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ALL SATISFIED.

General satisfaction is felt ov r the pettlement of the difficulty between the street-car men and the Company that imploys them. While the Union was not formally recognized by the Company, the company complied with the terms formulated by the Union. The plan suggested by the Deseret News was followed--that is, the men were represented ably by a mediator on the merits of their cause apart from other considerations, and the company complied with their wishes in the main. The Union accepted the terms, and so now all is peace and satisfaction. The men are satisfied, the Company is satisfied, the Union is satisfied, so the pubhe is satisfied. That is very good and now let all relate over the great consummation.

#### IS ALL REVELATION A FRAUD?

We publish today an extended report of a sermon delivered on Sunday in the First Unitarian church by Rev. Frank Fay Eddy, which was crowded out of our Monday's edition. We pay special attention to it on this page tecause the speaker made reference to the position occupied by the "Mormon" Church, and to an editorial in all His children may exercise. And the Descret News on the "Mormon" conception of the origin of religion. The gentleman also alluded to some remarks of another paper, which Deity and yet claim to be teachers of seem to have irritated him into a denunciation, which we do not endorse.

sithough we give it place in the report of his remarks. The Unitarian ministor is very frank

In expressing the position he takes in regard to religion. It is a direct denial of the declarations of the Bible. He in all probability, not be long delayed. "I firmly believe that religion Men well acquainted with the condi-REVE: same out of the heart of man. I be- tions in that country predict a farlieve the gods are all man-made. I reaching revolution as the only posbelieve the sanctity of our Bible and all sible outcome of the struggle between Hibles is artificial." He takes from the people and autocracy. the dictionary one of the definitions of the meaning of the word religion. but ignores the others, and uses it portance for a correct estimate of the as meaning "a belief which binds the probabilities of the immediate future. spiritual nature of man to a super- Are the soldiers loyal to autocracy, or natural being." Other definitions, will they side with the people? which appear to us more to the point

"The recognition of God as an "nny system of faith and worship." This does not matter very much, how. ever, the great question at issue is with the bloody work required of them. whether true religion originates in the mind of man, or is revealed to man that the soldlers drawn from nationfrom God. The Unitarian minister in effect deples divine revelation. He does not believe in anything of the kind, at any period or in any place. On his theory the Bible is not only a congeries of errors but a collection of falsshoods and frauds. The testimonies given by and fear which were formerly enter-"holy men of old" of communications directly from Delty, or by the visita-Hon of angels, or by other remarkable and visible manifestations from God. are untrue and in the very nature of their disclosure are fabrications withput foundation in fact. For instance, Mr. Eddy says he does not believe "that verse in . Genesis which details the dealings of God to Moses," and which says "He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communication with him on Mount SInal, two tables of testimony, tables unwilling, or unable, to protect one of stone, written with the finger of God." Also that he does not believe In what he calls: "A parallel example in the asserted finding of the plates of the Book of Mormon by Joseph Smlth. If, like the haughty achitect of the "He thinks the latter more credible than the former, because "nearer our own time," but he believes "no more | it has reared, by the raging demon to in one than in the other.' To begin with the gentleman does not appear to be familiar with the care of its mangled form. Russia's Feriptures which he repudiates. There is nothing in the Book of Genesis that makes any reference to Mores, or the rights of man, of which they have been tables of stone, or any communication from God to that prophet. His name is not mentioned in the book. But if what is recorded by Moses concerning his intercourse with Delty is not true. Moses was a fraud. The greatest statesman and havgiver of the Hebr-w race must have fied in all his asser-Hons concerning his personal conversations with God in the mount and elsewhere. He old not have any tables of stone of which the Tes Commandments were written, nor did ho with Nathan, Abilin and seventy of the Elders of Diraci, go up in the mount and see the divine presonne. whose appearance is definitely descells. ad In the Flook of Exodus. So with the statements of all the Prophets who professed to have conversed with Doity. So with Jesus of Nazareth and like Apostles, and the same with Joseph Smith, the prophet of the nineboonth century. Their trailwith those of many others. bould not possibly by of more halfned. nations. Joseph Emilli could not have imagined that he had these metallic plates from which day by day, he read the characters inscribed thereon and The details given both of ancient and revelations are of too positive and definite a character to class them fairly with dejusions, or "second sight;" or the vagaries of excited families. They were eliber what they were claimed to be, or the individuals narrating them were Hars and charlatans, and impostors, and frauds. This classes all the prophets, and seers, and revelators of all the ages, including

the tables of stone. If Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God or even morely the great Exemplar, He did not lie when He spoke of His communion with the Father. If Joseph Smith was the bearer of divine messages in the last dispensation, and was as honorable and true as his immediate associates testify, then he could not have merely pretended that he obtained the plates from which he translated the Book of Mormon

