

NO LONGER LEADER

JOHN ALEXANDER DOWIE SHORN
OF ALL HIS POWER

Cast Out Of Zion Church

NOW IN MEXICO AND CAN RETURN
ONLY ON SUFFERANCE

Accused of Many Shortcomings, Including Teaching of Polygamy—His Wife and Son Arranged Against Him

CHICAGO, Ill.—John Alexander Dowie, head of the "Christian Catholic church in Zion", was deposed as religious leader, suspended from membership in the church he founded, shorn of the temporal possessions as far as they are located in Zion City the home of his church and warned to accept the situation quietly lest worse things befall him.

The active revolt against the leadership of Dowie was foreshadowed when Overseer Wilbur F. Voliva, who had been placed by Dowie in charge of the church while he sought health in Jamaica and Mexico, announced that he would no longer accept the orders of Dowie, who had, he declared grossly mismanaged the affairs of the church. The members of the church, including the wife and son of Dowie, agreed to stand with Voliva. The next move looking to his overthrow was made by Overseer Voliva who holds a power of attorney from Dowie. In company with several officers of the church, Voliva hastened to Waukegan, the county seat of Lake county in which Zion City is situated, and filed for record a warranty deed transferring to Deacon Alexander Granger all the real estate held by Dowie in Zion City. He also executed a bill of sale to Deacon Granger putting him in possession of all the personal property of Dowie, including his horses and carriages, books and even his bed.

Later Granger conveyed these to Voliva and the overseer appointed by Dowie had not only succeeded him as the head of the church, but was the holder of all his property as well.

The following message was then sent to Dowie informing him of the change in the situation:

"Dowie, Ocotlan, Jalisco, Mexico: Telegram received here and Chicago. Practically all, including Cincinnati representatives, endorse Voliva's administration, Speicher's reinstatement, Granger's retention, emphatically protesting against your extravagance, hypocrisy, misrepresentations, exaggerations, tyranny and injustice. You are hereby suspended from office and membership for polygamous teaching and other grave charges. See letter. Quietly retire. Further interference will precipitate complete exposure, rebellion, legal proceedings. Your statement of stupendously magnificent financial outlook is extremely foolish in view of thousands suffering through your shameful mismanagement. Zion and creditors will be protected at all costs."

The message was signed by W. G. Voliva, general overseer; William H. Piper, overseer for Chicago; H. E. Cantel, overseer for United Kingdom; H. D. Brazfield, vice president Zion university; Overseer John Excell, general ecclesiastical secretary, and John G. Speicher, overseer for Zion City.

"This is our ultimatum to Dowie," said Voliva, speaking for the signers of the cablegram. "We have not taken this step without serious consideration and we now wait Dowie's further action. Our legal position in this is under the general power of attorney which I hold, and upon the advice of our legal advisers I have transferred the entire estate to Alex Granger, general financial manager. I have taken this action believing it to be best for the protection of Zion and its creditors. It is a defensive move and it now remains for Dowie to act. We now intend going right ahead, and the whole institution will be put in good order.

Asked about the charge of polygamous teaching mentioned in the cablegram, Overseer Voliva said:

"The teaching of polygamy was not made in public, but was done privately. I shall not go into details in this matter until Dowie has had an opportunity to reply to the charge."

It is generally believed by the officers of the church that the deposed leader will make a fight to recover his lost power. If this is done, the leaders say, the matter will go to the courts.

MANY DIE IN RUINS HOPE FOR PEACE ESCAPED BEING LYNCHED

COLLAPSE OF HOTEL IN GERMANY
KILLS FIFTY-FIVE

MANY ARE INJURED

Accident Due to Carelessness of Those Making Repairs to Building—Whole of Town in Mourning

NAGOLD, Little Black Forest Germany.—The Hotel Zum Hirsch fell during the progress of a festive dinner. There were two hundred persons present, most of whom were buried in the ruins. At 10 o'clock fifty-five dead bodies had been recovered and one hundred injured were taken from the ruins, many of them in a serious condition. Twenty persons still are missing and probably are dead.

