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LIBELOUS PRESS REPORT.

On Sunday and Monday last, Elders
Rudger Clawson and Jonathan G. Kimball
attended the conference of the
Cache Stake, held at Logan, and each
of them addressed the congregation
thereat assembled. The subject of Elder
Clawson's discourse was revelation,
more particularly in regard to the es-
tablishment of the Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter-day Saints through the
Prophet Joseph Smith. He referred to
revelations that had been fulfilled, and
showed that the prophecies of old and of
later times were the friends of the hu-
man family and also of the Lord. He
spoke of Abraham particularly as "the
father of the faithful and the friend
of God," as he is recognized by the
Christian world.

Elder Kimball followed with remarks
also upon the subject of revelation, il-
lustrating them with instances in which
prophecies uttered in modern times had
been fulfilled and others that would
surely come to pass. A synopsis of these
remarks will be found in the report of the
conference in another part of this paper.

The Salt Lake Tribune on Monday
published on its first page a pretended
report of the remarks of those Elders,
which, as is common in its accounts of the
sayings and doing of prominent
Latter-day Saints, was misleading, gar-
bled and in many respects positively
false. This communication was headed
in big, bold type, as follows: "Poly-
gamy is in our bones! Declared Sec-
retary Kimball. Said he would like to
see Congress try to stop it. Treason-
able utterances stirred audience to
high fever at Cache Stake Conference."

A column or more of manufactured
sentences were placed in the mouths of
the speakers, conveying ideas they did
not entertain and words they did not
utter. The following was placed in
large type and attributed to Elder
Kimball:

"Polygamy then coming into the cur-
rent of his thought, he strongly defend-
ed it, saying some women in the East
wanted Congress and the Legislature to
wipe it out, stop it, and introduce in its
stead race suicide. He said: 'If Mor-
monism cannot stand the light of the
fuss there is something wrong. These
good women in the East want Congress
to stop this thing, polygamy. I would
like to see Congress try it. They will
have something on their hands if they
do. They want to put this thing down
and legalize race suicide. They can't
do it. In the name of Israel's God you
have got to see this through. The more
they try it, the more it will grow. We
do not believe in race suicide.'

"When I go into the country I see
the facts. I have the demonstration.
The woods are full of evidence. There
is a child looking out from behind each
tree and each rock. Think of the chil-
dren! Why, it is in our blood, in our
bones! When we are persecuted we
will live it the more. It is in my blood
and bone, I believe in it and will live it."
"The Congress and country know all
we have done and can't do any more.
It is in that book of seven
hundred pages. If you have done any-
thing you are ashamed of, hide. I am
not ashamed."

The foregoing furnishes a sample of
the tirade alleged to be a report of the
remarks made by Elders Clawson and
Kimball. Neither of them touched on
the subject of polygamy. "We are
assured by persons present at the con-
ference that no such words were spoken
as many of those attributed to the
brothers, and that bits of sentences
uttered by them have been detached,
and joined together to suit the purpose
of the paper that published them. Among
others who protest against the false
report are the gentlemen who signed the
card that appeared in the "News" on
Tuesday evening as follows:

To the Public:

The undersigned were seated within
14 feet of Elder J. Golden Kimball when
he was speaking from the stand at the
Stake conference at Logan last Sunday.
We heard every word clearly that was
uttered, and we denounce as unquali-
fiedly and maliciously false the report
of his remarks as published in the Salt
Lake Tribune. Elder Kimball never
once referred to polygamy or polyga-
mous practices, either by remarks, in-
ference or otherwise.
RUDGER CLAWSON,
J. W. NIBLEY.

the Associated Press and sent out to
the country at large, it is time to call
public attention to its villainy.

That is why we take up the matter
in these columns. The Associated Press
is a respectable and usually reliable
disseminator of current news. Its
agent has been led astray by the pub-
lication we have here referred to. He
has promised to send out a retraction
of the libel. That is all he can do,
perhaps, under the circumstances. But
agents of that institution ought not to
be too ready to copy libelous matter
from notoriously untruthful journals,
engaged in a special warfare, whether
in religion or in politics. The Asso-
ciated Press is a responsible organiza-
tion and liable to persons or societies
who may be damaged by libels which it
disseminates. It is no condescension to
notice it as it is to stop to touch the
plans on which the author of the pre-
sented defamation reveals in congenial
style.

