

condition to risk a war with such a Power. The conflict with Turkey has been very expensive, and in addition to the troops that have fallen in battle, disease has decimated the ranks of her experienced soldiers. Her naval power is vastly inferior to that of England, and although the latter Power might start in alone to keep back the Muscovite from conquest and dominion, it is not at all probable that the fight would remain a duel. Other Powers would certainly be drawn into the conflict, and without assurances of reliable support—say of such a power as Germany, Russia will hesitate and yield many points before engaging in a struggle of such vast proportions as would arise almost as soon as British and Russian swords were crossed.

Meanwhile preparations go on on both sides, and all the continental nations are watching sharply each other's movements with jealous eyes. The congress may never meet, or if it does assemble, the points to be discussed all contain elements of danger, and until a treaty is signed by its general sanction, the war clouds which now hang heavily over Europe will not be dissipated, or brightened by the presence of the angel of peace.

THE SITUATION IN EUROPE.

WE make the following extracts from a letter to one of our missionaries in Scotland, written by a gentleman connected with the British Parliament, who has an excellent opportunity of knowing the views of leading men in that country and the anticipations in regard to future events of general importance. The writer is not a member of our Church but is evidently investigating its principles. The letter is dated London Feb. 25, 1878.

I never witnessed such excitement anywhere as I did in the lobbies of the House of Commons about a fortnight ago. Dispatches were coming in in succession from Russia and from Constantinople, every dispatch created fresh excitement. Lords running here and there consulting. Small groups of members and others congregating together to discuss the latest phase of this much vexed question. I really don't think a declaration of war could have made matters much worse. Since then again, however matters have been less exciting, and the horizon seems a little cleared. I for one put very little stress upon the chance of a settlement of this tangled eastern question. In fact I almost incline to the opinion that settlement is not in the question at all. I am apprehensive like yourself of the greatest diplomatic battles, to be followed perhaps by the greatest wars that ever took place. And if it should happen that through some means a European peace may be established, I can only look upon it in the light of being very temporary. For every nation is preparing and has been preparing for some coming danger. It would seem that they have smelt of war for two or three years past. And the armaments and equipments for war which have been provided by England and European nations is something dreadful to reflect upon. Oh happy time when war shall be studied no more! But, alas, how much is to be done before then. Men's blood must run deep on the battlefields before that eventful time can come. As regards the revelation to Joseph in 1832, on war, another part fulfillment of that revelation seems to have taken place quite lately. When Britain dispatched her fleet to the Dardanelles she asked other nations to join her in sending their fleets. That looks very like "Great Britain calling upon other nations, in order to defend themselves against other nations." So apprehensive am I of the whole situation, (and I find this is the opinion of one here who takes, I consider, a most sensible and watchful view of the circumstances) so distrustful of Russian promises or diplomacy, that I will not be in the least surprised if the whole machinery, which seems to have been much strained of late, breaks down and we are landed into a situation from which we cannot withdraw, and eventually war be declared. When was there such a terrible time? and yet we are so

callous and so indifferent that we give little heed to the whirl of events which must sooner or later affect the whole race of mankind.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MAR. 22.

Returned.—We understand Elder Lorus Pratt arrived in this city last evening, from his mission to England. Elder Stephen Richards arrived, from the same country, two or three days previously.

Segoe Poisoning.—On Wednesday a cow herd numbering sixty head, from South Jordan, were driven up on the range. They ate freely of segoes, and consequently all the animals grew sick. Six head have been lost by poisoning in this way lately in the vicinity of South Jordan.

Telephone.—Mr. W. H. Rowe has established telephonic communication between his store and the various departments of his boot and shoe factory. There is one main string to convey the vibrations, and this is tapped by branch lines at different points. The contrivance was put up by Mr. Clemetshaw, who has added the making of simple telephones to his trunk and valise business.

Bad Accident.—On Wednesday a son of Mr. Ternan, of Farmington, twelve years old, was shot in the arm, with a shotgun, by another lad, while the two were at play. Dr. Benedict, who was summoned to attend the case, went up yesterday and found it necessary to amputate the arm a few inches below the shoulder. This morning the patient was brought to the city and taken to the Sisters Hospital.

Excommunication.

This is to certify that William Henry Stevens and his wife, Eliza Stevens, have been cut off the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for apostasy.

