

English or other foreign interference in regard to the treatment of the Jews in Russia, and says: "The meeting in London will not advance the Jews one step. At the bottom of the movement is the fear of the English of an invasion of their country by the Jews, who might deprive the poor of their bread and enter into competition with the rich as well. It was not religious intolerance that prompts the measures relative to the Jews in Russia, where their synagogues stand proudly by the side of the Christian churches. It is the absolute necessity for saving the rural populace from being drained of their resources by the Jews, who have already ruined the peasants in Galysia, Roumania and Pomerania. Russia will save the Jews themselves from popular retribution. She does not assume false liberalism, but acts openly in protecting the prosperity of the nation. If the whole of Europe should attempt to force a distasteful policy upon Russia, she is in a position successfully to defend her independence."

Also a Prophecy.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Harriet M. Van Hoesen lives in what is left of the old Gibbs mansion in township Lafayette, ten miles south of Syracuse. It was once palatial, as country residences go, but is now occupied by owls and bats and Mrs. Van Hoesen. She is a disciple of the lost art of astrology, and a few years ago laid the foundation for a proposed academy for its study, which, on account of the lack of funds was never completed. Mrs. Van Hoesen has read the world's horoscope, and deduces that from Adam to the flood was 1800 years; that it was 1800 years from the flood to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah; 1800 years from that time to the last ten years of the first century, A. D., when three cities were destroyed, and that the next period now coming to a close, will witness the destruction of the wicked. In February, 1891, the Mormons will rise up against the Gentiles, and a plague will cut off the wicked, except such as may flee to the house of refuge, which is building for those who will flee to the hills in the dreadful time. She says that nearly all ministers and leaders of labor organizations are Mormons secretly. She predicts that there will be only one more presidential election, and that Harrison will be re-elected. The millennium now about to begin will be followed by 800 years, during which the devil will have his innings.

Terrific Explosion.

Castle Gate, Utah, Dec. 12.—At 5 o'clock this evening, a terrible explosion shook the vicinity. The smoke pouring from the mouth of one of the coal mines here told the story, and in a few moments the mouth of the mine was thronged with a crowd of eager, anxious people. A rescuing party was at once organized, and the work of rescuing those inside began. The men had not proceeded far when they found a lot of miners who,

though stunned and bleeding from the shock, were still conscious. These were at once removed to the open air, when it was discovered that three were missing. The party returned, and after groping around in the stifling smoke found the dead bodies of James McCarthy and John McGovern, who must have been instantly killed, as their bodies were bruised beyond description. John Dixon, who was working in the farther end of the shaft, could not be found, the debris having cut off the entrance. The work of effecting a passage was at once begun, and was being kept up at a late hour tonight.

The explosion was caused by fire damp mingled with the imperceptible dry dust, which, when ignited, burns like powder.

At a late hour this morning Dixon's body had not been recovered. His death is certain.—*Special to the Tribune.*

Returned Elders.

Elder J. F. Martin, of Salina, Sevier County, who has recently returned from a mission to the Southern States, whither he went on November 6, 1888, called at our office today. Elder Martin spent the first sixteen months of his mission in Southern Alabama, where he met and made many warm friends, and was rewarded with fair success in all his labors. He was subsequently transferred to the State of Kentucky, where he labored until released to return home. In Kentucky, also, much good was accomplished, and Elder Martin returns in the best of spirits, thankful for the experience he has had.

Elder Gottfried Buhler, of Midway, Wasatch County, arrived Saturday, Dec. 6, from Switzerland and Germany, where he has been engaged in the work of a missionary for about two years. He left his home on October 7th, 1888, and labored the first six months in Switzerland, in the Berne Conference, and then in the South German mission. He has met with fair success and reports the mission in Germany in a prosperous condition. The liberty in Germany is rather limited. Brothers Buhler and Preston were, by a decision of the supreme court, banished from Bavaria, on account of their having held religious open air meetings. The returned brother says he had, notwithstanding the opposition he has had to encounter, enjoyed his mission very much and feels happy in the work.

A Destructive Blaze.

Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock a fire was discovered in the large mercantile establishment of Clark Brothers at Pleasant Grove. The shrill cry of "Fire, fire," rang out upon the morning air, and was passed quickly from house to house, until soon a large crowd of people had gathered about the burning building, anxious and eager to and any assistance within their power. But the flames spread with such rapidity in less than fifteen minutes as to be beyond control. A large force of men and

boys organized into a "bucket brigade" and worked with almost superhuman strength to save the doomed structure with its contents, but were compelled to give up in despair. Contiguous to the store was the Pleasant Grove Opera House, to which a burning ember was transmitted, and that building too, was soon ablaze. As the flame, encroached upon this, the main building of amusement, the people put forth another effort to arrest the progress of the fire, but with no avail. The scenery was taken out, however, after which nothing more was done than to stand by and watch the buildings burn to the ground. Nothing was saved from the store but the ledger and day book, and the furniture from the warehouse. A special to the News says the loss is estimated at \$35,000 to \$40,000. There was but \$3000 insurance on the buildings. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. Clark Brothers intend soon to erect more handsome and commodious edifices on the scene of the fire. In the meanwhile they will conduct the business in their branch store in a more remote part of town.

President West's Resignation.

A special meeting was held by the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce Dec. 8th, for the purpose of receiving ex-Governor West's resignation as president of that institution, prior to his departure to Washington, whither he went this morning to represent the interests of the "Liberal" party during the present session of Congress.

President West called the meeting to order, and stated that it was with a feeling of regret that he was obliged to tender his resignation as president, but that business and duty demanded his presence elsewhere.

The secretary then read the resignation, which is as follows:

"SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 5, 1890.

"To the Board of Directors of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Gentlemen—I hereby tender my resignation as president of your board. I should at an earlier period in the year have done this had I known that my stay away from the city would have been so prolonged. My action is more prompted by the fact that my absence from the city will prevent my performing the duties of the office. As you well know, while I was away from the city, Mr. Fred Simon, your efficient and faithful vice-president, was zealous and vigilant in directing and attending to the affairs of the chamber and, therefore, it is with less reluctance that I retire so near the time of making up the annual report, as that duty will be left to one who has for most of the year been in the active management of the work of the chamber.

I tender the board and its officers my sincere thanks for uniform courtesy and consideration which they have shown me upon all occasions.

My earnest wish is that the chamber may prosper and continue in its work of usefulness in building up a great and beautiful city.

Very respectfully,

"CABER W. WEST.