

to Abyssinia is an exceedingly cautious one. He disclaims all intention of profiting by the anarchy and confusion into which Abyssinia has fallen owing to the death of the "Negus" or monarch, and the dispersion of his armies by the Mahdists; but at the same time he declares that Italy's engagements must be respected—a vague declaration which leaves the doors open for future operation should they be needed. The Mahdists of the Soudan seem to be divided into two important bodies, one on the Abyssinian frontier and the other at some distance from Khartoum. While the Mahdists on the Abyssinian frontier have been victorious over the Abyssinians, the Mahdists near Khartoum have been almost annihilated by El Senoussi, the chief of a religious sect located on the frontier of Upper Egypt and Tripoli. It is asserted that there are several claimants to the Abyssinian throne, one of whom, King Menelik, is friendly to the Italians at Massowah. Probably King Menelik will make it worth while for the Italians to come and aid him in conquering his enemies in Abyssinia. It would be of great advantage to the Italians at Massowah to have a friendly instead of hostile ruler over Abyssinia.

The Duke of Nassau has taken formal possession of the regency of Luxembourg. This marks the beginning of a new period in the history of Holland. It is true Luxembourg was not of much value to Holland, but when a little nation once begins to lose territory the process generally goes on. Although nominally an independent though the Duke of Nassau is, by his position, as much a Prussian subject as if he was born at Potsdam; and if he is not aware of the fact, he will soon be made to feel that he is a mere vassal, and must in all things obey his Berlin superiors. Probably the day is not far distant when the force of independence will be put to an end and Luxembourg will be incorporated with the German Empire.

Servia at the present moment has a Queen in involuntary exile at Yalta, and a king a voluntary exile at Constantinople. The Queen at Yalta has just informed the Servian regents that she does not intend to interfere with their management of the government, and that her approaching visit to Belgrade will be merely one of maternal solicitude for the young prince. In order to be out of the way of temptation, the Queen does not intend to reside at the "konak" or palace, but will content herself with a country villa within walking distance from the palace.

In the meantime, while matters are apparently running smoothly for Queen Natalie, King Milan is enjoying himself at Constantinople where the Sultan has given him a "kiosk" or palace, and pays, or is supposed to pay, for his board, lodging, washing and other appurtenances of royalty. Constantinople is a paradise for an impetuous ex-monarch like King Milan credit there being unlimited and remorseless

creditors wholly unknown, the last of the species having been drowned in the Bosphorus many years ago, it is said. J. H. WARD.

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WASATCH STAKE.

The Forty-seventh Quarterly Conference of the Wasatch Stake of Zion convened in the new Stake House, May 5 and 6, 1889, at 10 a. m.; President Hatch Presiding.

On the stand were President George Q. Cannon, Apostle Lyman, President Cluff, of Summit Stake, Bishop Atwood of Kamas, Elder Jensen of Salt Lake City, President A. Eldridge, together with the President and Counselors of this Stake, and nearly all the local authorities.

Although the weather was stormy, there was a congregation numbering 1,277 souls.

After the usual exercises, President Hatch said he was pleased to have with them President Cannon, Apostle Lyman and others. Four years ago the foundation of this house was laid, with the understanding that the Saints would help to erect it. In a visit to Salt Lake City a few weeks ago, he had the promise of these brethren to come and dedicate it, and they are here to fulfil their promise. In calculating the expense of the building at first, it was thought the cost would be about \$25,000. He felt to congratulate the Saints on the finishing of the building, and to be able to state that it was paid for. This house had been built by the labor of home talent, with one or two exceptions. He thanked all who had assisted in the building of this house. This Stake has been organized twelve years, and we have built up a nice little city.

Apostle Lyman said it afforded him great pleasure to meet with the Saints in this beautiful valley. The Latter-day Saints of this Stake deserved great credit for their labors in erecting such an excellent house, and he hoped they had increased also in good works and faith. This house should be kept a holy place, so that the Spirit of God might dwell therein. We, as a people, should increase in purity of thought and action, for it is quite a struggle for us to maintain our integrity amid the opposition against which we have to contend; and all needed the help of God. When we feel that we are strong enough to live without prayer, neglect to meet together, and need no instructions from the Priesthood, then we are on dangerous ground. The object of our assembling is to strengthen our faith; and we are unsafe if we do not attend to these things. Peace and good feeling one toward another should increase and make this earth a heaven. The elements are perfect, and only need intelligent labor. Though the world may feel badly towards the Latter-day Saints, yet there is a spirit broods over this land that even makes those that are not of us to like the country. Although in these valleys we have people of different faiths, and

even some infidels, yet we should be united and increase in the wealth that endures, cultivating charity and forbearance. We should administer words of comfort and kindness to all around us. This brings its own reward. The world has many good men who are engaged in blessing humanity according to their honest views of righteousness. If any of us have a wayward child, how glad it makes us feel if any one endeavors to reclaim him; even so is God pleased when he sees anyone try to assist in doing good around. Many of our enemies feel that they are doing right in persecuting us, just as the Jews felt in persecuting the Savior and his Apostles in ancient times. We know that God has planted His people here, that He will maintain His right, and continue to overrule all things for the good of His people.

President Cluff deemed it a great pleasure to meet with the Latter-day Saints of the Wasatch Stake of Zion, under such favorable circumstances. Since coming in our midst he had noticed the improvements here, which naturally took his mind back some twenty-four years, when he first visited this place. The labor which the Saints had performed here was a great credit to them. He described its present condition, and pictured out the prosperity which awaits us in the future. If we wished our sons and daughters to continue to live around us we would have to provide for their necessities. He considered we possessed facilities sufficient to double the present population. Manufacturing industries should follow the agricultural. He referred to the sheep industry, and considered this was overdone. He commended the manufacture of woolen cloth and the use of water power, and showed what we might save if we manufactured our own cloth, instead of selling our wool, paying railway fares, manufacturers, salesmen, drummers, merchants and others to make it for us. He offered some excellent remarks on education and the Church schools which were being established in the various Stakes.

President George Q. Cannon gave notice that the dedication of the house would take place in the afternoon, and suggested that the people come together with peaceful hearts.

The choir sang, "Holy is the Lord God of Sabaoth."

Benediction by Elder Alma H. Eldridge.

At two p. m., after singing, the dedicatory prayer was offered by Apostle F. M. Lyman.

The choir then sang the dedication anthem, "The Song of the Redeemed."

The sacrament was next administered, during which President Cannon addressed the meeting. He said it was with feelings of great pleasure that he met with the Saints on this occasion, and was thankful for the good spirit that had prevailed. He hoped that that house would be kept pure. It was now completed and dedicated, and