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SMOOT GROWS WEARY

Apostle of Church of Latter Day Saints May Quit

Zion Prefers That Too Much Light Be Not Thrown Upon Church Matters

Washington, Dec. 28.—The belief is gaining ground here that Reed Smoot will resign his seat in the United States senate, rather than undergo the rigid investigation of his religious connections that is expected.

The belief is based on the theory that the powers behind Mr. Smoot are convinced that the present fight is directed against the Mormon church, rather than the principle of polygamy. They do not care to have the relations between the church and the control of secular matters by the ecclesiastical authorities laid bare, and would force Mr. Smoot's resignation, in preference to such disclosures as would follow an inquiry.

The reasoning of Mr. Smith's opponents in the senate is that his reply, now being prepared in Salt City, though promised to have been filed a week ago with the senate committee on privileges and elections, will be revised and approved by the church officials. They say it will undoubtedly not disavow belief in the doctrine if polygamy, but that it will be a defense of Mormon religion. If the Smoot opponents guess rightly, the answer will be unsatisfactory.

Each member of the senate has received a statement sent out by the Ministerial Alliance, of Salt Lake City, replying to the attack made by a Mormon apostle on the practices of Christian ministers and the accusation that unborn children are murdered by those belonging to orthodox churches.

This and other charges are denied, and in return the morals of the Mormon religion are attacked. A copy of this defense was also sent to the committee on privileges and elections.

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WON'T PLAY IN OUR YARD

Colombia Gives Uncle Sam the Choice of Three Things

And in Case He Takes Neither She Will Take Her Dishes and Doll Baby Home

Washington, Dec. 28.—It is learned from an authoritative source today that three alternatives are presented to the United States in the note regarding Panama, which Reyes submitted to the state department. First, that the status existing prior to the revolution on the Isthmus be restored. Second, America to keep hands off while Colombia tries to whip Panama into submission. Third, if the United States will accept neither of the preceding proposition she should pay Colombia damages for the injury inflicted through the loss of territory, the amount to be fixed by submission to the Hague. No publication of the text of the Reyes note is expected until it is sent to congress with the other documents bearing on the Panama case. It is a lengthy communication, based entirely on the Colombian interpretation of the treaty of 1846. The note carries a threat that the failure on the part of the United States to heed Colombia's protests, or accept the proposition submitted, will result in the severance of diplomatic and commercial relations between the two countries.

The Strike at Telluride.

Telluride, Colo., Dec. 28.—Col. John Williams, an officer of the Western Federation of Miners, who is in charge of the strike here, was waited upon last night by the civil authorities and ordered to leave town this morning. He refused to do so, and will be arrested today. Former Attorney-General Engley counsel for the miners was arrested this afternoon, charged with vagrancy and causing a disturbance. It is generally understood that wholesale arrests of strikers will be begun within 24 hours.

England Getting Ready.

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 28.—The admiralty today issued a request to all reserve men to name an address from which they could be summoned to active service by telegraph. The action is considered significant in view of the far Eastern crisis. A special courier arrived today from St. Petersburg with important official dispatches for the Russian ambassador.

Cotton Is Soaring.

New York, Dec. 28.—Cotton is opening with great excitement, 50 points above Thursday's closing, being the highest price since the Civil War. It stands at 14 cents for May delivery.

CHICAGO CAR BARN BANDITS

Were Arraigned This Morning for Their Crimes

Marx' Lawyer Puts in Defence That Father Was Brute and Marx Had to Be

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The car barn bandits were arraigned this morning. The four prisoners were neatly dressed, and well groomed, but minus the air of bravado that marked their conduct immediately after their arrest. They were placed in a row before the judge's bench. Vandine and Neldemeyer wore a serious look, but Marx and Roeski seemed unable to realize their plight. Marx smiled continuously, and Roeski looked bored while the indictments were read charging Vandine, Marx and Neldemeyer with the murder of Johnson and Stewart in the car barn raid, and Roeski with the murder of Baser in the saloon hold-up. Marx's attorney asked a two months' continuance, on the ground that present public opinion would prevent a fair trial. He read an affidavit showing that the line of defense would be that Marx was a victim of parental influences, his father being a man of low, vicious and brutal instincts, and now serving a term in Joliet for criminal assault on a 14-year-old girl; also that young Marx is further irresponsible by an injury to his head, inflicted by his father, who struck him with a broomstick in his infancy. A similar plea for a continuance and hereditary insanity will be set up for Vandine.

