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#### SENATOR SMOOT HOME.

Senator Reed Smoot returned today from the national capital, and was warmly welcomed by a host of friends of different political and religious faiths and opinions. He looked well and hearty and has gained ten pounds in weight since he last left this city. He feels cheerful and confident over the outlook, and does not show any signs of that "worry" which some people and papers have imagined he was suffering. The Senator has been an active worker, particularly as a member of the committee on pensions and of the committee on claims. He has attended closely to his work in these capacities, notwithstanding his personal watch of the proceedings purporting to be an investigation of his right to a seat in the Senate, but In reality an inquisition into the beliefs and acts of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and of charges ilust some of its memberst. Senator Smoot did not appear anxious to go into detail in relation to the good work he has performed for the benefit of this State, nor to claim what is due to him in that regard, and attributed to others. We obtained a brief interview from him which appears on another page of this paper, and which gives but a partial account of his labors in the Senate. We are all glad to see him home again and clasp his hand with a cordial wish for his ltimate complete success.

are an anti-"Mormon" raid, starting with religious bigotry and hatred of imaginary "Church influence" that has not been exercised in his case, and would not have been a disqualification under any law or rule of Congress if it had been used as pretended. We make this explanation so that persons and papers that really want to know may not run into error and absurdity, whether they are fighting or supporting Senator Reed Smoot in the conflict that is by no means concluded.

# RELIGIOUS NEWS BUREAU.

Among the subjects to come up for discussion at the Methodist conference it Los Angeles is a proposed religious press bureau. The idea is to establish a center from which denominational news is to be distributed among secular papers, somewhat after the pattern of the Associated Press. The bureau would, of course, have to be international. Being a Methodist institution it would distribute news, stories, pictures, etc., relating to the operations of that denomination. It is claimed that for a number of years highly successful work of this kind has been carried on for the Congregational societies by the Rev. James H. Ross. The success which Mr. Ross has achieved in this news service sug gested the idea to the Methodist bishops, and they have asked his counsel in perfecting their own plans.

It is a high tribute to the power of the press, that the pulpit finds it necessary to adopt its methods, and enlist its ald. The religious magazine, or weekly, is becoming less popular. The reading public rely on the daily for information on all topics. Churches which desire to be in public view, will best reach that end through the daily press.

#### THEY FEAR STRIFE.

We mentioned a few days ago a movement, which, under the name of the American Bible League, has been started for the defense of the Bible against so-called higher criticism. The leaders of that movement are, no doubt, actuated by the best of motives, but in religious circles it is feared that it will start bitter strife, and that mischlef will result. It is pointed out that the higher critics are not, as a rule, controversialists. They merely state their position, without endeavoring to force their conclusions upon others. Now, it is feared, they will consider themselves under the necessity of fighting back. The Christlan world will take sides. And when the line is drawn, It will be found to reveal many surprises. Men now regarded as orthodox will step over to the other side. In short, it is feared that the attacks by the League will lead to a war, in which churches, and even denominations may be rent

asunder. Probably this forecast is well found ed. The large part of Christendom that was led away from Rome by the Reformation, staked all, so to speak, upon the Bible and upon an infallible Bib!

the sanction of church leaders. Consol. Institutions on whom they must rely to place the new securities. idation of forces, both good and evil,

is one of the features of this age.

PREVENTIVE OF APPENDICITIS The following item concerning a pe culiar preventive of appendicitis is found in the May number of Medical Talk for the Home, a periodical edited by Dr. C. L. Carr, Columbus, Ohio. The disease is one that occurs but too frequently, and any treatment that promises to make the use of the knife unnecessary cannot but awaken general interest. The writer in the Medical Talk says:

"There is a story going the rounds that when Sir Thomas Lipton, the own-er of the yacht, Shamrock, was last in our country that he came very near having appendicitis. It was reported in the public press at the time that he was about to be operated upon for ap-pendicitis, in New York City.

"The story has it that the physicians who attended Sir Thomas Lipton agreed that he had appendicitis. There was some hesitation about operating upon him, particle output to him could upon him, partly owing to his condi-tion of health, and partly to the world-wide attention that would be attracted The subject in case of failure. "A distinguished surgeon was called

in consultation, and he made a most extraordinary proposition. He suggested that before an operation was at-tempted that they try an injection into the colon of equal parts of common molasses and milk. These were to be heated to a temperature of 100 degrees F., or about the same temperature as the human body. A pint and a half of milk added to a pint and a half of mo-lasses constituted the whole injection.

"This, by means of a flexible tube, was injected into the colon, high up, The injection is supposed to traverse the colon and reach the caecum, which is that portion of the colon where the "The astonished physicians in charge finally consented to try this remedy. The injection was given and immedi-

ately there passed away a large ac-cumulation of decomposed feces, which gave Sir Thomas immediate relief. This byjated the necessity of an operation with the knife.

