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IS REVELATION POSSIBLE NOW?

The subject of divine revelation has been brought prominently forward in this city, in consequence of a statement drawn out in the cross-examination of a witness in the Mortensen case, at the examination before a justice of the peace. It is necessary, before proceeding to investigate the principle favolved In this matter, to place the fact in the case in his true light.

The statement which has caused so much comment was not volunteered by the witness. It was not made in the course of his testimony direct. There was no need for the question asked by counsel for the defense in the crossexamination. But when the query was put, the witness answered frankly and without hesitation. No special reference was made to it or objection taken against it. The court made no comment upon It. The decision that the defendant should be held to the district court for trial, was not affected in any way by the reply of the witness to that incidental question.

To say then that it was received as evidence against the accused, and that "no one's life is safe," because of the admission of such testimony, is to put the whole matter in an unfair and improper light. If the statement had been offered direct, as evidence against the defendant and had been admitted as such, there might be occasion for adverse comment. But, as we have explained, it was not so presented. There was no jury to be influenced, and the court had too much sense and legal knowledge to pay any attention to it in making up his decision. No one that we have heard of pretends for a moment that it was given or received as legal evidence against the accused. It was simply an incident that can have has yet to be tried before a jury.

Truth is come. He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself, but whatsoever He shall hear that whall He speak; and He will show you things to come."-John xvi, 18. Did the Great Teacher mean what He said? In His personal absence, were His disciples to receive a Spirit that would reveal to them the will of God and abow them things to come? It seems so, else what did the Apostle Paul mean in writing thus to the Cor-

thian Saints: "But as it is written. Eye ath not seen nor ear heard, either have entered into the eart of man, the things which God

ath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath rescaled them unto us by Spirit for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.-1 Uor. 11: 9-10. This spirit of revelation was prom-

ised by Christ and His apostles to all whom the Lord should call and who obeyed the call and received the Gospel. It was not reserved to the preachers but was free to the people. It was not merely an apostolle endowment, but was given to the whole Church and was "the abiding witness," "the anointing from above which teacheth

all things." Peter who, by the revelations of that Spirit knew that Jesus was the Christ, and who received it in the manner promised by the Savior with

his brethren on the day of Pentecost, made this promise to the assembled multitude on that day;

Repent and be baptized, every one f you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for remission of sins, and ye shall ive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For

The preachers who ridicule the idea of the enjoyment of this divine gift in the present age, and who denounce it as "fanaticism" and consider it dangerous, have to depend entirely for their religious guidance upon a book which they seem to regard almost with idolatry. What is it? A complication of books written by men having this same Spirit. It gives accounts of things revealed from God by that Spirk, by dreams, by visions and by gifts bestowed from on high, and relating to some of the commonest affairs of men

and nations as well as "the deep things of God." The whole volume depends upon the reality of divine revelation. Without it, those writings would have no more religious value than have the essays and letters of commentators and writers of human thoughts in lat-

ter times. If God made known by His Spirit both natural and spiritual things to men on earth at any time in the world's history, why should He not do the same . today? Has He lost the power to do so? Has His Spirit become dead or inactive, or have the people and their ministers manifestations and become unsuscep-If God and Christ and the Holy Ghost

Saxon republic. Those Americans, he said, who desire to do so, will always be able to demonstrate "that oriental ciay is still without shape and seemliness in the American potter's hand, and that, for a perfect product, a vessel of honor and glory, the American wheel must be kept going for years, or perhaps for generations, or possibly even for centuries." The Filipinos, he continued, are to develop along their own racial lines, not along ours, and it is colossal concelt and impudence to dis-

parage them because they are different from ourselves.

According to this view, the work of conchiation has not been very successful so far, and it never will be. The racial differences are a permanent obstacle.

It looks as if an independent inquiry were needed in order to find out where the truth lies between these two di vergent opinions. The United States government is not committed to any particular future policy in the Islands except the putting down of the reballion and the establishment of pasce and orderly conditions. When that is accomplished, the government can be formed in compliance with the wishes of the people and the best interests of the puntry. There has been no authorite tive declaration, that we are aware of as to the future of the islands. The presipitation of hostilities by a hot-

headed insurgent chief, and the contiaued armed resistance, have preclud ed such a declaration. If, however, a government declaration of a definite

polley would shorten the struggle. It is the promise is units you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."—Acts ii) 38-39. American "Hberation" will be but a

ontinuation of Spanish tyranny.

WHO WAS OUR FRIENDY It is a rather curious discussion in which European diplomats have been ingaging, since the visit of the German emperor's brother to this country was decided on. It was started by an internellation in the British Parliament. by Mr. Henry Norman, Lord Cranborne replied to this, in substance, that, at the beginning of the American-Spanish war, proposals were submitted to England, to join other powers in "putting pressure" upon the United States government, but that England declined o join the proposed coalition.

