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THE NATION'S NATAL DAY.

No organization, secular or ecclesiastical, holds with greater joy, or more reverence, the Day of Independence of this country, than do the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They may not always be so demonstrative in the expression of their sentiments as some other citizens are, but there is not a well informed member of the church who does not observe his country's natal day with joy and gratitude, as marking a most important epoch in modern history.

Every American citizen can now easily perceive that the declaration of independence by the American colonists was the beginning of a general recognition of human rights, and that the light that first appeared here over the cradle of new-born liberty was to radiate throughout the world and attract worshippers from the uttermost ends of the earth. It is clear now that to the American nation was delegated the birthright; that it was to become the standard-bearer in the grand procession to general emancipation and redemption. The hand of Providence in the events that led up to the declaration of independence, and in every subsequent chapter of American history, is as plain as the hand upon the wall in the palace of Babel.

But the Latter-day Saints see, besides, in the foundation of this Republic, the preparation of the Almighty of a place of safety, where the Church of Christ could be established in this age and attain the strength necessary for its important mission in the world, which is to proclaim the advent of the Lord, and to preach repentance, and declare salvation in His name. For this reason it is clear that the Latter-day Saints have every motive to view the Day of Independence with feelings of the purest patriotism. They, therefore, hail the day as loyal citizens, faithful to their country, and faithful to their God, whom they regard as the founder and preserver of this Republic, with its institutions and government.

Loyalty has ever been a strong characteristic of the moral nature of the Latter-day Saints. They know that the men who were instrumental in the establishment of the great American Republic, were led by the Almighty in their work. They know that the principles that underlie this government, are eternal truths. They have, therefore, loyally stood up for these principles and this government, even in the opposition of mobs and in the face of death. In the very last public appearance of the Prophet Joseph, when he knew that in all probability his career was about to be ended by the lawless forces that surrounded him, he declared his loyalty to his country and his faith in its divine mission. "We," he said, "are American citizens. We live upon a soil for the liberties of which our fathers perilled their lives and split their blood upon the battle field. Those rights, as dearly purchased, shall not be disregarded or trampled under foot by lawless aggressors, without at least a noble effort on our part to sustain our liberties." "Will you," he continued, "all stand by me to the death and sustain, at the peril of your lives, the laws of our country and the liberties and privileges which our fathers have transmitted unto us, sealed with their sacred blood?" Such are, and have always been, the sentiments of the Latter-day Saints, and if ever the time should come when the institutions of this Republic are menaced, the Latter-day Saints will be first and foremost in their defense and their maintenance. Otherwise they would be unfaithful to their traditions, the inheritance left them by the martyred Prophet, and to the revelations they have received from the Almighty.

An effort has sometimes been made to make it appear that the Latter-day Saints have assumed an attitude of opposition to the nation and the government. Nothing is further from the truth. The Saints have at different times found themselves confronted by mobs, who have violated the principles on which the American government is founded, and disregarded everything of which the American flag is the beautiful symbol. But the mobs are not the American people, nor the American government. They are the worst enemies of both. Those mobs have tried to make it appear that our resistance to their lawlessness is opposition to the government and the nation. But the Saints have ever recognized that their duty as American citizens made it incumbent upon them to oppose with all lawful means, any violation of the rights and privileges accorded to American citizens

by the laws of the country. They have always recognized the American government as an institution of divine origin for the protection of human rights and liberties. They never had any quarrel with the American people. This fact it may not be improper to emphasize, at this time of general rejoicing because of the birthday of a great and mighty nation.

THAT NAVAL RISING.

It was supposed, when the news of the mutiny on board the Russian warship *Kniaz Potemkin*, first reached the outside world, that it was an "incident" that would be "closed," by methods common in Russia, as soon as the rest of the Black Sea squadron could be brought to the scene. But, the mutineers, it seems, bid defiance to the entire squadron, and steamed away from Odessa unmolested. And the disaffection of the sailors is said to have spread. Rumors of serious outbreaks come even from the Baltic provinces.

The story of the mutiny is one of the strangest in the annals of naval history. On Russian war ships, the captain, it seems, buys the rations. The government allows an adequate fund to properly feed the crew, but the mess, being the captain's perquisite, he usually serves bad food, pocketing the difference between its cost and the generous sum the government allows him. The crew of the battleship *Potemkin* had been victims of the captain's greed. They had repeatedly complained that they were starving, unable to eat the inadequate, tainted rations served to them.