"The name of the surgeon who sug-gested this injection is not given, but it is stated that he said, when recom-mending the injection, that Sir Andrew Clark, a distinguished surgeon in England, invariably used this inection before he would permit a surgical operation. In nine cases out of ten the injection will cure appendicitis and make an operation superfluous.'

Once more the sun shines for all. Kuropatkin proposes to meet Kuroki

at Philippisky. Put your ear to the ground and hear

the grass grow. Now the Russians realize that there

s a genuine Yalu peril. Kuroki and Kuropatkin are as like as wo K's but not as two peas.

If Woodend should be caught, it wouldn't end the proceedings against hinf.

Russian soldiers are thirsting for revenge. They can slacken their thirst in the Yalu. In the matter of delegates Mr. Hearst

Pueblo Chieftain. It may be assumed beyond any doubt that the canal will be built. The difficulties of the undertaking are not to be ignored, and the failure of the French company after the expenditure of so many millions of dollars is a warning against rashness or extravagance. But the canal will be built, and it will be built in a manner that is creditable to American engineering skill and to American business integrity and ability. The American nation cannot afford to have it any other way, and the character of the men appointed as com-missioners by President Roosevelt and the nature of the instruction given to them by the president are a very com-fortable assurance that this will be the

## EXPERIMENTS ON FOOD.

Worcester Spy. The official report of a series of ex-periments on food conducted recently at Sheffield Scientific School of Yale has been made by Prof. R. H. Chittenden, who conducted the experiments. He concludes that the average healthy man eats from two to three times as much as he needs to keep him in perfect phys-lcal and mental health and vigor. We don't know whether the professor be-lives that a man should eat less because he can actually escape starva-tion by living on chopped hay breakfast foods and other useless contri-vances. We have an idea that a man has a right occasionally to enjoy a good dinner even if he cats slightly more than the actual hunger demands.

#### Springfield Republican.

As every one might have expected, Prof. Chittenden of Yale university has proved by his year's scientific experi-ments in dieting that the average healthy man of civilization cats too much. Scientific experiments were not needed to make people believe it, for they know it as the result of their daily living. The world was scarcely daily living. The world was scarcely prepared, however, to be told by the professor that it eats from two to three times too much. Nor should one im-mediately reduce the amount of his food to one-third or one-half of the usual ration, because of the professor's tests. The men experimented upon at Yale were picked subjects, and during their dieting experience they enjoyed special care and took regular physical exercise. In their eating, too, there was a maximum of scientific intelligence in the choice of foods. Intelligence of any sort is just what is lacking in the eating and the cocking of the average family. If people could be taught what to eat and how to cook properly, the evil of eating too much, which Prof. Chittenden now emphasizes, would be greatly minimized.

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### PRESS MISREPRESENTATION.

The chief promoters of the religious crusade against Senator Smoot still try to impress upon the minds of the public the falsehood that the gentleman is a polygamist. This acts as a powerful irritant to the average church member, and particularly to those who belong to the female clubs and associations. The common understanding of the meaning of the term "Mormon" is a man who has many wives. How long it will take to remove that notion it is hard to predict. There are still editors and writers for the papers and magazines who enteriain it and exhibit their ignorance accordingly.

Even some of the press defenders of the Senator take the ground that he has several wives, and draw favorable comparisons between his course and that of national lawmakers whose lives are notoriously in con, let with the seventh commandment, and of liber tines who cast off their paramouri when tired of their society,

It all shows how little many millions of people know of the actual facts in the case which has caused so much agitation in this country and even in Europe, They do not understand that but a small minority of the "Mormons" ever practised polygamy. We have now before us the Sheffield, England, Inde pendent, which refers to the "Morning Post" and also to the article by Sydney Brooks that has been widely copied, and sagely puts the case in this way:

"There is no question about the en-tire regularity of Mr. Smoot's creden-tials. It is not alleged that his elec-tion was procured by bribery, false counting, ballot stuffing, or in fact by illegality in any form. The complaint against him is that he is a polygamist by practice as well as conviction; that as such he has broken the well under-stood compact under which Utah was admitted as a state into the American Union, and that his election is there-fore void."

