DESERET EVENING NEWS.

Thursday, - - December 16, 1897

In the European Mission.

[Millennial Star, Dec. 2, 1897.]

Arrivals—The following named Elders from Zion arrived in Liverpool per American Line steamer Belgenland, on December 1, 1897: For the British Mission—J. C. McFarlane, Ogden; C. E. Rose, Soda Springs; James E. W. Frame, Taylorsville; Oscar Raymond Knight, Payson; Ernest F. Horsley and Abraham Evans, Brigham City; Thomas West, Mount Pleasant. For the Scandinavian Mission—James Jensen Jr., Geneva, Wyoming; Nephi Williamson, St. Charles, Idaho; Axel L. Rolmgren, Ogden.

Releases and Appointments—George H. Robinson, president of the Leeds conference, has been honorably released to return home Dec. 15, 1897.

Hiram L. Smith, traveling Elder in the Leeds conference, has been honorably released to return home Dec. 2, 1897.

Samuel Bell has been honorably released from laboring as a traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference to return home Dec. 15, 1897.

Hide Hoff came especially to get genealogical information and to do missionary work among his relatives and friends, and has spent a little over three months here.

John M. Musser Jr. has been appointed to preside over the Leeds conference.

James W. S. Frame has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Scottish conference.

C. E. Rose and Oscar Raymond Knight has been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Leeds conference.

Ernest F. Horsley and Abraham Evans have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Sheffield conference.

J. C. McFarlane and Thomas West have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Norwich conference.

Open Saturday nights for deposits. The Utah Title Insur ance and Trust company.

I am closing out some wooden toys at the Hall of Relics, at a sacrifice. It will pay you to look them over.

C. R. SAVAGE.

Memorial Services

Will be held in the Sixteenth ward meeting house on Thursday evening, December 23rd, 1897, to commemorate the ninety-second birthday anniversary of the Prophet Joseph Smith, who, together with his brother Hyrum, were martyred in Carthage, Illinois, on the 27th day of June, 1844.

The relatives and friends of our beloved Prophet and Seer are cordially invited to be present, and will be made most welcome.

Services commence at 6:30 p.m.

F. KESLER,
Bishop of Sixteenth Ward.
WILLIAM LANGTON,
GEORGE R. HILBERT,
Counselors.

Dr. A. B. Fisk, Dentist, has moved his office to the Commercial Block, corner of Commercial and Second South, room 76 and 78.

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RUSSIA AND THE RUSSIANS.

Interesting and Instructive Lecture by Dr. Talmage on a Great Nation.

Magnificent Stereopticon Views Illustrative of Sights and Scenes in the Land of the Big Bear.

An appreciative audience of very good proportions assembled in the Salt Lake Theater last evening to hear Dr. James E. Talmage's lecture on Russia and the Russians. The subject was most clearly and interestingly treated and illustrated by many magnificent stereopticon views of sights and scenes in the land of the great bear.

The occasion of Dr. Talmage's visit to Russia last summer was the meeting of the International Congress of Geologists in that country. To this congress the doctor went as the official delegate of the Royal Society of Edinburgh; and being there as a guest of the nation he enjoyed opportunity not within the reach of the ordinary traveler in observing the people and the country.

The lecture consisted of an interesting description of sights and scenes in Russia as viewed by a careful and competent observer. There was just enough statistics and other detailed information to support the propositions advanced, without becoming tedious or burdensome. The speaker showed the Russian people to be a greatly misrepresented nation, and one whose power and prestige are continuously increasing.

In extent Russia is the largest continuous body of land under the control of any nation. The country comprises one half of Europe and a third of Asia, the equivalent of two Europes or of the whole of North America. Russia comprises one sixth of the land area of the globe. The hemisphere of the moon turned towards us when at its full is smaller than Russia. All the physical features of the country are cast on a colossal plan; plains, forests, rivers, mountains, etc. But there are few indentations of the sea; and such as do exist occur in the inhospitable north. The country is sparsely settled; in some districts only one inhabitant per square mile. Early marriages are encouraged, the men usually marrying at 18, and the girls at 18. The birth rate is high, more than sufficient to counteract the excessively high mortality. Less than half of the children born live to celebrate their seventh year; of the make but a small proportion reach the age of 21 and a still smaller proportion are able bodied.

The Russian people have long occupied the present central region of their country. In the ninth century the Scandinavian chieftain, Rurik, was made king. The nation today is composite, comprising beside the dominant race, Lithuanians and Poles, Finns, Lapps, Tartars, etc.

The government is an absolute monarchy; the will of the czar is the supreme law. There is a condition of despotism on the part of every officer. An unbridled power of the sort may be kept under control, or, as in the case of Tsar I and Ivan the Terrible, may result in boundless cruelties and atrocities beyond description.

There is no general popular education in Russia; though many of the institutions of learning are deservedly famous. Freedom of press and speech is suppressed by the official censor, who has power of control in all publication and public utterance.

The passport regulations were deserted and the difficulty of traveling without proper papers of identification was amusingly portrayed. The peculiarities of calling received attention. Particularly interesting was the description of the samovar or breakfast meal, intended to whet the appetite for the chief meal. Some of the dishes peculiar to the people—tea, soup, fish soup, etc., were discussed. In their amusements and as shown in their folklore the Russians are immature; it is, however, a gross mistake to call them unintelligent and stupid. They have many admirable traits, and when they have learned to value individual liberty they will become powerful. At the present time Russia is pushing her railway through Siberia to the Pacific; the country is on friendly terms with her Mongolian neighbors. Russia is jealous of German interference and growth; she is in alliance with France. The very best of feelings are professed toward Americans.

In further illustration of the topic, between fifty and sixty excellent photographs were projected on the screen. Among these were views showing the methods of travel in Russia, Moscow from a distance, and street views, the Kremlin with its towers, palaces, museums, houses, towers, huge bells and immense cannon, the cathedrals of Moscow, the Greek church and clergy. This followed by area and scenes in and about St. Petersburg, accompanied with an interesting description of the building of the city in the midst of morass. The Neva river with its quays and bridges, the River barges, Russian boats, with their freight of firewood from the forests of the interior, the cathedrals of St. Isaac and Kazan, the monuments to the glory of deserted czars, the palace of the revolution, the Marble palace, Michael's palace and the Winter palace, the Hermitage with its magnificent decorations and treasures of art, and street scenes were shown, with startling effect. Excellent views of Cronstadt, a suburb of Moscow, showing monuments to the memory of Kosinski and Minin and Pozharski. The last named is the present, including apartments in the palace and some beautiful and curious displays of Kremlin treasures and jewelry