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CHURCH FIRST LAST AND ALWAYS

Shown That Smoot Needed to Be Apostle First and Then Get Consent Before Being Available for Senate.

Without Support of Mormonism Candidate Would Necessarily Fail of Election.

STRONG WITNESS TESTIFIES

Interesting Feature Introduced When Judge Hiles Asserts That Senator Rawlins Is Equally Guilty.

Washington, March 12.—That Reed Smoot could not have been elected to the United States senate without having first been chosen as an apostle of the Mormon church, and after he was so chosen he would have been defeated had he not had the support of the church, was asserted by Judge Ogden Hiles, ex-assistant United States attorney and later judge of the district court, of Utah, who was a witness today in the Smoot case.

An interesting feature of Judge Hiles' testimony was his declaration that United States Senator Rawlins was still a Mormon even though he stood out against the church on the matter of interference of politics.

Attorney Vancott took the witness to task for the statement and a sharp colloquy enlivened the close of the day's hearing. Chairman Burrows adjourned the session today subject to call.

BALFOUR'S STRENGTH TOTTERS.

Strong Supporters Surprised That Present Government Exists.

London, March 12.—The continued existence of the present government after the past eventful week in parliament creates surprise even among its most faithful supporters. Premier Balfour kept the cabinet in power by a majority of 46, gained at the expense of what is universally admitted to be personal defeat for the premier. For the first time since the fiscal question became a live issue Joseph Chamberlain's followers showed their strength and intentions.

No less than 110 members of the house of commons put themselves on record this week as willing to turn down Balfour rather than sacrifice their adherence to Chamberlain's out and out protection principles.

As a result Balfour has foregone his personal policy of retaliation and retains office only by the support of those members of parliament who openly uphold the preferential and protective duties.

UNKNOWN STEAMER SUNK.

Little Vessel Goes Down off Whidby Island During Storm.

Port Townsend, March 12.—A report from Fort Casey, received here by wireless telegraph, states that a small steamer was sighted this afternoon near Partridge point, off Whidby island. The steamer was whistling and flying distress signals. At 3:30 p. m. the steamer was seen from Fort Casey, apparently a mile from shore; five minutes later she was not in sight and had probably sunk. The tug Sea Lion was dispatched and reached the scene of the supposed disaster before dark, but was unable to find any wreckage. No local steamers are missing. The steamer Hope left here for Bellingham and may be the ill-fated craft.

LOSES BY NINE PINS.

Astoria Bowling Team All but Lift Feldenheimer Trophy.

Portland, March 12.—(Special.)—The most exciting contest for the Feldenheimer trophy ever bowled took place tonight at the Portland Commercial alleys. The Astoria Commercial team took two of the four games and lost by the narrow margin of nine pins. Astoria's defeat came in the second game, which went to Portland by two pins. Had this game been tied or won by Astoria, the famous old trophy would have been lifted. The totals of the players were:

Astoria—Pye, 195; Sovey, 191; Laws, 167; Mathena, 158; Jones, 158; Woodfield, 154; total, 1023.

Portland—Graham, 166; Mays, 153; Wheeler, 190; Howard, 209; Killingsworth, 154; Eckenberger, 166; total 1032.

Scores by games were:

	1	2	3	4
Portland	290	271	293	218
Astoria	264	269	240	250

The Astoria Commercial Club bowlers have been trying for years to lift the famous Feldenheimer trophy, so their defeat last night was rather an old story to them. Their failures to take away the cup, however, fail to have a discouraging effect upon their ardor, and it is not unlikely that another game will be played with the Portland players at the first opportunity.

FIRE OF JAPANESE GUNNERS ANNOUNCED TO HAVE BEEN MARVELOUSLY ACCURATE

Battleship Retvizan Struck Many Times and Fatalities Occured Among Members of Her Crew--Golden Hill Forts Badly Damaged.

New Town Suffers Most During Bombardment, an Entire Family Being Exterminated by Explosion of Shell--Impression Prevails That British Officers Command Japanese Vessels--Correspondents Ostracised.

Tien Tsin, March 12.—The first credible reports of the effect of the bombardment of Port Arthur Wednesday and Thursday arrived today. Eye witnesses say the Japanese fire showed marvelous accuracy.

