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A WORTHY EXAMPLE.

President Francis M. Lyman of the Council of the Apostles is in receipt of a letter from India, which we take pleasure in publishing on this page. It was accompanied by a money order for the total amount of the subscription referred to therein, namely, twenty-four rupees, or about \$7.75 American money, with the names of the donors fifteen in number who will be duly credited therewith. We make special mention of this as an object lesson to other members of the Church who will doubtless desire to follow the example set by the Saints at the place designated in the letter, which is as follows:

Elphinstone Road, Ghazikhat, Karachi, 8th September, 1904.

President Francis M. Lyman, Salt Lake City, Dear Brother:—We have not written to you since you left the European mission, because we had no excuse to justify us in troubling you, but we have missed your affectionate and encouraging letters very much. We notice that it has been proposed to erect a monument in honor of the Prophet and Patriarch Joseph and Hyrum Smith—a proposal in which we heartily sympathize. Undoubtedly the Prophet and Patriarch need no monument for their own sakes, because, as was foretold by the angel Moroni of the former, their names are ever green, for good among the Saints, and for evil among those whose hearts are evil; but the Saints themselves need such a monument, if only for an outward and visible sign of the deep and abiding love they feel for the martyrs. We also appreciate the idea of providing funds for the monument by voluntary subscriptions open to the whole brotherhood of Saints, so that each one of them may have a personal interest and association in the tribute of love. The members of the Karachi branch, though far away, and though they may never have the opportunity of seeing the monument in the flesh, desire to cooperate in the good work, and noting that you are on the committee in connection with the scheme, we feel inclined, in view of the great paternal interest you took, and doubtless will take, in this branch, not to lose this chance of communicating with you again, and sending you the amount subscribed. I therefore have very much pleasure in enclosing a list of the subscribers with the amounts donated, and in forwarding by money order the equivalent of the aggregate amount received, namely, 24 rupees.

Each and every member of the branch joins me in expressing a hearty wish for the welfare and prosperity of you and yours.

Ever your sincere brother,
HENRY J. LILLEY.

The plans for the monument to the martyred Prophet and Patriarch Joseph and Hyrum Smith, have been prepared and the spot for it has been selected on the Temple grounds, as described some time ago in the Deseret News. We are sure that the Latter-day Saints generally will hail with delight an opportunity to manifest their love for those martyrs, and also appreciation of their lives and labors for the benefit of fallen humanity. Every member of the Church will want his or her name on the lists of subscribers to this memorial, and however small or great the amount may be, it will be tendered willingly and as a privilege, and be placed upon record.

While touching on this subject, we remind the members of the Church that it has been determined to make the anniversary of the birth of the Prophet Joseph Smith a day to be generally and regularly commemorated, in every part of the Church in all the world. Preparations should therefore be made in time, to hold appropriate services or ceremonies on the 23rd of December in this year, and this should be repeated each year, that the memory of the advent into this world of one of its greatest and mightiest Prophets, foreordained to usher in the grandest dispensation, that of "the fulness of times," may be kept alive throughout all generations. The centennial anniversary will occur December 23, 1905, and there will then be special ceremonies fitting to the occasion, but next December the Prophet's birthday should be celebrated and also in all future years.

The monument to be erected on the Temple grounds will be a separate work to the Memorial building, which is contemplated to be erected on the old Deseret News corner, particulars of which will be announced in due time. The memory of the good and great is sacred, and the Latter-day Saints will not neglect their duty to the noble ones who, under divine direction, laid the foundations of the grandest system ever introduced into the world.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

A correspondent in a southern county writes to us, complaining of sharp practice at a mill in an adjoining county, and inquiring whether it is lawful and whether the people victimized have any redress. The charge is that the sacks of flour sold as containing 50 pounds are each short of weight four pounds. We do not publish the letter, because we do not want to implicate any person or company in a dishonest transaction from a one-sided statement.

There is a rule among the millers and dealers in flour that what is called a 50 pounds sack of flour contains only 46 pounds, or one-fourth of a barrel of flour, which is 196 pounds net. A hundred pounds sack of flour should on this

rule contain 98 pounds of flour. Now if any miller is selling for a 50 pounds sack of flour but 46 pounds, he is cheating the purchaser out of three pounds, and is liable to prosecution for his dishonesty.

