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A COMPLETE CONCORDANCE.

A most important and comprehensive work has just been issued from the press and is now ready for the public. It is a complete and accurate Concordance of the Book of Mormon. When we say it was compiled by Elder George Reynolds, that patient and able student of the Book, who has exercised his well-known care and talent to the full extent in its production, a sufficient recommendation is given.

Every important sentence in that sacred record is included in the concordance, the chief words in them being arranged in alphabetical order as subjects with reference to the book, chapter and verse in which it appears. For instance, the first heading in the concordance is "Aaron." It is briefly explained who and what he was, then a line of each sentence in which the name appears is given, with book, chapter and verse; 1. e.: "The sons of Mosiah were Ammon and Aaron. Mos. 27, 34." Then follow all the lines and references in which the name is used. The last title is "Zoramites," "Descendants of Zoram, the servant of Laban." "Among them were those who were called Zoramites. 4 Nep. 1, 36."

This will give some idea of the plan of the work but not of the immense labor expended in its production. It makes a quarto volume of 851 pages in small type, and it is a matter of astonishment how any one man however painstaking and diligent, could complete such a work in a lifetime, when the various duties performed by its author are taken into account. Every Latter-day Saints' library should be equipped with this volume. It will prove a valuable aid to every student in our Church schools and to all who desire an analytical investigation of the Book of Mormon with ready reference to its contents.

We congratulate Elder Reynolds on the completion of his great undertaking, but fear he will never receive that pecuniary compensation that ought to follow his extended labors upon it. We commend it to our friends and hope that subsequent events will prove that our doubt was in vain. Everybody and every institution that can purchase a copy of this book should be reimbursed for his arduous labor of love. It can be had at the Deseret News book store.

AWAY WITH THE NUISANCE.

The people of Salt Lake City are waking up to the realization of the trouble of which our country is the center of complaint. The sulphurous fumes which have been tasted by many folks here, particularly late at night, are not only those of a partisan nature, emanating from the smokestacks of the smelters and maligners, but are treated bestowed upon our citizens by the smelters, and are samples of the goods, or rather evils, which farmers and horticulturists have been burdened with so long. Complaints have come to us from some of the best people of the city, of different faiths and parties, that the air has been laden with sulphurous fumes that can not only be felt in the throat, but tasted in the mouth, and they rest upon the city at night, appearing like a thin fog.

The fact is, this smelter smoke will have to go; there is no mistake about that. If the smelters cannot consume it they will have to close up. This fair county must not be devastated, and this city must not be rendered unhealthy, by any such nuisance as that which has been borne with now for a long time. The evasive policy that has been pursued, the tantalizing treatment towards the farmers who have vainly sought for redress, the destruction that has come upon vegetation and upon livestock, and now the choking fumes that reach this city all demand some practical remedy in place of the shilly-shally of the past.

The Deseret News has counseled peace, consideration for the smelter people in the difficulties that they have to meet, favor towards a valuable industry that should be encouraged on proper lines, and arbitration instead of litigation. But it really seems now as though an aggressive policy will have to be pursued, or ruin will come to the agricultural pursuits of Salt Lake county, while the city will not escape from the ravages of the smelter fumes. If the companies that control these works will not or cannot dispose of the poi-

sonous metallic fumes that pour out of their smokestacks, the fires will have to be banked and the nuisance suppressed. We do not believe the latter is the necessary alternative. We are of opinion that the evil can be disposed of, and we are sure that efforts ought to be made to effect it without further delay.

It looks as if the courts will have to be appealed to to obtain compensation for damages already inflicted. Also that they will have to be applied to for injunctions against the continuance of the cause of the trouble. We think there is law enough now to proceed under. But if that is not the case, then legislation must be had to fully cover the ground. Litigation will have to come first, legislation afterward. However that may be, temporizing with the evil will not do. Patience has ceased to be a virtue in this matter. The conviction is fastening itself upon the public mind that no active steps are intended by the responsible parties, but simply a policy of delay. They must be taught that this will not answer the purpose, and that the injured people will not be fooled in that way. The smelter smoke must go. And it must not go in the old way.

The proposition to put the matter in the hands of experts chosen by the complainants is not to be seriously considered. The onus is upon the smelter men; they are the offenders, and they must take the steps necessary to remove the cause of complaint, and also reimburse those who have been injured. We do not ask anything unreasonable. We join with those of our citizens who intend that this beautiful part of our lovely State shall not be laid waste, even if the only cure is the suppression of the destroying cause. This may as well be understood first as last. Unless practical measures are adopted to abate the evil, active proceedings will have to be taken and pushed to the utmost, to remove entirely the root and branch and trunk and body of this tree of destruction. The people affected are deeply in earnest and they certainly mean business.