It is reported that the Retvizan was struck several times and there were fatalities among the crew. It is also said the Golden Hill forts were badly damaged and there were many casualties among the remaining non-combatants in the new town, which suffered most. One building in the rear of the war bureau was destroyed and elsewhere a shell annihilated an entire family.

Any person suspected of being a correspondent is ordered out of their lines by the Russians. Residents of Port Arthur assert that the defenders of that place possess the delusion that British officers command the Japanese ships. A leading police officer, who had been prominent in expelling suspects, killed himself, it is reported, on account of his failure to apprehend newspaper correspondents.

FAITH IN KUROPATOKIN.

New Head of Manchurian Army Leaves Capital Amid Loud Huzzas.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—General Kuropatokin, accompanied by his entire staff, left here this evening on a special train for the far east to take command of the Manchurian army. The departure of the general was marked by demonstrations of patriotism and personal regard such as seldom have been witnessed in the Russian capital. Thousands of persons who lined Nevsky Prospect and approaches to the Nicholas railroad station vied with the highest personages in the empire, including the principal military authorities, members of the imperial council, foreign military attaches, members of the French embassy and persons prominent in society, who had assembled inside the station, in giving vent to expressions of confidence in the new commander who is to lead the emperor's army to victory.

TAKING AWAY FAMILIES.

United States Cruiser Cincinnati Will Remove Women and Children.

Seoul, Friday, March 11.—The United States cruiser Cincinnati will leave Chinnampo to bring away the women and children from the American Company's lines at Unsan. The families of American missionaries south of the Yalu are not considered to be in any danger but every precaution is being taken for their safety.

A messenger from the mines at Unsan who left Chinnampo on Wednesday last says that everything is quiet in that vicinity. Only a few reconnoitering parties of Cossacks are seen north of that point and there are probably only a few hundred Russians in all south of the Yalu. There is little prospect for any serious conflict in this quarter within the next six weeks. Thus far there has been no trouble at the mines and there is little likelihood they will be interfered with, both sides having given assurance in that respect. The only possible danger is from straggling parties of pillagers, but from these the miners are in a position to protect themselves, having on hand three Colt guns and an ample supply of rifles.

New Vessel for Russia.

Berlin, March 12.—The Morgen Post claims to have trustworthy information to the effect that the Russian government is negotiating for the purchase of the steamship Kaiser Friedrich III, which was built for the North

German Lloyd line, but which did not meet speed requirements.

Try to Obstruct Entrance.

Paris, March 12.—The Tokio correspondent of the Gaulois reports that another unsuccessful attempt to obstruct the entrance to Port Arthur has been made by the Japanese.

To Preserve Shingle Market.

Seattle, March 12.—The shut-down of the shingle mills of the state, recommended by the directors of the Interstate Red Shingle Company, was unanimously endorsed at a mass meeting of the Washington shingle producers held today. The shut-down will continue as long as it is believed necessary to preserve the market.

General Miles for President.

Des Moines, March 12.—About 75 prominent Iowa democrats held a conference here tonight and launched the boom for General Nelson A. Miles for the democratic nomination for president.

Tariff Schedules Iriacome.

Portland, March 12.—Representatives of the largest jobbing concerns in Seattle, Tacoma and Portland met here today to effect organization of the North Pacific Jobbers and Manufacturers Association. As a result of the recent alterations in freight tariffs they are unable to compete for business with eastern Washington firms in the Boise basin, Palouse and Lewiston, Idaho country. The organization is for the purpose to secure a readjustment of the tariff schedules.

First Baseball Game.

Los Angeles, March 12.—The Chicago National Baseball league won the first game of the season at Washington park today from the Los Angeles Pacific Coast league team, by a score of four to two. Lundgren and Wicker pitched for Chicago; Wheeler and Gray pitched for Los Angeles.

Jeffords Beats Ruhlin.

Philadelphia, March 12.—Jim Jeffords, the California heavyweight, and Gus Ruhlin boxed a terrific six-round bout in which the former had the better tonight.

SETTLERS RETAIN HOLDINGS.

Decision of President of Northern Pacific Relative to Overlap Land Case.

