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SENATOR HOPKINS' ADDRESS.

The address of Senator Hopkins de fivered in the Senate on the 11th of this month, in opposition to the recom mendation of the majority of the Senate committee on Privileges and Elections in the case against Senator Smoot, is, on the whole, a very able effort. The Illinois Senator proves in the course of his argument, that the Senate has not been given arbitrary power to determine whether a regular elected Senator can retain his seat or not, as some seem to have supposed. The Constitution gives the qualifications of a senator. He must have attained to the age of thirty years; he must have been a citizen at least nine years and be a resident of the state that elects him. Those are the Constitutional qualifications. The Constitution also provides that each House shall be the judge of the election returns and the qualifications of its own members. That is to say, as the Senator explains this provision, "Section 5 of Article I precludes the idea that a contestant for a seat in the United States Senate could successfully claim before any of the courts of the country, either State or Federal, that his successful competitor for the position of United States senator was not, for example, thirty years of age, or that he had not been nine years a citizen of the United States or that at the time that he was elected United States senator he was not an inhabitant of the state from which he was chosen. Section 5 places the power entirely in the Senate of the United States to determine whether these qualifications have been complied with."

This we take to be irrefutable. The attempt at determining the famous case against the senior Senator from Utah on any other ground than recognized by the Constitution must be considered as an assault upon the prerogatives guaranteed by that sacred instrument of liberty; it is an attempt to set it aside for the purpose, if possible, of divorting the greatest legislative bedy in the world from its high and holy calling, and enlisting it in the service of personal spite and revenge. It the plans laid by the opponents of Senator Smoot were carried out, a dangerous precedent would be established. It would, perhaps, not be impossible for the majority of either House of Congress to refuse, arbitrarily, the admission of any member, or any number of members, for political purposes, and elections in the various states would be somewhat of a farce, as it is in Russia. The possible consequences of an adverse decision is the most important consideration in this celebrated case. Whether Senator Smoot is retained in the Senate or not, is of small conse. quence to the Church of which he is an honored member and trusted official, although a host of antagonists have hoped to injure the Church by assailing him, but an unjust disposition of that case might he of immense importance to the entire American people. We do not need to enter into the question again raised by the Illinois Senator in another part of his address. when he says that "many things have been done in the name of the Mormon Church in its early history which are condemned by all right-thinking men, not only outside of that Church, but in the Church as well." If that is true, it is also true that many things have been done against the "Mormons" in the early history of the Church, by non-"Mormons," which are condemned by all right-thinking men. Even Governor Ford, speaking of the Carthage tragedy, tacitly admits that conspirators were at work planning the destruction of the community. "I gradually "Mormon" learned," the Governor wrote, "to my entire satisfaction, that there was a plan to get the troops into Nauvoo and then begin the war, probably by some of our own party, or some of the seceding Mormons, taking advantage of the night to fire on our own force and then laying it on the Mormons. I was satisfied there were those among us fully capable of such an act, hoping that in the alarm, bustle and confusion of a militia camp the truth would not be discovered, and that it might lead to the desired collision." The Latter-day Saints have frequently been confronted with just such unscrupulous, cowardly antagonists who have endeavored to arouse public Indignation against them. by equally low plots. Hence the "long series of troubles," referred to by Senator Hopkins. The Prophet Joseph declared to his friends: "I am willing to sacrifice my life for your preservation," and in the light of history it appears that the sacrifice was made: for the death of the Prophet in all probability prevented the attack upon Nauvoo and the massacre of the Saints, which Governor Ford says had been planned. Senator Hopkins emphasizes the fact that public sentiment has been worked" up against Senator Smoot by the charge that he is a law-breaker. In many pul-pits and Christian publications this charge was made for the sole purpose of obtaining signatures to the petition for expulsion, and money to carry on the unrighteous campaign. We have also pointed out this fact. Perhaps 90 per cent of the signatures for expul-sion were obtained under that false pre-fense, and then it was made to appear in the Senate that they were signatures to a protest which charged something east. Due weight must be given to this feature of double-dealing on the part that he is a law-breaker. In many pul-

of the personal enemies of Senator Smoot. It is evidence of the insincerity of the entire proceedings.

THE COAL FAMINE LOSS.

The closing down of smelters, mines, and mills, is beginning to bring home to the people of Utah, the extremity to which the coal famine has driven them. Those who succeeded in getting their cellars and bins filled with the precious fuel in the early part of the season have not yet realized the gravity of the situation. The vast mafority of Salt Lakers are running on short rations" and a small minority congratulating itself on being well provided for. This relates principally o domestic consumption. Commercial and industrial demands are along different line but one quite as im-

ortant in its way. That mines in the Tintic district should be compelled, through lack of coal they cannot buy for any price, to suspend operations, is gloomy news indeed. But the Yampa smelter and Bingham, have done the same thing, and the Cactus mine and mill in Beaver county have become idle through a similar cause. This property alone has been producing more than \$10,000 a day, or more than \$300,000 a month. The Salt Lake Valley smelters cannot run to anything like full capacity, and their daily loss is enormous. It is conservatively stated by mining men that the aggregate loss will easily exceed a million dollars a month. If this be true, and it seems to be so in increased, rather than in decreased proportion, then the public confronted with a condition that involves a problem larger than the mere scarcity of coal. Meanwhile the hundreds of laborers who are being thrown out of employment may look upon the trouble in a light little dreamed of. Again the Deseret News says it is high time for the strong men of the community to arouse themselves and make a searching inquiry into the whole question with a view to affording as speedy and permanent relief as pos-

sible Bearing vitally upon the general subject of car and coal shortage is the following from an editorial in the San Francisco Call, which, rightly or wrongly, presents a view that many persons are beginning to take of the situation. It is one, too, that the railroad companies would do well to take notice of and refute before it, perchance, becomes too late to do so. The Call say

"Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane said recently that during his investigation of the car shortage, and the resulting searcity of fuel he found abundant evidence of the exister se of a coal trust. There was no doubt that the railroads were

was no doubt that the railroads were the most important factor in this con-spiracy in restraint of trade. "San Francisco is today suffering and shivering in the grip of the trust. Some of our chief sources of supply in the past have been cut off altogeth-er, and the sin_e important group of mines that remains open is not being worked to anything like its capacity. "The motive for this policy of the mine owners is not obscure. Practic-ally all the coal mines on United States theritory within shipping dis-

States territory within shipping dis-tance of San Francisco are owned by railroads, and these corporations are not permitted under the rate law to not permitted under the rate law to sell coal. That ruling of the Inter-state Commerce Commission is bitter-ly resented by the railroad corpora-tions, or, rather, that is one of their grievances against the revent legis-lation by Congress. It will be their en-deavor to make that law as unpopular as possible. They will, whenever they can, make the people suffer for its en-forcement. This polley of annoyance and injury is not at all confined to hampering the coal trade. It finds examples all over the country. The object is to get the rate law repealed.

If Utah is to grow as she should, difficulty next year. Her increasing population and new industries demand better treatment than they have been receiving for months past. No matter who or what is responsible, the people of Utah are not going to be forever satisfied with the defense now made. Before contentment will come they must have fuel for their firesides, factories, mines, mills and smelters. And it is time steps were being taken to that end.

right to order his men to attend any kind of religious ceremonies he may deem orthodox; does his authority extend to the souls and consciences of the men? Secondly, whether a soldier is, under any circumstances, justified in refusing to obey the orders of a super-Ior officer. The answer to the latter question

will, in all probability, be in the negative. The only business of a soldier is to obey orders. As a matter of course, he is not permitted to reflect upon the motives, or consequences, of a command. An officer may, concelvably, have good reasons for issueing an order which may appear ridiculous to those who do not know the object of it, but he is not under obligation to state his reasons. He has a right to expect implicit obedience, as from inachine without intelligence. That is militarism. The case is a gentle reminder of the

fact that militarism can never flourish in this country where every citizen claims the right of thinking for himself. Americans have proved themselves the best soldiers in the face of an enemy, the Utah Copper company's mill at because they do think and act as intelligent beings, but when it comes to developing, in times of peace, the qualities that are so much valued in soldiers in despotic countries, where human beings are treated as animals, free American citizens are not a success. They feel that they are men, and not beasts. Unless the officers are broad-minded men possessed of the highest wisdom, they will not be able to maintain discipline. Militarism in a free country can never be what it is under the rule of absolute despotism, without becoming a menace to free institutions.

> Senator Tillman certainly adds to the gayety of this nation

There is bound to be a great deal of slush in the Thaw trial. So far as known that ill wind on Lake

Erie blew nobody any good.

Richard Mansfield would rather be playwright than President.

It is an axiom with the wrestlers that vou can't keep a good man down. Admiral Davis was very unexpected-

ly submitted to the Swettenham process What label is long enough to tell

what are the ingredients of canned hash? That Ohio valley flood does not lead

to fortune and to fame. In fact it finally engulfs everything it hits.

The Chicago Chronicle declares "that modern woman is a walking bonfire.' At most not more than a firefly.

The Big Four has just shown the Rock Island that it can beat it all to pieces when it comes to horrible wrecks. The moral of Governor Swettenham's insulting letter to Rear Admiral Davis

is, "Don't cast your pearls before swine." How is it in cold weather the ton of

coal always looks smaller than in warm weather? Does the cold contract the weight?

People can never be made to believe that Mr. Rockefeller made his money by abstaining from eating oysters and not from deals in oil.

Last year New Hampshire took in seven and a half million dollars from summer boarders. How badly the boarders must have been taken in.

The anti-"Mormon" organ has not yet accused the "hierarchy" of having caused the coal shortage all over the can cagle is a devoted husband and father, abhors divorce and race suielde. Is not unifriendly to man, prefers fish to any other food, and is really a hawk, though a true bird of freedom. The American cagle differs from the Ger-man, the Austrian, the Russian, the Napoleonic and the Roman cagles in that they are or were birds of prey.

