

TRIALS OF BLOOD

Mormons Are Sworn to Strict Secrecy.

ENDOWMENT-HOUSE WORK

If Anything Is Revealed Person Can Be Mutilated.

ALL PROPERTY IS PLEDGED

Salt Lake Woman, Who Was Plural Wife of Oregon Man, Breaks Down Several Times in Testifying at Smoot Inquiry.

ENDOWMENT-HOUSE OATHS.

That the throat be cut from ear to ear and the tongue be torn out. That the head be cut around 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. That the obligor shall not cohabit with any person nor give him or her by the priests. That the obligor 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, the witness is not certain which. In conclusion, a quotation from the scriptures, "The souls of those slain cried aloud on the altars for vengeance."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Five witnesses

were examined today by the Senate committee on privileges and elections in the investigation of protests against Senator Smoot retaining his seat in the Senate. The first witness described the obligations taken by persons who pass through the 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, and to give all they possess on demand to the church. 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 has had religion taught in public schools. Mrs. Margaret Geddes, a Mormon, testified concerning her plural marriage, and broke down on the stand. The hearing will be continued tomorrow.

J. H. Wallis, Sr., a Mormon from Salt Lake City, was the first witness. He testified that he joined the Mormon church in 1851 in London, and came to the United States in 1850, settling in Utah. He had a son, who came to this country in 1881. Mr. Wallis said he had had three wives, but not more than one at a time. He knew Apostle George Teasdale and also Marion Scoles, in London. She came to this country as an unmarried woman, and, according to the witness, is reported to have been married to Teasdale in Utah. Questions as to his belief, the witness said he never believed fully in the celestial marriages to the dead, but 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 he had passed through the endowment ceremony 20 times at least. The ceremonies, he said, had always been substantially the same, and one consumes about two hours.

Ceremonies Within the Temple. Mr. Wallis said he had 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 peril of mutilation of the person, and every one who passed the temple, said the witness, was compelled to agree to the conditions laid down by the priests. The penalties agreed to were stated by Mr. Wallis as heretofore given. Mr. Taylor, for the protestants, did not ask for a description of the ceremonies, but turned the witness over to Mr. Worthington for cross-examination. Mr. Worthington obtained from Mr. Wallis that he had given notice to his bishop several months ago of his severance from the church. Mr. Wallis, when questioned by Mr. Worthington, told the committee that he had always considered the obligations in the light of a joke, and that he thought many others had considered them in the same way. He said there never had been any solemnity in the taking of the obligations, so far as he could see. Mr. Worthington told the committee he was not ready to proceed with the examination until he had consulted with others, and asked that the witness be excused until this afternoon.

College President Has Two Wives. George H. Brehm, president of the Brigham Young University, testified that he had two wives, married before 1890. Senator Smoot is a member of the university board, but was not present when witness was under cross-examination. Senator Smoot frequently addressed the students, and always urged them to obey the law. Josiah Hickman, a teacher in Brigham Young University, testified that he was married first in 1864 and again in 1880. The first wife died in 1880. For ten years, he said, he lived with two wives and had children by both of them. Witness said he went through the temple with his second wife two or three years ago and they were sealed, but no legal marriage had taken place. He said he had taken no steps to conform to the law in relation to marriage. "Then, as you understand it, you are not legally married to your present wife?" asked Mr. Taylor. "No, sir, not so far," said Mr. Van-cott, one of the attorneys for Mr. Smoot. "What did you mean by that?" Mr. Hickman explained that he had been a little negligent, but that he and

his wife had decided that they should be married. He said of the 50 or 60 teachers in the university, he was morally certain that only two, Mr. Brimhall and himself, had been polygamists. The witness said he took the woman who became his second wife in 1880 in Mexico, and that the ceremony had been performed while they were walking through the country. He said there were no polygamous marriages performed in the United States at that time. He could not remember who had acted as witnesses nor if there had been any record made of the marriage. Mr. Hickman again took the stand at 2 P. M. Chairman Burrows asked Hickman concerning his marriage in Mexico, and was told that the ceremony was performed by some man named McDonald, who, the witness said, must have obtained his authority directly or indirectly from the president of the church. Hickman said he believed in plural marriages at the time, but has not believed in them since the manifesto, which he regarded binding upon the members of the church as "the expressed will of God." Senator Smoot, in conversation since the investigation began, had expressed to him the opinion that there would be no more plural marriages.

