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"CHRISTIAN" IGNORANCE.

It is a noticeable fact that, while the secular press of the country is almost unanimous in sustaining the United States Senate in its decision in the case against Senator Smoot, the religious periodicals are, with very few but commendable exceptions, hardly concealing their chagrin. It is really sad to see so many religious editors on the side of bigotry and defiance of law. But their position is not more strange now than that of so many of them, at an earlier period in the history of our country, who declared in favor of slavery, and libeled God Almighty by basing a defense of that barbarous institution on Bible texts. In fact, we believe history will bear anyone out in the statement that many leaders of religious sentiment have, ever since the completion of the great apostasy, oftener been on the wrong side of the great controversies of mankind, than on the other. It is, therefore, not unexpected to find so many of them at this time sustaining krypto-anarchists in an assault upon the Constitution of the land.

The Northwestern Christain Advo cate, published in Chicago, is one of the religious periodicals that has the misfortune of being committed to the wrong side of this controversy. The editor of that journal issues a long wall and threatens the senators who voted for Senator Smoot with the "judgment of history." "A new issue," it says "has arisen in American politics. It is the preservation of the American wo manhood, from the insiduous assaults of Mormon polygamy." The other polgyamy is not mentioned. The "Christian" Advocate may not fear that kind. At all events, it pretends to see dark days for the country, because the Senate of the United States refused to do the bidding of the misguided crowds that cried "crucify!"

But the Christian Advocate, as most of its clamoring colleagues, must, perhaps, be judged charitably because of the prevailing ignorance concerning Thah affairs. It is true that the Latter-day Saints have done all in thei power to enlighten the world on the questions relating to the people here; it is true that honorable men and women not of the "Mormon" faith are doing much to correct misconceptions; tourists who travel through here do what they can to place the State and the people before the world in their true light; but, notwithstanding all, the unspeakable individuals who make a living by telling infamous falsehoods, maintain. If this policy had been purand the other equally contemptible specimens of humanity who pay their have been in the embarrassingly deslaves for slandering an inoffensive people in the hope of finally attaining to political power and honor thereby, are so numerous and so omnipresent that the progress of truth is but slow. The Christian Advocate is ignorant. It proves this by saying that Senator Emoot ought to have been refused his seat in the Senate, because he belongs to a Church that teaches doctrines de structive of the American home; also because he is a member of a "hierarthy which is defying the law and continuing practices which it had solemnly pledged the nation to abandon." How tenaciously ignorance clings to those who love it! The Church of which Senator Smoot is an honored member and high official does not teach anything that has a tendency to destroy the home. The American home has its strongest support in the Church of Je-Bus Christ of Latter-day Saints, If polygamy is alluded to, that is an issue of the past. The Church has no "hierarchy." if that term is used as the enemies of the Saints would have it, and anyone who does not know that, is not entitled to an opinion on the "Mormon" question, until his ignorance is removed. The ecclesiastical associates of Senator Smoot are not law-defying. The Advocate is simply repeating, parrot-like, the false statements of the anti-"Mormon" conspirators against the institutions of this country.

loved leaders were true, we believe Senator Smoot's seat would have been declared vacant. The senators did not vote to sustain polygamy. They did not approve anything wrong. They found that the Church has kept faith with the Nation and that the condition of the past are being adjusted as fast as time will permit. They found that some of th accusers had lied and perjured themselves and that many were inspired by prejudices and ignorant of the conditions they criticized. All the questions relating to the matter were thoroughly discussed, and the verdict was a accordance with the facts. Let our Christian contemporaries now prove their Christianity by sustaining "the authorities that be." We believe Christianity teaches that as a Christlan duty.

charges against the Church and its be-

THAT GAMBLING CHARGE.

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"That talk in the City Council on Monday night concerning gambling, was straight from the shoulder. On the one side Mormon members charged that gambling existed in this city and insisted that the city should collect revenues therefrom. The logic of their position is that open gambling should be permitted and the city should tax the vice for the benefit of the public treasury. On the other hand American Consultant data to should a should tax Councilmen denied that gambling exist-ed and contended that the running of gambling halls for the purpose of pro-ducing public revenue was illegiti-mate from a legal and an ethical view-relet." point.'