This statement seems to have caused other governments to offer explanations. Germany emphatically denies that any propositions for intervention ever came from Berlin, or that the German government consented to take

part in it. It is admitted that such propositions were made, but that they did not come from Austria. The Austrians, on the other hand, do

not deny that they would gladly have of later ages ceased to seek for those | lent their aid to any plan devised for the purpose of saving Cuba to Spain, tible to their influence? Christ told His/ and that they sounded the European disciples that He would not give them governments to obtain their views. It to the world. But He definitely prom- is known that the Spanish queen re-|sed them to those who received His | gent asked the Austrian emperor for word and obeyed His commandments. | help, and that he endeavored to do something for her. According to the have not changed, the Spirit of revela- Vienna reports France was willing to no real bearing upon the case, which then may be obtained and enjoyed just second the efforts of Austria. Germany as much in the twentieth century as in | and Russia assumed a passive attitude. the first, and he who denies this denies | Great Britain at first was disposed to act with Austria and France, but later steps in Spain's favor. To the United States the entire controversy is immaterial. We suspect the European powers, or some of them at least, were totally ignorant as to the real strength of this country, and fancled that a properly signed "note" would have inspired the people here with awe. At the battle of Manila bay, however, their eyes were opened, and pleased that the Austrian plan failed. There is no grudge in this country toward any other power on account of its sympathy for Spain, and no explanations are really needed. That Great Britain rendered this country material services during the war is a matter of ecord, and is not forgotten. The significant feature of the diplomatic controversy is the fact, that it proves the eagerness of the great na-Father, who is the Source of all light, | tions to keep on friendly terms with the United States. It is a homage paid to this country, all the more gratifying because unsolicited. America desires the friendship of all the world, in the yeal the truth to them who come to interest of peace and the triumphant progress of industry, commerce and the arts.

and hose caris into ploughshares and pruningbooks.

Lord Rosebery is writing a novel. He should be well qualified for his task, few men having had so many novel experfences as he

If Prince Henry brings his mailed fist into the country, will he have to pny the duty provided for in schedule C of the Dingley tariff act?

A codfish caught recently on the Nova Scotian coast had in its stomach the mouthpiece of a trombone. It was prohably lost by some sea urchin.

Judging by the comments of the New York papers on his letter to Mayor Seth Low, Rev. Dr. Parkhurst is the night terrible of the reform forcess.

The Cuban reciprocity fight seemingy is being conducted according to Daid Harum's rules of right living. "Do unto others as they would do unto you; and do it first."

The little school boy who defined the temperate zone as a "place where it's freezin' cold in winter an' red-hot in summer," spoke a truth that no one in this region will gainsay.

Governor Taft, speaking of the concentration of cumps in the Philippines, says it was never thought of establishing them in the ordinary acceptation. of the term. No: we have changed all. that.

One of the sights of the Union Padife railroad has always been the Ames monument on Sherman hill. But the rew cut off isolates it, and no more will. t be an attraction for tourists and travelers. It is now proposed to take down and rebuild it in another place. If this is done, the monument will lase much of its historic association. It was built at the highest point on the

first transcontinental line, and there It should be allowed to remain. In a sense it may be isolated, but it stands there alone in its grandeur, a monunent to Ames and American energy. No other place is so fitting for it as the one where it now stands. To remove and rebuild it would be along the lines of dime museum enterprise.

We have a musical composer in Salt Lake City who is not generally known among us in that capacity, being comparatively a new-comer, but is a teacher of much experience who is now permanently residing here. It is Mr. J. M. F. Snodgrass, and he has set to very pleasing music some words from Moore's Lalla Rookh. The song is entitled "Roses of Bendemeer," and is published in Salt Lake City.

It will be seen that the projectors of the new evening paper, which is to be really an evening edition of the morning Tribune though under a special company and the name of The Telegram, are actively working for public patronage. This is enterprising and acording to recognized methods in modern journalism. They are taking the best means to present their claims to support and patronage, and it will soon be seen whether they will be able to succeed. The great question that arises is, can Salt Lake City profitably sustain four daily papers? The trial has been made many times before and atled. However, conditions have changed, advancement has been made in population and in means, and perhaps the time has come when success in this direction may be achieved. The new paper is expected to be issued January 30, 1902.

the attitude of Germany seems to have een more absolutely and correctly eutral than that of any other govern ment. Germany gavied us our spoll of Islands and was eager at the end to snatch some of them away from us, and German naval officers were everywhere irritating and bumpfious; but the German government itself was exceedingly careful to avoid any unfriendly acl. So far as can be ascertained, Germany took only a passive part in the early effort for intervention and, after the battle of Manila, made the frankest and plainest declaration of strict neu-

New York Evening Post.

