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SAYS HE HAS KEYS OF DEATH AND HELL IN HIS POSSESSION

Leader of Holy Ghost and Us **Society Spends Ten Hours** in Supplications

BAYS HELL ITSELF CANNOT HURT HIM

Rev. Frank W. Sanford Appears Today to Answer to Serious Charge

DURHAM, Me., Dec. 17.-For ten the leader of the Holy Ghost and Us society who tomorrow is to appear in the United States District court at Portland for sentence on a charge of having been responsible for the death of six of his followers, stood in the pulpit at Shiloh, talking, preaching and praying. Six hundred odd men, women and children who made up the strange religious colonattended the services. Tears streaked the faces of the faithful and several times the leader himself wept.
"Hell itself cannot hurt me," said

Sanford in referring to his punishment. "God has done so much for me that nothing hurts. Many of the people stayed through the long ten hour service without dinner or sup-

Sandford predicted war, famine and pestilence. "War, war, war, from the Atlantic to the Pacific," he declared to be in sight.

You will not have many years before you will see the Son of God come, I promise you," He said at another time. "I shall have perfect peace when that day comes. the keys to death and hell in my

"I've got North America by the hair of the head." the speaker exclaimed and added: "If I go down, North America will

When the clerk of the United States District court at Portland tomorrow calls the name of Rev. Sandford, sixty years in a federal nrison or a fine of \$60,000 or both, is the maximum penalty that he may be called upon to pay. But for adverse winds Sandford might yet be

engaged in the evangelisation voyage on which he embarked on the yacht Coronet with a handful of the faithful 17 months ago, praying for the conversion of inhabitants in far countries He was driven into port a month ago on a singing ship to face arrest on the charge of failing to provide proper food for his followers and so causing the death of six of them by scurvy. When called before the bar of justice, Elijah II, as he known among the Shilohites re fused to employ counsel and his only defense was tost he but done the bidding of his Lord and Master. Re leared on ball after conviction Sand ford returned to Shiloh to preparfor a term of imprisonment if the court should decree, declaring that the work which he started will go on as before. The life story of the man Russian Ambassador to

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CONSPIRACY TO MURDER MAUERO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED

Two Generals of Federal Army and Score of Conreach an agreement on the passport spirators Arrested question are going on were published here yesterday morning and ap-

PLAN DISCOVERED

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17 .- A conspiracy to assassinate President Madero and proclaim a provisional presidency pending the coming of General Reyes to the capital assume the office of president has been frustrated at the last moment in the opinion of the authorities by the arrests today of General Higio Aguilar and Meliton Hurtado, of the federal army and a score of co-conspirators.

The plan, learned of from corres pondence and documents found in the possession of the prisoners, was complete in all details. Madero was to have been shot from a balcony Russian ones. of the Reforma hotel, in Tvendia de la Reforma as he rode from Chepultepec tomorroy morning. During the tion now facing the government of the compirators, who called themselves the "independent constitu-tional army," were to swoop down upon the national palace, kill or seize in its sanitary conditions. If Rusthe ministers and take possession in the name of Reyes. The secret police were non-committal as to knowled by measures adopted by the Brit-ish and American governments and edge they may have acquired regarding the plans the conspirators counted upon, further than they had recruited them from suburban towns abrogation of the treaty of 1822." and the surrounding country.

Upon assumption of power by FOWLER AT LAKE CHARLES
Reyes, all Maderistas and Cientificos
LAKE CHARLES, La., Dec. 17—
were to be eliminated from the govent and their property confis- this city late today on a flight from cated with all that of the wealthy Beaumont, Texas, covering the dis- one of which was saved. The total class not in sympathy with the move- He plans to start in the direction of loss is estimated at more than \$200.-

PRESIDENT WOULD **VETO SULZER PLAN** FOR ABROGATION

Nothing That Can be Construed as An Offense to Russia Will be Permitted With Taft's Consent-Difference of Opinion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The the abrogation of a treaty. The house terially today and the administration plane for the abrogation of the 1832 pact with the St. Fetersburg government became more definitely known. President Taft, it is said, has indicated emphatically that he would veto the Sulzer resolution instantly if it should be forced through the senate tomorrow without modification. Nothing that can be construed as an ofhours today Rev. Frank W. Sanford, fense to Russia will be permitted, if the president can help it.