JAPAN'S ARMY. San Francisco Chronicle

Japan has a very big and efficient army, but it costs a song by compari-son with the small and inefficient or-ganization of the United States. The trouble with ganization of the United States. The trouble with our Army is top-beavi-ness and high pay. So long as we were satisfied with a modest establish-ment, the country could afford the luxury of maintaining it, but it will grow tired of a constantity expanding charge for military purposes, and if it is insisted that we should have as big an Arms and Narros and other ouver

In Army and Navy as any other power he people will probably demand that the raised in the same fashion and remunerated on the same scale as the armies and navies of the nations tryof size.

ON EARTHOUAKES.

New York American. One thing seems plain from these cent experiences-namely, that Humboldt was right in thinking that great aarthquakes are periodic phenomena, occurring in more or less distinctly marked groups, somewhat like sunspot axima. If that be true, whether we ce it nor not, we must accept the fact that the present is an epoch of max-mum selsmic disturbance. Some force is at work within the crust of the globe readjusting masses, without regard to the resulting shocks, jars and conventences felt overhead. It may be simply a consequence of the gradu-al shrinkage of the earth as its interior cools, or it may be the result of some yet unknown, or not clearly defined, cause; but in any event we cannot in-terfere with it. We can only study its operation and take precentions.

A Slow Reader.

At the Water Tank.

Those Dear Girls.

answered it

Bridget

to ride on?



TRACY THE BANDI JUST FOR FUN. Thursday Evening, Engagement Ex-Ireland's Mr. Hiram Offen-I thought the door ell rang a few minutes ago. Mrs. Hiram Offen-So it did and ALLEN DOONE In Joseph Murphy's Famous Play KERRY COW."



"Yes, Arthur is so thoughtless in some ways: I frequently have to ask him to spare my blushes." "Surely he doesn't attempt to wipe them off, does he?-Exchange. 10-20.

Has His Choice.

First Boy-And because you couldn't ind a penny to pay the fare did the conductor make you get off the omnious and walk? Second boy-No, he only made me get off. I could have sat in the road if I'd wanted to.-Smith's Weekly.

Gentlemen Callers.

Dick-I know a girl who accepts rings clara- I don't believe it. How could Dick-Why, she has to, you know, She's a telephone girl,-Tit-Bits,

Result. Teacher—A rich man dies and leaves \$1,000,000 to eight nephews and nieces. What does each one get? Scholar—Automobiles, ancestors and appendicitis,—Life.





MUST SOLDIERS WORSHIP?

A case of military jurisprudence, of more than ordinary interest, is related by the New York Evening Post. Sergeant James Lynch, of a company stationed at the recruiting depot, Columbus, Ohio, has been ordered court-martialed because he refused to obey the order of Lieutenant-Colonel Glenn, the commanding officer, to attend services at a certain Catholic chapel on the 6th of this month. Lieutenant-Colonel Glenn, it is explained, is the officer who, a few years ago, was tried on the charge of having administered the "water cure" in the Philippines, and was sentenced to a month's suspension from duty and to pay a fine of \$50. This adds to the interest displayed in the case.

As reported, the story is, that Sergeant Lynch was directed to assemble the Catholic recruits of his company. and also the members of the permanent party, who are Catholics, and take them to church. The sergeant was evidently required to attend services also, but he only took the recruits and soldiers to the church door, Although he is a Roman Catholic, he stopped at the door of the room where services were to be held, and declared that he would not enter, saying that he was a free American citizen, and that religion cannot be forced upon any one. Sergeant Lynch then proceeded to his first sergeant, Stone, and reported that he had refused to obey the orders of Lieut., Col. Glenn. Capt. Forse, to whom the matter was reported, having asked Lynch if he had wilfully disobeyed the colonel's order, and being assured that this was so, ordered Lynch's arrest in quarters, awaiting the prefer-

ence of charges.

ountry. It has mi ed a grand oppoi tunity. But there is time yet.

General Funston says that hod carriers get more pay than lieutenants. Would the general advise young men who think of taking up the army as a career, to adopt hod-carrying as a profession?

Politicians will be very chary about "shelving" Governor Hughes with a vice presidential nomination. Such a thing was once tried with a New York governor to the utter consternation of the politicians.

The Marlboroughs have effected an arrangement of their domestic differences. She is to continue to wear the Marlborough jewels and he will continue to enjoy the hundred thousand dollars a year settled upon him by the Duchess' family. And there is every reason to believe that he will "enjoy" it.

It was a fine tribute that President Roosevelt paid to the memory of General Robert E. Lee. Nothing could have been happier than his suggestion that a suitable memorial, at some southern educational establishment, be erected to his memory. Lee's memory has become a possession of the whole American people and not alone of those of the southern states.

The report of Dr. Alfred M. Tozzer on researches in Yucatan and Chiapas, Mexico, during the years 1902, 1908, 1904, and 1905, has just been published for the Archaeological Institute of America. The document covers about 200 pages, It is printed on heavy paper and has numerous illustrations. It is a parative study of the Mayas and the Lancandones. The author gives interesting information concerning these American aborigines, their history, language, social customs, and especially their religious obervances. The work gives evidence of careful research. It places before the public a number of data concerning a people that must at one time have been the standard bearers of the civilization that flourished in the western world.

DESERVING OF HONOR. Atlanta Georgian.