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PIONEER'S DAY.

The entrance of the Pioneers of '47 into Salt Lake valley fifty-seven years ago was fittingly celebrated to-day. This anniversary should be observed perpetually. The day marks an epoch in the history of the Great West. While it closed a marvelous journey of a devoted and heroic band, it commenced the redemption of this vast region from sterility, and desolation. It was the beginning of irrigation on the western slope of the Rockies, and in demonstrating its possibilities it gave a pointer to the whole country where rains are unknown or infrequent, showing what could be done in the cultivation of arid and semi-arid lands. That wonderful journey over uninhabited plains and mountains to a spot comparatively unknown, for the purpose of founding an empire in a desert, of providing an asylum for a rejected religious body, where they could live and worship God without molestation, where they could establish Zion and rear their temples in peace, should be remembered and celebrated through all generations. It not only opened the way for the Latter-day Saints of all nations and climes to gather to the bosom of their Church, but it rendered possible the settlement of surrounding territory by civilized people, and the organization of commonwealths which have enriched the nation and added to the glorious stars in the constellation of the United States. It is a day of days. It should be honored by all the citizens of the Pacific slope. It does not and should not detract in the least from the celebration of the nation's birthday. There is no rivalry between the Fourth and the Twenty-fourth of July. They are close relations and imbued with a kindred spirit. The Pioneers were patriots. They brought with them the flag of their country and unfurled it to the mountain breeze when this ground was Mexican soil. They were American citizens. They revered the Constitution of the United States and desired to live under its principles and protection. They took the earliest opportunity to seek for admission into the Union and whether as a Territory or as a State, the builders of Utah and their followers and posterity, uphold the institutions of this government and have ever been ready to maintain them, in war or in peace. All honor to the Pioneers of '47 and their great leader, whose statue stands at the head of the chief street of the city which he founded, but whose monument is in the hearts of his people! They were sturdy, faithful, devoted and true. They never faltered at duty's call. Their names are inscribed on history's page, and the memory of their march and of the work they performed for coming generations, will never be obliterated. Hall to the day of their coming, and may their self sacrifice and energy and perseverance against all obstacles, be a pattern for their posterity and a stimulus for good to all who shall ever inhabit the valleys of these mountains!

PICKETS AND STRIKE-BREAKERS.

The shooting of five union pickets by a negro strike-breaker in Chicago is a most regrettable affair, but it is just such an affair as might be expected at any time. As to the merits of this particular case it is impossible to speak with certainty, several witnesses laying all the blame on the strike-breaker, while he says he fired in self defense. The history of strikes and the outrages arising from them, would lead to the belief that the pickets undertook to intimidate and molest the strike-breaker; it is very doubtful if a strike-breaker ever made a voluntary, unprovoked attack on a picket; the pickets invariably are the aggressors. The source of all the trouble is that the strikers, as a rule, deny to non-union men the right to earn a livelihood. Now that is the right of every man born into this world, and he should and must be protected in it. It is the denial of this right by the unions that causes so much trouble. But it exists notwithstanding such denial. Every man has a right to join a union if so minded, but so far as his legal rights are concerned they are neither added to nor taken from by his relations to it. Strikes generally are an unreasonable resort to compulsion and abandonment of reason. Their methods are those of force, which means that sooner or later there will be resort to violence by some participating in them. And this in spite of all the leaders can do to prevent it. Picketing is an invitation to it. It is most sincerely to be hoped that this instance of violence, no matter whether the strike-breaker was right or wrong, no matter whether the picket was the aggressor or not, will not be repeated.

ALIEN CRIMINALS.

Commissioner-General of Immigration Sargent has just made a report on the number of aliens in confinement in penal and charitable institutions in the United States during the first four months of the present year. It deals only with those aliens who have been in the country less than five years. It shows a rather startling condition of affairs. According to this report there are confined in the institutions covered by it 28,993 males and 15,643 females, all of whom have not become citizens of the United States. Of this number 3,995 are imprisoned for grave offenses, 5,686 for minor crimes, while 20,829 are insane and 14,694 are paupers. Of the whole number 24,797 were confined for life and 10,112 for more than two years. In state institutions there are 23,548 persons, 14,879 in county institutions, 5,358 in private hospitals and 679 in federal institutions. New York leads in the percentages, with Boston next and Philadelphia third. This certainly is anything but desirable immigration, and shows, what everybody knows, that foreign countries dump many criminals upon our shores. Nor can any law, no matter how stringent and how rigidly enforced, entirely prevent their landing. Absolute prohibition of immigration alone could prevent that, a thing not to be thought of for a single moment. The number who are in for life is very large, and their crimes must have been heinous to have received such punishment. An analysis of them would be interesting, and probably will be made as the investigation is being continued. What shall be done to remedy this condition of affairs? It is the same question that has to be dealt with everywhere, the question of crime. Eliminate these alien criminals and the country would still be confronted with the problem and its solution would be just as difficult; but it would be lessened to the extent of their number. As yet none of these alien criminals have become citizens and if the courts can know their records they will not. Something in the way of solving the problem in their particular cases might be done by shipping them back to the land whence they came, for this country is under no obligation to harbor and care for the criminals of other lands. In this regard the findings and recommendations of Mr. Sargent will be awaited with interest. They should enable Congress to take some intelligent action in the premises, and do away with what is a truly startling condition of affairs.

RUSSIA RECEDES.

Russia and Great Britain have composed their differences over the Malacca affair, and the former has agreed to waive the right of search. Thus an awkward situation is got over and an incident that might have led to most serious consequences has been settled. This is a very much better arrangement than to fly to arms, a thing that a portion of the London press was most anxious to do. It was owing to the moderation and good sense of the British foreign office that there was no such resort to retaliatory measures. Russia can scarcely have abandoned the right of search as recognized by international law, a right claimed by every civilized nation and recognized by all. The officers of the Smolensk and St. Petersburg seem to have lacked discretion in their exercise of this right, and to have gone to extremes. The status of the volunteer fleet seems to have been another matter that caused Russia to repudiate the action of her cruisers. Their status, as part of the volunteer fleet, appears to be of a very doubtful nature, so doubtful that it cannot be determined of hand. That the converted merchantmen were pirates is not true; the simple fact that they flew the Russian flag makes that impossible. That Russia may have committed a grave breach of international law is very possible. The incident of passing armed cruisers, disguised as merchantmen, through the Dardanelles, will scarcely occur again. That Russia was not trying to involve Great Britain alone or at all is shown by the fact that towards German vessels she acted as she did towards British ones. She undoubtedly thought she was clearly within her rights in both cases, and sought to involve no one. To have done so at this time would have been suicidal. Happily the incident is closed with no likelihood of its repetition. That there may be no possibility of this, the volunteer fleet steamers Smolensk and St. Petersburg have been ordered home, instructions for them to return having been cabled.

WOMEN "IN POLYGAMY."

The Caldwell, Idaho, Tribune has taken a very conservative and considerate position on the questions that have been raised for factional purposes, in that state relating to the "Mormon" people. We take from its columns a portion of a long and earnest editorial, in which it reasons, calmly but pointedly, on the situation of those "Mormon" women who are yet in the polygamous relation, and says: "Go, you who doubt the sincerity of those women, witness their devotion and listen to their prayers. They are as devout as you can be; they are as steadfast as you can be; they are as certain of immortality and a day of judgment as you can be; they appeal to the same God that you do; they look for an eternal home in the same heaven that you hope to dwell in. Their God is your God, their Christ is your Christ; their glory is your glory. Their faith is sufficient unto death. Is yours any greater or fuller? "Now, good and noble women of Idaho, you who contemplate a crusade against polygamy, you whose natures are outraged by this awful social evil, you are inspired by a zeal for the emancipation of your sex and the purification of the home. But before being overwrought in zeal, you must try to realize that polygamous women regard their homes as just as pure as yours and think that it is you, not they, who need emancipation. If given the opportunity, they would not change places with you, because they believe that whatever of trials they may have undergone, whatever of hardship they may have suffered, whatever of sacrifice they may have made, is all accounted to you as righteousness before God, making