According to plans announced tonight, Mr. Tast tomorrow will send two communications to the capitol, one a message addressed to the sen ate to be considered in executive ses sion and the other a letter directed to Chairman Cullom of the senate committee on foreign relations. those communications, Mr. Taft, it is said will outline his attitude plainly and will call pointed attention to the fact that international relations are not lightly to be dealt with, Will Ignore House

Despite the advice of certain of the republican leaders of the house that the lower branch of congress should be considered in the matter, President Taft tonight was said to be determined to ignore the house entirely in his further dealing with the Rus-

Frate leaders expect to hear tomorrow that the president, through American Ambassador Guild at St. Petersburg, already has notified Russis of the impending abrogation of the treaty. This notice is believed to have been couched in the politest terms of diplomatic language and to have stated that the American people have come to regard the treaty as obsolete in many of its phases. The expiration of the treaty is fixed for January 1, 1913.

President Taft is said to have taken the ground that if he chooses he can abrogate the treaty by executive decree without waiting for er taking into consideration any possible action either by the house or the senate. He is supported in this view by various members of the senate committee of foreign relations and is said to base his attitude upon precedents laid by Difference of Opinion

There appeared to be a decided afference of opinion today between the house and senate leaders as to what part the house should play in

REPORTS OF DIVERGENT

NATURE BY PAPERSOF

BUSSIA AS TO TREATY

ONE PAPER'S VIEWS

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17-The

bassador at Washington has made no

announcing that tentative efforts to

peared again in the newspapers of

last evening and this morning, un-accompanied by comment of any na-

ture. With respect to these nego-

ing to say, considering that the re-

sponsibility for the reports, which are

of a divergent nature, rests on those

The semi-official Russia prints a

signed article by the editor who de-

clares against restrictive laws and in favor of the abolition of the pale. "Pro-government Russiana," he says, cannot confine themselves to

attacks upon and blind hatred for

the Jews nor senselessly repeat the

Jews have not ruined Polish or Lit-

tle Russian cities and they won't

"The solution of the question, which is the most important ques-

Russia cannot be deferred eternally.

We cannot leave millions of people

to roast in their own juice. The pale

is a low economical state dreadful

sia has too many Jews she must

possibility of emigrating is restrict-

would be further diminished by the

assist in their emigration but

"The Jews will ruin Russia." The

who send them:

leaders held that the treaty was the supreme law of the land, and that in abrogating it, without a new treaty, to take its place, a law was being re-pealed. Under these circumstances they pointed out that action by the house was essential. Senate leaders contended that treaty making and treaty breaking were affairs of the senate and the president.

According to information received by senators tonight, Mr. Taft, in his communications tomorrow will dwell at length upon the friendly relations that long have existed between the United States and Russia and will say that while the termination of the treaty of 1832 seems desirable, the friendship between the two nations is of too long standing to be lightly

out that Russia, because of friendship with the United States had listened to America's proposal of peace in the war with Japan. It is asserted that Russia would not have received any such suggestion from any of her European neighbors.

Those professing to know the pres dent's purpose, also declared tonight fact that the United States levies head tax upon every Russian sub ject who enters this country and would not for a minute entertain suggestion by Russia that the right levy the tax was debatable. Each Country May Decide

In many of his speeches in sup port of the arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France, President Taft expressed the view that each country has a right to say who shall and who shall not enter her domain It was generally believed tonight that the senate would solve the problem tomorrow by passing a resolution of abrogation couched in strictly formal language. Before this can be brought about, however, lively sessions of the foreign relations committee and the senate liself are expected. The comate will not convene until two o'clock President Taft's message, although expected to be read in executive see sion, probably will be made public at once. This was the plan of several of the senate leaders tonight. They declared that the country should be fully informed of the gravity of the

