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MOURNING IN ISRAEL.

The death and tidings of the death of Apostle Abraham Owen Woodruff, particularly in this paper, come to the public as a calamity not easy to be borne. Following so quickly on the news of his wife's demise, it is as a heavy blow repeated, that causes pain and regret which cannot be expressed. When it was learned that the bereaved and devoted husband had contracted the disease which carried off his beloved companion, there were forebodings as to the result. But his naturally fine physique, his unusual steadfast faith, and the skill and attention he received, gave hopes of his speedy recovery. But his great anxiety, constant watching and lack of rest in caring for his dying wife depleted his system, and so the disease took him when poorly prepared to resist its encroachments, and it was heart failure that ended his earthly career. He had been removed over the Mexican line into Texas, and in the hospital at El Paso he received that care and treatment that was necessary, and everything possible was done for his relief and recovery. President A. W. Ivins was at hand, and that is a guaranty that no effort was spared to bring our brother through the ordeal. He is gone to join his lovely and loving partner and the great and good men and women who have gone before, and where his revered father and associates in the Apostleship and Priesthood of the Most High were ready to give him cordial greeting. Brother Woodruff was a bright and valiant soldier in the army of the Lord; ready to respond at every call; devoted to the cause in which he was enlisted for life; able and useful in temporal as well as spiritual things; and calm and judicious in judgment, when wise counsel was needed in the settlement of difficulties in newly settled places. He was beloved by the Saints and admired for his purity of life and consistency of conduct. He was a valued member of his quorum, and there will be universal sorrow throughout the Church over the loss that is sustained in his departure. To his bereaved mother and his children and relatives we extend our deepest sympathy. May God help and comfort them. There is mourning in Israel, for a rising star has faded out of Zion's firmament, and it is in grief that heads are bowed, while we gently whisper, "The will of the Lord be done."

A REMARKABLE VERDICT.

There is no telling what a jury will bring forth. One of the greatest surprises to thinking people is the verdict against the Salt Lake Beach company, of \$5,000 damages in the Roy Larkin case. While there has been deep sympathy for the mother who lost her son through his drowning in Salt Lake, and much discussion over the possibility of his rescue, we do not believe there has been any serious thought of attaching blame to the Beach company for the misadventure. The evidence at the time went to show that the lad and his companions went out farther from the pavilion than they had intended, or realized until the windstorm arose. Then they all found that they had ventured too far. Was that the fault of the owners of the resort? Who was to blame for the folly of floating away out in the lake to such a distance? Not the beach people, assuredly. Nor were they responsible for the sudden rise of the wind, which was the cause of the difficulty in the bathers' returning. If venturesome people will go out to great distances, who is to prevent them? If they have not sense enough to know when the wind is blowing hard, who is to give it to them? It seems almost impossible that an intelligent jury, out of sympathy with the dead youth's relatives and the common notion that corporations are rich and "can stand it," should place responsibility for that disaster on people who had no more to do with it than any of the bathers who had judgment enough to come in out of the wind and the wet when the storm arose. Such verdicts are enough to drive enterprising people out of such business altogether.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY.

This evening Dr. A. R. Stanley, professor of music in the University of Michigan and director of the Ann Arbor conservatory of music, from which

a number of Utah students have graduated, will lecture in the Tabernacle on Wagner's great and last production, the sacred musical drama "Parsifal," which has made so much stir in the world, and with which Dr. Stanley is perfectly familiar. His interpretation of the deceased Master's meaning and work is exceptionally fine and artistic, and it will be a rare treat for lovers of classical music to listen to this distinguished scholar and teacher. Dr. Stanley has a host of friends in Utah, because so many of our talented students have received at Ann Arbor the benefits of his training. Among the most prominent of them is our esteemed organist and composer, Prof. J. J. McClellan, who loves and praises his preceptor with ardent fervor, and earnestly desires for him a reception, at the Tabernacle, worthy of his talents and position. The lecture will commence promptly at 8:30, and we echo the wish that there will be an audience present to justify the reputation of this city, as a musical center and highly appreciative of the best in the divine art. Don't miss this rare opportunity!

ON THE CAR PLATFORM.

A recent ruling made by a Pennsylvania judge is of interest to street car companies, and to the general public patronizing the lines. The suit was brought at Norristown against the Lehigh Valley Traction Co. for \$10,000 damages, the plaintiff having been injured in a collision between two cars. The defendant claimed that the plaintiff was not entitled to compensation, because he remained on the platform when there were vacant seats inside. The jury asked instructions on the point and the judge informed them that "a passenger who stands on the platform assumes not only all the risks of the road, but also the risks of the position. Unless he can give a valid reason for not sitting in the car, the passenger must hazard all the perils of being elsewhere on it." The jury then returned a verdict for the company.