Woman Breaks Down.

Mrs. Margaret Geddes, of Salt Lake City, said she became the plural wife of William Geddes in Logan, Utah, 20 years ago. She says she did not live with her husband until he remained in Oregon, his other wife living in Baker City. She had four children. Her husband died in Oregon, and she then went to her husband's first wife, and there a baby was born. She broke down, crying as she gave this evidence. It was brought out that her husband died 15 years ago, and that her youngest child is now five years old. She said she had never been married a second time, and refused to give the name of her youngest child's father. She broke down again as she told the committee she had no one to look after her, and that she sat in the waiting-room from 2 A. M. until daylight after arriving in Washington this morning.

Arthur Morning, a teacher in the public schools of Utah, said he had been called on to conduct religious classes in his school of 20 pupils. He read letters from Elder Elias State, President of the church, instructing him how to outline the Mormon classwork. One letter was dated about a year ago, and another in September, 1904. Mr. Morning said he was not a Mormon himself.

Mr. Taylor offered in evidence passages from the book of Mormonism sent to all grades of the schools. They were largely composed of sketches of the lives of prominent Mormons, among them the president of the church and the Apostles, including Senator Smoot. Senator Hopkins asked Taylor what he expected to prove by that. "We are proving," said 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."

SEVERAL BILLS PASS SENATE

Also Allows Use of Pension Office for Inaugural Ball.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—In the Senate today a number of private bills and a few public bills of minor character were passed, and there was some discussion of the pure food bill by McCumber (N. D.), Platt (Conn.), and Spooner (Mo.). A resolution granting office building for the inaugural ball also was passed. Bailey (Tex.) expressed opposition to it.

BRADY NOMINATION HELD UP

Protests Against Governor of Alaska Received in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Confirmation of J. G. Brady, nominated for the office of Governor of Alaska, was objected to in the Senate today in behalf of Senator Penrose. Protests against Governor Brady have been prepared by representatives of commercial interests of Alaska, and by many residents of the territory. There were no charges against him other than that he was not the choice of the people of Alaska. The nomination was ordered recommitted and hearings will probably be had before the committee on territories. The following nominations were confirmed: Postmasters—Oregon: Edward Hosteler. The Dalles. Also promotions in the Marine Hospital and Revenue Cutter service.

SOLDIERS LACK AMUSEMENTS

Randall So Explains the Many Court-martials in Luzon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Brigadier-General Randall, commanding the Department of Luzon, Philippine Islands, in his annual report to the War Department, says that the general health of the troops is excellent, the disappearance of cholera having removed one of the greatest sources of anxiety. It is recommended that continuous service in the Philippines be limited to two years in order to avert nervous breakdowns. General Randall attributed the "unfortunate record" of a great number of court-martials to the lack of amusement for troops in garrison and the consequent resort by men to saloons and questionable resorts.

Luepp Chooses Assistant.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A. C. Tonner, of Ohio, has resigned as Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and will be succeeded by Charles F. Larrabee, now Chief of the Land Division of the Land Bureau. The change is made at the instance of Francis E. Luepp, who will be Commissioner of Indian Affairs shortly, and who expressed his desire to have an assistant of his own selection.

To Favor American Shipping.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Senator Gallinger today introduced a bill providing that vessels of the United States and no others shall be used in the transportation of supplies, machinery and other material for the Panama Railroad, and for the construction of the canal and for naval supplies.

Currency for San Francisco Banks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The Subtreasury transferred to San Francisco today \$1,100,000 currency for account of local banking institutions.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Acts on Nature's Plan.