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BLACKMAILING CHARGE LODGED AGAINST FOUR ARMENIANS OF CHICAGO

Postal Inspectors Trace Clue Leading to Arrest of U. S. Has Not Protested Business Men Against Abrogation

BY DECOY PACKAGE

CHICAGO, Dec. 17-Four South Side Armenian business men were Russian foreign office declares that M. Bakhemeteff the Russian amarrested by Postal Inspector James E. Stewart, today, all charged with attempting to secure \$10,000 from formal protest against the abrogation of the Russo-Ameridan treaty of 1832. Dispatches from Washington two of Chicago's wealthiest Armonlang by means of alleged blackmail. Garabed T. Pushman and Karekin T. Pushman, rug merchants are the men against whom the blackmail plot was directed, according to federal inspectors. The men arrested are Dr. Alfred Gelbert, Starkis Deckmedji, Arap

Chutijan and Apkar H. Jefferias. Inspector Stewart said Deckmedji and Dr. Gelbert had made confessions. A series of special delivery letters was received by the Pushmans in which they and their families were threatened with death unless the money was delivered to the writers according to directions. The Push-mans were told to wrap the money in a package, take it to a down town hotel, where they would find another letter awaiting them at the clerk's desk, and follow the direc-

A decoy package was prepared and nder guard of federal inspectors under guard of federal the Pushmans did as ordered. The letter at the hotel desk ordered one of the Pushman brothers to take the money to a south side drug store. When Pushman reached the drug store, however, plans miscarried and Pushman could not find the man to whom he was to deliver the money. Information secured by the Inspectors at this point, however, led

DAMAGE OF \$200,000

HUDSON, N. Y., Dec. 17-Fire starting at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the large storehouse of the New York and Hudson steamboat company here burned that building and contents, spread to the Washburn Ice house, which was also destroy ed, and to the Hudson wholesale grocery company's building, all but

The Christmas Halo.



Mr. Tatt, is was said, would point SENATOR GORE WILL FIGHT SHERWOOD PENSION LEGISLATION IN THE SENATE

Contends That Matter Should be Postponed Until After Presidential Election, When he Claims There Will Not be so Much Anxiety to Pass it-Congress Will Have Plenty of Work Before it This Week.

division of sentiment among senators will not be so popular in congress af-regarding service pension logislation, ter the presidential election. Senator protests against large congressional expenditures, the Russian treaty question, continued investigations, and enactment of the urgent deficiency expressed the opinion that general bill into law, will keep congress busy this week. Both houses will adjourn next Thursday until February 3. Plans are going forward for what

member of the pensions committee, aiready has started an inquiry into the possibility of postponing action until the next session, when there will be no presidential election. In the house proceedings on the Sherwood bill, the effect upon either party of marked liberality to the Mexican and civil war veterans, aggregating possibly \$75,000,000 ultimately,

GENERAL WOOD FAVORS

ion in the Army Favora-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17-Major-

General Leonard Wood, chief of

staff of the army, favors the restor-

ing of the canteen to army posts.

He declares in his annual report

that the consensus of opinion in

the army is that the canteen should

General Wood also makes some

recommendations for the garrison-ing of Panama canal forts. He says

it is necessary to provide garrisons

to protect the canal and insure its neutrality and for that recommends

twelve companies of coast artillery; four regiments of infantry at full

strength, one battalion of field ar-

tillery, one squadron of cavalry and

In recommending short term en-listments, the chief of staff says the

argument that men would not re-turn to the colors in time of war is

"an unwarrantable reflection on the

patriotism of men who have served

the colors and returned to private

DAM BROKE; BIG LOSS

rains in this section Friday and Sat-

urday so increased the headwater in

Horse Creek valley that the big dam

Aiken county could not withstand

the strain and last night at ten

o'clock broke through. The entire dam and power plant was swept

away, leaving only one large dyna-

mo standing. The loss is estimated

of the Carolina light and

at \$25,000.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 17-Heavy

some auxiliary troops.

