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THE STRIKE SITUATION.

We are of the opinion that the Gov-
ernor was quite right in ordering out
the militia, to protect miners who de-
sired to work at Sunnyside and places
adjacent, and that he and Col. Holmes
were right in their endeavors to bring
about a peaceful settlement of the dis-
pute between the strikers and the coal
company. But we also think that Vice
President Kramer has the right of the
argument on this question, in re-
fusing to treat with "organizers" who
have come into Utah from another
State and have fomented discord and
stirred up strife.

What business had those outside
trouble-breeders here? Why should
they be recognized by anybody, official
or otherwise? They impudently as-
sume to dictate affairs here, and pose
as important personages to treat with
companies and officials as though they
had authority which is bound to be
acknowledged. They should be let se-
verely alone unless they break the law,
and then they should be lawfully tried
and punished.

If some arrangement can be made by
which the men who have been employed
by the coal companies can meet with
the representatives of their employers,
and a settlement of difficulties be
brought about, which we believe was
the intent of Col. Holmes' proposition,
there would be some sense in that, but
it is too much to expect recognition of
the "organizers" who have no legiti-
mate business in connection with the
matter. Let us have peace, but let it
be effected with honor and consistency.

BOOK OF MORMON DISPUTE.

We intended to print to day, from
the columns of the Salt Lake Tribune,
an anonymous communication which
appeared in its columns of Sunday,
Nov. 2, attacking the Book of Mormon,
on the mistaken ground that El-
der B. H. Roberts had publicly issued a
challenge to the world on that ques-
tion, and the response of Elder Roberts,
that appeared in that paper on Sunday,
November 29. But the reader's read-
ers will find in this issue of the "News,"
has taken too much space to give room
for the discussion referred to. In fair-
ness to Mr. Perry S. Heath we have
also given place to his statement con-
cerning his alleged implication in the
irregularities complained of, that both
may be read together.

In order, however, that the public
may also have both sides of the con-
troversy on the Book of Mormon, we
will publish them in our next Saturday
evening's edition. The alleged "chal-
lenge" by Elder Roberts consisted sim-
ply of a declaration that no one could
successfully account for the predictions
on page 125 of the Book of Mormon
and their direct fulfillment on any other
hypothesis than that the writer was in-
spired. However, it does not matter
much, except that public speakers ought
not to be misrepresented.

We may say, in passing, that while
some people may have imagined that
the anti-Mormon propaganda was
something new, or at least difficult to
meet, to the older members of the
Church, and particularly the Elders in
the field from thirty to fifty years ago,
there was nothing in it, apart from sar-
casm and ribaldry, but what was fully
ventilated during that period, pro and
con. Elder Roberts' reply is in his
well-known clear and forcible style, and
will prove an attraction for the Satur-
day Evening News of December 5, 1903.

THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

The visit of upwards of 100 members
of the House of Commons, with ladies,
to Paris, is justly regarded as an im-
portant event. The distinguished vis-
itors will remain in the French cap-
ital until Dec. 10, and many festivities
have been planned in their honor. The
visit is to return the compliments re-
cently paid by French senators and
deputies.

Baron de Constant, who is very much

Interested in the international arbitra-
tion movement, thinks this interchange
of courtesies will result in the enlarge-
ment of the scope of the agreement
entered into between France and Great
Britain. He also expects that the ar-
bitration movement will grow in popu-
larity, and that Italy, Holland, the
Scandinavian countries, and others, will
sign arbitration treaties. In this way
the idea underlying the establishment
of the Hague tribunal will take form.

The world does not look very peace-
ful at the present time. The condi-
tions in Asia, both eastern and west-
ern, are threatening; but notwithstanding
the seeming instability of the po-
litical world and the threatening cata-
strophe, the friends of peace are inces-
santly at work, and with excellent
results. Some time ago a peace con-
gress was held at Rouen, France. Among
the conspicuous figures there
present were Mrs. Camille Flammarion,
and Baroness Bertha von Suttner. Mrs.
Flammarion, the wife of the celebra-
ted astronomer, is one of the founders
and vice presidents of the International
League of Women for General Disarm-
ament. She has also founded the As-
sociation of Peace and Disarmament
by the Women. Among the members
of this latter society are two market
women of the great Halles of Paris,
who go about in the suburbs preaching
the message of peace. "Thou shalt not
kill."