Finally, the men drew up a complaint, signed by all the men and the marines. A man was selected by lot to present the document to the captain. The poor fellow went to his doom. As soon as the captain had read the paper, he drew a revolver and shot the sailor down. Having done this, he ordered the body thrown into the sea. This latter evidence of inhumanity caused the rebellion to break out. The men became determined that the commander who had sacrificed himself for them, should, at least, have a decent burial. They urged forward, pleading for a funeral with Christian ceremonial, but this was refused. Then loaded rifles appeared in the hands of the marines, without anyone knowing how they came there. There was a rattling volley and the officers fled toward the after part of the ship. Several fell, and as the sailors and marines passed them they fired scores of bullets into their prostrate bodies. The captain was caught as he attempted to enter the conning tower. He turned and faced his men, white and trembling. He attempted to frame some plea for mercy, but it never left his lips. He was framed in by a circle of rifles, each of which crashed forth its call to death at the same instant. With his uniform coat riddled by scores of bullets, he tattered backward, dead. All the other officers except one were hunted down and killed and their bodies were thrown over the side. A midshipman was spared in order that he might navigate the ship and within a few minutes the sea men of the ship gathered to see the red flag raised over a Russian battleship.

The affair reveals how deep-seated is the disaffection among all classes in Russia. It also shows how necessary is reform in every department of the government. The methods of Russia are antiquated and unsuitable for an age that recognizes the rights of individuals. The Russian rulers must be brought in harmony with modern ideas, or they will perish in a general crash. That crash is to be the meaning of the mutiny.

A NEW DECLARATION.

A new "declaration of independence" has been signed by men prominent as educators and preachers. It declares for war upon the liquor traffic, and appeals to "the patriots of America" for support. A number of patriotic rallies of prohibitionists were held the Fourth of July, and many adopted this new "declaration of independence."

The document is a restatement of the published views and sentiments of thousands of temperance people everywhere. It is an epitome of the standpoint of the prohibitionist. Among those who are said to have signed it are President Edward D. Eaton of Ball College, President Henry W. Hunt of Denison University, Bishop Joyce, Mallison and Goodsell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Morrison of the Methodist Church, South, and President W. H. Hickman of the board of trustees of the Chautauque Institution.

The new "declaration" is almost a paraphrase of the famous Declaration that is viewed as the beginning of American independence. It states briefly the facts of the history of the liquor traffic in this country, and then says:

"We therefore, patriots of the United States of America, in this one purpose united, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the righteousness of our cause, do, in the name and on behalf of ourselves and our fellow citizens oppressed by, and at the mercy of, this purveyor, solemnly publish and declare that the people of these United States of right ought to be free and independent of this tyranny, and that all political and commercial connection between them and the liquor traffic ought to be and shall be totally dissolved. And in support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor. And on behalf of this declaration, supported by white, spread and irrepressible public opinion, we hereby subscribe our names."

One of the difficulties the prohibitionists encounter is the political power wielded by the element on which they have declared war. When grafters decide to steal a city or state government for the purpose of robbing the people, they know where to obtain money for campaign purposes, and votes, provided they can promise immunity for violations of the laws relating to drinking, gambling, and kindred vices. A declaration of independence of such tyranny is certainly needed.

Thus far the anti-American agitation

in China has developed no Rock Springs affair.

As a sane Fourth it was a sort of so and so forth.

The next great meeting will be in the Russian ship of state.

Things can hardly be worse when the crew of a Russian warship mutinies.

A challenge from John L. is like a voice from the dead. Why doesn't he stay dead?

Bernhardt is going to make a tour of the country again. Is it to be an revival or farewell?

There is no "grafting" in Japan. It is easily explained. Its new civilization is not fully developed yet.

That a famous steeple climber should meet his death by falling down a stair way shows the irony of fate.

With the *Kniaz Potemkin* it is now a case of sink or swim, survive or perish, with everything in favor of the sink and perish.

If hoop skirts are coming into fashion again, and everybody says they are, why don't they come and not stand on the order of coming?

Chinese merchants' guilds keep right on boycotting American manufacturers. At any rate it shows that the Chinese are awakening to modern methods.

If there are no cases of lockjaw following the celebration and may they not be? It will not be because there were not plenty of toys for sale.

Where is the sense or the humanity or the law for sending a boy to the Reform School for smoking cigarettes? Is it not a case where the remedy is worse than the disease?

The Swedish premier wishes it distinctly understood that Sweden will not resort to aggressive measures towards Norway. This relieves the situation and makes it far less interesting.

Paderewski got seven thousand dollars from the New York Central for a job. Had he been killed five thousand dollars would have been the extent of the damages recoverable. It is easy to draw the moral.

It will not be at all surprising if the President selects Hon. Elihu Root as successor to the late Secretary Hay. When he was in his cabinet he said of his secretary of war that he was the ablest man of his generation.