ble to This View

be re-established.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- A sharp | tor Gore contends that the subject | through. The work of the investipenion legislation would be enacted during this session of congress. Plans are going forward for what promises to prove a congestion of legislation after the recess

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Drafts on Treasury

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The pension bill, already passed by
the house carrying from \$40,000,000
to \$75,000,000, the demand of the public buildings committee for an omnibus measure to carry between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000, and other large drafts on the treasury have complicated the situation. Democratic Leader Underwood insists that the was a conspicuous factor and Sena- public building bill shall not be put will be in session this wee

The tariff board's report is expected from the president this week, but the ways and means committee prob-

ably will not recommend action on the wool or other schedules until afwool tariff, many favoring free raw wool. The question of trust legisla-tion and other things will be consid-ared in caucus.

All the witnesses who will be heard in the defense of Senstor Lorimer,

in the defense of Senator Lorimer, except Mr. Lorimer simself, will appear before the senate investigating committee this week, and the committee will then adjourn to meet after the Christmas recess. Senator Lori-mer will testify under oath for the first time.

The steel trust investigation com-mittee of the house, and the senate committee on interstate commerce, which is investigating trust problems.

DECLARES THAT HE HEARD MAY PROVIDE PENSIONS RETURN OF THE CANTEEN PLANS MADE FOR MURDER

Declares Consensus of Opin- Latest Development in Case Against the Two Ross Negroes

> SHELBY, N. C., Dec. 17-The latest developments in the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon Early Tuesday morning at their country home, ten miles from Shelby is the arrest of Bert Gardner, who voluntartly told of hearing John and Hack Ross, negro brothers charged with the crime, planning the double murder at a corn shucking several weeks ago. Gardner says the crowd at the corn shucking had gone and the Ross brothers did not know he was around. They spoke in undertones and agreed that Mr. Dixon would not live until Christmas because of a mortgage he held on Hack's hog and mule. John and Will Ross are now in Gastonia for safe keeping and Hack is in the Charlotte jail. Gardner and two other material witnesses are in

TEN MORE BODIES BROUGHT OUT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 17 .- Ten bodies were removed from Cross sum annually equivalent to one per divorce on May 25, 1908, their son, Mountain mine at Briceville today, cent of the average annual wage or Wm. Henry Vanderbilt, remaining in leaving either seven or eight more in the mine. Today's removals bring retirement multiplied by the years of the total of identified dead up to seventy-seven, while the total number of victims is estimated at eighty-four or

The funeral of Mayor Thomas Watts, of Coal Creek, prominent in company 27 miles from Bangley in the work of relief for the Briceville sufferers, who met death Friday morning, was held today. Mrs. Watts has been confined to a hospital for a week as a result of an operation for appendicitis and at her request the funeral cortege today stopped at the hospital, the coffin was removed from the hearse and carried by the pall bearers into the hospital that Mrs. Watts might get a last look at the features of her dead husband.

"WITH ALL POSSIBLE DIGNTTY"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17-President Taft is anxious that the bodies of the dead sailors found in the wreck of the Maine which are soon to be brought to this country, shall transported with all possible digni-ty. He has written a letter to Secre-WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Fore-if possible the bodies be brought cast: Nerth Carolina: fair Monday from Havana on one of the large. and Tuesday; moderate north and vessels of the navy convoyed by an-northeast winds

FOR VETERAN EMPLOYES

American Sugar Refining Plan at Meeting

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- Stockholders of the American Sugar Refining company will be called upon at the next annual meeting to approve a plan to provide pensions to the company's 7.500 officers and employes Directors of the company, it was announced tonight, have worked out details of the plan which include provisions for retiring employes over 65 years of age or after thirty years of service. An appropriation of \$300,000 is suggested as the necleus of the pension fund.

No pension under the propos plan, will be less than \$20 a month and none will exceed \$5,000 a year. In the case of women, the age limit is set at sixty and the term of service at 25 years. Should the plan be ratified, male employes who have served the company thirty years and women twenty-five years in the service may 1877. He married Mels Bilen Fre be retired without regard to age. The amount of the pension will be "a sum annually equivalent to one per salary during the ten years preceding the mother's care. The decree was

company or of any corporation owned or controlled by the company, the anneuncement states, would be eligible for the pension benefits.

