

ELDER JENSON'S DEATH

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The following letter written by Elder George Christensen from Copenhagen, Denmark, on March 14, 1898, furnishes particulars concerning the death of Elder Joseph H. Jenson, a brief announcement of which appeared in the last issue of the Star:

"President Lund returned from Göteborg late Saturday evening and started early this morning for Jylland, hence he requested me to communicate to you the following facts concerning the death of Elder Joseph H. Jenson, of which he informed you by cablegram on the 8th inst.

"Elder Joseph H. Jenson, son of Peter Jenson, was born in Union, Salt Lake county, Utah, and was about 27 years old at the time of his death. He arrived in Copenhagen on his mission, June 16, 1896, and was appointed to labor in the Göteborg conference, where he labored successively in the following branches: Jonkoping, Halmstad, Trollhattan, and lastly since the spring conference, in Vestervik, where he presided over the branch. He seemed to enjoy good health until the middle of February last, when he took sick. It began with pain in the stomach and frequent vomiting. For a couple of weeks he was in bed most of the time at the branch headquarters; then his companion, Elder Charles M. Olsen, concluded that it would be best to take him to Göteborg, where he could receive better treatment. They started on March 4th, and arrived at Göteborg on the 5th, after a ride on the train of about 180 miles. Here they were received by Elder H. M. Pearson, president of the Göteborg conference, and Elder Jenson was taken to the home of Brother Soderberg, where he was given the best possible care, Brother and Sister Soderberg doing all in their power to alleviate his suffering.

"A physician was called in who at once pronounced his condition very critical, stating that he had inflammation of the bowels.

"Brother Jenson was administered to by his brethren from time to time during his illness, and after his arrival in Göteborg the brethren and the Saints fasted and prayed for him and administered to him, and he seemingly rallied, but falling again, passed away on Tuesday morning, the 9th inst. at 4:30. He retained his consciousness to the last.

"The funeral took place on the 11th, at 1:30 p. m., and was conducted by the Saints, who were given permission to do so by the municipal authorities. Six Elders from Zion were present, viz.: C. N. Lund, H. M. Pearson, August E. Rose, William Anderson, Charles M. Olson and John Johnson. At the grave hymns were sung and the dedicatory prayer was offered by President Pearson. In the evening the Saints gathered at the hall and Presidents Lund, Pearson and Elder Olson spoke feelingly of the excellent qualities of the deceased and gave utterance to many excellent thoughts which were called forth by the sad occasion.

"Through the efforts of President Pearson a piece of ground was secured in the Sanna Churchyard at Göteborg and permission secured to remove the body of Elder John A. Olquist, who died in that conference March 13, 1890, and place it with that of Elder Jenson, and they now rest side by side.

"Elder Jenson was unmarried, a good, faithful man, had labored in the mission field nearly two years, and bore an excellent character. We keenly feel the sadness occasioned by his death, and our deepest feelings of sympathy go out to his family and friends."

The Spanish navy is poorly supplied with machinists for war vessels, and has been seeking experienced men in France.

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

The steamers Cottage City, City of Seattle, and Lakme, sailed from Tacoma, Wash., Friday night for Alaskan ports, with passengers and freight.

Governor Budd of California has commuted the sentence of Murderer Dennis McCarthy on the rather peculiar ground that he is a moral degenerate.

Joe Beeler, of Idaho has been bound over to await the action of the United States court for stealing government timber, the same valued at from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Little hope is entertained for the safety of the old wooden bark Dominion which sailed for San Francisco 100 days ago from Newcastle, N. S. W., coal laden. She had not been reported since her departure.

Heart disease caused the death of Hon. Herman Haas on a street of Cheyenne, Wyo., Friday. The gentleman was a pioneer citizen aged 68 years, and had held responsible positions in the state.

A conductor on the Cheyenne and Northern named W. H. Johns was arrested at Cheyenne, Wyo., Friday, charged with the theft of two bicycles. The man has confessed his guilt and will be tried in the district court.

The first California volunteers have organized in San Francisco. The company roster has been sent to the secretary of war, with an application to be enrolled in the event of war with Spain. There are seventy-five names on the roll.

Mrs. Annie E. Haight, widow of the late H. H. Haight, ex-governor of California, died at her home in Oakland Tuesday night. She was sixty-five years of age and went to that state in 1855. The deceased was born in St. Louis and was a daughter of Captain Lewis Bissell, a wealthy resident of that city.

