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SMOOT TESTIFIES FOR HIMSELF

(Scripps News Association)
Washington Jan 20—Smoot took the stand this morning in his own behalf before the committee of investigation. He stated that he was born in Salt Lake on Jan 10th, 1838, and that his parents were Abraham and Anna K. Smoot, and that both were Mormons, his mother being a plural wife of his father. He stated further that he was married on Sept 17th, 1864, in the Mormon temple at Logan, Utah, to Alpha M Elders, by whom he had six children. He declared that he had no other wife and had cohabited with no other woman. When eighteen years of age, he stated, he took the endowment ceremony at his father's very urgent request, but had never taken it since and could not if he would. Smoot denied that there was anything in the endowment ceremony about vengeance, and was much surprised that such statements had been made, as Joseph Smith formulated the obligation and it had never been changed, and that Smith could hardly call for vengeance on account of his death, when he was still alive. He stated that in 1873 he moved to Provo, Utah, where he has lived ever since; that he was counsellor to President Smith for five years, and in 1890 became an apostle. "I took no oath as such," he declared, "and when I later took the

oath as state senator, there was no mental reservation, and there has been nothing in my past to hamper my work. Up to 1884 he had been a democrat, but reading and thinking had converted him and he had joined the ranks of the republicans. Having been solicited by friends, mostly Gentiles, the witness, in 1902 decided to be a candidate for Senator, and so announced as a public meeting prior to that, and had asked the presidency of the Church if there were any objections, and for leave of absence so that his duties as Senator would not conflict or interfere with his duties to the Church. This request was granted and he then organized his campaign, with which he stated, the Church had nothing to do. When asked the question, the witness stated that he would as Senator vote just the way he thought best for the country. "It is not the business of the church how I vote, and I would not submit to any such dictation," said the witness. He stated that he knew that President Smith had several wives, but did not know of his relation with them after the manifesto, and at the time of the manifesto there was an indefinite understanding, between Gentiles and Mormons that existing cases of polygamy would not be disturbed and the practice would be allowed to die out.

Federal Grand Jury Still Investigating

(By Scripps News Association)
Portland Jan 20—E W Carter and O O Bagdale of Medford, Oregon are witnesses here before the Federal Grand Jury this morning. Both are victims of the fraudulent operations of Miller and Fredon, timber cruisers, being located on worthless claims. Chas. E Nichols of Medford, the editor of the Southern Oregonian, and

US Commissioner was before the Grand Jury explaining how he came to acknowledge alleged fraudulent entries. The jury in the case of Geo Sorenson charged with offering a bribe to former district attorney Hill was still out at a late hour this afternoon. At noon the Judge called the jury and had the evidence in the case read again.

PENDLETON HAS NEW SERVICE

Observer Special
Pendleton, Jan. 20—The new electric service of the Washington & Oregon Power company has been connected with Pendleton, the "juice" having been turned on yesterday afternoon. All portions of the city have not as yet been connected with the immense plant on the little Walla Walla river, but manager Vincent says by the end of ten days there will be plenty of light and power for all who desire it for so much per.

It will take about 400 horsepower to supply Pendleton with electricity, but as many industries which now use steam will supplant that power for "juice" within the next few months it is probable that the horsepower will have to be greatly increased.

All the towns between Pendleton and Walla Walla are now using light from the new plant.

Coal Strike Clash

(By Scripps News Association)
Berlin Jan 20—In the coal strikes which have been spreading throughout the mining districts of Germany, the demonstrations have resulted in further bloodshed. A clash has occurred between the police and the miners near Montonia, and two are reported killed, while twenty are reported injured as a result of the conflict. At Darselt there has been one of the same nature, and also in many other districts.

Killed in Explosions

(By Scripps News Association)
Langdon, Ont. Jan. 20—Four men are dead and two seriously injured as the result of an explosion which today destroyed the whitehead mills at Caltus.

LAFOLLETTE TO BE SENATOR

Madison, Wis. Jan. 20—Governor LaFollette will be chosen Monday night by a joint session of the republican caucus as Senator to succeed the present incumbent, Senator Quarles.

Would Not Retract

(By Scripps News Association)
Indianapolis, Jan. 20—In the Miners Convention which is in session here, President John Mitchell today announced that after the violent abuse he had received from Delegate Randall either Randall or he must quit immediately a resolution was adopted by the convention, calling on Delegate Randall to apologize, but he refused to do so and was afterwards expelled.

Noted Editor Suicides

(By Scripps News Association)
Butte Mont. Jan 20—Dem Walsh, the sporting editor of the Standard, and one of the most widely known newspaper men in the Northwest, suicided yesterday by shooting himself. It is stated that the cause of his action was ill health.

Prosecution Begins

(By Scripps News Association)
Bedford Ind Jan 20—Prosecuting Attorney Bemans this morning had summonses issued for all the witnesses for the prosecution in the preliminary hearing of Frank Evans and Elmer Browning, who are charged with the murder of Sarah Shafer, which hearing is scheduled to begin tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, before Justice Harris.