If this is good law, or good sense, the traveling public should be so informed, say through notices in the cars. Passengers should be informed that the platforms are not for them, except to step on and off on. As it is, the platforms are supposed to be for as many passengers as they will hold, and then a few more, as is the inside of the cars. An interesting point is certainly raised by that decision. If any part of the car is exempt from the responsibility of the company that offers it to the public, that fact should be generally known.

THE LADIES IN BERLIN.

The International Council of Women has finished its congress at Berlin, and the delegates seem to be particularly charmed with the reception given them. The fact is, that, socially, they have been royally entertained. The congress has been one brief, sweet song. The empress that received the ladies most graciously. The wife of Count von Buelow, the prime minister, followed suit. Then there was a garden party given by Count Posadowsky, and a reception by the mayor and city council of Berlin, for which no less than 10,000 marks was appropriated. Besides these, there were innumerable social functions, "teas," and fetes. It is astonishing, in fact, that the delegates had the time needed to devote to more serious affairs.

The closing session of the congress was characterized by some criticism. Count Hoesbroeck thought the delegates should not have accepted the invitation from the Chancellor's wife, immediately after the government had declared against the woman suffrage amendment to a certain law. He maintained that this was intended for an snub, and that the ladies ought to have declined to accept the strawberries and cream that went with it.

It would be difficult to reply satisfactorily to that criticism. Several years ago, the president of the Swiss republic invited the civilized powers of the world to a labor congress at Bern, for the consideration of the needs of labor. The German emperor granted the labor congress at Berlin, and asked the Swiss president to cancel his invitation. This he courteously did. The labor congress met in the German capital. It was feasted and fêted, dined and wine. Official functions filled the program, and all the delegates were in the seventh heaven, but nothing of a practical nature was done for the laborers of the world. To an observer at a long distance it looks very much as if those tactics had been repeated at Berlin. The German government has declared against the principles for which the council labors, but it has given the pill in a thick coat of sugar.

FORETELLS CALAMITIES.

At various times in the world's history "prophets" have arisen with forecasts of calamities, but perhaps never in such abundance as at the present time. And this is one of the "signs" that attract the attention of those who are seriously inclined. For, according to the word that cannot fail, false Christs, and false prophets, precede great changes in human history.

The following predictions are said to be made by a retired merchant of York, Penn., who claims to have predicted the Baltimore conflagration, the death of Senator Hanna, and the Russo-Japanese war. He says that "a great calamity in the shape of a disastrous fire will visit Philadelphia this summer. While," he adds, "the property loss, which will reach millions, will not equal that of the Baltimore fire, the loss of life will be extensive. The fire will come at night, and many firemen will be killed."

But this is not all. Before the dawn of the year 1907 a great drought is to prevail in this nation, in northern Europe, in parts of Asia and in the islands of the Pacific Ocean. The heavens will be shut off and not a drop of water will come out of them. Lakes, rivers and streams will become dry beds.

Concerning the war in Asia, the gentleman says that it will be brought to

a close before the middle of autumn, when Japan will have conquered Russia. The conversion of Japan, finally, is to occur just before the destruction of the world, in 1908.

Such is the nature of his prophecies, if he is correctly reported. He considers himself a second Jonah with a mission to New York. We are afraid he will not find so ready a reception as did the Hebrew prophet in the Assyrian capital.

But the point is that we are living in a time of commotion and calamities. And mingled with the din of war, the roar of the elements, or the death struggle of victims of flames and waves, is heard the sound of voices, now from one direction and now from another, crying warning. Was it not so before the fall of the Jewish polity? Was it not so immediately before the reign of terror in France? Both true prophets and false must precede the ushering in of the new dispensation, if the words of ancient prophets are to be fulfilled.

Fairbanks' nomination for Vice President will hit him hard.

It is to General Stakelberg's credit he didn't "regret to report."

Highball, won the American Derby. The others were only "chasers."

Bobrick's Finnish policy will not be abandoned but fought to a finish.

It is the longest day in the year, and a very pleasant one it has been.

If music can soothe the savage ear why should it not make the hair grow?

The Japanese, almost every day, are proving that the battle is not to the strong.

Tomorrow President Roosevelt may be in a position to exclaim: "This is so sudden!"

Colorado's deported miners will probably have bullpen sketches made of themselves.

As the Chinaman said of the revolver, so it may be said of national conventions: Too much talk.

Every now and then Mr. Bryan gives forth a note which indicates that he is ready and anxious for the fray.

It looks hard as though General Bell would have to follow Alexander's example and sigh for more worlds to conquer.

It is hardly probable that Japan would accept mediation at this stage of the war. Things are coming her way too fast.