St. Paul, March 12.—President Elliott, of the Northern Pacific, has decided that settlers who have taken up land in the tract involved in litigation known as the "overlap land case," which was recently decided by the United States supreme court in favor of the company, shall be allowed to retain their holdings. The land affected by the decision consists of a tract about 40 miles square lying on the east side of the Northern Pacific track between Tacoma and Portland and on the north bank of the Columbia river.

Wade's Cattle Sold.

Pendleton, March 12.—A herd of registered Herefords and Shorthorn cattle, formerly owned by C. B. Wade, ex-cashier of the First National bank, was sold at public auction for \$16,200. There were 195 head in all.

FELT NO FEAR.

Burglars Enter Lafayette Store and Enjoy Midnight Lunch.

Lafayette, Ore., March 12.—Some time during Thursday night the store of Edwards Bros. was burglarized. The next morning several chisels were found which had been taken from the

blacksmith shop and used to pry open the front door. As near as can be ascertained the loss of goods amounted to \$20 or \$40. The burglars did not seem to be in any hurry, as they took a lunch in the store, leaving three empty cans on the counter. The rear door of Pebley & O'Connor's store also showed that it had received a call, as the imprints of the chisels were on the door, and that some heavy article had been used to batter in the door, but in which they failed.

Entrance to the blacksmith shop was effected by opening a rear window. Tracks crossing the street and leading to the window were plainly seen. The tracks were made by a grown person and a child, evidently wearing a No. 2 shoe.

ECHOES OF INDIANOLA.

McLaurin Explains That Peddlers Not Arrested for Selling Pictures.

Washington, March 12.—There were echoes of the Indianola, Miss., post-office case in the senate today when McLaurin rose to a question on personal privilege to explain the newspaper report to the effect that the authorities of that place arrested peddlers of the pictures of President Roosevelt and Booker T. Washington. McLaurin said the arrests of picture vendors had been made both at Indianola and neighboring towns, but the arrests were due to the fact that their wares were of improper and lewd character and not because they were selling pictures of the president and Washington.

The senate considered but did not dispose of the fortifications bill. A number of bills were passed. One of them has for its purpose a prevention of the desecration of the American flag by its use for advertising purposes.

The senate today ratified the treaty between the United States and Ethiopia which was negotiated by King Menelik II and Robert P. Skinner, consul-general and minister plenipotentiary.

Crushed to a Pulp.

Eugene, Ore., March 12.—Elroy Tillman, the 8-year-old son of James Tillman, of Coburg, met with a frightful accident at Coburg last night. A train switching there threw a car of lumber on a side track, and the boy and to the car and in trying to mount it, slipped and fell under the wheels, the car running over both legs below the knees, crushing them to a pulp.

The unfortunate boy was picked up by bystanders and carried home. Late last night physicians amputated the legs. It is feared the boy will die from the shock of the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram B. Parker will be passengers on the steamer Oregon today for California. They are going to Los Angeles.

NEGRO KILLED BY IRATE CROWD

Unknown Fiend Is First Tarred and Feathered and Then Meets Death at Hands of Lawless Mob.

Either Shot or Beat Over the Head by Piece of Iron-- Taken From Jail.

OFFICERS EASILY OUTWITTED

Had Intended to Take Prisoner to Bakersfield But Plans Miscarry Before They Try to Board Train.

Mojave, Cal., March 12.—An unknown negro was taken from the jail by a mob last night and after being tarred and feathered was either shot to death, or killed by being struck over the head with a piece of iron.

The negro was arrested yesterday afternoon for an unmentionable crime and was confined in the Mojave jail, preparatory to taking him to Bakersfield. Facts concerning the crime became noised about town and before officers could place the man aboard the train a determined crowd had gathered about the jail, which is an insignificant affair and unguarded, and within a short time the prisoner was in their hands.

Secretary Cortelyou Banqueted.

Chicago, March 12.—Secretary Cortelyou was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Merchants' Club tonight. Fully 300 of the most prominent merchants and manufacturers were present and the address of the secretary, upon problems and policies of the new department, was received with decided manifestations of approval.

Other Slides Feared.

Baker City, March 12.—Pat Estes, one of the men caught in the snow slide at the Queen West mine on Cornucopia mountain Thursday evening, died from his injuries today. Other slides are feared in the vicinity of the Last Chance mine. None of the men dares to venture outside of the tunnel for fear of being caught.

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