The statutes of Utah provide for just weights and measures, to be hung and tested by the United States standards. There is a State sealer of weights and measures provided for by law, and also a county sealer. The latter is the county clerk, and he is required to procure or keep on hand a full set of standards, under the direction of the State auditor who is ex-officio the State sealer. The county sealer must test and prove all weights and measures when requested to do so by the owners, and seal and mark the same with the seal kept for that purpose. Any person dealing in any article of produce or merchandise who uses any other weight or measure than the standard specified, or who gives short weight or measure, is liable to a fine for each offense in any sum less than three hundred dollars and for all damages accruing to the injured party.

Thus there is "redress" in the case reported, but the complaining person or party should be sure, by testing the sack of flour claiming to be 50 or 49 pounds in weight by duly tested and sealed scales, so that there will be no mistake about the matter. In this as well as other affairs, the advice, "be sure you're right and then go ahead," is good, and both sides of a question must be heard before judgment is rendered. "False weights and false measures are an abomination before the Lord."

THE WAR.

The dispatches from the seat of war in Asia indicate that Kuropatkin is about to change his tactics, and take the offensive. It is also stated that the two armies are endeavoring to outflank one another, and that the Russians have scored some success in their movement southward. It is too early to form an opinion as to the probable effect of this change of tactics, but, if Kuropatkin has arrived at the conclusion that his army now is large enough to push the Japanese back, by the weight of numbers, there will be fearful fighting. The real test of valor, persistency, and skill is, then, yet to come.

According to well informed authority, when the war broke out, Kuropatkin did not have much more than 40,000 men for field operations, against Japan's 100,000. And when the Russians had 100,000 men in the field, Japan had 150,000. This, it is supposed, necessitated the retreats which Kuropatkin has executed with so much skill. If he now has decided to go forward, it must be because he feels strong enough to risk an engagement.

Even Hedin, the noted Swedish traveler and explorer, has recently given to the London Daily News, an estimate of the Russian general. In his view Kuropatkin is a man of the type of General Grant. He learned war, Mr. Hedin says, under Skobelev, but he does not love it, as did his master. He thinks it is an unavoidable evil that must be studied, however, with untiring diligence. To show the character of the man, and especially his impartiality and freedom from nepotism, the explorer says that in the spring of 1902 he was staying a few days on a visit to his old friend on the Pamir expedition (Gen. Staff), who was at that time District Chief at Osh. His "Nomeschnik," or assistant secretary, was the brother of Kuropatkin, but notwithstanding this relationship he held but an unimportant position. His brother was the minister of war, and was a manly, fine-bull man, of extraordinary talent, and yet he found it quite natural that his brother should allot to him a secondary position.

Mr. Hedin, further says of Kuropatkin: "Russia has never before possessed a commander of the army, an administrator and strategist to be compared to Kuropatkin. If he proves the victor in the present conflict he will make no boast of it but carry the trophies of honor with a meek spirit, according to the merit of his soldiers, and if ill-luck again will betray his innermost feelings. He has passed too long a period of his life among Mohammedans not to have gained a touch of their fatalism. A firm hope, yes more, an unshakable confidence in an eventual victory will never leave him. Even in the most trying situations he will exclaim with his inimitable self-possession, Patience, Patience! We shall either conquer these Japanese or not return home!"

All accounts agree in this that the Russian general has not yet had an opportunity of showing what he can do. When the time comes, the victor will be in a better position to judge as to which of the two antagonists is superior, in physical and intellectual qualities.

WHITE FOLLY.

What some folks can permit themselves to do under the pressure of selfishness and other evil influences, is illustrated in the action of certain citizens of Mississippi, who resolved that no further land sales be made to negroes; that the trade and business of no negro tenant be solicited without the consent of his landlord, and that every white person owning large places worked by negro labor would always keep a white man in charge of those places. At another meeting the citizens resolved to encourage no more negroes to purchase land because they would not be allowed to remain in the south, should they become the land owners. Such folly is almost incredible, in view of the history of this country, and the Constitution. But when prejudices are permitted to dictate the course of action of any man, or set of men, none can foresee the end of it. It will lead even Americans into treason.