We shall look for as full a statement
in contradiction of the errors sent over,
the wires on this matter, as the report
which constitutes the libel that is com-
plained of. As for the source of the
misinformation, it is perfectly useless
to expect anything that is fair, or hon-
orable, or truthful in its course or in its
columns. Those who love the kind of
matter in which it deals may find in
it daily delight, but decent people are
beginning to shun it as they would
anything that is malodorous and health-
some.

RUSSIAN AGGRESSION.

Kuropatkin, we presume, has received
orders from St. Petersburg to strike
a decisive blow, in the hope that a vic-
tory over the Japanese would inspire
the Russians at home with patriotism,
and make them more loyal to the gov-
ernment. The people generally have
lost faith in the official classes and the
military leaders. But success in Man-
churia, properly exploited, might stimu-
late national pride. It is difficult to
account for the Russian military activ-
ity at this time on any other suppo-
sition.

But this plan will not succeed. Kuropatkin
is placed at a disadvantage in every
respect. The re-inforcement he has
received lately consists mostly of
men driven to the front at the point
of the bayonet, under the impression
that, to go to Manchuria is to go to
the scaffold. Such troops are not good
fighters, though they may prove use-
ful as targets for the guns of the
enemy. Then, the ground being frozen,
the attacking party cannot without the
greatest difficulty entrench themselves.
A Russian attack at this time must
prove futile.

George Meredith, the novelist who,
some time ago, attracted attention by
his proposition that marriages be con-
tracted on the installment plan as it
were, has given a forecast as to the
probable course of events in Russia.
He says the strike will stop prepara-
tions for carrying on the war, and the
necessity of dragging the people into
submission will prevent reinforcing the
army in Manchuria; Kuropatkin, with
reinforcements and supplies cut off,
will have no choice but to attempt a
stroke, which will fail; the failure will
send a wave back upon St. Petersburg
which will overwhelm the Emperor and
the Grand Dukes.

That sounds plausible. Russia is al-
ready beaten in the Orient, unless she
can establish peace and loyalty at
home. She cannot at the same time
successfully cope with foreign enemies
and internal disorders.

SANTO DOMINGO REVOLUTION.

According to a report to the New
Orleans Picayune, an insurrection of
considerable proportions has broken
out in Santo Domingo. It was thought
that the acceptance by the United
States of the receivership of the island
republic would prevent serious dis-
turbances; but it now seems that the
people there, though bankrupt, object
to assistance. The report has it that
fighting is going on in the streets all
over the city of Santo Domingo and
that it may be some time before the
insurrection can be quelled.

It is further stated that the naval
officers of Colon have received dispatches,
ordering that 500 marines be placed
on board the Dixie at the earliest pos-
sible moment, and the captain of the
Dixie, which has been cruising in
southern waters for several months
past, was ordered to proceed to Santo
Domingo as soon as possible, and to
place the forces on his ship at the dis-
posal of the officer in the command of
the forces which are already on the
island. This order has been obeyed,
and the force is now, no doubt, at the
point of destination, ready for any
emergency. We hope, however, that a
clash may be avoided and that peace
may be established without bloodshed.
Undoubtedly order must be maintained
at any cost, for revolution means an-
archy, and the vast foreign interests
in the debt-burdened republic cannot be
left at the mercy and discretion of
revolutionists.

The further development of events
in Santo Domingo is well worth watch-
ing. The situation is one of intense
interest. If the fact is once established
that this country can furnish financial
advisers to one country in straitened
circumstances, why not to all others, in
this hemisphere? But that would be
impracticable. We hope the Santo
Domingo situation will not be permitted
to develop into an embarrassing pre-
cedent.

SIGNS OF REVIVALS.