The Unitarian minister's position cannot he maintained by good reason nor sound jogic. He has a right to his opinions, in common with all human beings. He does not stand alone, by any means, in his disbellef of divine revelation, and in our opinion he is much more consistent in denying revelation in toto, than if, like many ministers, he professed faith in the doctrine of divine communication in the past and denied its possibility in the present. But, "We believe in what God has revealed, what He does now reveal, and we believe that He will yet reveal many great and important things pertaining to the kingdom of

God." That is one of the articles of the Latter-day Saints' faith. So called science announces many notions that have not been demonstrated and therefore are not truly scientific. No one, however learned, and who denies revelution, can explain definitely the origin of man. There is no proof that the first human being was a harbarous creature, "akin to the ape." It is a jumped at conclusion, and does not deserve to be classed as scientific. So with the concept that religion originated in the mind of man and did not come from Delty to hu-

It is all right to reason on these matters and also the express individual views concerning them. We are not objecting to their enunclation, whatever they are and from whatever source they come. We merely set forth that which we believe and know, without the slightest desire to compel others to accept what we say, or to hinder them in the remotest degree from holding or expressing opinions to the contrary. Freedom of thought and liberty of speech are not only the constitutional rights of American citizens, but are God-given privileges, which

# IF THE DOUMA IS DISSOLVED.

this applies with fully equal force to

believers in Divine revelation, as to

skeptics who repudiate a personal

"religion."

If the report that the Czar has decided to dissolve the Douma proves true, the climax in the Russian drama can,

The question of the loyalty of the army now becomes of the utmost im-The advices from Russia certainly

cere belief that his presence in the Senate was an offense to morality Doubtless, the earlier memorialists against Senator Smoot were equally honest as they were equally mistaken in their estimate of him. His situation may well move the compassion even of those who are hostile to the Mormon hierarchy, for he has been held up be-fore the country as guilty of violation of a law that in fact he has ever re-

spected. "The esteem in which Senator Smoot has been held by many of the abler of his colleagues is evidenced, perhaps, to some extent in the character of the signers of the minority report. Such ienators as Measra. Foraker, Knox, Dillingham, Beveridge and Hopkins are good judges of the capabilities of a colleague. A veteran Republican leades of the senate, not a member of the ommittee on privileges and elections, once said in conversation: 'Smoot is a better Senator than Tom Platt. When he had been in the Senate a year he knew more about its business and how to transact it than Platt knows now." The New York World has pronounced

views on the question that is now up to the United States Senate, and does not hesitate to express them in a manner that everybody can understand. The World says editorially:

"Six members of the senate committee on privileges and elections hold that by reason of his relations to the Marmon. hurch Reed Smoot is not entitled to is seat as a Senator. Five member nsist that Mr. Smoot is entitled to his seat. One member, Senator Bailey agrees with the majority that Mr that Mr noot is not entitled to his seat, but sists that he cannot be deprived of 1

xcept by a resolution of expulsion." "It is worth while in a case like this count heads as well as noses. On the twelve members of the committee aree are great constitutional lawyers-Senator Foraker, Senator Knox and Bailer. Senator Knox and Senator enator Foraker signed the minority port, which holds that Senator Smoot entitled to his seat. Senator Bailey isned the majority report, but insists that Senator Smoot can be removed only by a resolution of expulsion. In other words, the three constitutional lawyers on the committee are all op-posed to the plan of 'excluding' Senator smoot, and two of them believe there

are no lawful grounds whatever for de-priving him of his seat. "The decision as to the method of procedure rests with the Senate itself. It is difficult to believe that that body will establish a pernicious precedent it, excluding by a mere majority vote member who possessed all the qualifica-tions enumerated by the Constitution and who had been regularly elected by a legislature having full power to ele him. Exputsion is another marter. Exclusion would be an application of lynch law instigated by manufactured petitions."

The New York Evening Post takes up the subject as presented in the reports from the committee on privileges and elections, in a lengthy editorial the greater part of which we copy, and which contains the gist of the entire article. After discussing the question of the possibility of securing a vote at the present session of Congress, the Post says:

"Whether the original unfounded belief that Smoot is a polygamist has yet died out through this country is doubtful. The story is told that one of the Senators who has been classed as pro-Smoot found that a rural constituent was actively opposing him at home. When the reason for his hostility was asked, this bucolic Cato declared he didn't propose to support no polog-amist.' Thus his Senator was made to shoulder vicariously a sin which the accused Mormon himself never committed.

