

President Smith commenced in deliberate and clearly enunciated expression and spoke with extraordinary earnestness, Every sentence was clear cut and distinct, and appeared to have musual meaning. He spoke of the universal prosperity that had attended the Latter-day Seints in all parts of the world during the past year: of the unanimity and love that exist in their midst everywhere; of the oneness of the First Presidency; and of the faithful-

in this labor with the historian's office, and a large proportion of his time is required in this labor and duty; nev-eriheless he has responded to the calls that have been made upon him, going out to visit the conference whenever required; and the same may be said with reference to the other members of the Council of the Seventy. Brother women possessing physical weakness-es and deficiencies, because of age or infimities, to meet every requirement; we realize that it is impossible for man to be perfect, but we expect every man and every woman clothed with re-sponsibility in the Church will do his and her duty to the utmost of his of

fective for good in every part of the Church and in every land and clime where the Gospel is preachand where there are or-ganizations of the Church. We real-ize that it is impossible for men or

the mine owners' reply. The opera-tors are busily engaged on the miners' proposition. While they have prac-tically agreed as to how they shall meet the offer, they will now draw up

meet the offer, they will now draw up a formal answer until the members of the sub-committee have consulted all interests involved. The sentiment of the sub-committee of the operators is distinctly against the acceptance of the miners' offer, at least in its pres-ent shape. The scale committee of the miners held a brief session today and took up

Dr. Judson refused to allow his pa Dr. Judson refused to allow his pa-tient to grant an interview, but said Mr. Fields would face any charges made against him, and that he would not again disappear. President Pea-body said vesterday that he was not aware that any suit against Fields was ready for institution inasmuch as the accountants had not completed their examination of the supply department, through which Fields' vouchers for Albany and other expenses were pass-Albany and other expenses were pass-

Zurich. Switzerland, April 6 .- The ring leader of the band which robkbed the Mutual Credit Bank of Moscow of \$437,500 march 30, has been arrested here. He is a young Bussian, who arrived in Zurich April 3, and had been drinking heavily. The police took bim into custody on the charge of intoxication and found among his belongings a wallet filled with Rus-sian bank notes. When the prisoner be-came sober he voluntarily confessed that he had headed the band of 19 men who robbed athe Mutual Credit Bank of Mos-cow.

made this spring for permission to pro-vide another contingent of Indians for a show, the war department, to which the request was referred upon the ad-vise of the officers at the post, devise of the officers at the post, de-clined to issue a permit. There was one exception and that was in the case of Geronimo himself. He had been well behaved and the officials decided that he might go with the show. That made trouble, for the other Indians felt that they had been discriminated againt, hence they are threatening to leave the post. It is not believed they vill do so, however, for they are aware

and devotion of the Council of Twelve, or those who have "been in full harmony with their brethren; those who have been at their posts, and who have been performing their duty."

President Smith then launched extensively upon a review of the work of the different regular and auxiliary of the different regular and auxiliary organizations of the Church and spoke strongly upon the question of tithing and declared that every tithe-paper actuated by proper motives, could have easy access to all legitimate information, but that the simply curious need have no hopes of having their curiosity gratified.

CALLED TO ORDER.

Conference was called to order by President Joseph F. Smith. There were present of the general authorities, Pres-idents Joseph F. Smith, John R. Winder and Anthon H. Lund; of the quor-um of Aposties, Francis M. Lyman, John Henry Smith, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, George A. Smith, and Charles W. Penrose; of the seven presi-dent of Generation and States B. dents of Seventy, Seymour B. Young, B. H. Roberts, George Reynolds, J. Golden Kimball, Rulon S. Wells, and Joseph W. McMurria; presiding Patri-arch John Smith; and of the presiding Bishopric, William B. Preston and Or-tin P. Miller. There was also a large representation of presidents of stakes and missions, and Bishops of wards. choir and congregation sang the hymn commencing.

Our God, we raise to Thee, Thanks for Thy blessings free We here enjoy.

Prayer was offered by Elder Joseph E. Taylor.

The choir sang the hymn beginning, High on the mountain top A banner is unfurled.

nations now look up.

It waves to all the world.

PRESIDENT SMITH'S ADDRESS.

