

MORMON SECRETS REVEALED.

MRS. ELLIOTT TELLS OF TAKING THE ENDOWMENTS.

Took the Oath of Vengeance on This Nation and the Obligation to Suffer Death and Mutilation if She Revealed the Secrets—Mormon Church in Politics.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Two witnesses were before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections to-day in the Smoot hearing. One was a woman and the other a man, and one revealed the inside workings of the Temple respecting the oaths and obligations, while the other told how the Mormon Church has fastened its grip upon the political affairs of Idaho.

Mrs. Annie Elliott, who was formerly a member of the Mormon Church, told with much feeling how she had "taken the endowments," including the oaths, "vowments," including the priesthood and the sacrifice to the Church. She recited the penalties imposed for violation of the secrets of the Temple with intense feeling, bordering upon hysteria, and, while declaring that she did not fear for her personal safety upon her return to Utah, her face showed the expected injury to her business as a result of her revelations.

One of the incidents of her testimony was a statement that every Mormon of good standing in the committee room, including, of course, Senator Smoot, wore continually the mystic garment donned in the Temple, never to be doffed, and bearing as a penalty for violation of the oaths taken. Charles H. Jackson, chairman of the Democratic central committee of Idaho, testified that the Mormon Church was in absolute control of the politics of Idaho to the extent of dictating the election of State officers, enacting laws financially benefiting the leadership of the Church and pressing to amend the State Constitution in the hope of permitting the practice of polygamy. The overshadowing danger of Church interference in politics had contributed to bring the Democratic and Republican parties together in making Church interference the paramount issue to be fought out by all non-Mormons, regardless of party lines.

Mrs. Elliott testified that she lives in Price, Utah, and was born in Denmark in 1852, coming to the United States in 1872. She was married in Denmark, and was a Mormon before leaving that country. After her husband's death, in 1887, she married again. She lived in Logan, seven years, and in Eldorado twenty years. She has been a nurse and midwife there for years and studied for that work in Salt Lake City.

Q. Did you ever do any work in the Temple? A. Yes, I was married to my second husband and was sealed to my first husband in the Endowment House. I took the endowments twice again, in 1898 and 1901, for some dead ladies. There were both baptism and marriage ceremonies. I also took a blessing from Apostle Lyman.

Q. In taking these endowments you were robed in some particular way and went through certain ceremonies? A. Yes, sir. Q. And as the ceremony was on the three different obligations taken? A. Yes, sir. The first one was, when we came to a certain place we could withdraw if we didn't want to go further. It is very embarrassing for me to say anything about the oath. One was that I should never cease to pray to God to avenge the blood of the prophets upon this nation.

Q. Was there anything else? A. Yes; there was a penalty that my throat would be cut if I revealed any secrets.

The witness was intensely agitated at this point and signified that she could not go on. However, after a little while she proceeded and told of the penalty recited by other witnesses—that of having the breast torn open and the heart and lungs taken out, and that of having the abdomen severed and the bowels crushed out.

Q. Do you remember an obligation of sacrifice? A. Yes, we were to sacrifice ourselves to the church.

Q. Do all Mormons in good standing go through these ceremonies? A. Yes, sir. On cross-examination Mrs. Elliott told her witness that the church in 1887 she said she came in contact with one and reached the conclusion that the church was not what she thought it was. She wondered why she had not seen it before.

Q. (By Mr. Foraker.) Did you ever hear of these penalties being inflicted on anybody? A. No, sir.

Q. (By Mr. Overman.) Are these garments always worn? A. Yes, sir. Always worn as undergarments.

Q. Do Mormons in good standing in this room have these garments on? A. Yes, sir. I know they have them on. [Laughter.] Q. (By Mr. Foraker.) Do you know these punishments will be meted out to you upon your return to Utah? A. No, sir.

Q. Do you fear injury when you return? A. Well, I expect my business will be injured.

Charles H. Jackson of Boise City, Idaho, an insurance agent and rancher, was called. He was formerly a resident of New York city. He is chairman of the Democratic committee of Idaho and was in charge of last fall's campaign.

IN THE HOUSE.

