready to dispatch troops to the Isthmus of Panama on short notice should their presence be demanded.

Although the statement heretofore has been denied, it is learned that the department has taken notice of the repeated reports that Colombian troops were assembling at different points with the avowed purpose of making a hostile demonstration against Panama, and has perfected all military plans to repel such an invasion.

General Young said that should he be called upon to assist the navy it would not be necessary to send to the isthmus more than a regiment or two. Although none of the members of the joint army and navy board would admit that the isthmian situation was under discussion, it is known that such was the case and that both the army and the navy are now in a state of preparedness for any conflict with Colombia which might arise.

General Reyes has been fully informed by President Roosevelt himself as to the intentions of the government respecting the isthmus. He was told by the President that, as was set out in the President's message to Congress, the United States had determined to maintain the independence of the new Republic of Panama against all comers. While this guarantee is contained in a treaty now pending before the Senate, it is not yet a law, and until the administration law for some time past been acting upon the theory that the understanding is in full force.

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AN INVESTIGATION IS ORDERED.

United States Official Breaks Off Relations.

Constantinople (By Cable).—Insulted and assaulted by the local police, the American consul at Alexandretta, Asiatic Turkey, Mr. Davis, handed down the flag of the United States from its place above