Baroness Suttner is a noted novelist.
Her work "Down With Arms," is com-
parable, in effect, to "Uncle Tom's Cab-
in." Before Czar Nicholas II had pub-
licly suggested the peace conference,
his foreign minister, Count Muraviev,
talked with the baroness about the
project. The peace cause has many
able advocates, and Baron de Constant
is, perhaps, one of the ablest. As an
influential member of the French par-
liament he has exceptional opportuni-
ties for carrying out his ideas, and he
is doing so with signal success. The
peace cause is growing in importance.

A COMMON-SENSE VIEW.

Amidst the numerous misrepresen-
tations of affairs in Utah, set afloat by
religious fanatics and unprincipled
preachers, it is pleasing to note the
independent and rational position taken
by a number of influential pa-
pers, on the question presented to the
United States Senate. Divested of the
unsubstantiated statements and senti-
mental verbiage in the charges pre-
ferred against Senator Smoot, there is
little if anything left of a substantial
character. This is perceived by in-
quiring and unbiased editors, and some
of them are not afraid to face the exci-
ted and unthinking enthusiasts, who
imagine they are doing great things by
clamoring for the exclusion of a Sena-
tor, whose life and principles are be-
yond reproach and who, as a stal-
wart representative of monogamic re-
lations and Republican politics, ought
to be particularly acceptable to the
majority of his assailants. We have
copied a few sensible comments from
eastern journals, and we now take
the following from the Burlington
(Iowa) Journal of Nov. 21. The edi-
torial is headed, "The Case of Mr.
Smoot":

"It is beginning to appear that the
efforts that have been made to induce
the senate to deny a seat in that body
to Mr. Smoot, the newly elected senator
from Utah, will fall of accomplishment.
When the announcement was made that
Utah's senator was a 'Mormon' and a
denigrator of that Church, ever was,
and a denigrator of that Church, the con-
clusion was jumped at that if he was a
'Mormon' and an officer of the Church
he must, of necessity, be all that any
member of that Church ever was, and
protests, based upon that assumption,
were made against his being recognized
as a member of the United States sen-
ate. Petitions poured into the senate, mak-
ing various charges against him, and
several religious and secular societies
took up the case. These protests came
before the senate committee on elec-
tions, and it has given more or less at-
tention to the papers that have been
filed and has called upon those who
filed them for proof substantiating the
charges made. The declaration was
made against him that he was a poly-
gamist, but when called upon for the
proofs in support of the charges they
have not been forthcoming. Possibly
they may be in existence and obtainable
but so far his accusers have not pre-
sented the senate with a particle of evi-
dence in support of the charges that has
been made with so much assurance. Mr.
Smoot himself says he is not now and
never was a polygamist and his veracity
has not been impugned.

"Another charge is that he regards
his oath and obligation to his church
as paramount to that he will assume
on his admission to the senate. The
senator denies this count in the in-
dictment and his accusers have not
been able to present evidence show-
ing that he is not telling the truth
in the matter. The opponents of Mr.
Smoot seem to have made wholesale
charges against him that they are so
far wholly unable to substantiate,
whatever they may be able to do later
on."

"In all due fairness, appearances in-
dicate that the persons who are mov-
ing to the matter of excluding Mr.
Smoot from the senate are over-
zealous religionists who, because that
gentleman is a member in and officer
of the 'Mormon' Church, believe he
must be guilty of all that has been
charged against him. The constitution
prohibits any religious tests being ap-
plied as a criterion of official qualifica-
tions. A Buddhist or Atheist could not be ex-
cluded because of his belief. If legally
elected to Congress, any more than
could a Baptist or Methodist. Possibly
these enthusiasts who have been man-
aging the crusade against Mr. Smoot
supposed the evidence desired would
be easily obtainable but they have
been disappointed, and it is probable
little, if anything, more will be done
in the controversy by the senate than
to admit the Utah senator to all the
privileges to which he seems to be just-
ly entitled."