The telephone unionmen's strike has been called off. The cause of the trouble was that they got their lines crossed.

Levi Z. Leiter left his son Joseph a guaranteed income sufficient for him to live on but not enough for him to plunge with.

Why extend the limits of the restricted districts when the bicyclists do not respect the present ordinance prohibiting riding on the sidewalks?

In nominating conventions the sparing and pretty work is done in open convention, but the in-fighting, the fighting that counts, is done in committee.

The remarkable thing about the fishing season this year is the fact that while the catch of the fishermen is as large as ever their stories are not so big.

Northern Pacific officials denied that in the recent hold-up the road lost anything of value. They can scarcely deny that they have not lost the trail of the robbers.

In his address as temporary chairman, Hon. Elihu Root said, among other things: "An insect brought from near the Great Wall of China has checked the San Jose scale which was destroying our orchards." Had the boys in blue never scaled the Great Wall the San Jose scale destroyer might never have been discovered.

THE NEW YORK HORROR.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

We can read with comparative equanimity of carnage and loss of life in battle, where grown men trained to kill each other encounter; that is what they are there for; it is more or less necessary, and we expect it; but when wholesale disaster in the most ghastly and sickening form comes to hundreds of helpless women and children who have left their homes in search of recreation, and the whole country should be horrified and our keenest sympathies are evoked. Mingled with these feelings must be one of indignation that such a frightful catastrophe could have happened. With proper precaution as to fire, and with no overcrowding of the boat, such a loss would have been impossible, and the whole country should awaken to a sense of its shortcomings in enforcing the laws which exist for the protection of life and the prevention of accident and to making them more stringent if necessary.

Pueblo Chieftain.

Oh, the vacuous chairs and the voiceless nurseries that will greet the tearful eyes and aching hearts of the parents who have been deprived of their little ones by the cruel hand of a remorseless fate. The picture is too dark. Human eyes cannot penetrate the somber veil and know the reason for such a ruthless harvest at the hand of Death. Some time perhaps the curtain of gloom may be drawn aside and harrowed hearts may learn why such a terrible tribute has been exacted from them. Twice blessed is that saddened soul who can say: "Tis well, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The burning of the excursion steamer Gen. Shocum in Hell Gate and the death of hundreds of her passengers will at least arouse the authorities in every city from which such steamers run. It is true, as Mayor McClellan of New York points out, that government, not city, authorities, are responsible for the inspection of such craft and for the regulations which govern them; but, especially after such a horror as that of Wednesday, Washington will be extremely apt to heed suggestions from the cities.

Los Angeles Times.

The origin of the fire has not been determined with certainty. It is to be

presumed that no reasonable effort will be omitted to fix the responsibility for the disaster, or to establish the fact, if such be the case, that it was an unavoidable accident for which no one is to blame. Of course there will be a thorough investigation, and it is not improbable that through it some new light may be thrown upon the causes which led to the disaster. If it shall be found that it was the result of neglect or carelessness or non-compliance with the law's requirements, no punishment will be too severe for those found guilty, if the responsibility can be fixed.

Portland Oregonian.

We are always amazed by the things we learn after a great disaster like the burning of the General Shocum. The life preservers were rotten and useless, and few of the unhappy victims were able to use them. Since it seems hopeless to expect any efficient government inspection or supervision of excursion steamer equipment, how would it do to require a course of preliminary training in the art of swimming for all intending excursionists?

Los Angeles Express.

What of the responsibility? Doubtless much precious time was lost while steaming for the North Brothers island, where the captain finally beached the burning boat. In this run hundreds of lives were sacrificed, either by drowning or by the flames. The wake of the doomed vessel, being dotted with the heads of struggling victims who were powerless to aid themselves in that fierce rush of waters. Whether it were possible to beach the boat at a point not so far removed as the place selected only the later developments will disclose.

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2:00 p. m.	3:30 p. m.
4:00 p. m.	5:30 p. m.
6:00 p. m.	7:30 p. m.
8:00 p. m.	9:30 p. m.
10:00 p. m.	11:30 p. m.
12:00 a. m.	1:30 a. m.
Last train leaves Salt Lake at 9:30.	
Fare for Round Trip, 25 Cents.	
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Lagoon

TIME TABLE.

In effect May 30, 1904.

Leave Salt Lake	Leave Lagoon.
5:30 a. m.	7:30 a. m.
8:00 a. m.	10:00 a. m.
11:00 a. m.	12:00 Noon
1:30 p. m.	2:30 p. m.
3:30 p. m.	4:30 p. m.
5:30 p. m.	6:30 p. m.
7:30 p. m.	8:30 p. m.
9:30 p. m.	10:30 p. m.
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