for eternal life and eternal glory beyond the glory of the stars. "But, you say, it is all wrong. We think so too, but we need not go about righting the wrong under the delusion that we are helping the injured or uplifting downtrodden women. There is no occasion for any kind of knight errantry in this business. There is no demand for a crusade. The acid has been applied and is dissolving the problem as rapidly as possible. Nothing but death will break up the polygamous families now established, nothing but a relapse of civilization will cause a recrudescence of the evil. Some of you demand legislation that will end it at once. Legislation has already done all that legislation can do. You say, if there is in the Church on honest purpose to abandon polygamy, why is it not abandoned? Good souls, look a little deeper and understand once for all that every man and every woman now living in polygamy is doing so because he and she firmly believe that it is in compliance with a direct command of Almighty God. The Prophet of the Church, The First Presidency, the Twelve Apostles, cannot countermand that decree. President Joseph Smith, testifying before the Senate committee, said: 'God gave him his wives. So will testify every polygamous Mormon in Utah, and every polygamous woman will testify with equal solemnity that God gave her to her husband. And moreover, it has all been confirmed in the endowment house, signed and sealed for time and eternity. There is not anywhere in the Mormon Church power to undo that thing, and, indeed, there is no power anywhere else. "The act is full and complete. What woman with a heart in her breast really wants to interfere with those polygamous families at this stage of their affairs? Who wants to put gray headed old men behind bars and set adrift aged and benighted women? Will any one say that the good and tender women of Idaho demand it? We believe that if they could see it as it is, could go into those homes they want to purify, could talk face to face with those women they want to emancipate, they would be filled with compassion and they would say, 'It is far better to let polygamy die a natural death than seek to kill it by violent measures, and, as it is dying, it is our duty as Christians to let its devotees rest in peace.' "Would it not be well for the good Christian women of the east, also, to pay attention to those pleadings of a writer who knows something of his subject, from personal observation, than to permit themselves to be stirred into a fury by designing persons for political and pecuniary purposes? There are two sides to the controversy and both should be investigated before judgment is rendered. "The Bear backed down because the Lion's back was up. "The meat industry has been replaced by the strike industry. "Russia's course on the high sea puts Great Britain way up in G. "Some will watch while some will spray, and thus the water runs away. "John Bull may now claim to be the greatest Bear back rider in the world. "People hesitate to greet old friends lest they be deemed candidates for office. "If the American athletes in England had stood "pat" they never would have won those events. "Let all candidates, from those for governorship down, remember that many are called but few are chosen. "If General Kuropatkin requires a thousand words to tell of a defeat, how many would he need to relate a victory? "Everybody is delighted to honor the Pioneers today. There are few of them left and they cannot be honored too highly. "President Roosevelt has been camping out and sleeping in the open air. Perhaps he wanted to get his ear close to the ground. "Having been knocked down with a chair by Saloonkeeper Neighbors of Kentucky, it is very doubtful if Carrie Nation will love her Neighbors as herself. "Lillian Russell is taking a course in physical culture to retain her youthful appearance. Folly! Folly! Proving once again that when the age is in the wit is out. "Wilhelm was more quiet and dignified while Edward was more blustering and threatening, but the seizure of the Prinz Heinrich was as promptly disavowed as was the seizure of the Malacca. "Judge Parker has decided that he will be surprised on August 10. President Roosevelt is all prepared for his surprise, which comes Wednesday. Let each refrain from saying, "This is so sudden." "Russian military critics praise the soldierly qualities of the Japanese but say that they do not know how to take advantage of opportunities, but they signify fail to point out any that the Japanese have missed. "A Californian claims to have discovered, in Tulare county, the biggest tree on earth. He is mistaken. The biggest tree on earth is the tree of knowledge, discovered thousands of years ago but not yet fully explored. "The managers of the St. Louis exposition complain that the attendance is light and not what they expected. Some explanation of this may be found in the following special from St. Louis to the Chicago Record-Herald: "If you want to see the world's fair, bring your coat. This applies, even if you are a little boy. Two lads of seven and five years, wearing natty blouse waists, without coats, and accompanied by their father, were stopped at the entrance to the art palace today by the guards and were required to get permits before they could enter. This is the first effect of a rule against shirt waists worn by males. It was issued by President Francis several days ago, and it applies to employees and visitors alike." "Easy Bookkeeping. "It's no use talking," said Isaac Horton of San Francisco, at the Willar Hotel last night "you just can't teach women any business sense. Try as you

may, they won't catch on. They try to keep books, but, oh, my, how they do keep them! "About two months ago I brought home one night a well arranged little account book. I told my wife that on the pages on the left hand side of the book she should mark down, the amounts I gave her as 'receipts,' and on the right hand pages to make notes of the amounts she paid out as expenditures. Of course, she said she would be delighted to do this, so that I could know just exactly how she spent the money I gave her. "For the first installment I gave her \$50. About two weeks later I asked her if she had kept her book properly, to which she replied: 'Oh yes, I'll show you.' "And how she had kept it! On the left hand pages was marked 'Received \$50,' on the right hand page was marked 'All spent.' "That was all. That was how she had kept books."—Rochester, N. Y. Union & Advertiser.

The Sad, Old Story.
"Drink did it; God help me!" were the words which a Brooklyn man cawled on an envelope recently before he fired the pistol that ended his life. The man had a prosperous business and a large family to whom he was devoted in his sober moments, but he became enslaved by the drink habit and saw no way to break the chains that bound him but by ending his existence with his own hand. "Drink did it; God help me!" might well serve as a fitting inscription over thousands of other men who go down to ruin and death every year under a like enslavement. And yet there are those professing to have the well-being of the community at heart who would have the drink-shops turning out their grist of shame and misery not only for six days of every week, but on the seventh day also.—Leslie's Weekly.

An Interrupted Lesson.
This story is told of a Washington school principal who was trying to make clear to his class the fundamental doctrines of the Declaration of Independence: "Now, boys," he said, "I will give you each three ordinary buttons. Here they are. You must think of the first one as representing Life, of the second one as representing Liberty, and the third one as representing the Pursuit of Happiness. Next Sunday I will ask you each to produce the three buttons and tell me what they represent." The following Sunday, in accordance with his plan, the teacher interrogated his class on the subject of the buttons. "Now, Johnnie," he said to the youngest member, "produce your three buttons and tell me what they stand for." "Whereupon the youngster began to weep. "I can't get 'em all," he sobbed, holding out two of the buttons. "Here's Life and here's Liberty, but mommer sewed the Pursuit of Happiness on my pants."—Harper's Weekly.

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