Of course, the above is from the 'American' organ which is doing all in its power to protect and whitewash the misdeeds of the police department-and the Fates know that task is an Herculean one. It makes but one statement that is true, and then proceeds to misrepresent the "Mormon" members of the council, and their views with regard to the gambling evil. The statement that is admitted is that the talk was "straight"-not from the shoulder, but from the head. Those gentlemen simply sought to make clear their posttion, that IF gambling is to be permitted here, the city should have the revenue. It should not find its way into private pockets, as is now supto be the case. It is a posed notorious fact that the receipts have fallen off enormously in the police department during the 'American'' party regime. The counter charge that gambling does not exist is not true. That is a claim that has often been made by the heads of the police department, and when the "News" for the information of the "uninformed and verdant" crowd that comprises it, furnished a long list of such resorts it became singularly and significantly silent. It is worth remembering that simultaneous with the alleged suppres-

sion of gambling, and the extension of "protection" to openly suspected favorites of the green cloth profession. bunco steerers came here in droves, and were doing a thriving business when the sensational denouement, in the ten thousand dollar McWhirten robbery came to light. And as this gentry commenced to enrich its own coffers there was a strangely coincident decrease in the receipts of the city. But the facts show that crime went on just the same. The only discernible difference was, as stated, that crooks got the cash instead of the municipality. That is the theory, that is the practice, the "Mormon" members talked so "straight" against, in the city councll Monday night. It is the position they always have and always will

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the Douma, which would be incurred if he remained minister of the interior. Russia is still in a precarious condition, with famine and revolution on the one hand and a despotism on the other which seems unable to read the signs of the times and comprehend the situation. Russia needs a great man to lead t just now, but it appears that neither in government circles, nor among the people is there a leader big enough for the situation.

SHEETS SHOULD RESIGN.

No matter what the outcome of the present case against two of the heads of the police department, an alleged gobetween and stool-pigeon lawyer, a saloonkeeper and two or three others is one thing is more and more munifest. Let them work for peace and not for unprofitable strife. That is another And that is, that George Sheets should resign. George Raleigh, captain of de-Christian duty. "Blessed are the peacetectives should do the same. This need is accentuated by the fact that the Judge before whom the case is being heard refused to grant a motion for dismissal of the charge of conspiracy

> Under all the circumstances, and the moral ethics involved, the accused officers owe it to the public to step down and out, at least until their cases have been disposed of in the district court. to which it now seems certain they will go. For a long time their usefulness has been tremendously impaired. They have been, and are now, under the ban of judicial and public opinion. A vast amount of evidence points to their friendship with an organized band of crooks and highwaymen. In fact the charge is they have conspired with They have not yet cleared their them. skirts of the suspicion. It is extremely doubtful if they can do so. The championship of them by a newspaper that

has long been an outlaw to decent journalism 'and good government, in no wise improves their case. Should the gathering that will meet under its lash and dictation in the Salt Lake Theater tonight, adopt resolutions with a three ply coat of kalsomine and condometion, they will not be benefited, nor will their usefulness be increased. So far as the public, which pays them, and which should trust them, is concerned, that is gone forever. They can never again enjoy the confidence of the community. Both should resign their places with w delay. If they fall to act Mayor Thompson should not only encourage them to that end, he should compel them. Does anyone think he will do so?

The Eutre termsters have walked out It is to be hoped they found the walking good.

Gone but not forgotten-that forty thousand dollars that Mr. Oliver spent in preparing bids.

The legend on the Thaw coat of arms does not seem to be "An equal mind in circumstances of difficulty."

James J. Hill says he knows noth ing about Wall street doings. But the street is keen to learn about his doings.

Great Britain has the best, biggest and cheapest navy in the world. Evidently a cheap navy does not make a cheap nation.

storm has been raging on the Salton sea and has submerged the Southern Pacific tracks. This comes pretty near being a tempest in a teapot

Government secret service men seen to be rather undecided as to whether that \$173,000 shortage in the Chicago sued the public treasury would not sub-treasury is a case of lost, straved are detached and stand off at some distance, being built up sufficiently high to survey the country on all sides. One of these remarkable struc-tures has been found in Navajo can-yon, and is in a fine state of preserva-tion. The tower still stands on top of a sandstone cone about thirty feet high and is perfectly cylindrical. By yon, and is in a fine state of preserva-tion. The tower still stands on top of a sandstone cone about thirty feet high and is parfectly cylindrical. By the aid of steps worn in the sandstone it is possible to climb to the tower end even to walk around it. The walls are twenty-four inches thick, and, although the original height is not known, the walls now in place are over nine feet high. This tower, rising from the bottom of the canyon to a height above the surrounding rim, commanded a view of the adjacent mesa, and was undoubtedly the view-point from which warnings of an ap-proaching enemy could be sent out to the cliff dwellers in the canyon be-low. Considering the fact that about the only known weapons these prehis-toric people used ware bows and ar-rows and a spear-like implement, the great fortresses and thick walls are quite unexplainable. This remark-able structure is only one of the many ancient remains that can be found within a day's journey of Du-rango. rango

MUST KEEP HOLD OF CUBA.

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Milwaukee Wisconsin. It would be unwise for the United States to let go in Cuba if renewed in-terferance is foreshadowed by social and political conditions on the island. It has cost the government a large amount of money to maintain what is tractically a productorate and un amount of money to maintain what is practically a protectorate, and un-less the Cubane manifest a disposition to sink their differences for the com-mon good it would be cultivating still larger expense to turn over the island to them. The business interests of Cuba are pleading for a continuance of American occupancy, which from appearances cannot be relinquished with safety.