The most successful medicines are those that aid Nature. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy follows this plan. Take it when you have a cold and it will ally the cough, relieve the lungs, aid expectoration, and restore the system to a healthy condition. Thousands have testified to its superior merit. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. For sale by all druggists.

ENDS DAYS IN PRISON

Chief Assassin of Von Plehve Must Also Labor Hard.

ACCOMPLICE GETS 20 YEARS

Fearful of Hostile Demonstration, Russia Has Trial Held Behind Closed Doors, and Entrances to Building Guarded.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 12.—Sasonoff, who threw the bomb which killed Minister of the Interior, von Plehve and Sikorsky, his accomplice in the crime, were today found guilty by the Court of Appeals. The former was sentenced to imprisonment for life at hard labor, and the latter to 20 years' imprisonment. The trial had been expected to last at least two days, but it was rushed to a speedy completion in view of the possibility of revolutionary demonstrations.

The trial was behind closed doors, and all entrances to the building were guarded, and only persons who could produce summonses were admitted. Even members of the bar were treated as outsiders. Large police reserves were stationed within the building and in the courtyards of the ordinance factory, while mounted gendarmes patrolled the sides of the building. The grim effect of the troops was enough to deter the crowd of students and workmen streaming along the sidewalks, and no vestige of a disturbance occurred. In the meantime, the accused had been brought to the courtroom from the adjoining prison through a rear door. The bench appointed to try the case consisted of President Senator Maximovitch and four Associate Judges—Seltvenoff, Wilkin, Delaroff and Iremozoff.

M. Kountzevsky, procurator of the Court of Appeals, acted as prosecutor, and M. Kara and M. Shevsky, the most prominent criminal lawyers of the Empire, appeared for Sasonoff. Twenty-eight witnesses and four experts appeared. The procedure followed closely that of the French courts. The prosecutor opened with presenting the case for the government, the indictment was read, and the prisoners were arraigned, pleading justitia, or homicide, after which the witnesses were examined. Sasonoff's apology is declared to be a remarkable document, showing the prisoner to be a man of superior intellect and learning. It fills several closely written pages, was drawn up while he was in the hospital, and sets forth the aims and purposes of the Social Revolutionary Party and the fighting organization, the reasons and motives for the murder of Minister von Plehve, and also his version of the crime itself. Sikorsky, being only a common workman, is not an interesting personality. Toward night, when the shops and fac-

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Glowing Tributes Showered Upon Our Christmas Pianos.

Big Sales in Town and Out. Happy Days in Store for Many Homes.

Practical gift-giving is becoming popular. Each year finds a larger number of people at our store making the selection of the Christmas piano, having planned to have this one magnificent present take the place of numerous small and frivolous ones. Another such week as the present one is proving, and our special holiday styles of pianos will be practically cleared out. Delighted buyers have been busy making their selections, and these pianos are now being held by us awaiting Christmas delivery.

There was a tremendous undertaking to bring so large a number of highest-grade pianos across the continent—Chicagoers clear from Boston, Webers from New York and Kimballs from Chicago; but results have justified risk and trouble. The newest and most approved styles of these famous instruments have been offered the piano buyers of the West. Coatty concert grand and the dainty and popular baby and quarter grand.

This Christmas showing also includes such other fine makes as the Hazeltun, Lester, Hobart M. Cable, Crown Orchestra, Haddorff, Clarendon, Baus, Bally, Jacob, Doll and numerous others.

No Advance in Prices. Buyers find it astonishingly easy to arrange for paying for elegant pianos. The most favorable concessions are made by us at this time to all buyers, to enable them to meet the many obligations which the holiday season brings. Buy down your cost at least a third more, and some even twice what we are asking. Payments on higher-priced pianos are small in proportion. Every instrument is fully guaranteed and money back in every instance where there is not absolute satisfaction. Elfers Piano House, 351 Washington street, corner Park.

tories were closed, the size of the crowds increased, and there were occasional shouts of "Acquit him," but there was no attempt at an actual demonstration. Only a few arrests were made.

