

MORMON PRESIDENT IS AN EXPERT ON POLYGAMY

PRESIDENT SMITH ON THE STAND

The Investigation of Smoot Brings to Light the Customs and Usages of the Mormon Church

Smith Asserts That the Principle of Plural Marriages Was Revealed From God---Women Not Given Any Priestly Authority

Washington, March 4.—At the opening of the Smoot hearing this morning, Smith was questioned by Hoar as to whether women had ecclesiastic authority in the Mormon church. He said that while, as voters, women were given recognition with men, the priestly authority was denied them. They were not eligible to election to the office of president, apostles, counselors or any of the general officers of the church. Upon the acceptance or rejection of revelations, the vote of any woman member of the church was just as powerful as the vote of the witness himself. Reading from a copy of the Salt Lake Desert News, June 23, 1903, reporting a speech made by Smith, in which he said the principle of plural marriages was revealed from God, and anyone who denied the divine origin of that doctrine might as well deny the other truths. Attorney Taylor asked as to its correctness, and Smith said it was correct, so far as he could recall.

other wives by her husband, Smith, after reading from Revelation, which said that if a wife didn't consent she should be destroyed by the Lord, declared that her opinion had no weight at all on the subject. All the presidents of the church, and all prominent in business or professional circles in Utah, he said, had been men with plural wives. Hoar, referring to the scriptural injunction that a bishop of the church should be sober and have one wife, was interrupted by the witness with the interjection, "at least, that injunction was made to the people of Judea. In the midst of polygamous people it became obligatory on the bishop to have one wife, because it recognized that a bishop should be an experienced man." (Laughter.) Smith positively denied any public teaching of the principle of polygamy had taken place since 1890, despite the assertions of the anti-Mormon press. Recess. This afternoon Taylor will read a complete revelation regarding polygamy, and extracts from other standard works of the church.

The speech was not delivered to more than a dozen people, and if he had been consulted he would have been against its publication, because of his desire to abstain from giving any public offense. He reiterated that he personally believed in the doctrine of plural marriages, as much today as ever, but he didn't believe in continuing the practice, as he had accepted the proclamation against it in good faith. Chairman Burrows asked if he believed he had obeyed the law when he has five wives and 11 children by them since the date of the manifesto. "I have already said in that respect that I have not obeyed the law. I preferred to disobey it, rather than abandon the children and their mothers. The church, however, as a church, has obeyed the law, but I, as an individual, have taken that chance." Questioned as to the right of the first wife to consent or object to the taking of

FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Senator Fairbanks at President's Suggestion Consents to Run

Washington, March 4.—Roosevelt has suggested and Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, has agreed to accept the vice-presidential nomination on the Republican ticket, if tendered him. This comes from close and life-long personal political friends of the senator, who are known to have advised against what they considered to be a vital concession on the senator's part. He now says they have bowed to the wishes of the President, as has Fairbanks.

HAD A LIVELY TIME

Girl Man Horse and Buggy in a General Mix-up

Man Strapped Girl on the Horse and Swam Ashore—All Ended Happily

Reading, Cal., March 4.—William Clemants and daughter, while crossing Weaver creek, near Douglas City, last evening in a buggy had a thrilling experience. The creek was high and the water raging; the buggy struck a hole and capsized, and the occupants were thrown out, and the entire outfit was carried down the stream. Clemants caught the girl and, with superhuman effort, strapped her to the horse, and then swam ashore. The buggy was wrecked. Clemants fainted when the shore was reached. The horse started off with the girl, who managed to free herself, and walked to Douglas, two miles.

TALKED HIM TO A FINISH

The Salvationist Said "God Bless You Shoot"

Highwayman Lowered His Pistol and Walked Away—Nothing in Sight Anyway

Santa Cruz, March 4.—Masked highwayman at about 10 o'clock this morning at the point of a pistol held up two men on their way down town. He first encountered Otis Hammond, a Salvationist, and threatened to blow out his brains. "God, bless you shoot," said the salvationist. The bandit then lowered the weapon and walked away. Hammond was hardly out of sight when Frank Dann, of Mountain View ranch, was accosted in a similar manner, and relieved of his watch.

HEINZE LOSES SUIT

San Francisco, March 4.—F. Augustus Heinze lost his battle against the Butte & Boston Mining Company in a decision handed down by the United States circuit court of appeals today, upholding the circuit court of Montana in the decision recently made. Heinze had appealed from the decision to the higher court. The Montana judge having directed that the officials of the mining company be allowed to survey their mines, which would necessitate inspecting the mine belonging to Heinze. He will now have to appear before the judge in Montana and receive punishment for contempt.

