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PEACE OR WAR?

It is not our intention to try the patience of our readers by entering upon any unprofitable discussion with the Salt Lake Tribune, but since that sheet now seeks to impress upon an unthinking public that the result of the election on Tuesday was due to interference by the Church, and since it makes the announcement that "the fight will go right on as heretofore," we may be pardoned for pointing out the utter absence of any rational reason for a threat, which, if the people permit it to be carried out, will only result in injury to the business interests of this city.

There is absolutely no truth in the allegation that the Church, or Church authorities, have exercised any undue influence upon the voters. No Church member has been "commanded," or forced by any means whatever to vote one ticket or another. No one can truthfully say that his standing in the Church has been menaced if he refused to abandon party affiliations. Nor has the Church organization as a whole, or any part of it, been used in any effort to further one party's principles as against another. Neither high tariff, nor trust prosecution, nor any other political party doctrine has been announced from the pulpits of the Church. On the contrary the perfect freedom of every citizen to vote as he thinks best, has repeatedly been recognized by the Church leaders.

Leading churchmen in Salt Lake County it is true, have taken more interest in the election just held than they generally do. They have, as American citizens interested in the welfare of the community in which they live, tried to make it clear to their fellow-citizens that their right and liberties were menaced by a foe to American institutions and that they have given any counsel to anybody, privately or publicly, as to the best way of meeting the enemy of American government, they have only done their duty as American citizens and defenders of the assailed Church. They have not attempted any coercion. Those who of their own free choice decided to follow the advice given were welcome to do so; those who could not see their way clear to do that, were equally free. So when the defeated party organ says: "The officials of the Mormon church made a determined and successful raid on their followers, compelling such as were Democrats to desert their party allegiance," it simply utters one of those colossal falsehoods for which there is not even a shadow of foundation in fact.

It is true that many Democrats voted the Republican ticket for this County, but they did so as a matter of self-protection. If it is proper to talk about compulsion in this matter, it was the Tribune that compelled them to vote as they did, in the same way that the Persian invading hordes compelled the Athenians at Marathon to stand together in the defense of liberty and home. There was no other compulsion. The threat that "the fight will go right on" should attract the attention of business men and all others who are interested in the material development of the City. Would it not be better for all concerned now to drop all animosity, to come together and adjust differences on an equitable basis, and then join hands and hearts and work for the City and the State? Which shall it be? We look to the conservative citizens and business men, and not to the Tribune, for an answer to this all important question.

MUNICIPAL STREET RAILWAYS.

Consul F. L. Bright, writing from Huddersfield, England, has just made known some interesting facts concerning the municipal street railways of that place.

Huddersfield has a population of 100,000. It was the first city in England to own and operate its tramways, as they name the street car system in that country. At first steam power was employed, but this was superseded in 1901 by electricity. The track now extends 23 miles, over eight miles of this extent being double track. Fifty-six cars are daily operated, and occasionally seventy, each with a capacity of 56 passengers. The average fare is 2.4 cents; the number of passengers carried in 1907, was 16,130,324. The total employees number 450, and their weekly wages amount to \$2,270. Motormen and conductors work nine hours, and other employees from 7 to 9 hours per day.

The cost of the permanent way has been \$884,167, the total outlay for permanent works, cars, 24 waiting rooms, and other property being \$2,093,383. An open top car weighing 10 tons costs \$2,578, a covered top car weighing 10 tons 14 hundredweight \$2,523.

The total working expenses for the year were \$202,942, making an average of 8.7 cents per car mile, after deducting \$31,486 for power expenses. The fares charged run from 2 cents per 1.23 miles up to 8 cents per 6.55 miles. From 5 a. m. to 8 p. m. and from 4 p. m. to 10 p. m. cars are available to workmen going to and from work at 50 per cent. of the ordinary fares. From a total income of \$412,000 last year, there was a gross surplus of

\$209,268. This was applied to interest, debt, etc., and a net surplus of \$31,706 for the year remained to be applied to the relief of the general rates, that is, to the reduction of the city's taxes.

No fatal accidents occurred last year, and fewer than 50 claims for damage were presented. The total number of accidents such as collisions, and the alighting of passengers was 252. Taken altogether the Huddersfield experiment of municipal ownership seems to be justifying itself by its results, especially during a year of hard times, slack employment, and low wages.

DO NOT WORRY.

As an illustration of the power of imagination the story is told of a girl who is expected to die in a New York hospital as the result of fright.

Some time ago, so the story goes, the girl was helping to care for a woman who had been suddenly stricken insane and while she was handing the patient a glass of water the woman bit her on the cheek. Some one told the girl that this woman had previously been bitten by a mad dog and, although this was not so, the girl began to worry and actually fretted herself into a state where she has some of the symptoms of the awful disease. This girl was never in the slightest of danger from the trifling wound that the mad woman inflicted on her cheek but she is now in grave peril, it is said, entirely because of her imagination.