Ends Negotiations

(By Scripps News Association)
Washington Jan 20—Diplomatic negotiations have been broken off between US Minister Bowen at Caracas and President Castro by the departure of the latter from the capital. Minister Bowen has notified the State Department that he had rejected Castro's proposition to refer the asphalt dispute to a court of arbitration whereupon the President left Caracas.

Work Has Commenced

Contractor Mars began work this morning on the new cold storage plant for the Oregon produce Co. The original plans have been changed. The building will be seventy by one hundred and ten feet instead of sixty by one hundred and ten feet.

Object to Arizona

(By Scripps News Association)
Washington, Jan 20—In the Senate today a telegraphic protest from both houses of the legislature of New Mexico was received and presented to the Senate, objecting to statehood with Arizona.

Stand Investigation

(By Scripps News Association)
San Francisco Jan 20—The steamer Manchuria arrived this morning from the Orient and with the passengers was John Goodnow US Consul at Shanghai, enroute to Washington to face charges of misconduct in office.

RUSSIAN STRIKE IS SPREADING RAPIDLY

(By Scripps News Association)
St. Petersburg, Jan. 20—The striking workmen at this place, with their ranks swelled by a large number of sympathizers, have formed ranks and have been marching and parading the city in a demonstration. The employees declared again that they would not concede to the striker's demands, and at once the procession began to form and rapidly grew in numbers. Similar demonstrations reported from other cities cause it to be feared that, should the parades continue, rioting will be the result. Troops have already been sent to the Putiloff works in order to protect them.

Workers on the left side of Necheva river are rapidly joining the strikers. It is reported that there is a man endeavoring to obtain the cooperation of the employees of the Ger-

man war material factories, with the object of forcing the Government to stop the war. The ranks of the strikers have been swelled by the addition of twenty five thousand workmen of the Karkhoff and Rief districts. Later—As afternoon progressed, the strikers became more demonstrative and more bold. They broke into several factories and into the State Printing works, where they forced the workmen to join them. The police advised the managers to allow the strikers to quit. The force of strikers then marched through the Vassiloff district, compelling the owners of all workshops and stores to close their establishments. The strike is fast growing and has spread to the spinning trade. The employees of the Sangalli and Koliakia Mills quit work this afternoon.

Fatal Shooting is Very Mysterious

(By Scripps News Association)
St. Petersburg, Jan 20—The police are today continuing their investigation into the shooting affair in which the Czar narrowly escaped being hit by shots fired as a salute. The belief is more general today that loaded shot were placed in the guns by design. Captains Doydloff, Karkhoff,

and Lieutenants Joutsanoff, Persibonoff and Miller, who were on duty with the artillery, fired the salute. These officers have been rigidly examined, but nothing has been learned to throw light on the mystery. The incident is now completely over shadowed by the apprehension caused by the labor dis-

Vote At Olympia

(By Scripps News Association)
Olympia Jan 20—The ballots were taken this afternoon with no material change. Last vote Foster 44, Piles 34 Sweeney 27, Wilson 17, Jones 7, Goodman 5. The senate passed Bonds bill to appropriate \$100,000 for the Lewis and Clark fair.

in the prayer of Rev W H Sells pastor of the Sunnyside M E Church of Portland, before the house of representatives this morning. He prayed that God would endow the senator with strength to endure the trial through which he was passing and ability to clear his character of the present stain.

Senator Remembered

(By Scripps News Association)
Salem Jan 20—Senator John H Mitchell was the subject of petition

Stoessel Sails
(By Scripps News Association)
Shanghai, Jan 20—General Stoessel and a large number of paroled Russian officers sailed today for Marseilles on the steamer Australia.

TO THE PUBLIC:

The rush of Holiday trade is over and business in general has got back to its normal condition. I wish to inform all my patrons, and those not my patrons but who are liable to be, that I am now in a position to take care of all watch, clock and jewelry repairing with dispatch. I have secured all the necessary help in all the latest tools and materials known to the trade, as well as the best workmen that money can procure.

All repair work is under my personal supervision and I guarantee each and every piece of work done to be finished in first class workmanlike manner, and to give (with proper attention) perfect satisfaction. All work sent by mail or express will receive the same careful attention as if delivered in person, and to be promptly returned in first class condition.

Thanking my patrons for their past liberal patronage and assuring them of my utmost ability to give them perfect satisfaction in the future. I remain as ever,
J. H. PEARE,
Next to Newlin's Drug Store. La Grande's Leading Jeweler

A Leader

For high grade quality you will always find this market. Delicious roast beef is a most substantial dinner, but it will be a great disappointment if you get a tough, sodgy kind that is not on bargain meat counters. We handle the best meat that enters into this town and think it none too good for our customers.

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Will be Continued With Still Greater Bargain Opportunities

Many of the seasonable goods on sale for the past two weeks in fairly good assortment

MUST BE CLEARED UP WITHOUT FAIL

Also several new line added

The Fair

THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY