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SPOILATION OF "GENTILES."

One of the most stupid, malicious and false assertions concerning the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is this, that, according to the views of its members, the earth is theirs, as the "chosen" people, and that, consequently, "Gentiles" have no rights the "Saints" need to respect. The charge is old, and has refuted itself repeatedly by the fact that "Mormons" and non-"Mormons" live side by side in peace, mingling in business enter-prises and social functions, in perfect harmony, without interference, one with another. This fact is evident to all. The combined efforts of the most skillful and unscrupulous defamers cannot obscure it, except to those whose vision has been rendered defective by prejudice, or by that love of evil which blinds the soul. "Mormons" and non-"Mormons" always have enjoyed peace-ful associations, except when outside agitators to gain their own ends and purposes, have stirred up the lower passions against the Saints, and caused trouble, of a more or less serious char-acter.

The idea that mankind should be divided in two parts, one to be despoiled by the other, has been put into practice by some of the professedly Christian nations, against the pagan world, but nowhere by the "Mor-mons." Look at Asia. Look at Africa. "Christians" simply send their mis-sionaries there and claim to own all in sight. Some of the Christian repre-sentatives deny the pagans equal rights, justice, and liberty, because, forsooth, they are "benighted heathens." And who is there of all those that accuse the "Mormons" of such views and practices, who have manliness enough to lift their voice in protest against the iniquitous robbery to which pagans have been, and are being, subjected? Christians went to China and claimed the right to trade under their own jurisdiction and their own conditions. They forced the people to open the country to opium, a drug worse than intoxicating liquor. They set up ex-tra-territorial claims, by which they virtually established a state in the state, and they planned a division of the country, which is clear from the fact that France laid hands on Ton-quin, Germany on Kiau Chou, and Rus-sia on Manchuria, Korea, and Laos Tung. The process is being repeated in Africa. In those continents the "Gentiles" are being despoiled, but not by "Mormons." Here is cause for vir-tuous indignation. But some of the "Chris-tians" who have joined the conspirators against Utah, and are slandering the "Mormon" people, also have representa-tives abroad aiding, directly or indi-rectly, in this colossal scheme for the "spoliation of the gentiles."

The "Mormons" do not believe in such principles. As followers of Christ, they denounce those practices. They hold that all men, of all nations, and creeds, and all conditions, are the chil-dren of the same Eternal Father, and that they, consequently, have equal rights to existence and the pursuit of happiness, and equal claim to their fellowmen for brotherly love and sym-pathetic. Their creed, their Church, their testimony, form a strong protest against the spirit of intolerance. The "Mormons" have been taught to love even their enemies—those that hate them, and they can afford to do so, in view of the short duration of all evil and wickedness, and the certainty of the final triumph of that which is good. A moment's storm and cold is endur-able, when one more brief effort takes the traveler to a beautiful place where every room is warm and radiant of light. A few trials on board the ship are not to be counted, when at the end of the journey home and friends are waiting.

A PEACE PROGRAM.

Congressman Barthold of Missouri, now on his way to Brussels, to attend a session of the executive committee of the Interparliamentary union, of which he is the president, a few days ago ex-plaind some of the plans to be consid-ered at the next meeting, in August. This meeting will be devoted chiefly to the formation of a program for the sec-ond Hague convention, and the Ameri-can delegates will make three propo-sitions.

The first contemplates an invitation to

the Central and South American states to join the Hague congress. The rea-son why they were excluded from the first gathering was peculiar. At that time Great Britain was on the verge of war with the South African republics, and these could not be invited without offense to England. The czar therefore adopted the expediency of including in his invitation those powers only which had diplomatic representatives in St. Petersburg. This excluded the Trans-vaal and the Orange Free State, and also the Pope. Unfortunately, it also excluded every country in America ex-cept the United States and Mexico. It is now proposed to make the invitation more general, for the benefit of the re-publics of the Western hemisphere.

Another proposition contemplates the formation of a model arbitration treaty, in which the subjects to be arbitrated shall be specified. This demand results from the recent controversy between the president and the senate, and it is to obviate the necessity of the president obtaining the consent of the senate in each case. It will enable the senate to confer on the president detailed au-thority in a wholesale treaty and thus save the real benefits of arbitration.

The Hague convention recognized chiefly two classes of controversy as proper subjects of arbitration, viz., those of a judicial character, and those regarding the interpretation of treaties. France and Great Britain, in their ar-bitration treaty, excepted all questions regarding the vital interests, the inde-pendence and honor of the two coun-tries, and all questions in which other states also are interested. These excep-tions it will be seen, are no elastic that arbitration becomes dependent on the temper of the parties to the controversy. By defining the subjects that shall be submitted to arbitration, this defect will be remedied. But, will it be possible to agree on such a measure? It is known that the Hague convention was signed by some of the governments only because it was made so vague as to have no binding force whatever. Even the innocent propo-sition that the permanent court should have authority to remind disputing powers of the provisions made for ar-bitration, was rejected as dangerous. What chance is there for a general agreement that would, at least within certain boundaries, have the force of compulsory arbitration?

The third proposition is to fix the ba-sis for representation in a permanent congress of nations. This is one of the great measures that must be adopted previous to the Millennial conditions toward which the best of mankind have been looking forward in all ages.

The activity of statesmen in our age for the disarmament of nations and the inauguration of an era of peace is most commendable. But in order to suc-ceed, the foundation for the new order should be laid in public sentiment. It is but too true, that there is no popular de-mand for peace treaties. There are no popular demonstrations with fireworks and pageants in honor of the "heroes" of peace. The achievements on the bat-tlefields are still applauded. How are the nations to be aroused? How is the peace sentiment to be stimulated among the fathers and mothers of fu-ture citizens? That is the real question of the hour. If the governments were properly backed up by public senti-ment, the questions before the peace congress would not be difficult to solve.

The 11th annual conference at Lake Mohonk will be held from May 31 to June 2, this year. Among the notable speakers who are to take part in the deliberations are Judge George Gray of Delaware, who is to preside; Andrew D. White, Justice Brewer of the United States court, Oscar S. Straus of New York, member of the Hague tribunal, Prof. Moore of Columbia university, and so on. International arbitration will be discussed. The distinguished members of the congress, called togeth-er by Mr. Albert K. Smiley and enjoy-ing his boundless hospitality, might profitably consider ways and means for commencing a peace campaign among the masses of the nations, with a view of rendering to statesmen and govern-ments the support needed in their work for arbitration and disarmament. With-out public sentiment, governments are helpless in the most critical times. There would have been no war with Spain a few years ago, had not the people clamored for revenge for an insult.

A RABBI ON JESUS.

Rabbi Silverman, a short time ago, preached a sermon on the Messiah, at the Emmanuel temple, Manhattan. The views of learned Jews on that topic will always be of great interest to the general public.

A notable feature of his discourse was the acceptance of the biographies known as the Gospels, as authentic histories, although he denied some of the principal facts set forth in those documents. He is quoted thus:

"At the beginning of the present era the Romans were oppressing the people of Judea, and Pontius Pilate was grind-ing them down with unjust taxation. A cry went up for any deliverer, any Messiah, to relieve the situation. At the same time Jesus was preaching in Galilee, the king of the Jews, Jesus knew the difference and refused the title, and realized that its assumption meant treason against the Romans. He could not stop the movement, however, and Pilate condemned him as a political offender and subjected him to capital punishment the night of his arrest. It was purely and simply a murder with-out fair trial. Then came the great misrepresentation, but of the Messiah-ship and resurrection there is no founda-tion in history."

From the old prejudice of the Heb-rews against the great Nazarene it is a long step to this open acknowl-edge-ment of him as a "Messiah in the Galilean sense of the word"—a deliverer from sorrow, sin, and crime. Con-sider-ation forbids logical reasons to men there. If the Gospels are true histor-ical documents, Jesus was, and is, the

Messiah of all the ancient prophets, the deliverer not only of the descend-ants of Abraham, but the Savior of the human race. If the Gospels are au-thentic records, Jesus either was this, or He was an impostor. It is nonsense to accept as true the Gospel narrative concerning His birth, and His life, and pronounce it falsehood when it sets forth His death and His resurrection. If the Gospels are true, Jesus was the Son of God. He died for the sins of the world, and He rose from the dead, and ascended to glory, and will again appear, in power and majesty. The resurrection is as well attested as any incident in the life of Jesus. Noth-ing but the testimony of eye-wit-nesses to that greatest of all miracles, can account satisfactorily for the mar-velous progress of a religious sect, whose chief flat exponents were fish-ermen from a most obscure part of the Roman empire, and who preached sal-vation through faith in one executed as a blasphemer and a traitor.

Rabbi Silverman draws on his fancy when he asserts that Peter and the other apostles, through misconception, spread the false report that Jesus was to be a political deliverer. Some of the political chiefs of that stormy age, seeing the great popularity of the Naz-a-rene, endeavored to enlist Him for their cause. They hoped to make a tool of Him for their political schemes. They proposed to make Him "king." If He would lead them on. But He al-ways refused to consider any such plans. And whenever He saw signs of the spirit of such worldly ambition among His followers, He rebuked them and explained to them the nature of His "Kingdom," and His work as the Messiah. His very refusal to lend Him-self to the schemes of the political plotters, engendered their enmity. His purity, integrity and loyalty attracted the hatred of the old sinners who final-ly went together and planned His death.

Such are the facts that must be ac-counted for. No one outside the Chris-tian faith has been able to form a theory about Jesus, that takes all the facts into consideration. There is no true theory about Him, except that which accepts Him as the Messiah, and this conclusion, it seems to us, thought-ful Jews are approaching when they reverently study His life in the Gospels.

The graft is mightier than the sword.

The bears are enjoying a well earned rest.

Chicago should do something for her strikings.

Industrial peace is Chicago's present crying need.

Every so often the Omaha people have to eat crows.

The rarest way of telling a fortune is to look at a bank account.

Too much froth in Milwaukee finances as well as in Milwaukee beer.

At last the President has done the Arab act and folded his tent.

May isn't a good month in which to kill bears. There is no "r" in it.

A hint to the wise is more than suf-ficient; they don't need any at all.

Peltier claims to have a double. That's tough on the other fellow.

Why don't strikers instead of putting out pickets put up barbed wire fences?

"Go right along" is the hehest of the police to people driving on the streets.

If plain living insured high thinking the world would be overrun with great thoughts.

Wisconsin has adopted an anti-tip-ping law, but Maine was first with the anti-tippy law.

To date the Equitable has become mutualized only to the extent of mutual recrimination.

The Russians seem to find zemstvo congresses a very good substitute for constitutional government.

Up to date it has not been found pos-sible to drive a coach and four through the Chicago teamsters' strike.

The latest claimant to Paul Jones' body is Rhode Island. It would seem that more states are going to claim it than cities claimed to be the birthplace of Homer.

Mrs. John W. Mackay has had her photograph taken wearing \$30,000 worth of pearls. Now if some New York so-ciety leader does not have her pho-tograph taken wearing a million dollars' worth of pearls then New York so-ciety has no esprit du corps.

This story of Wright, of Pelican Point murder notoriety, being in an eastern jail and refusing to have his picture taken, reads very much like being pre-parator to a junket for some one. The same kind of a story came from Haiti, more and an officer went back to get Wright, and did not get him, it being a case of "mistaken identity."

THE CHICAGO STRIKE.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.
There is no recorded instance, at least in recent years, of a strike being won by violence even where violence has played a prominent part in it. Violence is the common foe of labor and capital. An organization, whether of labor or capital, even though strong in a just cause, is at once placed on the defensive when rioting and other crimes are re-sorted to in its interest. If the Chicago strike is conducted along the lines laid down by the head of the teamsters it may succeed. The history of other strikes otherwise conducted makes it plain that this one is foredoomed to failure the moment it takes the shape of a conflict with all organized society, which cannot and is not always dis-posed to distinguish between honest and peaceable strikers and their criminal and misguided partisans.

San Francisco Call.

It is conceded now in Chicago that if Montgomery Ward & Co. had violated the contract with their teamsters, the latter would have had relief in the courts, which would have compelled the firm to perform its contract. The

teamsters being in a voluntary organ-ization, and not being either a firm or a corporation, and possessing no partnership or corporate property, can safely violate its contract, leaving the firm without redress. This is a situa-tion that deserves the closest study by the labor leaders of the country. Their policy is for collective bargaining for labor, the making of a collective con-tract. But a contract is vain unless it is bilateral. It must imply mutual re-sponsibility and obligation. If one party to it enters into an undertaking with-out the power to perform it, the contract is void or voidable in law.

Chicago Record-Herald.

Peter Klausen, proprietor of a North Side delicatessen store, attempted to deliver a load of his goods to his cus-tomers, Montgomery Ward & Co. He had no quarrel with anyone. He had no desire to interfere in anyone's quar-rel. He did not interfere. He simply went about his business. He was set upon and killed. Blood guilt is upon the city of Chicago until this wrong is avenged. The man responsible for the crime are well known. They are the men who have declared a boycott against Montgomery Ward & Co. and who have attempted to force and vi-olence for aid in their quarrel. Now let us have the law applied.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS.

Kansas City Journal.
Household pets are susceptible to a far greater variety of disease than most people imagine. Parrots are shown to be susceptible to a disease so peculiar to themselves that it is called from the Greek word for par-rot, "psittacosis." A number of fatal cases in human beings of what was at first supposed to be a malignant in-fluenza pneumonia were in Paris traced to the bacillus at present thought to be causative of the parrot disease. A cer-tain proportion of parrots are known to die from tuberculosis. Cats are known sometimes to have tuberculosis, and that they have in many cases been carriers of diphtheria and other ordi-nary infectious directly and indirectly is more than suspected.

OCEAN LOT OF NAMES.

Fuel.
Miss Death was brought to the Ger-man hospital in Philadelphia to be op-erated upon for appendicitis. She was a daughter, she said, of an undertaker. The name of the surgeon, who was chosen to perform the operation was Dye—Dr. Frank Hackett Dye. When the operation was over Miss Death was placed in charge of two nurses. Miss Payne is the day nurse. Miss Grove is the night nurse. The patient recovered rapidly, and in a short time bade good-bye to Dr. Dye, Miss Payne and Miss Grove.

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