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AN ACT OF INTOLERANCE.

A press dispatch from Berlin, which finds a place in our telegraphic department, announces that the "Mormon" Elders now laboring as missionaries in Prussia and Mechlenburg are to be expeled. Police interference has been experienced there to some extent heretofor, but now it appears the government has taken action, and the consequences may be easily anticipated. Whether this will be followed by the authorities in other parts of Germany, is an open

It will be seen from the dispatch that the source of the trouble is, as usual, the enmity of the clergy. Those professed disciples of the Savior are, like the Pharisees of old, vehemently opposed to any creed or system that places "their craft in danger," and lays open their pretences of authority to public question. They dread the light that has come into the world, and instead of meeting that which they denounce as error by argument, scripture and superior information, they appeal to force and the strong arm of the civil law, to crush out that which they are unable to meet with spiritual or intel-

The pretext on which the expulsion is founded is really amusing in its lack of sound reason. The "Mormon" missionaries are to be banished, not because of anything wrong or immoral in their conduct, but because, it is alleged, they "do not exclude polygamy from their This is a sort of negative accusation. It is not claimed even that they include polygamy in their doctrines. It could not be proved that they teach polygamy, or that they encourage its practice, or that they take any affirmative position concerning it. They do not come out against it and vice and degrade virtue." A great formally exclude it from their faith, it is claimed, and so they are to be prevented from exercising the rights and privileges enjoyed by other American citizens in those countries. That is a very singular and illogical pretext.

Will every American who arrives in Prussia or in Mechlenburg be examined by a coterie of priests or policemen, to find whether he believes polygamy under any circumstances to be right? And if he does not positively "exclude" if from his ideas of propriety, Is he also to be excluded from the country? And what will those governments do with the Bible? Will they allow that book to remain within their jurisdiction, with all that it contains on the subject seeing that those scriptures do not exclude it? It is a funny kind of a pretence but will prove serious in its results to the nation or people, thus deprived of an opportunity to receive the blessings of the everlasting Gospel as revealed from heaven in the nineteenth

The responsibility for this act of intolerance with its consequences, to millions of human beings, will rest primarily upon the preachers of the dying creeds of modern Christendom, who have used their clerical power in that direction, and secondarily upon the heads of the governments who are swayed by those manipulators of the affairs of state by clerical influence. It will not be consummated, however, without a protest, and efforts will doubtless be made by the Elders to obtain an investigation. Then the matter will be appealed to the Eternal throne, and He who has commanded His servants to go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people and proclaim His everlasting Gospel, will proceed ac. cording to His own good will and pleasure. In His hands are the issues of the acts of all men and all nations.

NO "CONCESSION" NEEDED.

It was to be expected, of course, that of the defender of the advocates of illegal proceedings in the matter of the policemen's pay, made any mention of the lawful method by which payment could be made, it would distort and misrepresent the proposition. It is not suggested that a "concession" is to be made affecting the status of "Chief Sheets" nor implying that "he isn't in it," as asserted by the Tribune. The Captain of Police acted for some time as head of the department and signed the payrolls. Pending the settlement of the question us to the "Chief's" status, the Police Captain could continue to sign the payroll as acting head of the department. Then the ordinance would be complied with, the men would get their money, and the trouble would be ended without "concession" on one side or the other, and without affecting the main question to be settled by the Supreme Court It is a simple matter, but the parties who object to this do not want the policemen to be paid lawfully, and not at all while the delay in payment can be used as a pretext to misrepresent the majority of the City Council.

THE TIDE OF IMMIGRATION.