A. MARCHANT, Bishop.
O. F. LYONS, Clerk.

Peoa, March 18th, 1878.

An Improvement.—The work of lowering the dam across the Jordan at the Point of the Mountain, has been just completed, by Bishop Gardner. The proprietors of the adjacent lands will no longer complain of an overflow and they will bless the good Bishop, who has reduced, by three feet, the original height of the dam. This improvement meets the approbation of the public. The work was done under the direction of the Selectmen of Salt Lake County.

Improving.—Mr. Francis Armstrong is having the residence in the 18th Ward, which he purchased some time ago from Mr. D. P. Kimball, nicely improved. An ornamental porch and veranda are being put on the front of the house, facing south, and a porch on the north side. The building has an excellent situation, above the brow of the hill, and commands an extensive view of the city and valley. The lot has been graded and planted out in rows of trees this Spring.

Lamentable Occurrence.—R. F. Gould furnishes us with an account of a lamentable occurrence that took place at Washington, Washington County, on the 12th inst.

On the evening of the date named a couple of young men, J. W. R. Averett and David Cook, Jr., companions, met upon the street and engaged in a friendly wrestle. They both fell, in such a position that the head of the last named was bent under young Averett's arm. It was soon observed by some bystanders that young Cook had fainted. He was conveyed to his home and, next day, he expired from the injuries he received.

Lucern.—"Mulberius," in the NEWS, a few days since, stated that Bishop C. Layton, of Davis County, imported some lucern seed a few years ago. The *Territorial Enquirer* claims that Mr. B. Bachman, of Provo, was the first who imported lucern seed to this Territory. The *Herald* remembers a citizen importing and sowing alfalfa seed some sixteen years ago. Perhaps it cannot be determined with accuracy who was the first to import the seed and grow this useful fodder-plant in this Territory, as different private citizens imported a little of the

seed from the east and grew a little lucern on a small scale more than sixteen years ago.

Concert.—Next Tuesday evening a concert will be given in the Social Hall, under the auspices of the 18th Ward choir. That excellent body of musicians, the Union Glee Club, and a number of other ladies and gentlemen representing some of the best musical talent in Salt Lake, will take part in the performances. A very excellent programme has been arranged, which will be certain to give satisfaction. The entertainment will be under the direction of Prof. C. J. Thomas, the leader of the choir. The admission will be 50 cents, children under 12, 25 cents. The proceeds will be applied to the purchase of an organ for the use of the 18th Ward.

Another Gone.—Another child of Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore has departed this life. The circumstances are peculiarly distressing to the bereaved mother, Mr. Gilmore being absent. Mrs. Gilmore will probably have a vault built immediately at Mount Olivet Cemetery, in which to place the remains not only of the little one who has just died, but also of two whose demise occurred some time ago, one of whom was interred at Fillmore and the other at Park City. The remains of these two will probably be exhumed and brought to this city, for interment in the proposed vault.

Riotous Conduct.—Early this morning, between midnight and two o'clock, three drunken soldiers made night hideous. Near the City Hall they fired several shots, some of the bullets striking the Theatre. They whooped, yelled, and fired off their pistols on First South Street, on their way eastward, alarming the people. On reaching the 11th Ward they smashed several panes of glass in the windows of the School-house, and battered the door and shutters of Bishop McRae's tailor shop. The police officers went after them and the soldiers shot at them, one of the officers returning the fire. One of the soldiers was wounded in the arm. The three were finally captured, taken to the City Hall and locked up in jail.

Returned Missionary.—To-day we met with Elder Alma B. Dunford, who returned last evening from a mission to England, on which he left on the 9th of last July. While in Britain he labored, as we have before published, for the Shemeld and latterly, until his release to return home, in the Manchester Conference. He labored in both fields with great pleasure. He baptized eleven persons, besides eight others who had been formerly connected with the Church. A portion of the time Elder Dunford suffered from an affection of the chest, superinduced by cold, but his health is now much improved.

He enjoyed himself much while engaged in the ministry abroad, but feels greatly pleased to be home again among his friends.