HALLOWEEN.

Today is the day of all days of the year, when youthful hoodlums break through all the barriers raised by civilized society for the protection of its members. Like the archfiend himself, of whom it is said that he "walketh about, seeking whom he may devour," these fiends walk about seeking what to destroy. Many a future criminal has started on a law-defying career, by commencing to destroy property belonging to neighbors.

It is a pity that the authorities whose business it is to maintain law and order, knowing the habits of misguided youth, do not take extra precautions on a day like this, to guard people's property, or, to apprehend and punish perpetrators of outrages. If they knew beforehand that a gang of hoodlums, any other time of the year, were to invade a community with the intention of causing havoc to property, they would certainly prepare to meet that gang and disperse it. Cossy's army, sadly famous, was thus met everywhere. Why, then, should not extra precautions be taken, to stop all Halloween outrages?

But, after all, parents are mostly responsible for the evil referred to. If they do not want their boys to join the hoodlum gangs, they can keep them at home and provide fun for them of an innocent nature. There is no fun in destroying property and causing inoffensive parties unnecessary expenses. Those who find fun in such proceedings should be looked after, for they are dangerous to the community.

We believe the young folks should have all the innocent fun and the enjoyment they want, within reason, but when their sports take the nature of breaking laws and trampling over people's rights in the mud, they should be apprehended and corrected. It is no kindness to a child to permit it to continue in evil ways. It is better to let it find out the consequences, before it is too late.

SITUATION IN MANCHURIA.

The excitement caused by the North sea incident is temporarily over, and attention is again directed to the seat of war in eastern Asia, where the hostile armies are preparing for another onslaught. It is safe to say that the fighting about to commence, if it is not already in progress, will be more fierce than any hitherto fought. Neither side can afford to give in. Kuropatkin, having publicly proclaimed himself strong enough to cope with the enemy, must stake everything upon making his word good. But both armies are now well fortified. Both have undisputed control of their lines of communication. Both combatants are therefore placed on a footing of equality, as to positions and equipment. How long the conflict will last under such conditions, only the future can tell.

The probability, though, is for another Russian defeat. And this for several reasons. A writer in Scribner's magazine tells the world something of the defects of the Russian army. One, he says, is the incompetency of the non-commissioned officers, and the general ignorance of the soldiers. The general staff he says, is composed of men of great ability, but other officers are incompetent. The army has, as he puts it, a force of young generals and fat, gray-headed and lazy subordinates.

Another source of weakness of the Russian army is the fact that so many men with wealth and influence escape military service, while the poor peasants, or moujiks, and invariably caught. The most intelligent young men are naturally to be found in the middle classes of Russia. But the army loses these and takes up the most impossible material for the making of an effective military force. The moujik is faithful, but stupid. Without his officer he is as helpless as a child, and his mental processes are scarcely on a par with those of the savage, since the latter is at least a cunning warrior.

The Japanese, on the other hand, are well educated, intelligent, progressive. They are the Americans of Asia. They are the Spartans of our age. And they

seem to be destined to turn back the Slavonic tide, as did the Greeks the great Persian flood.

Registration day tomorrow, Tuesday.

Mr. Loe's letter makes Mr. Tyner look tinner than ever.

The real doubtful state is the state of the voters' mind.

You must go to the register's office; he will not come to you.

It is better and safer to stuff the voters than the ballot boxes.

The war news of late has gone from Ro-JEST-venky to earnest.

General Stossel, like the Old Guard, never surrenders but dies.

Russia thinks that the lady, Miss Britannia, doth protest too much.

If you have not been newly registered this year, go and register on Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Hats off to The Hague convention. Its creation is more than justified. It is glorified.

The channel squadron is on the port tack of the Baltic squadron right along these days.

"Ships that pass in the night" seem all to belong to the Russian Second Pacific squadron.

The net result of the Russian squadron firing on the Hull fishing fleet is, to date arbitration.

The presidential election is not so much a foregone conclusion as a going for a conclusion.

The lack of light on the Far Eastern situation may be owing to the fog that hangs over Manchuria.

General Tyner wanted an answer from Mr. Roosevelt. That he got it there is no longer any doubt.

Edward exhibited his big stick and used a megaphone. Nicholas saw and heard and forthwith he was convinced.

November 1 and 2 are the only days now left in which to register. Don't delay any longer, ladies and gentlemen.

Already it begins to look as though Rojstevsky would have to get out a revised version of the North Sea incident.

The fact that Minister Takahira has been operated on for appendicitis shows how thoroughly Americanized he is becoming.