INTRIGUES IN TURKEY.

The latest story from Turkey is to the effect that Russia has promised the Sultan of Turkey to support him in his desire to change the Ottoman law of succession, if he will permit the Russian Black Sea fleet to pass through the Dardanelles. The Sultan, it is said, desires to be succeeded by his son,

whereas the law requires that the eldest member of the reigning family shall receive the crown. Thus two younger brothers of the Sultan, three sons of Sultan Abdul Aziz and Sultan Murad's sons, all stand between Abdul Hamid's sons and the coveted prize.

It is quite possible that the Czar's representatives are making such promises, but as long as Russia is on the retreat before the Japanese army, the Sultan will not place much confidence in the law of succession might mean the assassination of the reformer, and how long would the change last with a new ruler on the throne? In all probability Japan's friends represented at Constantinople will prevent the Sultan from giving Russia that permission. Now, if ever, it is necessary to show that treaties and agreements regarding the international affairs mean something. For if they are broken, an explosion may follow that will set Europe aflame.

Wynde has won his spurs.

Do the smelters intend to smoke the farmers out?

The Peace congress has adjourned, but the war goes on.

The fall of Port Arthur seems to have been indefinitely postponed.

Tom Watson's letter of acceptance is in reality a postscript, having been written last.

"You never miss the water till the meter runs dry," says the Superintendent of Waterworks.

Mr. G. Bernard Shaw's new tragedy opens with a scene in a dentist's office. No doubt it's a screamer.

Don't blame President Roosevelt because Dowle has declared for him. Remember, this is a free country.

How pleasant it is to go through a campaign and never once hear a single reference to "the crime of '73."

The Russians are as pleased with Kuropatkin's declaration of his intention to take the offensive as though he had taken Oyama's army.

If you would see Indian Summer in all its gorgeousness, go into the canyons. No artist has ever done such painting as Nature has done there.

It is reported that the German Emperor is writing a book "simultaneously in English, French and German." It must be a history of the tower of Babel.

All the ill to which soldier flesh is heir come from the abolishment of the army canteen. If the reports of various judge advocate generals are to be believed.

Cortleyou and Taggart are directly in charge of the Republican and Democratic campaigns respectively, but General Apathy appears to be commander-in-chief.

If you have not registered today do so this evening or tomorrow. No one who is not newly registered this year can vote this year. Don't forget or neglect it.

The superintendent of the Cleveland schools says that Demosthenes and Cicero are eclipsed by modern orators. And every campaign orator in the recesses of his soul says, "That means me."

And now Lincoln Steffens, who has been exposing corruption in various parts of the country, is charged with corrupting the language. It really seems impossible to touch pitch without being defiled.

The flour men are talking of the great scarcity of wheat. This is merely a slimy process preparatory to raising the price of flour. Is it not about time that conspiracies against the public were looked into?

The Sacramento Bee mentions the fact that the Women's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church calls upon Congress to submit to the people a Constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy, and then remarks: "For all that is necessary, a Constitutional amendment might as well be passed prohibiting burglary. Any polygamist can be arrested and punished under the laws as they are today." Our Sacramento contemporary generally shows good common sense, when discussing the questions of the day.

PEACE AND WAR.

Boston Transcript.

The peace movement, as we see its evidence in our city at the present time, rises to even higher expression than an appeal for the abolition of war. It is entering into social and religious relations, a fact that is conspicuously shown by the religious services held every morning during the congress at the South Congregational church. The services begin promptly at 9 o'clock and last 20 minutes. They are under the direction of Rev. Edward Cummings of the South Congregational church; Rev. J. H. Denison of the Central church; Bishop Mallalen of the Methodist church; Bishop Lawrence of the Episcopal church; Rev. Dr. Rowley of the First Baptist church; Rev. Dr. Byrne, vicar general of the Roman Catholic church; Rev. F. B. Allen and Rabbi Charles Fildescher. Here are beautiful unity of spirit and harmony of purpose. Truly the motto that heads the circular announcing all this belongs to them. It is, "Peace on earth, good will among men."