No documents were laid on the table by Lord Cranborne, but none were needed. Time enough to produce them when, some foreign chancellerie denies their existence. It is safe to say that their existence. It is said that be to none will, irritating as it must be to some of them to see England making herself known as the power which pre-vented a European coalition against the Units and a subscript the was United States. This great service was what President McKinley referred to when he said in Washington, to the correspondent of the London Times, that this country would "never forget" what Great Britain had done in the crisis of the Spanish war.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

'The Weman's Home Companion for February has many articles of timely interest. As such can be mentioned 'Washington's Neglected Birthplace," The Carnival of Mardi Gras," and an "The Carnival of March Gras, and an article on the singer Schumann-Heink. "Deeda of Heroism of Women in the Civil War" tells of the bravery of two army nurses. "Marriage Customs" Hlustrates the queer ceremonies in Ara-bia and Zululand. "Women's Club-Houses" and the reproductions of two paintings by Burne-Jones, make attractive pictorial features. The fiction includes the final chapters of "The Reincarnation of Captain John Rad-nor," "The Superintendent and the Baby," by E. L. Sabin, and "The Magician's Office-Boys," by Tudor -The Crowell & Kirkpatrick Co., Jenks. Springfield, Ohio. CALT LAKE THEATRE,

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On Sunday morning, in the First Methodist church in this city, this matter was alluded to by the preacher, and the idea of present revelation from Ged to man was denounced as "fanaticism," and the testimony of the witness was also ridiculed as a pretense of having which has found its way into the con-"a private wire connecting him with God." The preacher is reported in the morning papers to have said that "there is greater danger from the fanatical utterances of the gentleman, than from all the heterodoxy that denies the miracles wrought by Christ," and uttered by professors in the Northwestern university; and further, that "no good can come from a man pretending to receive revelations from God as a demonstration of the

truth of the Gospel.' It is possible that there may be some verbal expressions in these reports which were not the exact utterances of the preacher. But it is evident that he was demounching the doctrine of personal communication from God to man. In this he was but following the lines laid down in modern orthodoxy. The theory held generally among the conflicting sects of the so-called "Christian" world is, that the collection of ancient writings called the Hible is "the only guide" in matters of religion. This recognizes the doctrine of revelation from God to men in former ages, while it refuses to accept anything of the kind at the present time.

The preacher on Sunday repudlated immediate revelation entirely, and declared it "could not stand before the law nor as the Gospel." It will be readily admitted that testimony concerning a revelation from God will not "stand before the law" as evidence against an accused person? But can it be excluded as evidence relating to the Gospel? Let us see:

In the conversation held between Jesus of Nazareth and Simon Peter, His Apostle, Jesus asked a question concerning the beller of people generally as to his personal mission, and then He inquired, "Whom sayest thou that I am." Feter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." What was the response to this declaration? "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." Did Christ declare there was danger from such "fanaticism," and denounce Peter as "professing to have a private wire connecting him with God?" Did He not, instead of that, give unto Peter the keys of the kingdom, with power to "bind on earth and it should be bound in heaven, to loose on earth and it should be loosed in heaven?" (Matt. xvi: 13-19.) Let us hear the Christ further on this subject:

"All things are delivered unto me of my Father; and no man knoweth the Son but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father save the Son and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal hlm."-Matt, xl; 27.

Did He not promise His discples that when He went away He would send to them the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, which should teach them all things? What did he mean by this:-"Howbelt when He, the Spirit of

Christ, contradicts the Bible, repudiates the plan of salvation and proclaims declined to sign any note or take any himself infidel to that which God revealed in former times and which stands of record in the scriptures, This is the spirit of modern skepticism, flicting contending societies, falsely called "Christian," and into their colleges and seminaries and universities, and that impregnates the pulpits of the churches throughout the world. It is the spirit of anti-Christ and contains from that day they were, no doubt, real and positive danger to the religion

of the Redeemer. Every agnostic, disbellever and worldly reviler of sacred things, endorses and takes delight in such remarks as those that emanated from a Methodist pulpit on Sunday morning. They strike at the

very foundation of the true Christian faith, and help to make wider the departure of mankind from the Eternal truth and intelligence and will respond when He is sought after in faith. He does not change, but when called upon in faith will hear and answer and re-Him nothing doubting. The spirit of revelation is attainable now and always. Not by any "private wire," but in the way pointed out by Jesus of

Nazareth and the Prophets and Aposties of old. The wireless telegraphy just now becoming applicable through mortal research and endeavor. suggests to thinkers and truly devout souls, the possibilities of the spiritual spheres, and the communication that may be established between those who are in Christ on earth and the great Master and Saviar in heaven.

When a man jumps to the conclusion that, because he has received no divine communication to his own soul it s impossible for others to have been so plest, he simply exhibits a weakness of intellect, a duliness of spirit and a con-

fition of unbelief that is truly lamentable, especially in one who poses as a minister of the Mediator who came for the very purpose of bringing mankind into communion with God.