Your registration as voters in former years does not count. It's all off. Tuesday and Wednesday of this week are the last chance this year. Hurry up!

The British press insinuates that the Russian admiral's account of the encounter with the fishing smacks smacks of something besides the strict truth.

There are just two more days of grace for unregistered voters. If they neglect to take advantage of them they will be in a position not unlike that of the man without a country.

Premier Balfour says that Admiral Rojstevsky's explanation is an insult to the British government. Admitting that it is, the British government has not swallowed it yet.

So it seems that to France is due the credit of a reference of the Anglo-Russian dispute to an arbitration board. Again must it be repeated: "They order this matter better in France."

A Missouri lawyer says that the witness who yawns while on the stand is not telling the truth and is doing it to gain time to formulate his story. Seeking to fill a yawning chasm, so to speak.

Michael Donnelly, the butcher statesman of Chicago, wants Japanese workmen excluded from this country, and will take steps, through the American Federation of Labor convention, to have Congress enact legislation on the subject. Seemingly he aims to be the Dennis Kearney of the anti-Japanese movement.

THE NORTH SEA INCIDENT.

San Francisco Call.
Count Casati, Russian minister at Washington, calls it a deplorable accident, due to belief on the part of the fleet admiral that the fishing boats were a hostile Japanese fleet about to attack. This is not a tenable explanation, for the fishing fleet was swept by powerful searchlights before the firing began. The crews were all on deck, cleaning fish, and were plainly discernable from the warships. For the fishermen saw the Russians on the decks of their ships and held up fish to them to show the fishing nature of their occupation. The fishing boats also displayed the regulation lights and signals spelling their occupation and defining their character. These signals are in the maritime code and are known readily by the naval officers of all nations, and by all sailors.

New York Evening Mail.
Fortunately, the English people have not lost their heads. If the Russian commanders have, England sturdily announces her purpose to hear all the facts before reaching a conclusion, and meanwhile exclaims with the rest of the world, "It must have been a mistake."

San Francisco Chronicle.
And the British government. It is safe to say, has no desire to plunge into another costly war before recovering from the one in South Africa, from which it has so recently emerged. It will doubtless be satisfied, to accept Russia's explanation and apology and an indemnity. It will certainly not do anything which will involve Great Britain and possibly all Europe in a conflict unless forced into it by an uncontrollable public opinion.

Portland Oregonian.
Russian warships have stopped commerce from our own Pacific ports to the Orient. They have held up British merchantmen in the Mediterranean. Now they attack British fishing vessels in the North sea. And now, the question is whether Russian war vessels

should be allowed to run at large, anywhere. It is for Great Britain to act.

New York Times.

The affair is profoundly to be regretted. However it is explained or apologized for, it will arouse great and deep feeling in England and it will cast ridicule on the Russian navy, which will not be confined to those immediately responsible.

Boston Herald.

What had Russia to gain by the sinking of English fishing vessels? Nothing. She has, however, much to lose by such action. We incline to the belief, therefore, that when the whole story is known it will be found that the Russian ships steamed into a fleet of fishing vessels, and fearing that the Japanese in a few steam trawlers had come out to sink their fleet of modern battleships, they turned their guns on the fishermen. How long will the maritime nations of the world permit Russia to continue making such costly blunders?

Worcester Gazette.

The case is that of a big, ugly-tempered individual who has been unexpectedly licked by a little man of respectable antecedents. The big man is looking round for somebody big enough to hit him hard and when he finds the required person there will be trouble for a time. But in this case it will be entirely proper to throw up his hands and admit he is walloped. In this wise his face is saved.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Everything indicates that the firing was the result of blind, unreasonable panic.

Chicago American.

The theory that Russia means to bring about a general war sounds absurd, but it is no more absurd than would the story of this last act appear if told the day before it occurred.

New York Evening Post.

But for the needless waste of life, the firing of the Russian fleet upon harmless British fishing vessels might be set down as one of the most comic incidents in naval history. An armada, months in preparing for action, heralded as certain to sweep the seas and regain Russia's lost naval prestige, sets sail after much blowing of trumpets only to cover itself with ridicule and disgrace at the very outset of its voyage! Marryat's novels, full as they are of stories of French, Russian and Spanish naval incompetency and cowardice, contain nothing more astounding.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The Irrigator and Colonist is the name of a new magazine that has reached this office. It is devoted to irrigation, colonization and kindred subjects. Very properly it starts out with a portrait of the late President Brigham Young, the father of irrigation in this country, and the peer of colonists. The frontispiece is a panoramic view of Mirror Lake, Yosemite valley, Cal. The general contents of the paper are devoted to farming interests. Typographically, it is all that can be desired.—156 South, Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

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