Administration of Tariff Law by Certain Customs Officers Criticized.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the debate in the Committee of the Whole of the House to-day on a bill for the relief of Joseph B. Sargent, ex-Mayor of New Haven, Conn., from a fine imposed upon him for an alleged attempt to smuggle Mexican iron work at Laredo, Tex., the administration of the tariff law by certain customs officers was the subject of vigorous attacks by Messrs. Perkins (Rep., N. Y.) and Hill (Rep., Conn.). Mr. Perkins said the treatment accorded to travelers returning to the United States was outrageous, and Mr. Hill declared that nothing else so tending to bring the protective system into disfavor among the people. Mr. Perkins said:

"The citizens of the United States are treated with more ignominy when they return to their own land than are the Jews when they seek to enter Russia. They are treated in a manner which, if it occurred in Turkey, in Russia, in France, would cause earnest protest to be sent to every representative of the United States to have proper reparation made for the ignominy to which respectable citizens and upright citizens have been subjected. What is the presumption that any man lands in the port of New York? Does this Government wish to lay down the law, does this Congress wish to sustain the proposition that there is a presumption that every American citizen is a perjurer?"

"The moment a collector at some port like New York or El Paso gets your affidavit, he immediately turns round, and with the imputation that you are a defaulter and a perjurer, having first compelled you to make your affidavit, says he will seek to show how far your affidavit is false. Any one who has traveled knows that when he goes to any country as a foreigner he is not submitted to the indignities, to the suspicion and the insult which are meted out to the smallest mistake, as for instance, was the case with Mr. Sargent. He is not immediately charged and threatened with arrest, as these officers do, but when it comes to getting revenues for the great Government, and these small impositions cost \$10 for \$1 that they bring, they propose to not protect any large interests, but to protect a few men who make trousers in the city of New York."

Twenty-one private claim bills were acted upon favorably by the committee, but the House took no action upon them. Senate amendments to the Urgent Debility bill, adding \$15,500 to the total amount as the bill passed the House, were agreed to. The House then adjourned until Monday.

THE SWAYNE IMPEACHMENT.

Members of House Committee to Prepare Articles During the Holiday recess.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The House committee appointed to prepare the Swayne articles of impeachment to-day decided that the holiday recess ought to be utilized by the members thereof for the purpose of forwarding the proceedings against the Judge. All of the members were present except Mr. DeArmond of Missouri, and they agreed that some time during the recess each would prepare a set of articles in time for submission to a meeting of the committee to be held on Jan. 5. Each member is to prepare four or five articles, but also a brief setting forth reasons why he believes the impeachment should be in the form presented by him.

Mr. Livingston believes that one of the seven will produce a set of articles that will meet the views of a majority of them, and that much time will be saved by this holiday recess. The personal files of the committee is sufficient warrant for the statement that three of the seven sets will have only one article of impeachment, and that based on the falsification of accounts. Four of the members, led by Chairman Palmer, will impeach on all the charges made against the judge by the Legislature of Florida, namely, abuse of judicial power, non-residence, acceptance of favors from a corporation in his private bankruptcy proceedings, and finally, falsification of expense accounts.

The set containing the larger number of articles will be reported by the committee of seven, and the entire committee will discredit the sets of that kind.

DISCREDIT COTTON REPORT.

Resolution Calling for the Data on Which It Was Based.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The wall of the cotton planters on account of the Department of Agriculture's estimates of a 12-0.000 bale cotton crop was to-day combated in the following resolution presented by Mr. Livingston (Dem., Ga.) in the House:

Whereas there is great dissatisfaction and want of confidence in the reports on cotton acreage and production by the Department of Agriculture, especially in the report made on the 10th of December, 1904, and Resolved, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby requested to forward to the House of Representatives a full and complete report, with all the data and sources and kinds of information on which said report was made.

Mr. Livingston says the planters believe the report was made for a dishonest purpose.

Baker After the Beef Trust.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—"No pass" Baker of Brooklyn offered another anti-trust resolution in the House to-day. It is to request the Attorney-General whether he has ascertained that the so-called Beef Trust is in restraint of trade between the States, and, if so, what steps he has taken under the provisions of the anti-trust act to cause a forfeiture of its property "in course of transportation from one State to another."

Statue of John J. Ingalls.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In the House to-day, a resolution offered by Mr. Curtis (Rep., Kan.) was agreed to, fixing Saturday, Jan. 21, 1905, as the date for the exercises in connection with the reception and acceptance from the State of Kansas of the statue of John J. Ingalls, late United States Senator, now in Statuary Hall.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Statehood bill was reported by Mr. Beveridge to-day and he gave notice that after the disposal of the Philippine bill he would call it up. Mr. Bard (Rep., Cal.) offered an amendment striking Arizona and New Mexico from the bill.

GREEK HAD BOY THIEF BAND.

PAID HANDFULS OF CHESTNUTS FOR STOLEN JEWELRY.