It is known that imagination plays an important part in the physical well-being of the children of men. "A sound mind in a sound body." The status of the mind influences the functions of the body. Wrath, fear, joy, valor, all are reflected in the physical part of man and the habits formed affect that part for good or for evil. To enjoy life to the fullest extent the soul must be filled with happiness. Perfect resignation and contentment are conducive to health and life.

FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

The city government of New York is being urged to do something for the employment of unemployed. It is supposed that many laborers will be out of work the coming winter, and that this condition will obtain in many cities throughout the country.

Great Britain is just taking up the problem of the unemployed. According to Mr. Asquith the plan of the government is to expedite public works so as to furnish more employment. Men would be, for example, engaged in repair work at naval stations, which ordinarily would not have been undertaken till next year. The Admiralty would make haste to place contracts in November which it had not been intended to close till January. Moreover, the war office was preparing to take on 25,000 recruits in the special reserve between now and next March. These three items included about all that the government could do directly. Indirectly, it was loaning money to borough governments and other local authorities, in order to promote public improvements which would incidentally provide work. Up to date, this year, such loans had amounted to more than \$20,000,000. Out of the money thus made available, projected water works would be constructed, sewers dug, new paving laid, etc.

It is good policy to furnish work and keep labor employed at good wages, even if so doing sometimes is construed as "paternalism," or even "socialism."

WAR ON CONSUMPTION.

On the 15th of this month an exhibition on tuberculosis will be opened in New York. The exhibit formed part of the recent international congress on tuberculosis and will be shown under the auspices of the tuberculosis committee of the Charity Organization society and the health department. It is supposed that this educational exhibit will be viewed by a million people. The purpose is to illustrate the dangers of the one disease and to carry the message to sufferers that consumption can be cured by means of fresh air, rest and wholesome food. These facts the exhibit sets forth in different ways.

Charts and diagrams show the ravages of tuberculosis in various parts of the world. In the German exhibit, a series of small painted wooden pillars and blocks of different heights, demonstrate the comparative mortality from consumption in various groups of the people. The United States Census Bureau shows the deaths from tuberculosis in a unique way, indicating by a flash of electric light that someone is dying from tuberculosis in the United States every two minutes and thirty-six seconds; 23 every hour, and 548 every day.

In the exhibit illustrating the treatment of the disease the importance of fresh air is shown. Every model of buildings shown is designed to give a maximum amount of fresh air to the patient both day and night. Balconies, houses, tents, and groups of buildings of every sort show this phase of the campaign against tuberculosis. An exhibit of this kind ought to be shown in the principal cities of the United States. The people generally should have a chance to familiarize themselves with the details of the war carried on against one of the most deadly enemies of mankind.

The market is feeling "bully" bullish.

Did Freddy Dubois note how Idaho went?

A football victory could hardly have pleased Yale more.

The value of experience very often falls short of the cost.

In Minnesota they seem unable to get "too much Johnson."

The Bill club feels fully satisfied with the result of the election.

Many a man who has made his mark in the world began with chalk.

Tuesday's election demonstrates

anew that in union there is strength.

A studious student who is "cropped" after all must feel like the old hairy.

Prosperity now being assured, shouldn't the price of coal be reduced?

The Roosevelt policies are "to be continued in our next" administration.

What Utah wants is peace and prosperity in place of persistent lying and trading.

Fall openings are numerous, especially where the many tranches are left uncovered.

A bright election outlook often dazzles the eyes so that the real situation cannot be seen.

There are two sides to a landslide, an upper and a nether. Always choose the upper.

You can even make hay while the sun shines on a dark, dreary, rainy winter's day.

The Chinese may be more philosophical than the Japanese, but they are not nearly so polite.

Of course a good name is better than great riches, but the great riches are a splendid substitute.

After all Mr. Rockefeller's vote did not seem to have had a deciding influence on the election.

Though they do not belong to the "400," Taft and Sherman are the very elect of the land.

In politics it is harder to get rid of an ill-founded suspicion than of an indelible ink blot on a white shirt front.

The Nebraska legislature being Democratic, it would be a graceful thing for it to send Mr. Bryan to the United States senate.

"Does the woman who goes around lecturing about Home Life feel any better?" asks the Atchison Globe. She certainly does or she couldn't make it pay.

Colonel Gilbert, an English gentleman visiting this city, says that Americans eat too much. If such is the case, it is the result of the full dinner pail policy.