When, however, we come to the cold logic of the reports, the wonder is that. with so few facts at all in disput-.

to take such drastic action at all and quite certainly will not at this session; for ordinarily the differences revealed committee show the existence of like differences in the senate as a whole. In short the committee's refusal to reommend any course of action makes not improbable that no action will be taken "Nor would this result displease the

senate or the politicians in general. The committee is naturally glad to shift the responsibility to the shoulders of the senate, which is not at all anxi-ous to take up the case, if only for the reason that a decision one way or the other will be likely to have an appre-ciable effect upon the result of the coming elections. All things considored. It does not appear that the committee has achieved anything by its action except to turn the whole sub-ject over to a body which has even less interest in an early settlement and can better endure any odium that fur-ther delay may involve."

The Sacramento Evening Bee has an editorial, which, not being of great length but sharp and to the point, we reproduce in its entirety, as follows:

"It would be a shameful and an infamous outrage if Reed Smoot should be expelled from the Senate of the United States. The Bee says this after aving read both the majority and the minority reports thereon of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections read them, not in a synopsis but in

"Sifted down, the majority report demanding his expulsion does so simply because he is a member of the Mormon Church, which promutgated solygamy as one of its doctrines and nany of whose leaders practice it, and which is charged with holding alleglance to the Mormon Church above illegiance to the government.

"On the other hand, the minority report shows that Reed Smoot is not and never has been a polygamist; that he has ever counseled, and advised, and fough: against polygamy; that he is a man of irreproachable private character and of stainless family life; that all the testimony about the dis-loyalty of Mormons came from diseputable witnesses who could not be believed, which testimony was postively contradicted by men of the best standing and character; and that the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Utah provide for absolute freedom of religious worship and perfect toleration of religious

sentiment. "Reed Smoot should be upheld in his eat in the United States Senate, not only because it is his inalienable right to be there, but as well because a man of his stainless character would be an ornament and a glory to a body which, if the annals of Washington be written true, has only too many tandem polygamists among its membership,

As to the disloyalty of Mormons: If the fanatics win who would have Reed Smoot expelled because he dares be a Mormon-putting it somewhat on the alleged ground that the Mor-mon is disloyal-then these pestiferous bigots will be demanding next that all Catholics in the United States Senate be unseated, on the lying plea that a Catholic holds loyalty to his Church above loyalty to his Flag. "The Senate of the United States should firmly retain Reed Smoot in his seat, and hereafter just as firmly sit down on all bigots."

Hope deferred maketh the promoters sick.

Girls who wish to become June brides haven't much time to lose.

The packers never labeled their products "health foods," at any rate.

A "satisfactory meat inspection bill" will not be satisfactory unless rigidly enforced.



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are to the effect that the army is takthe peasants. It is claimed that even the Cossacks are becoming disgusted If this is true, there can be no doubt allties with more humane instincts, revolt at being used as executioners. The soldiers returned from the war with Japan are also working trouble for the autocrats whose harshness and folly they do not hesitate to criticize The effect is to decrease the reverence tained for these high in authority, and the chances are that in the near future it may be converted into a flerce haired. The fact seems to be that, if the

army were called upon suddenly to

strike down the people, there would be Without the army to lean on Russian autocracy is certainly doomed. And it, deserves no better fate. A government that refuses to listen to the voice of the people; that answers petitions with massacres; a government that is class of citizens, the Jews, against bigoted murderers and plunderers, is not worthy of the support of the people, or the sympathy of the civilized world. cathedral of Cologne, it is pushed from the highest pinnacle of the structure whom it has sold its soul, it may not even expect an angel of mercy to take tallilons today demand liberty and the

restoration to them of the inalienable deprived by despots. The civilized world is with them in their life and death struggle.

## THE PRESS ON SENATOR SMOOT.

be change in the tone of the Amerian press recently hus already been mentioned in these columns. We have eproduced several editorials from prominent papers on the subject of the nutry into the right of Senator Reed Smoot in his weat in the Senate of the milest States. Others that continue o come to our desk are of soual 47 no. more importance than these we have mblished and we will therefore favor our readers with a few further expresions of leading American newspapers, although we may not find room for all of them while the matter remains of public comment.