I feel very grateful for the privilege of again meeting with you at one of our general conferences, the seventy-sixth anniversary. I believe, of the or-fanization of the Church, and I am pleased to see the number who are in altendance this morning, and sincerely hope that the Spirit of the Lord may dwell in our hearts and abide in our asemblies throughout this conference, and that at its conclusion we may feel in our hearts that our coming together has not been in vain, that we have ful-filled the requirements of the law of the Church in vain together the Church in assembling together, and that much good will have been accomplished.

We feel grateful to the Lord that we have a beautiful day at the opening of this conference, and I trust that we may be blessed with good weather, as well as with a rich outpouring of the Spirit of God throughout all of our assemblies.

UNITED AND PROSPEROUS.

"It has been now six months since our semi-annual conference, since we last assembled, and many interesting things have transpired since then. Prosperity—and I do not say it boast-ingly at all, but in the very depths of humilation and continue to the second ingly at all, but in the very depths of humiliation and gratitude-prosperity seems to have crowned the efforts of the Latter-day Saints throughout the length and breadth of the land. I be-lieve that the spirit of devotion to the cause of Zion has prevailed through-out all the Church during the last six months as much, if not more, than ever before in the history of the Church. I believe that we have been, speaking in a general way, as united as ever be-fore, and if it were not that some might In a general way, as united as ever be-fore, and if it were not that some might think we were boasting. I would ven-ture to say that, in my judgment, the People, the Latter-day Saints, the Priesthood; the general and local au-thorftles of the Church, and the people as a whole have never hear more united Priesthood: the general and local au-thorities of the Church, and the people than we are today. PRESIDENCY A UNIT. "I can assure you, my brethren and

George Reynolds, another member of that council, is a man much encum-bered with labors and with duties in connection with missionary work, the calling of missionaries, of Elders calling of missionaries, of Elders for missions, the keeping of their records, and with the labor of the Sunday school, and other duties con-nected with the president's office. He is a man who labors from morning till night, from early till late, and is most faithful and diligent in the performance of his duty, and most capable, be ing blessed of the Lord abundantly in the calling to which he is assigned. I mention these two brethren for the reason that they are occupied in cleri-

cal work to a great extent, and are therefore not at liberty so much as the others to visit the conferences and to

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC.

"I may say that the Presiding Bish-opric of the Church are not all of them in the enjoyment of perfect health, but they are united and they are diligent and faithful in the discharge of their duties, and their integrity is unques-tioned: and with the assistance that they have in their office, which is most capable and efficient, the duties and responsibilities of their office are well and faithfully performed and

and responsibilities of their office are well and faithfully performed and carefully taken care of. I regret to say that Bishop Burton's health is very poor at the present time, but he is improving, I understand, and I trust that he will soon be himself again.

QUORUMS OF PRIESTHOOD.

ministry.

in the mission field or in the

her ability. That is expected; that we look for, and that we pray for; and for that our labor is devoted to the best of the ability and spirit we pos sess. THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS. "I did not design when I arose this morning to occupy much time, but I would like to say a few words more in relation to some of our other organ-izations, whether I touch upon all of

them or not; and if I do not take them all in, no one need feel slighted, for feel as though the eye of the Lord and the eyes of His servants are over all these organizations. We are cognizant of their existence, we know somewhat of their laborers and of the responsibilities that rest upon them, and of the good that they are accomplishing. We are not blind to their efforts, nor to

their worthiness. "I desire to speak a few words of our Sunday school organization. I cannot think any one will claim that at any previous time in the Church the Sunprevious time in the Church the Sun-day school organization was any more perfect or any more efficient than it is today. (Addressing the latter) Do you think so. Brother Reynolds: "No. I do not." Brother Reynolds: "No. I do not." "I believe that those who are working in and who are familiar with what is be-ing accomplished by this accontent

ing accomplished by this organization, who are connected with it, will be unanimous in the statement or the remark that I make, that never before since the Sunday schools were organ-ized in the Church in the early days of our settlements here, has this or-ganization been so perfect and so

"I would like to say a few words thorough as it is today.