That view is "English, you know," but it has been obtained from American misrepresentations. Our contemporarles everywhere should understand, by this time, that the gentleman's opponents, with the exception of one Methodist preacher who thought he was helping the cause of religion by swearing to a falsenood, have not claimed that Senator Smoot ever had more than one wife, or that there is anything against his personal character of any kind. Endeavors have been made to make him In some sense (or nonsense) responsible for the alleged doings of other people, but the real point sought to be established is that he was elected by the influence of the "Mormon" Church. That has not been accomplished and cannot be, because he was nominated and elected by the Republican party in Utah, and many thousands of voters of his own faith were opposed to him and his party ticket particularly.

at that. Luther appealed repeatedly from his ecclesiastical superiors to the councils and from these to the Bible, as the only indisputable authority in matters of falth and also of practice, and that is to this day the position of Protestantism against Rome, and even against any "word of God" that the Almighty may have been pleased to give in this age and generation. Outside the books included in the volume known as the Bible, Protestantism refines to see any reve lation of the Divine will. And now comes "higher criticism" and boldly asserts that, not only is the Bible not infallible, but it is a collection of

myths, borrowed moral rules, badly edited, and interspersed with falsehoods. If that is admitted, Protestantism may as well haul down its many it cont standards and surrender. That

some will do so, cann be doubted, should the strife become popular. Those who have no spiritual experience con cerning the divine power of the Word, will not be able to withstand a critical onslaught. When there is no inner testimony, one of the corner stones of faith is lacking.

The war feared must come soone or later, and the honest in heart will appeal from the assailed Bible to the divine fountain of all truth and light, as the Latter-day Saints do. And they will receive a more sure foundation for their faith than any offered either by the Catholic or the Protestant world,

### DISCUSSING UNITY.

A distinctive feature of several of the denominational general gatherings that will be held during this summer, is the discussion that will take place on the question of union with oth. r religious bodies. No less than ten religious associations are now said to be considering such plans. The Southern Presbyterians have before them a proposition to units with the Dutch branch of the Reformed church, but many leaders among them believe that Southern Presbyterians can come into union with Northern Presbyterians and at Mobile will be considered, therefore, not alone union with the Northern body but a general Presbyterian union scheme, that shall include, it may be, the half dozen Assemblies of Reformed, Associate and others.

The Methodist Protestant conference will talk over union plans with Congregationalists and with Primitive Metholists and United Brethren. It will also ilscuss unity plana proposed by the Methodist church, South, passed by the latter body in general conference in Baltimore. Leaders in the Methodist Protestant church are not sanguine of any success save that of union with the United Brethren and the Primitive Methodists, although they note the gen. eral tendency to get together. Congregationalists are said to be more wary than are some other bodies, but mapy leaders among them declare that minor

differences must be istiored. This movement for centralization is but in his incipiency, but, like the peace , testion, it is slowly taking hold of the minds of church members, and the probability is that it will become popular. It is the practical application of the principles of the Evangelical Alli-The whole proceedings against him ance, which for so many years has had

has carried Washington. Now let him carry a little hatchet. Ex-Governor Black will nominate Mr. Roosevelt at Chicago. This should

catch the colored vote. The trusts care not who make the laws of the country so long as they do not have to obey them.

When the cashier skips, his books are said to be short. The fact is that the cash is short and the books long.

China is looked upon as a powder magazine. Why shouldn't she be? Gunpowder was first invented in China.

Having passed under the control of the United States, henceforth the canal zone will belong to the temperate zone.

A Chicago university professor says that flirting tends to develop the soul At Cornell university the penalty for flirting is two dollars a plece.

The State Supreme Court has decided that gamblers cannot recover on a poker debt. They should be able to realize this.

Being a captain of industry President Mellen naturally shot it into the union men, and their applause showed they liked the shooting.

At first the Russlans had only contempt for the Japanese. Finally this gave way to respect and now respect has been displaced by fear,

Not long ago the Russians bought some ships in Germany. Now the Japanese have bought some there. This makes Germany impartial if not absoiutely neutral.

Speaker Cannon says that under no circumstances would he have the vicepresidency. Very good. But why this great strenuousness in announcing the fact?

Judge Baker of New Mexico in his order restraining the striking Santa Fe machinists forbids them to talk to non-union men. This is going a long way and looks very much like' prohibiting freedony of speech.

### THE PANAMA CANAL.

Springfield Republican. Now that the French end of the Panarna canal business is circumvallated, everything seems ready, in a legal sense, for the shovel brigade in the straight-away ditch at the isthmus. Much handshaking is discernible while the semi-official Washington Star concludes a review of recent Panama history by saying: "It is a performance altogether characteristic of the nation." That is one way of looking at it. But there is another.

New Tork Evening Post. Coincidence of our payment of \$40,-000,000 for the Panama Canal with the plans for a new Russian ioan in Europe, is a cepted abroad as rather lucky. No

absolute confirmation of the projected loan has yet been received; indeed, diplomatic circles still contradict the rumors current in financial circles. The financial rumors are, however, more likely in this case to be trustworthy, because bankers who are "sounded" by a government in such matters are com-pelled, in their turn, at once to "sound" the various capitalists and investing