THE PHILIPPINES.

Experts on the condition in the Philippine islands differ materially in their opinion. Governor Taft is quoted as saying that the natives are rapidly leveloping an affection for American institutions, and that a large number of former revolutionists have become aluable members of the community. fully worthy of any trust that may be replaced in them. President Schurman is not so optim-

stic. In a recent address on the question: "Can the United States with ionor withdraw from the Philippines?"

he declared that he had abandoned the clew that the great body of Filipinos desired American sovereignty. He said the opposition had spread, notwithstanding all that has been done to

aradicate It. The people now are more united than ever in their desire for intopondence. He freely expressed himself to the effect that he thought it impossible to construct a Filipino cemmunity in the similitude of an Anglo-

OUGHT TO BE IN JAIL?

The President has a great sense of humor, and some times it becomes almost grim and savage. The other day two young men from Alabama called to see him about an appointment. The conversation between him and them was as follows:

" 'You are from Alabama, aren't you? You are from Alabama, aren't you?' he asked, and before they had time to answer, he added: 'You want So-and-So appointed?' The young men replied that they did, but before they could explain why, the President told them that he was sick of hearing of their patronage squabble. 'You say the oth-er candidate for this offee output to be er candidate for this office ought to be in jail, don't you?' he went on. 'Yes, sir; he ought to be there,' was the reply Well, now,' said the President, 'hi friends assure me that your man ought to be in fail. I assume that you are both right. I wish you would go to the attorney-general and put in writing the reasons you have for believing that the other candidate should be sent to the penitentiary, and I will have a simi ar statement made up in regard t

our candidate, then we'll let the at decide what is to be done. Perhaps, if you know anything good about the men you are backing, you had better put that in writing, too, and give it to the attorney-general."

The coal men regard the cold snap as a soft snap.

Berlin's reception to the Prince of Wales seems to have been kept on ice. Those Bulgarian brigands refuse to give credit; they demand cash on de-

ivery of the goods.

Prince Henry and his entourage might very properly be spoken of as the Teuton semble.

The Earl of Rosslyn succeeded in breaking the bonds of matrimony if he did fail to break the bank at Monte Carlo

If reports he true, Ogden's mayor pro-

A SINGULAR CONTROVERSY.

San Francisco Call.

European diplomatists have for some obscure reason suddenly developed a lively desire, to free themselves and their governments of any suspicion of having entertained a wish to form a coalition against the United States to provent the declaration of war against prevent the declaration of war agains Spain. They have one and all avowed that a movement to effect such a coal lion was started, but they deny em phatically that they had any hand i it, and assert that they refused to con sent to it. Then in a vague way they intimate that they could tell who led in the movement if they chose to do so, and that they may tell if some other diplomatists do not keep quiet.

San Francisco Chronicle

The German foreign office has now been heard from, and emphatically de-nies that at any time, before or during the Spanish war, did Germany propose intervention to any other power or con sent to join in it when proposed by eth ers. On the contrary, the foreign office states that Germany invariably de-clined such propositions and caused her position to be made known whenever opportunity offered. The foreign office adds that while it is true that such proposals were made to Germany, they Hu not come from Austria. This brit the matter up to France and Great Britain as the active movers in the matter in Europe, with evidence to the effect, that in Washington the active non was the embassador of Great Britain. If this thing keeps on we shall get to the bottom of the thing get to the bottom of the thing.

Kansas City Star.

The real situation was well understood in this country before and during the Spanish-American war, and it has been made entirely clear since that time. There was not the least evi-dence at any time that Germany had taken active steps to secure a joint in tervention. It was presumed, and may be still, that Germany was particularly desirous that war might be avoided and that it would have welcomed any ceasonable and regular means of con-tributing to that avoidance. Austria's ttitude. based on dynastic relation was well understood, and was contem-plated without feeling or apprehension. On the other hand, it was well known that Great Eritain was the European nation most assertively neutral, if that paradex may be used. It was believed t all times that even if other nation inited in a proposal to intervene. Grea Britain would obstruct unanimity, and n that way defeat action. There was therefore, no startling revelation in Lord Cranborne's reply to Henry Nor-man's interpellation.

Chicago News.

It may be questioned, however, whether the full extent of Great Britain's friendly services is to be mea-sured by its attitude just before the war. Certain facts in connection win the war itself remain to be explained and when sufficient time has elapsed some decidedly interesting revelation ogarding these may be expected. In the openly friendly attitude which h took at a critical time, the English ad-miral stationed in Manila bay wen somewhat farther than naval officer are likely to go without some hint from their home governments.

Minneapolis Tribune. Undoubtedly we came out of the Spanish war with greater resentment towards Germany than towards any poses to turn that city's fire engines other European power. Nevertheless