The Tribune finds inconsistency in our appeal for peace and reference to the bitter feelings created by the falsehoods disseminated by unscrupulous "American" party leaders. That is no inconsistency. The very fact that such bitterness has been engendered is the reason for the appeal for peace and the cessation of the activity that results in hatred. Our contemporary also says the "News" assails the "American" party. But this is not true. We have endeavored to defend the Church against the attacks made by certain "American" party leaders and agitators, but with the party we have had no controversy.

BEING BURIED ALIVE.

Omaha Bee.

News dispatches from Kansas City tell the story of a woman who narrowly escaped being buried alive at Ellis. She was supposed to have died of heart disease and the minister, after the body had been placed in the casket and the funeral oration delivered, became curious and asked for a last look at the remains. Then the discovery was made that the woman was not dead. Physicians were hastily summoned and succeeded in reviving her. She is improving and shows signs of complete recovery. The subject of investigation serves to recall the not distant time when such stories were common and when many persons were haunted with the awful fear of being buried alive. Little is heard of such fears in these days and physicians who have made it the subject of investigation state that there is not one substantiated case in a million reported ones of any person having been buried alive. Practically no danger of such a horror exists in these days. The signs of death are too clear and too plain to be mistaken by the trained physician, and his judgment may be accepted as practically infallible.

THE CANADIAN WAY.

Boston Herald.

A general parliamentary election up in Canada is practically equivalent to a presidential election in the United States. The composition of the Canadian parliament determines the character of the government, and the premier's authority is scarcely less than that of our president. As goes the Canadian Parliament so goes the country.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Boston Transcript.

What should we do if a Japanese fleet were to return the courtesy of the visit of Admiral Sperry's armada? Our luxury car entertainers would be taxed to the utmost, for the Japanese have challenged us to equal them in hospitality. The Japanese people may have merely come to see the show and have a good time, but the Japanese government bent all its energies to demonstrate to the world its hated position as a great power entertaining in a great way, equal to the occasion and to the probable future. Even if policy alone dictated its course, Japan has placed upon us the onus of any disturbance of cordial relations, and thereby has attained a post of diplomatic advantage in the event of future negotiations.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER WINS.

New York World.

Premier Laurier expected a majority of thirty-five in the new Dominion Parliament, but the return of Canada's election Monday indicate that he will have nearly as big a majority as in the last Parliament. That he was the exact figure, the Canadian electorate has responded heartily to the Premier's appeal for a mandate to finish the work he has planned for the "larger Canada." While the Canadian system follows the precedents, the personality and policies of the Premier were as commandingly before the Canadian electorate in the campaign as are my policies in the United States. The triumph of the Liberal party is the triumph of its leader. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is an interesting figure in Canadian history. At the age of sixty-seven and after three terms of the Premiership, he is still a vigorous and active development in his country. It is a high distinction the Dominion now con-

fers upon him in giving him for the fourth time its emphatic approval.

JUST FOR FUN.

Mistress (to maid)—Why, Minnie do you mean to say you have on my new boots that I have worn only once myself?
Minnie—But, madame, if you had worn them again they would have been over so much too big for me.—File-gende Blatter.

The Wife—I had a call from Marcella today.
Her husband—I suppose she bored you to death, as usual, with her stupid talk?
Wife—Yes, dear, she talked about you the whole time.—Le Rire.

Shopper—It's dreadful how expensive these American sausages have become!
Shopkeeper—Well, you see there's not only the duty to pay now, but the dog-tax as well.—Jugend.

She: Allen married before he had completed his education.
He: The same could be said of any man that married.—Smart Set.

Rough Estimate.

"I say, waiter," said the impatient guest, "how long will my omelette be?"
The waiter, "but the average is about eight inches."—Exchange.

Human Calculation.

Tommy—Mamma, if a man and wife are one, and the wife is the better half, then what is the man?
Mamma—A vulgar fraction, my son.—Chicago News.

"Something old and something new, something borrowed"
"To what are you alluding?"
"A bride costume."
"Oh, I thought maybe you were giving a recipe for a joke column," said the press humorist wearily.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

He, my friend married for money.
She, Does he regret it?
"He doesn't regret the money."—Smart Set.

"You know Casey, the contractor?"
"Oh yes."
"Is he what you'd call reliable?"
"He is the most reliable man I ever knew. Whenever he tells you anything you can depend on it's not being so."—Tit-Bits.

Progressive Christianity.

"Bishop Potter," said a New York clergyman, "was progressive, but he thought that some churches went too far in their effort to attract the public."

"He was talking to me very seriously one day about churches that give moving picture entertainments, and have actors and opera singers, and have billiard rooms, and allow smoking—and all of a sudden he broke off with a laugh."

"Why, Jim," he said, "if this keeps on, things will come to such a pass that when the wife, putting her head out of the window at 1 o'clock in the morning, and sternly asking her husband, where he has been, will be met with the startling reply: 'If I been to church, m'dear!'"—Washington Star.

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