HOLDS TRUST LAW INEFFECTIVE

German Secretary Says They Must Build Better Than America.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—In the Reichstag today, during a discussion of a resolution asking the government to introduce a bill instituting a system of compulsory insurance for artisan workers, Count von Posadowsky-Wehner, Home Secretary, warned the representatives of the interests of the so-called middle class against awakening hopes in the minds of artisans for state aid, which can never be realized. Count Posadowsky-Wehner regretted that the tendency against combinations of capital has grown so strong in Germany. Laws against trusts and pools are demanded, but no state has yet given a satisfactory model of such legislation. "In America," he said, "a law against trusts exists, but we all know it is without effect. Whenever a law of that kind is made, it must become effective in re-

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\$6.00 Boas \$3.95 Sable and Isabella Opossum Boas, trimmed with six full tails, very serviceable; regular \$6.00, special \$3.95 \$18, \$20 Fox Boas \$13.75 Sable and Isabella Fox Boas, in the long effects, lined in Siberian squirrel, trimmed with natural tails and cord and tassels; regular \$18.00 and \$20.00, special \$13.75 \$8.65 Long Boas \$5.35 Brook Mink Long Boas, serviceable and stylish, trimmed with four full tails, finished with cord and tassel; regular \$9.65, special \$5.35 \$10 Boas \$7.95 Long Isabella Marten Boas, trimmed with four fox tails, and cord and tassel; regular \$10.00, special \$7.95 \$25 Fox Stoles \$16.85 Sable and Isabella Fox Stoles and long Boas, the season's most favored fashions, trimmed with natural tails, dressy and serviceable; regular \$25.00, special \$16.85 \$75 Fur Coats \$54.45 Neareal and genuine Alaska Beaver Coats, the new blouse style, trimmed with handsome gold-brained belt, lined with broad-silk; regular \$75.00, special \$54.45

Holiday Hints From our stock of suitable Christmas Gifts for ladies, on the first floor of our new store. Our stock is large and covers everything in the line of wearing apparel for ladies, misses and children. Handkerchiefs, Fans Our holiday stock includes thousands of pretty Handkerchiefs, especially suited for holiday gifts. We are also showing a complete line of fancy combs and fans of beautiful designs. Gloves, Purses We are making a very special showing of Gloves and Purses, which it would be well for you to inspect in considering your holiday needs. As the stock is entirely new you are insured all the latest ideas and styles. Umbrellas, Neckwear In Ladies' Neckwear we place our stocks before all the rest, as it includes all the latest creations from the foremost manufacturers. Our line of Sterling Silver and Gold Mounted Umbrellas is worthy your attention at this time, as our exclusive styles make most acceptable Christmas gifts.

Lipman, Wolfe & Co. We do the only satisfactory and really artistic Picture framing in the city. FROM NOW TILL CHRISTMAS every section of the store is a holiday bazaar. Practical gifts are in greater favor with every succeeding season, and a visit to the store will suggest a great variety of useful articles which make useful Christmas gifts, while the great savings over elsewhere prices form a very strong argument for you coming here. Gifts That Will Please Any Man Our Men's Store is in splendid readiness to act as a supply place of gift furnishings for men. Everything of the highest standard as regards quality and style—Prices, of course, are lower than elsewhere.

SOCKS—Six pairs to the box, in plain black, fancy stripes and figures; exceptional value at per box \$1.40 Real Lisle thread socks \$1.75 Pure silk thread socks \$2.00 Full Dress Protectors, of black satin or silk, handsomely lined, \$1.50, \$2.25 to \$5.00 SWEATERS—For little men, made of pure worsted yarns in red, navy blue, garnet and green, plain and striped effects; boy's sizes \$1.50, children's sizes \$1.25 SMOKING JACKETS—A very broad variety to choose from is here: brown and navy blue broadcloth, lined, corded edge, \$12.00 Blue and garnet velvet, edged edge, \$13.50 Plaid-back cloth \$4.50, \$5.95, \$7.50 NECKWEAR \$1.00 and \$1.50—At these prices we show splendid values; very rich browns, greens and reds. SUSPENDERS—Each pair in a pretty box, solid and fancy colors, plain satin ones for embroidering; very exceptional values at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and up to \$5.00 Ostrich Boas An attractive gift surely—and no wonder—sung and warm and bewitching because of their fluffiness. In black, gray and white; exceptional values at \$10, \$12, \$14.63, \$16.50, \$18.50, \$19.50, \$21.00 and \$39.37