AMERICAN LEATHER.

Troy Times.

Troy Times. The official figures, just forthcom-ing, show that leather takes an im-portant place in the commerce of the United States, the aggregate having amounted to \$150,000,000 in 1906. This represents a rapid growth, our leather dealings 10 years ago having been but \$55,000,000. Our imports are mainly hides and skins, which are the crude material for our leather-work-ing industries, while foreign countries are taking our manufactures of leather in many forms and in in-creasing quantities. In 1906 we sold abroad \$9,500,000 worth of boots and shoes and \$25,000,000 worth of sole leather. The biggest item in imports leather. The biggest item in imports of this character was \$32,500,000 worth of goat skins, to be made up into the high-class American shoes which are steadily walking into favor the world over.



buy a story book. Pop-Do I look like Andrew Carnegie?-Ex.

The Substitute. Susie's husband's name was Wister; When she went away he kissed her, Then, although he sadly missed her.

Mr. Wister kissed her sister. --Ridgeway's.

Needed It. "And did you really enjoy my sermon this morning?" asked the Rev. Dr.

Newman. "Yes, indeed." replied Rownds, "it was very refreshing. You see I didn't get much sleep last night and I needed it."-Philadelphia Press. Newman.

Judicial Tangle.

A plea of insanity met a plea of selfdefe

defense. "Well," said the first, "I'm not so crazy I don't know you have no busi-ness monkeying in a case with me." Thereupon they clinched, and an un-written law that had been loafing around in hopes of a job took to the woods for safety.-Philadelphia Leader.

Tess: "Oh, yes; she's certainly get-





In all ages, when the spirit of persecution has raged, there have been honest but ignorant souls who have joined the crowds hoping to do the Almighty a service thereby. "Give us Barrabas! the cry of the multitude, WBB to which Pilate finally yielded. Nero, Diocletian, and all the rest of them, found many supporters among honest Romans who thought the Christians were a "menace" to the state "Holy simplicity" is always present when bigotry is about to burn a Huss at the stake. And so it is today.

We are a little doubtful, however, to what extent the ignorance now prevalling is really excusable. For years the anti-"Mormon" agitators made every possible allegation against the Church and called upon the Senate to investigate, in the hope of bringing something to light that would justify the country in excluding every member of that religious organization from the councils of the Nation. The evidence offered was all sifted and analyzed. Every particle was put in the crucible. But when the opposition had done all In its power the Senate by an overwhelming majority declared there was no ground for adverse action. To come out after that decision, as the Advocate does, and say that Senator Smoot is associated with lawbreakers and therefore should not be a senator, is more than ignorance. It is perversity of It is obstinacy that might do credit to a pig, but not to a human being supposed to be governed by rea-

pleted condition it is in today, and the council would not be placed in the humiliating attitude of supplicating the Legislature for power to extract more money from an already too heavily taxed community. If gambling is to be allowed, and certain so called gentlemen's clubs where games of chance are conducted for the fleecing of strangers, are to be permanent fixtures of the city life, and the Tenderloin is to be made to yield revenue, then the city should have it-no one else. That is all there is to the contention of the "Mormon" members upon this point, and the Tribune knows it through and through

RUSSIAN CONDITIONS.

The political conditions in Russia do not seem to present any prospects of improvement with the assembling of the new Douma. The old national council was dissolved because the majority of its members demanded control of the government. The Czar advised it that the Russian form of government remains autocratic, and sent the members home to manage their own affairs. But the new Douma is almost as radical as the first, in spite of all the obstacles the government creatures placed in the way of liberal elections, The Doumn is controlled by the Constitutional democratic party, and this party demands a constitutional government

The probability is that the radical wing of the assembly will again give vent to revolutionary sentiments too much for Imperial ears to listen to, and that another dissolution will be the resuit. This will perhaps be followed up by the abolition of Count Witte's electoral law and the substitution of another in favor of the nobility and property-holders. This is forecasted in a statement authorized by Mr. Stolypin himself, to the effect that the coming Douma's existence depends on its cooperation with the government's legislative program. "If," he says, "It attempts to create itself a government within a government and attempts to raise the question that the ministry meeting the new Douma is the ministry that dissolved the last one, then the Douma will become a revolutionary tribunal and the nation will pay dearly for the personal ambitions of its politicians.

That the Premier is anxious about the situation and not too sure about ing of the amount, his own personal safety, is evident from the precautions he has taken. The Emperor has sanctioned his proposal to appoint a minister of the interior under the prime minister. The new minister will be chosen from M. Stolypin's staff, and will reply to interpellations in the Douma in regard to internal affairs. This change, it is explained, will obviate the continuous danger involved in M. Stolypin's personal presence in



Denver Republican.