Some time ago we mentioned the re-
ligious movement in Wales, which,
according to reports, has assumed all the
features and proportions of an "old-
fashioned" revival. The results, it is
said, are most gratifying. Crime, we
are told, has greatly diminished, drink-
ing has almost stopped in some vil-
lages and football matches, the national
game, are ceasing to draw their former
huge crowds, because the revivalists de-
nounce the game, owing to its associa-
tion with drinking and gambling.

On the other hand, it is also said that
iniquity has developed in some cases.
At Denbigh one week's ministrations of
the mission were followed by the ad-

mission of ten acute cases to the local
lunatic asylum, says the London Letter.
Efforts are now being made to excite
a revival in the fashionable circles of
London. Seventeen titled women have
formed a committee to carry out a per-
sonal house-to-house canvass within a
three-mile radius of Albert hall. A cru-
sade is to be commenced specially
against card playing, the theater, and
dancing. Lord Kinnaird, Lord Win-
borne, the Earl of Portsmouth, the
Marquis of Northampton and the Chap-
lain-General of the army are said to be
among the revivalists' active helpers.

In this country, too, reports come
from various places that seem to indi-
cate religious revivals, such as marked
the opening of the last century in many
places. One of the latest reports of this
kind is from Kansas City. It says that
the spectacle of saloons closing on ac-
count of a prayer meeting was wit-
nessed in Independence the other day.
Of the nine saloons, all but two agreed
they would close from 12 until 1 o'clock
to give proprietors, employees and oth-
ers a chance to attend the meeting at
the courthouse conducted by a certain
evangelist.

That would indicate a widespread in-
terest in the meetings, such as is only
experienced at times of a great shaking
up among the dead bones.

We refer to these reports because the
readers of the "News" are deeply in-
terested in the religious events of the
world. "Revivals" may not be lasting,
but they are often preliminary to some
great work of the Almighty, just as
John the Baptist, with his remarkable
revival meetings, preceded the appear-
ance of the Son of Man.

Charity covers a multitude of sins.
So does cash.

Even in Russia reforms come from
without and not from within.

The present greatest need of the
Monroe doctrine is codification.

Popular revolutions, like truth, though
crushed to earth, will rise again.

It's a wise father that, in these days,
knows as much as his ten-year-old son.

General Negi has "dropped into
poetry." This is the first sign that his
mind is affected.

A delegation of St. Petersburg work-
ingmen having seen the Czar, now will
the workingmen be good?

When released, if released he is,
Maxim Gorky will do well to emulate
Cervantes and write exemplary novels.

Since Uncle Sam proposed to take
hold European creditors are singing,
"The dearest spot on earth is San Do-
mingo."

Having received a delegation of Rus-
sian workmen for the first time in his
life the Czar realizes that they have
neither horns nor hoofs.

A statement has been issued in St.
Petersburg saying that reforms will
be carried out. If carried out at all it
will most likely be on a shutter.

The Administration says that the
Beef trust must heed the injunction.
But still the question arises: Will the
Beef trust heed the injunction?

If Utah pays bounties on the skins
of wild animals killed in Nevada, those
who receive the bounties may think it
right because Nevada was once part
of Utah.

"Good-day, my children," said the
Czar to the delegation of workmen that
he received. And then like a good and
reasonable father he explained why it
had been necessary to spank them.

Those bombs that were found in
Paris and created so much consterna-
tion, and the finding of which resulted
in eighteen arrests, turn out to have
been perfectly harmless, being filled
with nothing but charcoal. But they
filled many with terror.

An appropriation for the display of
Utah products and resources at the
Lewis and Clark exposition is emi-
nently proper, but when made it should
be so hedged about with iron-clad
clauses that the amount of the appro-
priation has not been exceeded when
expended and no deficit credited. This
deficit creating business is running
wild.

In its report to the lower House of
Congress, asking favorable considera-
tion of the bill imposing a penalty of a
\$2,000 fine and two years' imprisonment
against officers of the executive depart-
ments of the government who expend
sums in excess of appropriations or
make the government liable for such
sums through contracts, the Judiciary
committee says: "The penal clause is
rendered imperatively necessary by
reason of the fact that a vicious and
unlawful practice of extending appro-
priations by various departments is
growing rapidly, which the present law,
without penalties for violation, does not
seem to have succeeded in preventing."
A very good recommendation that, one
that might be adopted with profit by
our own Legislature. It is high time
that the various State boards were
deprived of their carte blanche, given
themselves by themselves.