ANOTHER HOLY ALLIANCE.

Gen. Booth, of Salvation Army fame,
in an interview, speaks a good word
for the establishment of permanent
peace upon the earth. His idea is that
two great powers, say England and
the United States, or England and
France—should unite for permanent
peace. This would be a tremendous
step, he said. Then let them urge a
third state to join them. When this
is done, other governments would be
forced to do the same.

Gen. Booth takes the same view as
did the noble woman, Lady Krudener
to whose efforts it is believed the so-
called Holy Alliance was, very largely,

due. That was also for the establish-
ment of peace upon the earth. Russia,
Prussia, and Austria were the three
powers that first signed the remarkable
agreement. Other countries joined,
and finally also Great Britain and
France; but neither treaties, nor signa-
tures were powerful enough to preserve
the peace. Gen. Booth asks whether it
would be hard for two great nations
to be so generous as to say, in case of
a dispute, "Let them have it, we can
do without it if they want it." Instead
of saying, "No, rather than surrender
one square yard of territory, we'll fight,
we'll shed blood, we'll make widows
and orphans?" He adds:

"If two nations would resolve to act
as civilized beings should act they
would treat each other in the way of
Christ, and in this respect the Salva-
tion Army, I believe, is doing its work.
It is a great combining force. It is
reaching out into all the world and
teaching a lesson of sacrifice and love."

That is precisely the principle that
was embodied in that "Holy Alliance,"
which was signed by Franz, Frederick
Wilhelm and Alexander, in September,
1815. The history of Europe since then
furnishes the answer to Mr. Booth's
question.

ZIONIST ENTHUSIASM.

The sentiments and hopes that inspire
the Zionists may be judged of to some
extent by the following, which is part
of an address delivered by Israel Zang-
will in London:

"Never since the days of Bar-Cochba,
never since eighteen hundred years, has
Palestine stood so near our hopes as it
stands today. . . . Whether we es-
tablish a colony in British East Africa
or not is a small issue compared with
the unquestionable fact that ours is
now a serious political movement, offi-
cially recognized by two of the greatest
powers of the world, England and Rus-
sia, that we have lifted the status of
the Jewish people to a height from
which it must never go back."

The leaders of this movement are
very much in the position of Moses and
Joshua, anciently. They see before
them, clearly, a goal, and they know
that the promise is given that it shall
be reached. But between them and the
goal is a desert, full of difficulties,
enemies, and but poorly provided with
facilities for subsistence. They have
to overcome indifference, disbelief,
scorn, and opposition. What they need,
in order to reach the promised land is
the Divine presence in the fiery cloud,
that can guide them by day and by
night, and prepare the way as they ad-
vance.

The leaders of that great movement
are capable of creating enthusiasm
among their hearers, perhaps not equal,
since the days of Demosthenes.
When they speak, shouts and cheers
greet them, and their ideas take form.
But success will never be achieved
without such aid as was given the peo-
ple of Israel at the time of the exodus
from Egypt. The problems before the
Zionists are too tremendous for mere
human wisdom and power.

Daniel Frohman has just been mar-
ried. A Daniel come do judgment.

Shooting Moros doesn't make the sol-
diers morose as might be expected.

General Reyes' offer of the Panama
canal route for nothing, looks like dying
in the last ditch.

Mr. Bryan is going to visit Ireland.
Surely, he had no need to go anywhere
and kiss the Blarney stone.

Yale cleared over fifty thousand dol-
lars on the football season. That's
what scientific development of the feet
does.

Mr. Bristow's report on the postoffice
frauds is so long that few if any will
ever read it. Take our word for it (we
have read every line) it is quite inter-
esting.

Princess Alice of Schoenberg-Walden-
burg denies that she eloped with her
coachman. Of course not. If she eloped
at all it was doubtless with her chauff-
eur.