Little Victim Caught by Store Sleuth Helps Emush Sixth Ave. Pedler—Says a Dozen Children Were Taught to Rob in Bargain Counter Rushes.

The store detectives in the dry goods and department stores about Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue have noticed, this holiday season, a new departure in shoplifting. The crop of women who make "mistakes" is no larger than usual, but they've had all kinds of small losses, and the hands of little boys. They concluded that some Fagin was at work in their district. They think that they caught their man yesterday in the person of one John Shiyetas, a Greek chestnut pedler with a method all his own.

Thursday afternoon Miss Maria H. Young, a detective employed in a department store at Twenty-second street and Sixth avenue, cast her weather eye on a young Italian boy who was fooling with a tray of trinkets. She was in the act of nabbing him when a very small boy jumped out from under his leg and scurried through the door. J. A. Lehmann, another store detective, took the prisoner upstairs and shook him down. He yielded up two pocketbooks, a toy watch, two fans and a bonbon box, all out of stock. He gave his name as Antonio Graziano, aged 14. Weeping bitterly, he peached on the other boy, who was Tommy Wallace of 214 West Twenty-seventh street.

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"During the coal strike," said Grimms, "there was no Department of Commerce and Labor. Our committee will ask the President to direct this Department to make an investigation. Sympathetic strikes have been ordered in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Chicago and Boston. The strikes of the plasterers in these cities make thousands in other trades here."

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MANY FILIPINOS RELEASED. Supreme Court's Decision in Kepner Case May Free One Hundred.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. MANILA, Dec. 16.—The decision of the United States Supreme Court reversing the conviction of Thomas E. Kepner, a lawyer, and setting aside the sentence of imprisonment imposed on him for embezzlement by a Philippine court, of appeal, after his acquittal in a lower court, has caused fifty cases that come within the narrow interpretation of the law. The prisoners who are thus discharged include seven Americans, four of them being former treasurers, and three former supply officers.

It is expected that fully 100 persons who have been acquitted of criminal charges in courts of first instance and have been awaiting a second trial on appeal by the Government, will be freed with the old Spanish practice, "ill be released. The effect of the Kepner decision is to declare the Spanish law, under which Kepner was placed in jeopardy twice, which was repealed by the Act of Congress which extended to the Philippine Islands the Bill of Rights of the American people. Since the decision has been in jail ever since they were arrested, having been unable to procure bondsmen.

GAYNOR CASE UP IN LONDON. Argument for Extradition of Him and Greene Is Begun.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Privy Council began to-day the hearing of the appeal of the United States Government from the judgment of Judge Caron of Quebec, refusing to extradite John F. Gaynor and Benjamin D. Egan, who were indicted by the Grand Jury of Savannah, Ga., on a charge of conspiring with former Captain Oberlin M. Carter, U. S. A., to defraud the United States Government of \$600,000 on river and harbor contracts. Judge Caron who delivered his judgment in favor of the prisoners, held that the prisoners might have been extradited on a charge of commission of the crimes, extraditable offenses.

Sir Edward Clarke, K. C., opened the argument to-day on behalf of the United States.

Accused of American Veteran's Murder. Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 16.—William Regan, a United States Army pensioner who served through the civil war in Company D, Eighty-second New York Volunteers, was murdered in Cork on Dec. 3. The body was discovered in the river last Wednesday. There was no money in the pockets of the man who shot him, and the Irish Constabulary, was arrested to-day, charged with the crime.

BIDS FOR NEW WARSHIPS. New York Shipbuilding Co. May Get the Contract for a Battleship.

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All Out Except Dead Man. When Michael Heaney, guard on a Third Avenue elevated train, shouted "All out" at 129th street a man in the second car remained seated, with his head sunk on his chest. Heaney shook him; the man was dead. At the East 129th street police station it was found that he was E. H. Murphy of 918 Crotona Park South.

Consul Davis Is Expected to Resign. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—It is expected that within a few days Consul W. R. Davis, stationed at Alexandria, Syria, will tender his resignation. Mr. Davis is now in this country and has conferred with the State Department regarding his troubles with the Turkish authorities. During his régime there the Consul has incurred the displeasure of the Turkish authorities. At the festivities attending the anniversary of the accession of Sultan V. the Mr. Davis is said to have hauled down the American flag from the Consulate. This act was especially resented.

Post Office in the Canal Zone. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Postmaster-General Wynne announced to-day that post offices had been established in the Panama Canal Zone as follows: At Cristobal, Colon, Georgia; at Gatun, La Boca, Boca Chica, Gamperador, Ancon and Matachin (Bas Obispo).