The Hosiery Store's Suggestions Practical gifts to members of the family. We are enabled to give far better values than are offered elsewhere because of our superior buying facilities. BOX OF SIX PAIRS—Women's fast black cotton Stockings, full regular made, high-spliced heels, "double toes and heels, packed six pairs in a box; very exceptional values at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.75 Women's pure Silk Hose—black—plain tops, with lace boots, splendid qualities at \$1.50, \$2.25, \$2.75 and \$4.00 Women's all over lace and lace boot lisle Hose—large variety, exceptional values, at 50c, 85c, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75

Furs for Little Girls A dainty white fur set will surely please the little lady; the buying, if done here, won't impoverish her bankers. Sets of white Angora, flat muff ornamented with head and coin purse, satin lined \$1.75 Combination of white Angora and white leeland lamb \$2.75

Lowest Prices for Gift Handkerchiefs This store has been noted for years for the low prices of its Handkerchiefs—Large purchases direct from the makers over in Europe give us this superiority. Pure linen plain hemstitched Handkerchiefs in all widths beams; splendid values at 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c and \$1.00 Pure linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with hand embroidered initial; 3 spec. groups 25c 35c 50c Embroidered Handkerchiefs, with hemstitched, scalloped and lace trimmed edges—a bewildering assortment; very best values at 12 1/2c, 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c, 35c and up to \$4.50 Hand embroidered sheer linen Handkerchiefs, all in exclusive designs; extraordinary values at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and up to \$10.00 Real Juchesse Lace Handkerchiefs, the very prettiest, daintiest imaginable; \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and up to \$35.00

Handkerchiefs in Pretty Boxes Children's Handkerchiefs with pretty colored borders; box of three \$9c Children's Handkerchiefs, colored hemstitched borders; box of three for \$19c Children's Handkerchiefs, plain white, hemstitched; box of three for \$19c Children's Handkerchiefs, box of six 29c Children's Handkerchiefs, plain white, hemstitched, two grades; box of six for 35c and \$45c Women's Handkerchiefs, plain corded, lace trimmed and embroidered; box of six for \$49c Women's all pure linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs, six special values today; box of six for \$2.95, \$1.98, \$1.49, \$1.23, 98c and \$79c Women's Handkerchiefs, assorted patterns, embroidered and lace trimmed, scalloped and plain edges; box of six for \$2.95, \$1.98, \$1.49, \$1.23, 98c and \$79c

Lipman, Wolfe & Co. moving excesses without checking trusts in whatever makes for progress and civilization. We must not make a law of which it can be said: "You can drive a four-horse team through it." SNOW DELAYS STREET-CARS. New York Lines Are Having Their First Real Winter Experience. NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Nearly seven inches of snow in this city gave the street-railway companies their first real Winter experience of the year. As usual, conditions were bad in the outlying sections, where the snow drifted into cuts, making travel of all kinds difficult. Coldest Weather in Winter. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 12.—The coldest weather of the Winter was experienced this morning, when the thermometer registered 31 degrees below zero. Blizzard Still Raging. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 12.—A blizzard which began yesterday has seriously Hood's Pills Do not gripe nor irritate the alimentary canal. They act gently yet promptly, cleanse effectually and Give Comfort Sold by all druggists. 25 cents. Student Demonstration at Moscow. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 13.—A demonstration of students similar to that which occurred here on Sunday took place in Moscow today. The police promptly dispersed the crowd. Tolstol's Son Decorated. MUKDEN, Dec. 13.—Count Tolstol's son Andre, who is an orderly attached to Lieutenant-General Soboleff's Sixth Army Corps, has received the St. George's Cross for bravery.

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