Col. W. O. Brodie of Prescott, Ariz., held a conference with Governor McCord in reference to the action that would be needed to place a regiment of Arizona cavalry at the disposal of the government immediately after a declaration of war. The regiment, 1,000 strong, has been quietly recruited throughout the territory and is practically ready for enlistment.

Frank Lyman of New York has planted a suit against the Helena and Livingston Smelting and Refining company at Helena, Mont., asking for a receiver. Mr. Lyman accuses the company of misappropriating funds rightfully belonging to stockholders in putting the cash into other concerns in which the big men of the company are interested.

The Olympic club of San Francisco has matched Pete Everett, sometimes called "Mexican Pete" to meet Jim Jeffries in a 20-round contest before that club on the night of April 26. According to an agreement signed by the men hitting in the breakaway is allowed. The pugilists will receive 60 per cent of the gross receipts; the winner taking 60 per cent and the loser 40 per cent.

Through a mistake or excitement Fireman R. P. Stevens turned a switch at French Camp, Cal., seven miles from Stockton, a few minutes past 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and caused one of the most serious railroad wrecks which has occurred in that vicinity for years. One life was crushed out in an instant and over a half dozen people were more or less injured, two quite seriously. The man killed was Fireman William R. Huff-

man, son of William C. H. Huffman of San Francisco.

Tuesday evening an old man was killed on the ferry boat Solano at Port Costa, Cal. No one saw the accident, and no one seems to know how it occurred. When found the victim was lying across one of the numerous tracks on the ferry boat, with one foot crushed and the head cut off clean from the trunk. He was a passenger on the No. 2 Sacramento train, which arrived at Port Costa at 7:20 o'clock. He had the conductor's check in his pocket punched for Oakland or San Francisco. The remains have not been identified.

The second California derby, valued at \$5,000, will be decided at Ingleside this (Saturday) afternoon. Eleven horses have been entered for the races, but it is probable that four of these will be withdrawn. San Veando, Maxello, Marplot, and Fensavannah will probably not start. The probable starters are: Willmans Bros. Morellite (Piggett); W. E. Aplegate's Linstock (T. Sloan); W. Boots & Son's Borgia (Conley); Burns & Waterhouse's Napamax (Clawson); Burns & Waterhouse's Recreation (Thorpe); Burns & Waterhouse's Traverser (Clayton), and E. F. Smith's Torsida (H. Martin).

An Indian by the name of Nobody was found dead on the Umatilla reservation, two miles above Cayuse station, near Pendleton, Oregon. It is learned that Nobody had a controversy with another Indian named Jim Hanani, Saturday night, over a bottle of whisky. Both dismounted from their horses and grappled in deadly conflict, but without weapons, tearing out bunches of each other's hair. Indications are that Hanani got astride of Nobody and pulled his head backward by the hair until his neck was broken. He was also bruised and cut about the head. A partial confession of Hanani led to his arrest by the Indian police.

The Washington state board of audit and control, decided Friday to operate the brick-yard at the state penitentiary with a force of not less than fifteen men, taking the force from other departments. On account of a shortage in convicts, Warden Catron had recommended that the brick-yard be abandoned this year and all attention be given to the jute mill. Petitions from state employes from all state institutions asking for an increase of salary were denied. The following appointments were made: John Scott, Puyallup, superintendent penitentiary jute mill; Thomas Miles, overseer, jute mill; A. R. Austin, Walla Walla, guard, penitentiary; M. M. Holms, night turnkey; Mrs. Jackson, Springdale, nurse at Medical Lake asylum; E. F. Hazeltine, of Puyallup, guard, Steellacoom asylum.

A story from the Meadow Lake mining district, near Nevada City, Cal., tells of a terrible accident that occurred shortly after dark Sunday night at the Trinidad mine, in Sailor canyon, eighteen miles due south of Cisco, a small station on the Central Pacific. Mr. and Mrs. John Brookenside, their 14-months-old child, and a miner who, with Brookenside, have been prospecting a claim for George Montgomery, the Oakland philanthropist, were the only residents of that country for miles around. Sunday evening, while the men were in a tunnel, Mrs. Brookenside left her child on the sitting-room floor, playing with a large house cat, and went into an adjoining room. A few minutes later she heard agonizing screams coming from the child. Rushing to the rescue, she found the cat fiercely attacking it. The desper-