The annexed is taken from the Bass ton Transcript, and shows that in spite of all the declarations that have been made, both officially and editorial-Iv. the impression that Reed Smoot is the proud possessor of a number of wives, which was fixed on the public mind through the falsehoods of promarks: fessed ministers of the Gaspel, still remains in many parts of this enlightened country and will perhaps never be thor-

oughly cradicated. The Transcript REVEL "How paraistently a delusion survives all attempt to correct it was illustrated in Washington this spring, when a Bos-ton excursionist asked where 'Senator Smoot's wives lived.' In formed that the Utah Senator was a nonpolygamous Mormon, and that he was a man of correct life, much respected in his per-sonal capacity by his associates, she confersed that she had encouraged the Christ Himself, together as a band of the control life, much respected in his per-wilful deceivers. If Moses was a good nan, he did not tell a faisehood about movement for his expulsion in the sin- indicates that the senate will be slow

can come to such diametrically opposite conclusions. The man in the street feels rathdr like Laundelot Gobbo, "Canscience, you counsel well; fiend, you counsel well.' It seems manifestly unfair to punish a man for the sins of his associates; specifically to punish because his church believes in polygamy, an apostle who, as the minority states, 'has been noted from early manhood for his opposition to plural riages.' It is just as repugnant, how-ever, to let sympathy for 'wreiched eritorious' Smoot prevent or avert the stinging practical rebuke which the insolent, law-defying hierarchy of Utan What Mr. Smoot had to say for himon some of the more

charges is at this time worth recalling ed on the witness stand in Febru 1905, he was asked what he woul if the Church, through its presiden or in any other way, sh now to vote on a pending bill. He re-"I would vote just the way that thought was best for the interests of

this country, without any dictation from the Church or anybody represent it in the slightest degree guidin me in casting my vote, because it is not their business. As a matter of fact, neither the Church nor anybody representing the Church or purporting represent the Church, has undertak in any way to dictate or direct me ; performance of duties as a Sena'o would not submit for a moment 1 dictation of that kind. "It has been stated by Washington correspondents that on minor bills i which the Church would seem to have some interest, Mr. Smoot has actuall voted against that interest. There

certainly not a Republican member the Senate who could make a more por itive affirmation of his freedom from offgence of, say, the great c ms or the railroads of As to the fearful 'oath of vengent which, if taken in sincerity, would dis ualify a man not only for the senate out for nearly any other place except a prison, Mr. Smill's replies were r less satisfactory. Here is the question and hnswer:

"Mr. Worthington-Tell me whether or not at that time [the taking of the endowmenta] anything of this kind look place-that somebody said this which I am about to read, in sub-

ance, and that you asserted to it. hat you and each of you do promise yow that you will never cease to ortune high heaven to avenge the d of the prophets upon this na-Senator Smoot-I did not, nor was te anything sold about avenging the of of the prophets, or anything else this pation or on this government, ery was nothing said about avenging blond of Joseph Smith, Jr., the pro-et. And it seems very strange that ch a thing should be spoken of be-use the endowments have never hanged, as I understand it; it has een so testified, and that Joseph mith, Jr., himself was the founder f the endowments. It would be very

strange, indeed, to have such an oath to averge his death when he was alive." The Cleveland Plain Dealer discusses the peculiar action of the committee in deciding against exclusion and expulsion and then by a majority adopting the resolution declaring Senator Smoot not entitled to his sent, and re-

"If senate opinion can be judged by e committee's, the constitutional onts involved in either question alone the will be apt to invite a legal discussion which, with unlimited freedom of debate, may cally drag its slow length along until long after the sun has beto make the avenues asphalt vismmend 'exclusion.' which co secured by a majority vote, makes it reasonably certain that the senate will not adopt or long consider that course

President Angell of the University of Michigan insists that honesty is still the best policy.

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It seems as though sanitary inspectors were not expected to make their rounds oftener than once in three months

Emperor William will soon go to Norway and pay King Haakon a visit. A visit from the Emperor will be reognition indeed.

The Japanese budget shows there will be a deficit of \$40,000,000 next year. This is the best evidence yet that Japan is abreast of the times.

Again Mr. Edison promises to reduce the cost of running automobiles 50 per cent. His performances are great but his promises greater.

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hud a campaign.



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SPECIAL REPORTS.

The Central Federated union of New York has decided to start measures for going into politics which may lead to the organization of an independent

labor party. That is going in by the front door instead of by the back. If is more manly and straightforward.

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