More stringent regulations for the

in New York, and he is being seconded rest of the world. The agitation is due to the fact that the immigration this year promises to surpass all previous records. Every ocean steamer is bring. ing its thousands, and other thousands are massed in Liverpool and other ports of debarkation, waiting their turn to be accommodated, and so vast are the crowds that the transportation companles can handle them only with the

greatest difficulty. A message from Germany to the Chieago News says that crowds of emigrants throng the ports, and are turned away by the hundreds by the steamship companies, either for want of accommodations or for doubt of the ability of applicants to meet the requirements of the immigration laws on this side. When rejected, they take their fate much to heart. Pathetic scenes are itnessed among families stopped at the water's edge because suspected of pauperism or disease. Numbers of the unfortunates experience great difficulty n getting back to the places from which they started. Many of them are atterly dependent on the charity of the ountry. The roads leading out of the chief seaport cities are frequently covered with distressed men, women and children, driven to tramp to their distant homes by the stringent immigration laws. And yet, thousands come to

these shores now, almost daily, It is undoubtedly true that many of these immigrants are assisted paupers who come in violation of existing laws. They are, virtually, contracted for by 'bosses" who profit by their importation. They do not own the money necasary to entitle them to land, but they and on borrowed money. That such abuses exist, there is no doubt, even if

it would be difficult to prove them. But on the other hand, the times here are prosperous. There is a great demand for all kinds of labor, and many Americans refuse to do the heavy manual labor that these imported workingmen are glad to engage in at American wages. Industry seems to welcome this great influx, and therefore many irregularities are overlooked at the ports of entrance. When the times change, the demand for restriction will be much more emphatic, and then it will be heeded.

PLAYS THAT ARE A NUISANCE

The police authorities of Jersey City, says a Newark contemporary, have taken a laudable stand in their determination to prevent the production of plays there, with a tendency to glorify crime. They take the view that "it the theatrical performance is designed and has a clear tendency to elevate vice and degrade virtue, and to furnish a glittering and attractive incitement to youth to enter upon a career of vice and crime, it is corruptive of public morals and indictable as a pub-He nulsance." The fact is, however, that very few

plays, if any, are designed to "elevate

many have a tendency to do so, not because the authors intentionally inended it to be so, but because their ideas of vice and virtue do not conform to the great standard that is alone worthy of being put before the public. They have their own standards of right and wrong, and some of these are rather low. And for that reason their productions become dangerous. When an author makes a hero, whether on the stage or in a novel, take the law in his own hands and kill, and that under circumstances that cause the public to forget that he makes himself murderer, he is preaching anarchy and rebellion against the state. No matter if he does so without intention; it is none the less dangerous When the public is led to applaude murder, the seeds are sown that will ripen into crime. A cleansing is very much needed, that embraces more than the plays that are intentionally debas-

RUSSIA BECOMES AGGRESSIVE

Russian demands upon China, to the effect that the sovereignty of Manchu. ria be ceded to Russia, and that that province be closed to other nations, are surprising, after the former promises that the agreements would be kept inviolate. The general expectation was that Russia would remain in Manchuria, but under promises of withdrawing

whenever it was considered safe to do o. The open demand upon China that "the present status of the administration" remain unchanged, is evidently

The news from Peking should be considered in connection with the reports from the Balkan states. A few days age the Frankfurter Zeltung stated that Russia is contemplating an attack on Constantinople. The Russian lack Sea fleet, the paper asserted, is nobilized at Sebastopol and is read; for action. The object is to seize Con-

stantinople. The ships of the volunteer fleet, the Zeitung continued, have been forbidden to leave port and have been ordered to be at the disposition of the government. Ships returning from the far east are also being requisitioned at all points.

A Lendon dispatch was giso published that seemed to corroborate the statement of the German paper just moted. According to that dispatch, a ourier had just arrived at the foreign office with dispatches from Sir N. R. O'Connor, British ambassador at Constantinople. In which the situation of the Palkans was described as one remiring immediate action on the part of the powers. England, it was supposed, is determined to take the part f second to no other, her object being block Russian aggressions. The Engish policy will thus continue the same as it was during the Crimean and Rus so-Turkish wars of 1855 and 1878,

The question naturally arises, will Russia provoke war both in eastern Asia and eastern Europe simultaneous by? It appears that Japan stands ready o strike for Manchuria, if further aggressions are indulged in, while Great twittsin will move in the defense of constantinople and the Turks, Surely Russia cannot intend lighting the warrestriction of immigration are being torches in two hemispheres at once. urged by the immigration commissioner | Perhaps her policy is merely to diver;

the attention of the world from the y many who believe that our ports | real point of attack. Or perhaps she is ught to be closed to the laborers of the | but acting the part of advance agent for Europe, the seizure of Manchuria being the signal for a general division of the Chinese empire, Only the future can tell.