with reference to the various quorums of the Priesthood, the High Priests, the MEET EVERY WEEK. "The brethern of the General Sun-Elders and the Lesser Priesthood in the Church, as well as the councils or day school board meet every week, and they are interested in their work. While there are some members of the quorums of the Seventies throughout the Church. The aim of those who are in charge of these quorums and organizations of the Priesthood has board scattered away at a distance, and cannot attend, yet most of those that are within reach attend their meetings, their council meetings, every week, and organizations of the Priesthood has been to awaken within the hearts and minds of these who compose them, a livelier interest in their work; and I believe that it may be said in all candor and con-sistency that there has never been a time, at least within my remembrance, a when the various autorums of the their council meetings, every week, and matters connected with the Sunday schools are thoroughly considered and weighed, and counsel is taken, and con-clusions are reached after much care-ful and deliberate thought, in relation to the work that is being done and the good that is being accomplished or sought to be accomplished in the Sun-day school and I wish to say that I when the various quorums of the Priestbood were more Interested in their work, more alive to their duties, heir work, more arive to their duties, looking more directly to their legiti-mate calling and paying more atten-tion to the responsibilities that devolve upon them by reason of their connecday school, and I wish to say that I feel gratified and thankful to my Heavenly Father that we have so many tion with these quorums than exist to-

THE LESSER PRIESTHOOD.

day.

Heavenly Father that we have so many efficient, capable workers in our Sun-day schools, who are diligent in the performance of their duty, who wield such a wholesome influence over the minds of the children and pupils that attend the Sunday schools, and whose examples are such as to make thein worthy of all commendation; and I desire to commend to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the laborers in the Sunday schools, and I "The presidents of the stakes of Zion are taking up the matter with the Les-ser Priesthood as well as with the other quorums in their stakes, and they are endeavoring to arouse the members of the various councils of the Priesthood laborers in the Sunday schools, and I trust that the parents of children will o a realization of the great responsibility that devolves upon them by rea-son of the Priesthood that has been sustain these men in their callings, to strengthen their hands, being diligent to encourage their children to attend son of the Priesthood that has been conferred upon them and by reason of their connection with the quorums to which they belong; and we hope to see the day, and expect to see the day, if we live long enough, and if some of us that are here do not live long enough to see if there are others who will live to see the day, when every council of the schools on the Sabbath day and to pay deference and to show all respect pay deference and to their teachers. MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT WORK. to see the day, when every council of the Priesthood in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will under-stand its duty, will assume its own re-sponsibility, will magnify, its calling, and fill its place in the Church, to the uttermost, according to the intelligence and ability that it possesses. And when that day shall come, we will not have so much necessity for the work that is now being done by the auxiliary organizations of the Church, because to see the day, when every council of

in the fail of the year and the work is carried on through the winter when the youth of Zion have more leisure and are able to attend to their duties in these organizations. "I desire to say that our best mis-sionaries are culled from these Mutual

Improvement organizations, the young

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the situation in the anthracite After the meeting most of the mem-bers of the committee returned to their home where they will meet the presdents of their locals in their rest districts to receive reports of local

conditions. President Mitchell will remain here while the operators are considering the arbitration offer and will attempt to catch up on the routine work office. The meeting of the international executive board of the Miners' union, which had been set for next Tuesday at Indianapolis, has postponed for the week because of Mr Mitchell's inability to be present.

When President Mitchell of the miners, was shown a bulletin from Columbus, Ohio, today announcing that President Winder, of the Ohio Operators' association had telegraphed President Roosevelt and Mr. Mitchell proposing that the strike in the bitumnous fields be settled on the same terms which the miners proposed to the anthracite operators yesterday, he

He regarded to make any comment. He regarded the move as "very in-teresting," he said, but in the ab-sence of official advices, could say nothing about the matter. The sentiment of the anthracite miners' scale committee with regard to arbitration i that conditions in the anthracite and bituminous fields are widely different.

"LORD ASHBURTON"

Arrested on Suspicion of Having Passed Worthless Checks."

Boston, April 6 .- Charles F. Richards, also known as "Lord Ashburton." who the police say, has served several terms in English and American prisons for extensive and clever swindling, was arrested here last night on suspicion of having passed worthless checks The man was located at one of the larger hotels, and was taken into custoday while dining with several friends. He at first denied that he was Richards, but later admitted it, the police say. Richards is said to have operated ex-

tensively in this country many years ago, and more recently to have been in England. According to police records, Richards

was born in 1843 in Devonshire, England. When a young man he was em ployed as a clerk in the Bank of Eng-land, and later appeared in New York with considerable money. In Troy and other places he was charged with many forgeries, swindles and counterfeiting, and in most instances he evaded arrest. At the time John L. Sullivan was in the ring, Richards posed as a backer of the former champion, and is alleged to have swindled many well known sports.