What a terrible thing this ecclesiastical jurisdiction is! From the way some papers and people howl one might think it was a menace to civil authority. In Utah Bishop Scammon possesses it for Roman Catholics; Bishop Spaulding possesses it for Episcopalians, and others for other churches. For these papers and people the silly season is not for a day or a week, a month or a year, but for all time. Poor tools!

Mr. David S. Copeland, writing from Washington, D. C., June 28, commenting on a recent brief article in the "News" on the "whale" in the Book of Jonah, says:

"I was on a whaler in the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. I have seen sharks 15 to 18 feet in length, and a bone shark came near our vessel some 40 feet long. The Mediterranean sea has white sharks, and one of them could swallow Jonah without gulping, and an old naturalist gives such an account of a British sailor that fell overboard."

AMERICAN COIN FOR EUROPE.

Hartford Times.
Since it seems to be determined that the expenditure of Americans who go to Europe for the summer averages \$1,000 for each person, it follows that \$200,000,000 of the so-called balance of trade of the United States will be recovered by those foreign voyagers. The rush to Europe this year is breaking all records. The number of first and second class passengers who have already been carried across is \$2,000,000. Thirty thousand more will go in July, and the total for the season is estimated at 200,000.

DEPOPULATION OF IRELAND.

Reynolds' Newspaper.
The emigration statistics for Ireland for the year 1904 furnish melancholy reading in that they show how Ireland continues to lose some of the best of her population. Last year 36,902 natives of Ireland, a number equivalent to 8.5 per 1,000 of the population, left their homes, the vast majority to go to the United States of America. The total of 36,902 is a slight falling off as compared with several recent years, and is, indeed, the smallest aggregate since 1858. But, unfortunately, the outward flow has continued, for since 1850 no fewer than 3,997,912 of the Irish people have left their native land. A large proportion of these are among the flower of the race, and it is almost an axiom in Irish history that the energetic and enterprising go, while the more helpless remain.

PRAISE FOR SWEDEN.

New York Evening Post.
If to be slow to wrath is a virtue, Sweden deserves great credit, and in fact, it is highly praiseworthy in the King and cabinet to consider the secession of Norway, not in the light of natural resentment, but in that of reason and justice. One must hope that this temper may prevail over the hotbeds in the Riksdag, who advocate fighting to bring Norway back into the union, clearly, a war would not mend matters. What is needed is not a renewal of the very unsatisfactory union just broken, but a satisfactory modus vivendi as a basis towards a more permanent union. If Sweden should follow her sagacious monarch in taking this patient and expectant attitude, it is possible that time and considerations of common defense might bring Norway back.

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States is afforded by Prof. A. D. F. Hamilton's paper on "Architecture," important features of recent educational activity are discussed by Osman H. Lang in the paper entitled "The Educational Outlook," while "Applied Science," in all its latest developments, is ably treated by H. H. Sullivan. An interesting paper by Herbert W. Horwill on "Recent Fiction," which concludes this series of "Reviews" is followed by three special articles entitled, "Women in Turkey," by Mary Mills Patrick; "The British Invasion of Tibet," by Mohammad Barakatullah; and "The Rupture Between Norway and Sweden," by Julius Moritzen.—45 East 42nd St., New York.

Human Life for June is the third number of the first volume of that publication. It is intended for a "College Reader," and is filled with reading and illustrations in accordance with that purpose. According to the editorial announcement, the magazine will speak only the truth, regardless of the front. May the writers never deviate from that narrow path.—18 Blinford St., Boston.

The Journal of Public Health for June has the following list of contents: "The Educational Function of the Physician," by Judge Frank S. Roby; "The Prevention of Epidemics," by J. M. Cooper; "East Living," "Adult Tempered Food and Drink," by Julius C. LeHardy; "Argument for National Food Standard," by E. A. McDonald; "How Pure Food is Obtained in Wisconsin," by J. Q. Emery; "Food Adulteration's Great Power," "Poisoned Candy," "Hygiene of the Race," "Treatment of Typhoid Fever with Castor Oil," and "A Gaseous Cure-All"—Editorial from Truth of London, April 13, 1905.—The magazine does not touch upon the question of food adulteration, and hygienic subjects.—104 Powell Ave., Evansville, Ind.

The current number of the Hesperian opens with an illustrated paper on the Portland exhibition. This is followed by an article on "Thomas Moore," and another on "What is Henry James?" "The Irony of Fate," is the title of a poem, "Current Literature," "Contemporary Science," and "The Literary Rambler" conclude the list of contents. In "Contemporary Science" will be found an article on the cigar, which should be well considered by smokers. It might help to break off the injurious habit.—7th and Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.

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