The accident is attributed to carelessness on the part of those who were making repairs to the building, from the ground in order to give more space for the lower story. The work began early in the morning, and was supposed to have been finished at noon. The keeper of the hotel invited the workmen and a large number of towns people to a grand dinner. The company assembled in the middle of the banquet room and was drinking the health of the builder and landlord when suddenly a crash was heard above. A score of those in the banquet room jumped from the windows and doors in time to escape, when the house came down. The town presents an indescribable scene of horror and grief. There is hardly a family but has lost one or more members. The villagers and people of the surrounding country are inquiring for their relatives. The lead are laid out in the town hall adjacent to the scene of the disaster. The work of rescue is still proceeding, but the full losses will not be known until later.

Want Election Annulled
ST. PETERSBURG.—The victories of the constitutional democrats have been followed by a proposed coalition of the constitutional democrats, the moderates and the Octoberists under the leadership of Ivan Petrunkevitch, who is a candidate for president of the lower house, and M. Shipoff, a prominent zemstvo leader, to insure a clear majority in the lower house of parliament to resist any attempt on the part of the government to proscribe it immediately on its assembling.

It appears that the reactionists are seriously endeavoring to induce the emperor to find an excuse to annul the new elections. The first set of the government after the result of the St. Petersburg elections became known was to tighten the screws on the press. Some of the worst features of the old censorship have been restored. The papers must again submit copies of their editions before they are distributed and the expedient of changing a paper's name when suspended has been forbidden. Likewise the device so successfully practiced by the socialistic organ Vorwaerts in Germany in giving a series of "prison editors." The council of the empire hurriedly adopted a law by 11 to 2 votes punishing with a year's imprisonment the publication of false reports which affect the credit of the country at large.

In the country the large land owners who control the provincial and zemstvo elections to the council of the empire, have thus far only chosen strong conservatives. The province of St. Petersburg elected Baron Korff, head of the St. Petersburg zemstvo committee, and the province of Chernigoff elected M. Krasoffsat, both Octoberists. The province of Tula elected M. Cashoff, an avowed reactionist.

At the ministry of finance it was stated authoritatively that the Russian government is now hopeful of placing a very large foreign loan in the near future, probably before parliament convenes. A prominent official said:

"The financiers of Europe are interested in putting Russia on her feet. With the close of the Algeiras conference the time is propitious for floating a loan. Russia has made no concealment of her financial straits. The whole program for the reform and regeneration of the country, the solution of the agrarian problem, etc., waits upon money."

ANTHRACITE MINERS MAY MODIFY THEIR DEMANDS

Mitchell Refuses To Talk

ASK THAT THE OPERATORS MEET THEM HALF WAY

Hopeful Feeling Throughout District, But Preparations Made for War—Day Marked by Minor Clashes

NEW YORK.—There were no noteworthy features in the labor troubles in the anthracite coal regions. Nearly all the operations in the fields remain tied up and there are no indications that work will soon be resumed. The miners' committee held an all day session in New York, considering plans, and at the conclusion of the meeting it was reported that the miners' representatives had decided to modify their demands. President Mitchell declined to make any comment on the situation and refused to confirm or deny the report of concessions. The sub-committee of operators and miners will hold another meeting soon.

In the bituminous field there were more mines in operation and many more are to resume within a day or two. The number of men at work in the Pittsburgh district, however, was not as large as was expected. This was due, it is said to the factional troubles within the miners' union in that territory. Negotiations are under way between the miners and operators in several districts outside of the central and southwestern territories and while no agreements have yet been reached no serious trouble is anticipated. The mine-workers' leaders were much pleased when they learned that President Roosevelt had decided not to take a hand in the soft coal strike so long as the situation remains as at present.

Slight disturbances were reported from several points in the anthracite and bituminous regions, but as a whole the strike affected territory remains quiet.