New York Evening Post.

In accordance to the request of the Interparliamentary Union that he invite the nations to a second Hague conference, President Roosevelt has taken a step worthy of all praise. It may be impossible to resemble the peace congress soon—Russia and Japan could scarcely send representatives at present—and the unsettled questions may not be disposed of even when the delegates do find themselves at the Hague, but the president has, at any rate, shown his hearty good will, and by so much, officially committed the United States to disapproval of war.

Pueblo Chieftain.

The recent arbitration treaties concluded between leading powers of Europe are a notable example of the progress that is being made, and the

Hague tribunal stands as another evidence of the same spirit of humanity and progress. The peace congress, now in session in Boston, is no idle gathering of theorists, out of touch with existing conditions, but on the contrary it is representative of some of the most powerful as well as some of the wisest elements of civilization.

New York World.

The Peace Congress has asked Japan and Russia to end the war. If the congress would devise means by which Japan could have Korea and Manchuria, while Russia had Manchuria and Korea, perhaps the belligerents might be willing to consider the matter of peace.

Kansas City Star.

Says Mr. Schurz in his letter on the campaign: "I do not overlook President Roosevelt's action regarding the reassembling of the peace conference at The Hague. But it would be infinitely more valuable and reassuring had he at the same time advocated a reduction of our own armament for war, the magnitude of which is far beyond our requirements for defensive purposes. By act of Congress the president is permitted to determine the size of the army between a minimum strength of 50,000 and a maximum of 100,000. At the time of Mr. Roosevelt's accession to office the army numbered 77,500 men. By last October he had reduced the force to the minimum allowed by law. Yet Mr. Schurz fears the president's military ambition."

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The November Delineator is exceptionally interesting and suggestive. In the matter of fiction and general literature a high standard is maintained. The second part of Richard Le Gallienne's dreamy novel, "Take thy Lute!" contains some inimitable lyrics, and there is also a curious tale of the Western Coast by Ethel Watts Mumford, and a short story by Dane Coolidge, "Lone Turkey of Pinn," containing many elements of interest and originality. W. Jay Mills has procured the material for a most interesting chronicle of the social events and personages of Old New York, which is given in this number of the magazine illustrated with photographs. W. G. Fitz-Gerald tells the story of the trials and heroism of the woman missionary abroad, and the romance of Mozart and his Constance is related in the "Composers" series. Dress in its relation to health is discussed by Dr. Grace Peckham Murray, and there is a paper in the "Joy of Living" series, while for the young people, Clara Morrice, Ada Marie Peck and Albert Bigelow contribute pleasant and instructive reading.—Butterick Pub. Co., New York.

In the October number of the North American Review Karl Blind deplors "Christianity's May." Baron Monner, Belgian minister to the United States, describes the "Conditions in the Congo Free State." Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton discusses "Sanity and Safety in Relation to Public Office." Professor Brandeis contrasts the tendency to forecast the tendencies of "Literature in the New Century." Dr. P. Chalmers Mitchell calls attention to the forces that are at work in "The Making of Modern Races." Governor Lucian P. C. of Rhode Island, suggests "How Good City Government May Be Had." Silas C. Swallow, Prohibition Candidate for the presidency, states some of the reasons why he and his party favor prohibition. Marton Foster Washburn inquires whether there may not be at once a difference between and an identity in "Masculine and Feminine Occupations." Charles Harvey Geunung tells the interesting story of the age-long effort to accomplish "The Reform of the Calendar." President W. R. Harper, of the Chicago University, contrasts "Higher Education in the West" with higher education in the east. John Charlton, a member of the Canadian parliament, gives an account of "Canada's New Transcontinental Railway." Carmen Sylvia, Queen of Roumania, rehearses certain "Reminiscences of War" which she laid up while serving in the hospitals during the last Russo-Turkish war. In the department of world-politics are instructive communications from London, Berlin, Paris and Washington.—New York.

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