WESTERN UNION MAN ARRESTED.

Police Had Heard That Williamsburg Office Sent Out Racing News.

When James F. Jones, a Western Union telegraph operator, and William Murphy, a clerk, were arraigned yesterday in the Lee avenue police court on the charge of receiving and distributing racing returns, it became known that the men were arrested in a room in the rear of the Western Union telegraph office at 143 Broadway, Williamsburg.

Police Captain Harkins of the Bedford avenue station was told on Thursday that racing returns were received in the telegraph company's office at 143 Broadway and distributed there to messengers. The police immediately made a raid and a crowd of men were found in the place. Only Jones and Murphy were arrested. Detective Sergeant William J. Dalley of the Central Office squad made the complaint against them in court yesterday.

He declared that when he entered the rear room he found Jones and Murphy telephoning. Data about horses and jockeys were found on telegraph blanks. He said that Jones admitted that he was in charge of the room and declared that the racing information was being prepared and sent to out-of-town customers. The prisoners pleaded not guilty and the hearing was adjourned to next Thursday.

LABOR APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT.

Plasterers Say They Will Ask the President to Try to End the Strike.

According to Patrick Grimms of the locked out Plasterers' Society, President Roosevelt is to have a chance to bring about a settlement of the lockout of the plasterers. Grimms reported yesterday that the trouble of the plasterers had become a national one and that the International Operative and Ornamental Plasterers' Union had appointed a committee to wait on the President and ask him to use his influence to settle the trouble, as he had done in the coal strike.

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LOVING CUPS AS SOUVENIRS AND PICTURES OF MR. BLISS ON THE MENU—WARMER MILLER PRESENTS AND THE GUESTS OF THE EVENING AND OTHERS MAKE SPEECHES.

Loving cups and photographs of Cornelius N. Bliss were among the features of a snug E. B. Republican dinner given at the Union League Club last evening. The photographs of Mr. Bliss were there because the dinner was given in his honor, and the loving cups abounded because the dinner was, besides, in the nature of a general levee, the outgrowth of happiness over the events of election day.

The photographs of Mr. Bliss were on every menu, and the loving cups were carried away by each of the diners as a souvenir of the occasion.

The project of giving some formal expression of appreciation of Mr. Bliss's services as treasurer of the Republican national committee has been under consideration among a number of the leading members of the club for some time, and it was finally decided that about the best way to do it was by a dinner at the club itself. Last night's event was the result.

It was a subscription dinner, and among those who were present were Governor-Chairman Odell, Senator Chauncey M. Depew, Gov. Murphy of New Jersey, Levi P. Morton, Whitehall Reid, Senator W. Murray Crane, Charles Emory Smith, Thomas L. James, J. W. Griggs, Postmaster Willcox, Gen. Albert L. Mills, superintendent of the West Point Military Academy; John A. Slescher, P. B. Brown, Edward W. Scott, A. S. Hepburn, C. F. Brooker, John H. Starin, Justices Clarke, Bartlett and Blanchard, Hamilton Fish, C. N. Bliss, J. C. Moore, Gen. Thomas H. Hubbard, Col. A. C. Bakeswell, John R. Van Wormer, H. H. Robinson, Col. Charles H. Blair, J. Weaver Page, John F. Plummer, H. W. Hayden and Col. John W. Vrooman.

Ex-Senator Warner Miller presided, and Mr. Bliss, in response to a toast to his health, made a short speech, in which he recalled some of the incidents of the recent campaign and told a few stories in connection therewith which elicited a good deal of applause and laughter. There were no set toasts and the speechmaking, in which Governor-Chairman Odell, Senator Depew and a number of others took part, was of an informal, semi-conversational type.

The photographs of Mr. Bliss which decorated the menus were an exceptionally good likeness and representative of him, seated at his desk at the national Republican headquarters. The only invited guest besides Mr. Bliss was William L. Ward, the national committeeman from the State of New York.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

THE SEX has received a check for \$5 for the family of John Corcoran, who committed suicide recently.

Acting Postmaster Morgan has called attention to the desirability of posting all Christmas registered mail as far in advance as possible and as early in the day as can be done. This is especially important in the week commencing on Monday, Dec. 19.

The New York Flower Mission will be open for its thirty-ninth season at 104 East Twentieth street, on Dec. 20, 21, 22 and 23. Gifts are solicited for the sick and those on the sick list. There will be jolly popcorn, candy, pretzels, pictures and other good things. For a list of names, see the Herald's list. For a list of names, see the Herald's list. For a list of names, see the Herald's list.

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