It was the general belief of those who are closely watching the situation about the anthracite miners' headquarters in this city that the miners have definitely decided to modify their demands, and will present them to the operators soon. Some of the members of the commission privately admitted before coming to New York that the original demands were greater than the miners really expected to get, and the leaders could afford to trim them down and still leave the workers enough to be satisfied. It is believed that if the operators will meet the men half way on some demands they have made, such as a reconstruction of the conciliation board, an eight hour day and an increase in pay for some classes of labor, the miners would seriously consider the proposition of renewing the strike commission award for not more than one year. The miners have all along asserted they would not bind themselves to any agreement or three years.

When the reports that the miners would modify their demands and other rumors to the effect that they would suggest that the difference between themselves and their employers be arbitrated and that a convention of anthracite miners would be called within a few days were called to the attention of the members of the committee they referred to inquirers to President Mitchell, who, when approached would shake his head and say: "There is nothing I can say at this time."

Preparations for another meeting between the sub-committee representing the anthracite operators and miners kept the Shamokin committee of miners busy. Two long sessions were held but beyond the following statement by President Mitchell no information was given out:

"The committee appointed by the Shamokin convention met at the Ashland house and had under consideration the communication from the governor of Pennsylvania and the offer of the anthracite coal operators to renew and continue for three years the award of the anthracite coal strike commission. It was decided that the matter of further negotiations and the propositions of the anthracite miners be referred to the sub-committee appointed by the general committee and that a further meeting of the general committee be held. The sub-committee is in session."

YOUNG MAN RUNS AMUCK AT HUMBOLDT

Enraged Citizens Chased Him Into Cornfield Where He Was Captured—Teachers Still in Session

HUMBOLDT, Neb.—Walter Parker, who has been making his home with his brother, Pearl Parker, of this city for a number of months, caused a great deal of excitement in the city at a late hour in the evening by running amuck through the streets assaulting everyone he met and badly wounding several before he was captured. It is supposed the offender was under the influence of liquor although after his capture he seemed to fully realize all that was happening, and many people attribute his actions to a naturally quarrelsome disposition and a desire to have some "fun." The affair started about eight o'clock on the west side of the square, when two young fellows were about to settle a controversy by a resort to blows, and John Johnson, Jr., a young man from Peoria, Ill., who is visiting his parents here, attempted to step between the trouble. At this juncture Parker, who was looking on and evidently wanted to see a scrap stepped forward and struck Johnson a stunning blow in the face and before anyone could interfere was on top of the prostrate man kicking and stamping him. Johnson is a man of light build while his opponent is over six feet tall, weighs nearly two hundred pounds and is of a brawny build. Another bystander, Len Manning, in an endeavor to cause Parker to desist from his attacks upon the unconscious man, was himself made the victim of an assault. Parker clinching him and both rolling into the street, claspings Manning about the throat and sinking his teeth into his cheek cutting the flesh badly, and also biting the latter's thumb to the bone. Assistance came but Parker managed to elude the authorities and ran around the south side of the square meeting Tommie James, the fifteen year old son of T. R. James, who was passing unconcernedly along the walk.

He struck the boy a brutal blow in the face, knocking him into the street where he lay unconscious until assisted to the doctor's office, where he was found to be suffering only from a badly discolored eye and severe cuts and bruises about the face. Roy Leech, a grown man, happened to see this assault and running up found himself in the midst of a scrap also. A number of blows were exchanged but neither party received much injury, although Leech was unable to detain the scrapper. About this time Marshal Graham appeared and took charge of Parker who was apparently going without resistance to the lockup when he bolted and ran down the street corner long enough to knock August Mitchell, a young clerk who was standing in the doorway, down the steps and into the street by a body blow. Within a few minutes a large crowd was down about the station searching in the mud and rain for the fugitive, who was finally discovered in a cornfield covered with mud, and brought back up town where he was locked up, and a guard stationed over the jail during the night. Numerous threats of lynching were heard, but evidently when the crowd found that none of the parties assaulted had not been injured dangerously they decided to allow the law to take its course. The county attorney is preparing to give the accused a preliminary hearing and it is thought the nature of the injuries inflicted on Manning may cause him to receive a term in the penitentiary. Parker was for a number of years in the regular army and but recently returned from term of service in the Philippines.

