

When these two men were alone, secure from any possible eavesdropping, this visitor said to Mr. Adams:

"I have just learned of the demand made upon you for \$5,000,000 in gold as a guarantee to the British Government to protect them in case they prevent the sailing of these cruisers. I know that you cannot command any such sum of money as that until you hear from Washington."

"I believe that this has been done to enable the vessels to sail away. Therefore I have come to offer you, Mr. Adams, that \$5,000,000 in gold, and I have only one condition to impose, and that is that my name be never known in this transaction."

Mr. Adams was amazed. It seemed to him as though this was a direct interposition of Providence. After thanking most earnestly his benefactor, Mr. Adams said to him:

"I have no security to offer to you except my pledge that I will send to Washington immediately and ask that the Government forward to you its bonds as security for this loan, but for three weeks at least you will be without other security than my promise."

With this agreement the benefactor departed, and before nightfall Mr. Adams had deposited the \$5,000,000 in gold, to the intense surprise of the British officials.

They were obliged to keep their word, and the cruisers were restrained, and thus this great peril was removed.

As soon as it was possible to hear from Washington Mr. Adams received some \$10,000,000 in Government bonds, which were turned over to the benefactor as security. Of course he received his gold back afterward and the bonds were returned.

Only one living man knows who this benefactor was. President Lincoln knew. Secretary Chase and Mr. Adams also, and they died without revealing the secret.

Mr. Chittenden, who was Register of the Treasury, and who took the bonds to England, now knows, and he has enclosed the name in an envelope, deposited it with the Secretary of the Treasury, and after his death it may be given to the world.

Yet financiers are satisfied that this benefactor of the United States who risked \$5,000,000 to save it from peril was either George Peabody, the banker and philanthropist, who had long lived in London, or else one of the Baring Brothers.

These were the only men capable of commanding on the instant so great an amount of money as that in gold, who were also so friendly to the United States as to induce them to make this amazing offer.

Mr. Adams used to say, had it not been for this timely aid, perhaps the history of the Civil War would have been differently written.

In view of the fact that diphtheria exists in several places in the county, that people are continually coming from the infected districts into Richfield to conference and for other purposes, Mayor Seegmiller was last week seriously considering issuing a proclamation pointing out the dangers and the necessary precautions to be taken against the dread disease.

NOTES.

The wife of Major Lauritz Larsen, of Spring City, died a few days ago.

Pat Mulvahill, Morris Mulvahill and Fred Rhodes, boys between 10 and 14 years old, have been held in \$200 each by Justice Le Bert at Denver on the charge of robbing freight cars.

The Pocatello (Idaho) water company has over seven miles of mains and twenty-six fire hydrants attached ready for use. E. J. Adams, secretary of the company, states the system has been in operation over six weeks and so far they have not had a break.

Havel, the daughter of George A. Mintz, proprietor of the Phoenix, (Arizona), *Evening Herald*, overturned a lamp in the parlor, spilling the oil on her dress. It at once took fire and she was burned so badly that she died in an hour.

War is on in Chinatown, San Francisco. Two Mongolians have been murdered within two days, and the police are living in anticipation of still more sanguinary encounters between the hatchet men of rival highbinder societies.

Mr. T. E. Bassett and a number of others have bought a half interest in the Muir MoMina coal mine and have sent out a number of men to run the mine night and day. This is good news to our citizens who desire coal for fuel.—*Reverb (Idaho) Press*.

It is cheaper in Sevier county to raise one pound of pork than three pounds of grain, says the *Richfield Advocate*. The one pound of pork is worth seven cents delivered in Salt Lake City, and the three pounds of grain is worth three cents.

The other night, while the police were searching the warring residents of Chinatown for arms, Officer Freeland found ten five-act tins of unstamped opium secreted under the blouse of No Jung. The Chinese and the contraband drug have been turned over to the United States authorities.

