

persecution is simply indescribable. Contrary to the accepted version, Goldberger says the Czar is well aware of the cruelties practiced; that he always has been a radical anti-semitic, and that his hatred of the Jews has increased since the memorable railway accident which happened on the line built by the Jew von Polleskoff.

Goldberger thinks Russia will not only suffer from commercial disasters sure to follow the expulsion of the Jews, disasters which Russia, with her great resources, might meet with impunity, but that these measures have brought about a feeling of insecurity among Russian Protestants and numerous foreigners, residing in Russia, to whose enterprise most of the commercial undertakings owe their existence.

Nobody knows whose turn is to come next, and no one cares to risk his money or work under the present state of barbaric rage against everything foreign or non-orthodox, and the consequence will be that Russia, with all her immense agricultural and mineral resources, will sooner or later be forced into a condition of absolute bankruptcy.

#### TERRITORIAL NEWS ITEMS.

*Boise Statesman*—Governor Willey of Idaho says there are about thirty men at work on the west shore of the Great Payette lake in making the Mt. Idaho and Salmon Meadows road, who are very apprehensive concerning the Nez Perce Indians, who always manage to get hold of liquor in some way, when they become ugly and dangerous. It has been so for a number of years, and though thus far there has been no difficulty, there is liable to be so long as intoxicants can be procured by them.

*Denver News* special—Casper, Wyoming, June 9.—News has just reached here of another strike of oil at the Salt Creek well, some fifty miles north of Casper. The first well in that district reached the oil sand in September, 1890, when a flowing well was struck, the oil gushing at the rate of 300 barrels per day. This well was at once plugged and a new one was started, on which, when at a depth of 1400 feet work was discontinued for the winter, but resumed again about ten days ago, and now at a depth of 1700 feet the oil sand was reached and the oil is at present flowing at the rate of from 200 to 300 barrels per day. The Pennsylvania company, which owns these two wells, has a large tract of land in the immediate vicinity and it is their intention to put down several wells this season. Great excitement prevails, and it is the universal opinion that the Wyoming oil fields will experience a genuine boom during the summer.

*Helena Journal*.—A land slide four miles this side of Elk Park on the Montana Central Sunday night caused a wreck and delayed traffic some hours. Freight train No. 16 ran into the obstruction at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The engine was badly smashed, but no one was injured. The passenger train from Butte, which was due in Helena at 11 a.m. yesterday, was delayed, not reaching this city until 6 p.m. Bishop Brewer, who came over on the train, said it was the

only time it ever took him all day to come from Butte to Helena since the old staging days. A large force of men succeeded in clearing the track in a comparatively short time.

*Sacramento Record-Union*.—Mrs. Fassler, the unfortunate woman who was so brutally assaulted a few nights ago at her home at Twenty-first and Y streets by some unknown person or persons, died last evening at the residence of Mr. Gehrig, a neighbor, where she was removed the day after her injury. If she knew who her assailants were, the secret has died with her. It is certainly a strange case to fathom. Why she should have been assaulted so mercilessly, without cause, is a mystery; and if the assault was committed by some enemy or enemies known to her—which many persons believe was the case—she has carefully shielded them from harm. Mrs. Fassler's body was removed to the undertaking rooms of John Miller.

*Denver News*—Ex-Policeman James C. Jones shot and instantly killed T. J. Strawn in a fit of jealousy, in the alley adjoining Jones' residence, 2652 California street, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The bullet entered Strawn's neck near the first vertebra. The dead man was removed to the coroner's while Jones gave himself up to the police and was locked up in the city jail. The weapon used was a 41-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver. Jones claimed the man he shot was wrecking his domestic happiness and that he had the proof of the fact in a letter. Mrs. Emma Jones, the wife of the ex-officer, is a handsome woman, thirty years of age and the mother of two interesting children, the oldest being but nine years old.

*Topeka Capital*—A man giving his name as David Holt claims he was confronted by a couple of highwaymen at the north end of the Santa Fe bridge, early yesterday morning, and robbed of what valuables he had about him and most of his clothing. According to his story, as related to a reporter, he had arrived in town on the Union Pacific train, and getting off at the junction had walked down to the Santa Fe railroad bridge, and lighting a newspaper, so as to be able to load and light his pipe, he saw two men confronting him, one of whom asked him for some tobacco. This he says he gave the man, when the other man immediately covered him with a revolver and demanded his money. When he informed the robber that he had none, he was ordered to strip off his coat, which he did. Then he was ordered to give up his hat, boots, socks and vest, and he says they came near taking his pants, but he persuaded them not to do so. Before they left him he begged that they would return his two army discharges, one from the Ninth Illinois and one from the Twenty-seventh Illinois infantry, but they swore they would shoot him if he asked again for them and ordered him to make tracks over the bridge. He says he did so and at the break of day made his way to the police headquarters and reported the circumstances.

*San Francisco Chronicle*.—The coasting schooner "Abbie," while beating out to sea yesterday afternoon, about 1:30 o'clock, collided at section 1 of the

seawall with the Oregon Improvement Company's steamer *Williamette Valley*. Forty feet of the steamer's railing and half of its bridge was carried away, one of the lifeboats was stove in, and one of the davits badly bent. Several of the vessel's plates are believed to be sprung. There were no passengers on the steamer at the time. She arrived Saturday from Yakima bay, and had just finished discharging her cargo of grain at section 1 of the seawall and was about to start back to her regular berth when the collision took place.

#### SPECIAL CONFERENCE AT MORGAN

Four of the apostles having visited Morgan Stake for the purpose of settling some difficulties, a special conference was held Sunday, the 7th, commencing at 10:30 a. m. President Smith called the meeting to order. After the usual opening exercises, Apostle Lorenzo Snow addressed the conference. He said if any people on this earth had cause to show gratitude it was the Latter-day Saints, because we have so many grand principles revealed to us that are not made known to any other people. We are too apt to mourn and complain over our circumstances, and not appreciate the blessings and comforts we enjoy. All the promises the Lord has ever made to us will be grandly fulfilled, and those who endure their suffering and affliction and remain faithful in the cause of truth will receive joy and pleasure a hundredfold greater than their sorrow. Disputes and difficulties should not exist among us and especially among the brethren holding the Priesthood. The speaker related some of his early experiences in the Church and his associations with the Prophet Joseph Smith, which were interesting and instructive.

The afternoon was well occupied by discourses from Apostles A. H. Cannon and F. D. Richards.

They advised the brethren to settle their grievances between themselves and not let them spread abroad among the people so as to cause trouble and disunion. It would be better for us under all circumstances to suffer an injustice rather than do a similar act toward our brother. It would also be better for us to submit to the decisions of Bishops' Courts and High Councils, as the men composing these courts were generally the best men among us, men who were guided in their actions by the Spirit of the Lord and would give just decisions. Their counsel to the brethren composing these courts was that they should be just and merciful in their decisions, and under all circumstances seek to be guided by the Spirit of the Lord.

If we were only to observe one grand law in the Church given to us in the Doctrine and Covenants, that the teachers visit the people and see that no iniquity existed, there would be no difficulties existing among us. We should be ashamed to allow troubles to exist between us over something that will not be of any use to us in the next world, and thus lose the blessings of this life and those of eternity.

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