DUE TO SUNSPOTS.

In a recent cable dispatch to the New York World it was set forth that the wintry, dreary weather that has prevailed so long in Great Britain and on the continent, has produced a veritable epidemic of suicides, and other crimes, especialy at seaside resorts. Many of the suicides are due to unfortunate love affairs; others to financial worries, and others, strange to say, to dread of impending marriage.

The weather and the violence are both ascribed to sun spots, and it is predicted that the earth will pass through several years of dismal weather, owing to that solar influence.

The conditions are not materially diferent on this side of the ocean. The winter has been unusually long and severe, and every day the papers are printing numerous accounts of sulcides, killings, and accidents. Whether the sun spots are responsible or not, the conlitions, physical and moral, are very

much similar all over the earth. And if these conditions are particuarly favorable for acts of violence, it is possible that the war pot may boil over at any moment. For if individuals are influenced to violence by such conditions, nations must be similarly

After sixteen days of fitful rest the President sleeps well.

The smile on the iceman's face is be. ginning to assume form.

In Germany the axiom seems to be: The officer can do no wrong.

Don't take off your winter flannels est you catch the spring fever. And now the weather man is bask-

ing in the sunshine of life. It is said that our city is about to

have a "boom." May it be more than sound and fury, signifying nothing. Stanford university's greatest need

at present seems to be a medical college to take care of typhold patients. "Whose keepeth his mouth and his ongue keepeth his soul from trouble,'

The Methodist brethren now in conference in this city should remember that "a house divided against itself

Why did not General Baldwin heed

shall not stand." President Roosevelt has declined the nvitation to hunt buffalo on Antelope sland. There are too few of these noble animals left and every effort should be made to preserve and increase their number. The President is a true sportsman and his action in this case is in consonance with the best feelings of the American people.

We Americans are intense in everything, almost too intense, but in nothing more so than in our partisanship. It is light. In a recent address on Jefferson, Senator Hoar said: "The author of the Declaration of Independence stands in human history as the foremost man who ever lived, whose influence has led men to govern themselves in the conduct of states by spiritual laws, not formulas to be assented to, but rules of life to be governed by. It was due to Jefferson that our fathers laid deep the foundation of the state in the moral law. They first set to mankind the great example and exhibited the mighty spectacle-the sublimest spectacle in the universe-of a great and free people voluntarily governing itself by a

law higher than its own desire." WILL IT STICK?

Washington Star. Will the anti-trust decision stick' The trusts say not. It interferes, they leclare, with the legitimate business development of the age. Carry the prin-dple asserted at St. Paul to its log-cal conclusion, and we shall soon have espotism or chaos. This sounds famil r. We have been hearing it, indeed ver since the trust issue was raised. Ve have been told all along that the rusts are the friends, not the enemies mankind; that we must look to their nce to manking which no other agency The public, however, has not been convinced; and now some emi-nent judges, after hearing argument, agree with the public. For a time, at least, trusts will be the paramount is-

New York Press. Nothing that is worth saving has been hurt by the Northern Securities decision. The raliroads affected are as good as ever they were; they are left in possession of all their genuine prop-erty and all their rights. They may do hey can get fairly. They may increas heir profits as enormously as they have done in the past, if they increase them as they did in the past, without vioating the law, No harm, we say, has ul interest or any indefeasible right ne "Murder," when they have bee sked to undergo in the last few days nothing like the lot which the whole public has put on its back and carried heerily and stoutly for the last sev

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