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THE "NEWS" AND THE PRES-
IDENT.

Readers of the Deseret News are well aware that this paper has all along expressed great doubt as to the alleged interference of President Roosevelt with the election of a United States senator from Utah. Our position has been clearly and repeatedly defined. We have stated our disbelief that the Chief Executive had sent a message to the Utah Legislature, in the manner asserted by the morning papers of this city. That he may have coincided, in private conversation, with the views of certain persons scheming for personal ends we have conceded, but we have declared that we take no stock in the story that has aroused so much animadversion among persons and papers of all political complexions.

But now comes the Salt Lake Tribune, and in pretended response to statements in the "News" which it cannot refute or deny, and, in its former customary style, attempts to make it appear that the Deseret News charges the President with being "engaged in a conspiracy in the matter." The same crafty but clumsy hand that was wont at every opportunity given to it in the old times to throw mud at the "News," to misquote our utterances, to completely reverse our position on public questions, and to play malicious tricks to deceive the public, is revealed in this its latest bit of sly manipulation.

The Deseret News has refused to recognize the President as a party to the plot concocted in the interest of conspirators, and has regarded the attempt to put him in a false light before the people as a mere reporter's "inter-view," no more and no less. On the other hand, the Tribune has urged upon the Legislature the importance of heeding what it termed the President's "accused," which it affirmed was "sent direct, through a United States Senator from this State," has declared that his "warning ought to be heeded," by that body, which "ought not to reject it," has intimated that if the candidate most prominently mentioned is elected, he will be "received coldly, his recommendations viewed with suspicion or distrust, his desires not considered of weight," etc. And why, pray? Because the President has advised that he is not chosen for the place. That is the Tribune's attitude on this question.

Who, then, has placed the President in this unprecedented position? The Salt Lake Tribune, its Washington correspondent, and the individuals behind the scheme to turn the Legislature in a certain direction. Why does not the Tribune come out squarely and tell its readers the name of the man it has in mind who, it says, "would go to Washington and be cordially received everywhere, his recommendations deferred to, his wishes consulted, his desires considered favorably," etc? Come forth, and show that poorly concealed and clumsy hand, and hold up the would-be candidate for whom all this miserable tale is being done, and in which the name of the President has been dragged, without regard to the consequences to him and to his party!

The Deseret News maintains its position on this whole matter. That is, that it all rests on a reported newspaper interview, in which the President's alleged statements were made secondhand, with nothing to substantiate the story. It should have no more effect upon the Utah Legislature, nor be received with greater credence, than the already exploded newspaper stories, about President Cleveland's and President McKinley's reported interference in a similar manner. If the President of the United States or the junior Senator from Utah has any "message" to send to the Legislature of this State, let it come in a more reliable form than in a reported interview, furnished to a paper that has not hesitated to publish many sensational and highly colored canards when they suited its purpose. The President ought not to be viewed in the false light thrown upon him by those who have so shamefully misused his name and authority, and in any event the Legislature of Utah should perform its work, uninfluenced by anything or anybody but the sacred duties imposed by the oaths of its members, and the expressed wishes of the people whom they represent.

THE HUMBERT SWINDLE.

According to recent Paris dispatches, the probability is that the trial of the Humbert family will end in only short terms of imprisonment. The public sentiment is said to be changing in their favor, now that it is seen the government is not shielding them. It is now thought that the Humberts, although they were the instrumentalities of the frauds, were not the real offenders and did not reap the profit. Money-lenders, it is said, made enormous sums through them. They kept the fraud going, and when they could make no more, they set the law in motion to expose the Humberts. The public has no sympathy with that class of people.

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one of the most remarkable in the annals of crime. For more than twenty years the Humberts borrowed hundreds of millions of francs on the strength of an inheritance left to Therese Daurignat, the wife of Frederic Humbert; the inheritance did not exist. For seventeen years the Humberts managed to give their imaginary inheritance legal standing before the courts by suits and counter-suits with the Crawford, supposed contesting heirs; the Crawford did not exist.

In order to keep up the deception, suits followed suits. In 1898 M. Waldeck-Rousseau was engaged as a lawyer in an effort to force Therese Humbert to repay the millions borrowed from Girard, a banker of Elbeuf, the banker, finding that he could not recover his imprudent loans and recognizing the ruin of his bank, had blown his brains out in despair. Before the court M. Waldeck-Rousseau denounced the pretended existence of the Crawford as "the most gigantic swindle of the century." The Humberts paid, but continued their maneuvers as before. Finally the status of their affairs became known, and the whole family vanished. For a long time they were looked for in vain. They were said to have embarked for Argentina. They had sailed for Panama. They were gone to Greece, where extradition does not work. One of the Daurignats, brothers was living in Brussels, while another appeared here, there, and everywhere. The whole family were thought to have found shelter in a convent, either in Paris or in Spain. They were living in the Ural Mountains of Russia, or they were in Havana. Finally, they were located not far from Madrid, and from there they were brought back to Paris.

The whole story is a drama transacted in real life, and with considerable dramatic ability in both authors and actors. The denouement is drawing near. The instruments of villainy will come to grief.

FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

In a church on Berkeley street, Boston, a course of lectures is about to be given on "The Pioneers of Religious Liberty in America." There are to be lectures on "William Brewster and the Independents," "Roger Williams and His Lively Experiment," "Thomas Hooker and the Principle of Congregational Independence," "William Penn and the Gospel of the Inner Light," "Thomas Jefferson and the Influence of Democracy on Religion," "William Ellery Channing and the Growth of Spiritual Christianity," "Horace Bushnell and Progressive Orthodoxy," "Hosea Ballou and the Larger Hope," "Ralph Waldo Emerson and the Teaching of the Divine Immanence," "Theodore Parker and the Naturalization of Religion," "Phillips Brooks and the Unity of the Spirit." This is a splendid idea. But the course is incomplete without a lecture on "The Latter-day Saints, and Their Work as Pioneers for Religious Liberty," for few have done more for that cause the past century than they, both by precept and example.

MODELS OF TEMPLES.

According to an item in the London Express, visitors to Jerusalem may now see models of temples that have occupied a site on Mount Moriah. They represent the temple of Solomon, that of Herod, the church of Justinian, and the mosque of Omar.

The models, it is said, are the work of the late Dr. Schick, a German archaeologist, who gave thirty-two years' study to the buildings which occupied this historic spot during the last 3,000 years. Before building them he studied for years every writing, sacred and profane, that dwelt upon the temples. They are of wood and made to a scale of one foot to every two hundred feet. They are in many places, to facilitate removal, and when put together each model forms two quadrangles, each about nine feet long and five feet and one-half wide and some twenty inches high. The model of Solomon's temple is eighteen feet long and nearly six feet wide.

This is undoubtedly a most interesting exhibition, although the accuracy of some of the models must be doubted. There are no known records by which the temple of Solomon could be restored in all its details. Much of the description in the sacred volumes, though instructive and highly interesting, is incomplete from the standpoint of an architect. This temple was destroyed by the Chaldeans, and later a new one was built upon the same site by Herod, which is known as Herod's temple. It was finished about thirty years before the birth of Christ. The two models, we are told, reveal a considerable difference in the design of the various buildings.

One of the models shows the mount as it is today. A beautiful mosque has taken the place of former structures. The first building within the inclosure is the Akas mosque, and close to it the mosque for women, once the armory of the Knights Templar. The great mosque shows traces of all the phases of ownership it has seen—Byzantine, Crusader and Saracen.

upon the heads of the coal barons when they are the only ones who have coal.

Read the Governor's message and form your own conclusions. We must do the same before making any comments.

This trust question is fast approaching its stage: Shall the nation control the trusts or shall the trusts control the nation?

Whenever a man, be he poet, peasant or president, volunteers his advice to people who have not asked it, it is interference.

There is a deadlock in the Oregon legislature. It is rather rare that a legislature is so prompt in reaching such a stage.

"Utah is a sovereign state and as such is entitled to name the senator of her choice," says Representative Sutherland. Hear! Hear!

Just now the duty on coal seems to be in fierce conflict with the duty to humanity, and such is becoming the public sentiment on the question.

And now it is a question whether Crown Princess Louise is not under hypnotic influence. At the time of her flight she was undoubtedly under argemone influence.

Our morning contemporary, the Tribune, persists in calling this the Fourth session of the Legislative Assembly. Well, that is about as accurate as many of its announcements.

If any one, including junior senators, has any more special messages for the people of Utah, it would be well to trot them out at once, for they are fast losing their force and authority.

Of course there is always plenty of snow in the winter time (except for coasting and sleighing) but wait until the summer comes when the cry will be very different.

A Kansas judge has decided that the Bible may be read in the public schools of that state. If the children of Kansas never read anything in school worse than the Bible no harm will come to them from their reading.

When a man who has been honored by his state invokes federal aid and influence to control the affairs of the state and thwart the will of the people, he turns traitor to the state that has honored him.

What Ambassador Holleben said about the late Lord Pauncefote's attempted intervention during the Spanish war must have been true, else why the great rejoicing in Great Britain over his recall, which appears to be a humiliation.

There is no reason why there should be a lack of fuel in the states where they use blumious coal. There has been no strike among the soft coal miners, and to shove the price of soft coal up is merely to take advantage of the necessities of the people and feed the greed of those who own and control the soft coal mines.

The condition of affairs in the Hawaiian Islands, according to the report of the senate sub committee, is anything but satisfactory. It is worse than under the monarchy and the provisional government, which is anything but a compliment to the United States. Undoubtedly a pretty general change of officials and official ways would be a good thing for Hawaii and the Hawaiians.

There seems to be a regular exodus from Finland. Finlanders in large numbers are coming to this country, although the conservative leaders of the people at home urge their compatriots to patience and hope for the future. The exodus is a terrible loss to the country, for the Finns are industrious, frugal, law-abiding and intelligent. A country that has driven a part of its best population into exile has never profited thereby. Witness the expulsion of Jews from Spain, or Huguenots from France. And in recent times the states that expelled the Saints soon found that they did so to their own loss.

Richmond Times.

Mr. Roosevelt seems to hold that the people have no choice whatever in the matter; that they must accept his appointees whether such appointees be agreeable or not. It is a high-handed piece of business and is well calculated to excite the resentment of the Southern people.

New Orleans Picayune.

President Roosevelt seems to have no regard for the white people of the South.

Atlanta News.

The News has repeatedly stated its reasons for objecting to the appointment of negroes to federal offices. It gives the negro the hope that he shall continue as a political factor. The President's stand in the matter has re-awakened in the blacks the vain hope of political domination.

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