Neldemeyer and Roeski asked continuance for the same reason presented in their affidavits, pleading mental irresponsibility. The court passed their cases until tomorrow.

Strike Will Fall.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 28.—The Royal Consolidated Mine at Houston has succeeded in smuggling 22 strike breakers through the lines of the strikers, and are now working in the mine. The strikers are afraid to trespass on the mine property or interfere with non-union miners, because of the federal injunction issued by the federal court in San Francisco. Business men at Milton and other Calaveras towns have refused to sell provisions to the strikers, and it looks as though the strikers have lost.

Charley Ross Case.

New York, Dec. 28.—A general alarm was sent from police headquarters today for the son of Mrs. Charles Hendricks, wife of the physician who figured a year ago in the Laura Bugger suit to gain the Bennett estate. The missing boy was kidnapped this morning by a man who drove in front of the residence in a cab, seized the child and escaped.

The Utah Strike.

Winter Quarters, Utah, Dec. 28.—Deputy sheriffs attempt to evict the married coal strikers precipitated a riot. The armed guards of the Utah Fuel Company withdrew, returning with a company of militia, when the strikers went peacefully.

Aeronaut Suffocated.

Boston, Dec. 28.—A fire this morning destroyed a rooming house on Court street, and Professor Marshall, the aeronaut, a well-known Western character, was suffocated. He had been in Boston for several months working on an airship model.

Elevator Burned.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 28.—A fire partially destroyed an elevator of the Corn King Distillery this morning. It was presumably incendiary, and the loss was \$50,000.

Aid for Panama.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—The Dixie sailed today for Colon with 600 marines and six months' provisions and fighting supplies for a thousand men.

Killed His Father.

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.—Harry Chapman, aged 18, colored, shot and killed his father last night, because the latter struck his mother.

The pope is the head of over 250,000,000 human beings, or nearly one seventh of the population of the globe.

AFLOAT ON AN ICE-FLOE

One Hundred and Fifty Men and Forty Horses

Engaged in Herring Fishing Carried Out to Sea, Five Men and the Horses Drowned

Odessa, Russia, Dec. 28.—An ice floe broke away, carrying 40 horses and 150 men, who were herring fishing, out to sea. All the horses and five of the men were drowned, and the others were saved only after desperate efforts.

Spain Still Sore.

Madrid, Dec. 28.—Merchants who propose to exhibit at St. Louis are to day planning an appeal to the government to reconsider its action, where it declined an appropriation for a Spanish exhibit.

KILLED WIFE AND CHILD

Crazed by Liquor William Shepard Commits Murder

Shoots His Wife and the Baby in Her Arms and Kills Riley Webb

Mayking, Ky., Dec. 28.—While crazy with liquor William Shepherd entered his home this morning, and, without provocation, shot and killed Riley Webb, who was standing talking to Mrs. Shepherd. He then fired a shot which killed Mrs. Shepherd and passed through her body, killing their 10-months-old baby, which she was holding in her arms. Shepherd escaped to the mountains, where later he was surrounded by a posse, and, after his ammunition was exhausted, was captured.

CHICAGO REACHES THE LIMIT

Citizens Who Die in Haste May Be Buried at Leisure

Corpses Compelled to Have Chaperones in the Shape of a Cordon of Policemen

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Despite the teamsters' offer of arbitration, made Sunday, peace in the Every drivers' strike is as remote as ever. The drivers say they have nothing to arbitrate. A number of horses went out today without interference. Norman Larsen, a union teamster, who attempted to cut the traces of a team drawing a hearse, was \$50 in the police court this morning. He may be prosecuted under the state law which makes interference with a funeral a felony.

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It is getting to wane the end of the suit and coat selling season, but not the end of the wearing season. If you have put off your buying, here are some interesting price reductions.

\$25.00 Black Broadcloth, silk lined, handsomely tailored throughout.

\$12.50

\$20.00 Brown Cheviot, silk lined, a great bargain for economizers.

\$10.00

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\$10.00

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Next wednesday being our 156th weekly sale, and the last wednesday of this year, we have decided to offer you an

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This opportunity won't last always.

\$10.00 \$6.75

\$15.00 \$9.50

\$20.00 \$14.50

\$25.00 \$16.00

Queen Quality Shoes for Women \$3.00

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