Sheriff Kennedy has closed Carbonate hall, Leadville, Col., under an attachment for \$10,000 in favor of the Chaffee County Loan and Investment company. Other attachments, it is said, will follow. For many years past the leading prize fights fought in the city took place at this hall, which was conducted by Matt McManon.

Pueblo, Colo., Nov. 22.—A sad and fatal accident occurred yesterday at the home of Henry Wood, an employe of the smelters. Shortly after Mr. Woods had left for the works his wife went out, leaving a little son and daughter, who were playing about the stove. The boy drew out some live coals, which fell upon his sister's clothes and, lighting, enveloped the girl in flames, which caused her death.

Salmon City (Idaho) *Miner*: The Comet mine is showing still better than last reported. Arrangements are about completed for the erection of a large power plant on the Salmon river. A Crawford mill will be erected on the property, and probably three more mills will be placed in position, one the Bird, one on the Red Bird, and

the third on what is known as the Cummings group, now under bond to Messrs. Macnab and Long. This industry will give employment to at least 200 men.

Joe Hill, a farmer living near Coifax, Colorado, has met with a peculiar accident. He was sitting in his sulky in front of Wonderland, waiting for a friend, and fell asleep. His head unconsciously got between the spokes. While reclining in this peculiar position a runaway horse came dashing down Curtis street and ran into the sulky wheel through which Hill's head protruded. The wheel whirled around half a dozen times, and Hill went with it. He escaped seriously injured.

Last Tuesday while plowing down the bank in the western part of town opposite his dwelling George Storrs exhumed the skeleton of an Indian. From appearances the bones had been underground for half a century. The lower jaw was intact with most of the teeth remaining. Experts say the remains are those of a male, which covered with flesh and tendons fifty years ago stalked through the beautiful valley after the deer or bison which pastured on the rich grasses at that period. *Springfield Independent*.

DEATHS.

ARTHUR.—November 23rd, at 12:30 p. m., at his residence, 627 S. West Temple Street, of neuralgia of the heart, Joshua A. Arthur, aged 37 years.

RAYBOULD.—At her residence, West Temple street, Salt Lake City, November 21st, 1892, Caroline Raybould; aged 80 years and 8 months.

STODDARD.—On the 9th inst., at West Porter, Morgan County, Utah, Mabel M., daughter of Oscar O. and Elizabeth Taylor Stoddard; aged thirteen years, eleven months and seven days.

PICKERING.—Of general debility, the wife of Simon Pickering. She was born August 6th, 1817 at Burlington Quay, Yorkshire, England.

Deceased embraced the Gospel in 1851, and emigrated to Salt Lake in 1890, with her husband and family. She was a good and noble woman and a faithful loving wife and mother, and died a true Latter-day Saint. *Millennial Star*, please copy.

TAYLOR.—At Willard, Box Elder County, Utah, October 10th, of kidney trouble, Mary A., wife of Benjamin Taylor; aged 74 years, 7 months and 26 days. Deceased was born at Much Martel, Herefordshire, England, February 14th, 1818; embraced the Gospel at Kroom's Hill in the same county, in 1840; emigrated to Nauvoo in 1840, sharing in the troubles and exodus from the latter place, settling at Council Bluffs till the year 1859, when she crossed the plains in Captain Edward Stevenson's company, and settled at Willard. She was a devoted Latter-day Saint. She leaves a husband, five children, forty-seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren to mourn their loss.—[COM.]

LARSEN.—In Spring City, Sanpete county, Utah, October 28th, 1892, Louisa Rasmussen Jensen, wife of Lauritz Larsen, of bilious fever, after an illness of three weeks and two days. The deceased was born the 21st of September, 1838, in the city of Nyborg, on the island of Fyen, Denmark. Her parents both died while she was quite young. She then removed to Aarhus, Jutland, Denmark, where there was a large branch of the Church, and there she became acquainted with the Latter-day Saints and was baptized into the Church in 1860. The following spring she emigrated to Utah. She was married to Lauritz Larsen June 15th, 1864. She died as she lived, a firm believer in the Gospel. A husband and four children mourn her death.

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