Valuable Work.—Wolfe's U. P. R. gazetteer for 1878-9 is just published. It is a volume of 360 pages neatly bound in cloth and containing an excellent map of the country west of Chicago contiguous to the railroads. It is full of valuable information to the traveller and gives a business directory of each of the principal towns on the line of the railroad. Salt Lake City and Utah come in for a good share of the book, and they are fairly and ably represented. The book ought to meet with a wide and ready sale, as it embodies statistics and descriptions of the western country, with the churches, schools, various public societies, agriculture, stock and mineral interests, and various other matters of great worth to business men and travelers. Published by J. M. Wolfe at Omaha, Nebraska, price \$3 50.

The Mint Movement.—The call of prominent citizens for a meeting in the interest of a movement to establish a mint in Salt Lake City, was responded to by a fair sized gathering of business men of Salt Lake, last night, at the Institute Building.

On motion of Mr. Richard Macintosh, Mayor Little was elected chairman, and Major H. C. Goodspeed was chosen secretary.

After the chairman had explained the object of the meeting, the following gentlemen, in response to calls from the audience, made brief

speeches on the subject under consideration: O. J. Hollister, J. G. Sutherland, Henry W. Lawrence, C. W. Bennett, Hadley D. Johnson and R. H. Robertson. All the speakers urged the superior advantages and claims of Salt Lake to have a mint established in it, and the necessity for the appointment of a committee to meet and confer with the committee appointed by the United States Government to select a location for a mint in the west.

The following gentlemen were appointed, by unanimous vote, a committee to take the necessary steps in the premises and report at a future meeting of citizens:

W. S. McCornick, R. C. Chambers, J. E. Dooly, Feramorz Little, Wm. Jennings, J. R. Walker and William H. Hooper.

Judge Bennett explained that Mr. J. R. Walker was absent from the City and was not expected to return for some time; therefore, on motion, his place on the committee was declared vacant and Mr. H. W. Lawrence was appointed in his stead.

The meeting adjourned for one week, same hour and place, when it is expected the committee will be prepared to report.

KANAB STAKE CONFERENCE.

March 9th and 10th, 1878.

Present on the stand—Wilford Woodruff, of the Twelve; Henry Eyring, of the Presidency of the St. George Stake; Elder M. F. Farnsworth; James L. Bunting, of the Presidency of Kanab Stake; Bishops W. D. Johnson, Jr., S. E. Johnson, H. B. M. Jolley, Thomas Chamberlain, James Leithead and T. W. Smith.

The morning meeting was occupied by the Bishops of the various wards giving in their reports, which showed that the people were on the improve generally, and that there were day and Sunday schools in all the wards. Through the influence of these schools and the associations of the young people there was a marked improvement among them.

President Wilford Woodruff expressed his satisfaction at the reports of the Bishops; compared the present comfortable circumstances of the Saints with that of the time when President Young led the Pioneers into the valleys, then a desolate waste; referred to the few that were left of the first organization of the Church, and the necessity of the youth preparing themselves to occupy high and responsible positions in the Church; spoke of his labors in the St. George Temple, and the faith and good feeling of the many who had assisted him in the work for the dead.

2 p. m.

Brother Henry Eyring referred to the remarks of Bro. Woodruff, and said we should treasure up the words of the first Elders of this Church who had heard the teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, as they would soon pass away and their words would become only history. Spoke at length on the order of the Priesthood; exhorted the Saints to sustain and uphold those whom they voted for.

Bro. M. F. Farnsworth was pleased to meet with the Saints of this Stake, and was highly gratified to see the marked improvement going on among the people.

Brother James A. Little spoke for a short time, showing that the light of revelation was much superior to that of human reasoning.

Prest. Jas. L. Bunting spoke of the necessity of our consolidating our interests and becoming self-sustaining.

Sunday, 10 a. m.

Statistical report of Stake, Sunday schools and Y. M. M. I. Associations read.

The general authorities of the Church were then presented by Bro. Henry Eyring and unanimously sustained; also the local authorities, as follows: L. John Nuttall, President of Stake; Howard O. Spencer and James L. Bunting, his counselors. Members of High Council—John Rider, James Lewis, Edwin Ford, Edward A. Noble, John Oakley, Richard Robinson, Warren Foote, Thomas Robinson, Taylor Crosby, Edward Pugh, Samuel Mullenier and James A. Little. John Rider, president of the High Priests' Quorum; Jas. Lewis and Israel Hoyt, his counselors.

Elijah Billingsly, patriarch. F. M. Hamblin president of the

Elders Quorum, Isaiah Bowers and George Wadair his counselors.

