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Will He Lose the Opportunity?

Russia is evidently on the edge of an eternal volcano. The revolutionists are getting bolder and bolder. What lies thru to the papers of America indicate a condition of affairs alarming indeed. Following quickly after the demonstration in St Petersburg is an all days not in Moscow with some killed and the population inflamed to the riot pitch. It would look as tho the Czar is going to lose his opportunity. The people are calling his bluff to give them liberties and his opportunity is to now throw down the barriers, give the people their own representatives and depose the clique that are hanging around the Imperial court. Japan's fight against Russia is only a citizen stance to her internal troubles and it would not be surprising if Russia was soon compelled to sue for peace to protect her government at home.

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Mormons Again.

One of the things that has aroused a good idea of interest is the resumption of the hearing as to whether Smoot shall reclaim his seat in Congress and incidentally an investigation of the whole Mormon church. The testimony before the committee has revealed a condition truly shocking and a system so cursed of God and man as a system could be. The oaths taken in the endowment house for both the men and women are horribe in the extreme, and the testimony given with a boldness and fearlessness is an evidence of what things can be and are done in the name of religion. If one tenth of the testimony is true the Mormons have no regard for law and have gone on and continued in polygamous marriages every one of which is a felony under other conditions. It is a time for the people in every other part of the land to put forth the good influence of their common leaders to rescue their sisters the teaching of the church were fit moral examples. There was a time when the people would demand the exclusion of such people and the sooner it is done the better. This is an age of "Frenzied Finance," "Frenzied Railroading" and if there's anything frenzied about religion it's the Mormon system that is truly "Frenzied Religion." Every mind of the community of decent way thinking people is turned to put a party in power by sending some good men to Congress who will do their duty in the matter of seating or not seating Smoot. Nobody, except a few fanatics, can see any good reason why he should be seated in Congress. Anybody who can see that the Mormon church is a blight on the nation and that the laws should be enforced to the limit of their power to compel obedience to them can see that the canteen is a blight on the soldiers and that the laws should be enforced to the limit of their power to compel obedience to them. The canteen advocates say that it should be retained because it helps to pay the funds. The bald assertion is made that the funds that support the army are derived from the canteen and now that the canteen is done away with the