Street Railway Case.
Los Angeles, March 4.—The long, bitter fight for the transfer of the street railways owned by Henry E. Huntington ended this morning. Judge Oster, of San Bernardino, sitting in the Los Angeles court, decided in favor of the railway. The other superior judges refused to try the case.

To Be War Admirals.
Washington, D. C., March 4.—The President has nominated Chas. A. Converse, chief of the bureau of ordnance of the navy with the rank of rear-admiral, and Captain Henry Manney, chief of the bureau of equipment, with the rank of rear admiral.

Earthquakes in Peru.
Lima, Peru, March 4.—Earthquake shocks, the worst reported in years, occurred Thursday, and did great damage. No figures of the losses have yet been made. The shocks continued this morning, and are the most severe in a quarter of a century.

Feeling Against Officers is Intense.

Moscow, March 4.—The feeling against the government caused by the apparent incapacity of the Russian commanders is growing more tense. The comprehensiveness of the Japanese plans serve more and more to show the inefficiency of the Russian general staff, and its plans for the retention of Manchuria and the invasion of Corea.

A Big Land Slide.
Redding, Cal., March 4.—A landslide at Castle Crag delayed the southbound passenger this morning for three hours; ten minutes later the slide would have caught the train.

Old Bank Closed.
Marblehead, Mass., March 4.—The Marblehead National bank is closed. It has been in existence for a hundred years, and had a capital of \$120,000.

BURIED ALIVE.

Charles Lasek, Found Alive Under Tons of Debris in Hotel Wreck.

New York, March 4.—At 2 o'clock this morning workmen in removing the body of Alexander Johnson, an iron worker, from the wrecked Hotel Darlington, uncovered Charles Lasek, a plasterer, who was alive, with an immense beam across his chest. He had lain 36 hours under tons of debris. The man died as he reached the doors of the hospital. The known dead are 15, and 14 bodies have been removed.

LANDING SOLDIERS IN KOREA

Japan Is Still Landing Soldiers on It's Peninsula, But Has Changed From Chemulpo to Chinnampo

Russian Reserves Called Out---Admiral Makaroff Has Arrived at Port and It Is Expected a Decisive Move Will Be Made

Paris, March 4.—St. Petersburg advices say a decisive move of the Port Arthur Russian squadron is anticipated, now that Admiral Makaroff has arrived. The torpedo boats will be brought into play. Reports from Corea confirm the advices that the Japs have ceased debarking troops at Chemulpo, and are landing soldiers at Chinnampo, where the harbor is free from ice.

Reserves Called Out.
St. Petersburg, March 4.—The reserve subalterns and the first-class reserve men of European-Russia have been summoned to their colors. A similar order is made for the naval reserve. Each arm will undergo six weeks training. A Vladivostock dispatch says that all is quiet there, with

no signs of the Japanese warships. The inhabitants continue to leave. St. Petersburg, March 4.—The newspaper Sviet, discussing the sending of American consuls to Manchuria, says the American attitude requesting Chinese exequaturs will cause unpleasantness with Russia, and adds: "It is now stated America has promised to give Japan assistance with her ships."

Where is the Jap Fleet?
London, March 4.—The Central News says the Port Arthur Japanese fleet has not been sighted since February 25th. Workmen are rushing repairs on the battleships Retvizan and Czarevitch and the cruiser Palada. All the other damaged vessels are now ready for sea. It is reported that Kuropatkin's headquarters will be at

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With spring stocks. From now on you will see here the most advanced styles for spring in merchandise of every description. This great store has many exclusive avenues for getting the uncommon in every line. All who look here will see stocks of infinite variety, and all who buy here will get the "something different" we all like to have to individualize our dress and our home.



New Togs

FOR THE YOUNGSTERS.
Another big shipment received yesterday. Fit out the young fellows for spring while the stocks are full and you have a larger choice of patterns.

Men's Furnishings

Spring styles in Men's Furnishing goods. The largest and best showing we have ever made and includes everything new, stylish and desirable at the most moderate prices.

New Spring Tailor Suits

Another lot of those smart spring suits that will be sure to prove popular the coming season, received yesterday. They are the correct suit styles for the spring season. Those women who desire and original, correct in style tailoring and fit, should see this exhibit. Every garment portrays that vital element of style characteristic of the best custom tailoring.

New Grips

received yesterday. The line comprises the latest SUIT CASES, HAND BAGS, TELESCOPES, STRAW SUIT CASES, ETC., Prices always the lowest.

New Spring Shipment of UMBRELLAS Has Arrived

We have a fine assortment of handles for you to select from, in natural wood, pearl, horn and fancy metal. You're likely to need one before spring, if the weather doesn't change. They're lower priced than you can find at "regular stores" for the same quality. We stick to the spot cash plan, that's why.

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We sell goods that give satisfaction. It keeps us growing.

The New York Racket
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