GIRL BABIES BORN TALLER

BOSTON, Dec. 17-Girl bables are born taller and with much more vitality than used to be the case, according to an authority in this city. Miss Charlotte W. Dunn, as sistant superintendent of a hospital here, patronized by the stork to the extent of three thousand bables a We have noticed that girl babies

are getting taller and that they are appearing in this world lately with more real vitality than formerly. The boy bables continue on the average, both in weight and height."

TO JOIN ATLANTIC PLEET

CHARLESTON, R. C., Dec. 17.—
Fifteen destroyers of the eighth, ninth and tenth divisions now stationed at the Charleston navy yard, have been ordered to New York and Newport to sum of money in semi-annual install-join the Atlantic fleet.

MURDERED FAMILY BURIED TOGETH**er** IN NEWYORK TOWN

Many of Tremendous Crowd Examined Barn Where Tragedy Occurred

MOTHER WAS BURIED BESIDE CHILDREN

In Some Respects Scene Took on The Appearance of a Farmers' Picnic

TROY, N. Y., The last scene in the Blooming Grove tragedy was enacted this afternoon when the bodies of this afternoon when the bedies of Mrs. Mary Morner, her son, Arthur, and two daughters, Blanohe and Edith, who were murdered Tuesday noon, presumably by an italian farm hand, were laid at rest side by side in the cometery at Defractaville. More than 5,000 persons congregated about the house or morbidly explored the barn where the bedies were found, previous to the funeral which was held at noon. Many of the crowd brought lunches with them and the scene in some respects took on the appearance of a farmers' picnic.

Profusion of Flowers

The bedies were laid out in the parlor, that of the son. Arthur, is an oak coffin and those of his mother and two sisters in white caskets. There was a profusion of flowers, For two hours the crowd was permitted to file through the rooms and then the doors were ordered closed but it required the combined afferis of the sheriff and twelve assistants to keep back thuse who had not yet viewed the remains. Great confusion ensued and in the crush several washes

hand sought in connection with the murder of four members of the Mor-ner family in DeFreetsville, N. Y., was arrested here today. He is held pending the arrival of officers from

The man, who said his name was Antonio Gerato, was greatly exhaust ed, apparently from a long tramp of the road.

WEDDED TO MRS. M'KIM AFTER MANY DENIALS

Co. Will Consider This Names Have Been Closely, Associated For Very Long Time

BOTH DIVORCEES

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt and Mrs. Smith Holling McKim, formerly Miss Margaret Emmerson of Baltimore, were married at Reigate at 1 o'clock this afternoon, the bans having been announced in the customary manner. The couple have golfe on a motor wedding tour.

For several years past the names of Alfred G. Vanderbilt, the chief heir of Cornelius Vanderbilt's millions and Mrs. Smith Hollins McKim have been closely associated. At various times it was reported they were soon to be married. Mr. Vanderbilt, who is accounted the richest of the younger set of millionaires, was born in an January 11, 1901. His wife was granted an interlocutory decree of made final three months later. It was said at the time that Mr. Van-All officers and employes of the derbit settled \$1,500,000 on his forme or wife.

The name of Mme, Rule, the divorced wife of Antonio Rule, a form-er member of the Cuban legation Washington, came up in the trial of the suit. Mrs. Ruis committed suicide in London on May 16, 1909. the manner of her death being sup-pressed for a considerable time. Mrg. McKim is the daughter of Issac B. Emmerson of Baltimore and the divorced wife of Dr. Smith Hollins McKim of New York and Baltimore. Mrs. McKim obtained a divorce from her husband, which threatened various suits before the couris, but early in February 1910, an agreement was signed bringing to an end all pending or possible litigation involv-ing Dr. McKim, his father-in-faw, his former wife and Alfred Vanderbilt. The attorneys for Dr. McKim stated at the time that Dr. McKim had agreed to end the litigation relat-