Died in Fit of Jealousy
OMAHA, Neb.—Charles Harris colored, dangerously wounded Ell Harris, his wife. Then he took his own life with strychnine. Unwarranted jealousy actuated him.

He had lived with his wife at 130 Cass street for some time, but two months ago, she, fearing his jealous fits, left and went to work for Mrs. Ella Harding, 1754½ Leavenworth street. Since then Harding has persistently dogged her footsteps. He intercepted her outside her place of work and attempted to kill her with a razor.

NEBRASKA NOTES

A young man named Engle sustained several broken ribs in an accident at the Dempster factory at Beatrice.

In compliance with an edict from County Attorney C. A. Rawls were in operation in Eagle, in that county, have been out of business.

Much tile is being laid on the Eikhorn valley and other wet lands near Arlington. The farmers are buying tile by the car load.

At the new town of Farley, on the Great Northern Ashland extension, northeast of West Point, a well has been sunk 490 feet without finding water.

C. M. Stoll, a poultry dealer living southwest of Beatrice shipped \$300 worth of geese, chickens and eggs for hatching to a poultry farm near Oakland, Me.

A. W. Bly has purchased the C. W. Malone alfalfa ranch two miles east of Beaver City. The price paid was \$16,000. This is one of the finest ranches in the Beaver valley.

The J. W. McClintick quarter of land on the divide northeast of Cambridge has been sold to an eastern party for \$5,500. This farm has very few improvements and the price paid

The spring farm work has commenced in Cuming county generally by the seeding of wheat on the highlands. The ground is in magnificent shape for the reception of the seed.

Attorney General Norris Brown has accepted the invitation of Finnicum post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Wisner to deliver the Memorial day address.

A freight car filled to the roof with farm machinery for dealers at McCook caught fire at Cambridge, and was totally destroyed together with all its contents. The loss on machinery is estimated at \$5,000.

M. B. Thompson, president of the Albion National bank of that place, who was stricken with paralysis several weeks ago, is yet alive and his condition has not materially changed for the past two weeks.

Theodore Lindgren of Harvard has succeeded in breaking up a bad gang of swindlers in that vicinity by arresting the alleged leaders. Officer Lindgren also effected the arrest of a notorious criminal who recently escaped from the Idaho penitentiary.

The firm of Chapman & Jackson, undertakers have quit business at Beatrice. Mr. Jackson will engage in business at Council Bluffs and Mr. Chapman at Shenandoah, Ia., where he owns a large furniture store. The firm located in Beatrice about six months ago.

H. B. Tomlinson, station agent, and recently auditor for the Burlington at Oxford has severed all connections with that company and will embark in the general merchandise business. He has purchased Norman Bros. stock of goods and will take possession immediately.

Representatives of the American Sugar Beet company of Grand Island will be in McCook soon ready to contract for 500 acres of sugar beets, this season's delivery at the regular price per ton. This action of the American people after repeated refusals to come into that territory, will be hailed with delight by sugar beet raisers.

The oldest woman in Cuming county, Mrs. Susan Miller, of West Point was 94 years old last week. A largely attended birthday party was given by her friends and neighbors in her home and a handsome reclining chair was presented to her. Mrs. Miller, in spite of her advanced age, is cheerful and lively and shows every evidence of living to the century limit.

A man worked a smooth scheme in Seward county lately by representing himself as a representative of the Seward Independent-Democrat and securing advertising which he agreed to insert in their paper. He demanded the cash in advance and worked Bee and Germantown. The county attorney is endeavoring to apprehend him.

The district court which has been in session at Chadron, Judge W. H. Westover presiding, has adjourned and the jail is again empty. Philip McIntyre, the forger, who was arrested as he was leaving the Richmond Va., penitentiary at the expiration of his term for another crime, changed his plea of "not guilty" to one of "guilty" and was sentenced to three years at hard labor. The case of William Kelly, an accessory to the crime of infanticide, as continued until the fall term. One other prisoner was ordered to leave the county and two other cases were settled. There were fifteen-one civil cases of minor importance.