Last week's marriage licenses showed
the oldest groom to be aged seventy-
two and the youngest twenty. Cupid
makes no distinction, throwing his
darts alike into old and young.

Is the battle of Cowpens to be re-
peated? It looks like it when a mil-
itary sentry fires upon a cow because
it did not obey the command to "halt,"
and the guard is called out and cap-
tures it.

If our Ogden contemporaries would
send exchange copies for the Deseret
News on the evening of publication, we
might have the benefit of any news or
views of interest to us in time for use.
Friday's issue comes to us on Monday
morning, a little too late for a live
public journal. "A hint to the wise,"
etc.

"Girls with dainty feet. Salt Lake,
by actual measurement, surpasses Chi-
cago, Boston, New York, Philadelphia,

"Prisco," says a contemporary. The
girls of Salt Lake haven't bigger feet
than those of Chicago, New York, or
any other place by actual measurement,
or otherwise. In the name of the girls
of Salt Lake we repudiate the vile
slander put upon them by our contem-
porary.

AS SEEN IN MEXICO.

The Mexican Herald.

Somebody will dig a ship canal across
the lower part of Central America
either by the malaria-and-mosquito
route of Nicaragua or by way of the
Changres-fever route at Panama. The
world's commerce, high political de-
signs, the potent spirit of adventure,
and all that, demands a canal. Colum-
bia cannot make the canal; France has
had all the "Panama" she wants for
1,000 years. Uncle Sam would not look
kindly on the undertaking of the work
by either the British or the Germans,
and it looks as if he would have to do
it himself. He has been temporarily,
but not very successfully, treated to a
Bogota bluff; it has made him very
wary. Hence we agree with the Ti-
empo that our uncle may have been up
to a little game of devilish diplomacy
with the party of the other party, a re-
volutionary group in Panama.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Everybody's Magazine for December
is full of good stories, excellent pic-
tures, and articles of interest. Among
the conspicuous features are: Booth
Tarkington's "Boss Gorgett," the first
piece of short fiction by the author of
"Monsieur Beaucaire" has written by
the last three years. It is a political
story, giving the young champion of
reform from the standpoint of the
boss; also Eugene Burnand's picture
of Bible scenes, reproduced for the first
time in America. Burnand is the great-
est painter of sacred subjects since the
old masters, and his studies of the Sav-
ior and the Last Supper are of extra-
ordinary interest. In this number a
new department, "The Players," a
gossipy resume of theatrical doings by
Hartley Davis, set off with superb pic-
tures, is inaugurated.—\$3 East, Ninth
St., New York.

In the December number of Pearson's
the opening article is one on the "So-
cial Duties of Mrs. Roosevelt," by Mrs.
Abby G. Baker, and others of interest
are: "Modern Methods of Finance,"
"Example 1—Copper, Part 1: The Blind
Pool," written by Henry George, Jr.;
"Young Men in Congress—Brief Pen
Sketches of the Younger Generation of
Statesmen now in the Eye of the Pub-
lic," contributed by Mr. North Overton
Messenger; "The Automobile; Its Pow-
ers and Possibilities," by Mr. C. J. L.
Clarke; "The Alaska Boundary Ques-
tion—The Ground for the Dispute Be-
tween the United States and Canada,
and its Final Settlement," by Richard
V. Oulahan; "The Autobiography of an
Australian Kangaroo," by Mr. A. J.
Dawson; and "Modern Comedy and An-
cient Atmosphere—some Aspects of the
Present Dramatic Season." There are
clear short stories, poems, etc. The il-
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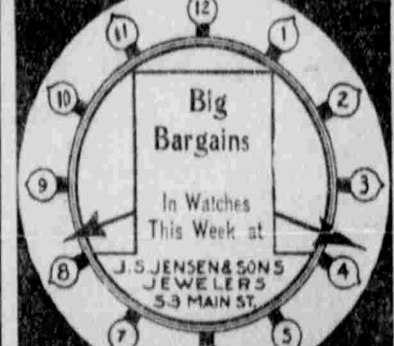
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