W. D. Johnson, Jr., bishop Kanab Ward; J. G. Brown and B. T. Baird counselors.

S. E. Johnson bishop of Johnson; Nephi Johnson and G. A. Shumway counselors.

H. B. M. Jolley bishop, Mt. Carmel; R. M. Englestadt and W. J. Jolley counselors.

Thomas Chamberlain bishop, Orderville; Isaac V. Carling and B. H. Williams counselors.

James Leithead bishop, Glendale; Royal J. Cutter and J. S. Carpenter counselors.

T. W. Smith bishop, Paharia; R. A. Smith and Nephi Smithson counselors.

R. S. Robertson presiding priest, Upper Kanab; Chas. Pulsipher presiding priest, Winsor and Moccasin Springs; James W. Wilkins presiding priest at Middletown, Paharia; Warren M. Johnson presiding priest, Colorado Ferry.

Z. K. Judd president priest's quorum.

James H. Lewis president of teachers; H. E. Riggs 2nd counselor.

James A. Little, C. H. Oliphant, John Rider, Samuel Mullenier, Thomas Robertson, Charles Pulsipher, Chas. Shumway, James Watson, W. J. Jolley, J. S. Carpenter, home missionaries.

W. D. Johnson, Jr., President Y. M. M. I. Association.

Jas. L. Bunting superintendent of Sunday schools.

Elder Wilford Woodruff then addressed the congregation stating that the Lord had restored, through the Prophet Joseph Smith, the same priesthood that Adam and his posterity held, and all those who have received that priesthood are under great responsibility and should be careful how they use it; said that all the keys of the different dispensations were given to Joseph Smith by the men who held them. Spoke of the power of Satan and disembodied spirits that beset the saints.

2 p. m.

Bro. Henry Eyring read from the 30th chapter of Job, and spoke of the pre-existence of spirits, followed by Bro. Woodruff, who spoke at length upon the subject of silk culture, and delivered an excellent discourse upon the subject of endowments for the dead, and the blessings of God that will attend those who perform the work.

Conference adjourned sine die.

B. S. YOUNG, Clerk.

DIED.

In the 20th Ward of this city, March 25th, of whooping cough and lung fever, JOSEPHINE, daughter of John and Sophia Sharp, aged 16 months and 3 days. Funeral services to-morrow, at the residence of the parents, at 2 p. m.

At Laketown, Rich Co., Sunday, March 17th, 1878, EVELINE, beloved wife of Joseph G. Williams, daughter of Willard and Rosamond F. Green, leaving a baby three weeks old and two little girls, besides a large circle of relatives and friends to deplore her loss. She died in full faith of a glorious resurrection with the Saints.—COM.

In this city, 17th Ward, March 24th, from whooping-cough and teething, BENJAMIN, son of H. C. and E. Barrell, aged 1 year, 2 months and 24 days.

At Brigham City, March 8, 1878, of consumption, ORSON H. PULSIPHER, aged 42 years.

Deceased was born at Scott, Courtland County, N. Y.; came to Utah in 1852. He lived and died a true and faithful Saint, and leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss.—COM.

At Washington, Washington County, March 13, 1878, from the effects of an accident while wrestling, DAVID, son of David and Mary Ann Heiden Cook, born March 13, 1854, at Nephi, Juab County. He died a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

At Washington, Washington County, March 13, 1878, NIELS ANDREW, son of Niels and Pernella Sandberg Nissen. Born at Washington, Washington County, Utah, August 27, 1873.

Skandinavian Stjerne, please copy.

At Lehi, Utah County, Utah Territory, March 12, 1878, ELIZABETH PIERCE, the beloved wife of Isaac Chilton, aged 39 years and 1 month.

Deceased was born in Monmouthshire, South Wales; was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in 1857; emigrated to Utah in 1863, and has always lived a faithful Latter-day Saint.—COM.

Millennial Star please copy.

At Smithfield, Cache County, March 14, 1878, of internal injuries caused by a fall, JANE R. WAKEFIELD, wife of Edwin R. Miel, aged 33 years, 1 month and 11 days. She leaves a husband and eight children to mourn her loss.

At Brigham City, March 21, of lung fever ARTHUR JAMES, son of George and Elizabeth Gidney, aged 6 weeks.