RETURN TO WATER POWER.

Baltimore American.
When the nineteenth century began,
running water was the agency chiefly
relied upon for the turning of the
wheels of industry. Now at the begin-
ning of the twentieth century there are
strong indications that before the cen-
tury closes power from running water
will again supersede the power from
steam as the prevailing motive force
in mechanics. But the water power
that will turn the industrial wheels of
the present century is to be a trans-
muted force and not a directly applied
force.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST DIAMOND.

New York World.
The largest diamond ever discovered,
weighing 3,032 carats and valued at
from \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000, has just
been found near Pretoria. Before this
discovery a stone weighing 971 carats,

or nearly half a pound, sent to London
from the Jagersfontein mines in South
Africa in 1893, was regarded as the
largest. This stone is still in process
of being cut in Amsterdam. The total
value of all the diamonds in the world
has been estimated by George F. Kunz,
the foremost expert in America, at \$1-
000,000,000. As the United States gov-
ernment since 1867 has exacted duty on
diamonds and precious stones valued
at \$240,000,000, Mr. Kunz believes that
not less than \$200,000,000 worth of dia-
monds is owned in this country. Cred-
ulous persons might think the value of
those lost by actresses was even greater
than this sum.

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

Springfield Republican.
It is not likely that Mr. Hays sugges-
tion that the question of China's al-
leged violations of neutrality be re-
ferred to a conference of the powers
will be accepted by the Russian govern-
ment. The trap is too obvious. But
the cleverness of Mr. Hays suggestion
will appeal to every one. At last, Rus-
sia has made her complaint. China
has made answer, and there the matter
rests. If Russia proposes to base any
action upon China's alleged failure to
keep her neutral obligations, the lines
of her course do not yet appear.

THE OLD WORLD PLEASED.

New York Evening Post.
Though the American Senate has evi-
dently many doubts and fears about
President Roosevelt's undertaking the
role of Bismarck's "honest broker" in
Venezuela and the Dominican republic,
Europe is enthusiastic, even triumph-
ant. It sees its old contention at last
admitted—that the United States must
collect European debts in this hemi-
sphere, if it will not allow the creditors
themselves to collect them. The Wash-
ington government has at last come
over, says the Frankfurter Zeitung, to
the true interpretation of the Monroe
doctrine. "Our interests are in good
hands." And the Paris Temps is no
less exultant. It points out that the
action has been taken at the express
demand of European governments, and
adds, "The Americans are rendering
the very greatest service, and one that
was least expected in Europe." Nor
can any prudent citizen of this country
fail to agree with the conclusion of the
Temps. "It is a weighty precedent,
which will often be appealed to in the
future."

THE REVIVAL IN DENVER.

Indianapolis Sentinel.
Denver, which has had some rather
diverging political experiences recently,
has turned its attention to religion
with even greater earnestness. Great
revival meetings have been in progress
for some time and last week there was
a day of prayer. Services were held
in 60 churches, all public offices, schools,
and 500 business houses were closed.
In all 35,000 persons took advantage of
this day to secure spiritual refreshment.
They were all stations in life. Mil-
lionsaires and women in silks were el-
bow to elbow with workmen and
with women in shawls. At an immense
mass-meeting in an other house Gov.
Adams was on one side of the house
and former Gov. Peabody on the other,
while the mayor and other city officials
swelled the throng. The legislature
adjourned and attended the services.
Denver is shaken as never before—and
it won't hurt Denver a little bit, either.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The February number of Madame, a
magazine for women, "I think," has
an attractive table of contents. The
music supplement which proved so
popular in January is continued, and
Lon Dinmore's original composition
entitled "The Song of the Birds" is
given complete. The second of the
series of articles by celebrated artists
is printed, in which Mme. Gabrielle Re-
jane gives a sketch of her career. The
story is one of great interest. This
article is illustrated with photographs
of Mme. Rejane as "Zaza" and "Syl-
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