The police say that in 1878 Richards The police say that in 18.8 Richards, under the name of Lord Ashburton, was accorded a public reception in San Francisco, and that after his departure spurious notes and letters of credit with a total face value of \$250,000 were found to be in circulation. Two years later he was arrested in San Francisco for

swindling.

Denver, Colo., April 6 .- C. F. Burn

ham, a mining engineer, and his wife, Mary R. Burnham, who according to advices received from Columbus, Ohiadvices received from Columbus, Ohio, are wanted in that city on a grand jury indictment charging them with swindling investors through an alleged fictitious mining company, were ar-rested here last night and placed in the city jail. What the circumstances are which led to the arrest is not defi-nitely known, as neither Burnham nor his wife would talk to the authorities iast night. It is charged, however, that the Burnhams secured a large sum of money estimaetd at \$50,000 through the means of the mining company's alleged

Augustus D. Juilliard, a member of

the finance committee of the Mutual Life and the sub-committee of the finance committee that fixed Former CONTINENTAL President McCurdy's salary, arrived here on the Baltic yesterday. Mr. Juilliard went at once to his residence Juillard went at once to his residence where he said last night that he was not going to do any talknig just now on life insurance matters. Mr. Juil-llard bears a message from D. C. Haldeman, the Mutual's former man-ager in London, to the trustees, em-bodying the ideas that British polley-hulders whom Mr. Haldeman recreholders whom Mr. Haldeman repre-sents, would urge on the reorganizers of the company. This message will be laid before the trustees at an early

Word came to this city vesterday that Thomas D. Jordan, former comp-troller of the Equitable Life Assurance society, would arrive here today.

EXTRADITION TREATY SIGNED.

Tokio, April 6.-A supplementary ex-tradition treaty between Japan and the United States was signed this moraing. Viscount Siuzo Ooki, the Japanese

ambassador to American, left today for Washington.

EASTMAN JOHNSON, THE PAINTER, DIES SUDDENLY,

New York, April 6 .- Eastman Johns the painter, died suddenly at his home here last night, in his eighty-second year. Mr. Johnson was born in Lovell, Me.

Mr. Johnson was horn in Lovell, Me. At is he adopted drawing as his profes-sion. His father was Philip C. J. Johnson, who was for many years secretary of state of Maine. Mr. Johnson settled first in Augusia, working almost wholly on portraits in black and white, and in pastel. In 146 he moved with his parents to Washing-ton. D. C., where he drew portraits of many distinguished men, including Dan-tel Webster and John Quincy Adams. While in Boston in 1846-49 he made por-traits of Longfellow and his family. Emerson, Hawthorne and Sumner. He went to Dussellorr in 1846, studying one year at the Royal academy. He spent a year with Leuiz and four years at The Hague, painted there his first portrait pic-tures in oil. "The Savoyard," and "The Card Players." He established himself in Paris, but returned to the United Stotes in 1669

tures in oil, "The Savoyard," and "The Card Players," He established himself in Paris, but returned to the United States in 1866. In the two years following he was in Washington and on the northern shores of Lake Superior among the Indian tribes. In 1856 he painted "The Old Kentucky Home." That painting practi-cally established his reputation as an artist. In that year he opened a studio in New York city, where he had lived ever since. He was elected a academi-cian in 1860. Although Johnson excelled as a portrait painter, he made his reputa-tion as a defineator of America domestic and negro character. Mr. Johnson received medals for exhibi-tions at Paris, London, the Philadelphia centennial, the world's Columbian exposi-tion, and the Buffalo and Charleston ex-positions. He was a member of many art and social organizations. Mr. Johnson married Miss Elizabeth W. Buckley, His daughter, Ethel, is wife of Alfred R. Conkling.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

Sir Algernon Charles Cook Paid that For Return of \$2,700.

New York, April 6 -- The Times today

The meeting of the directors of the Continental Life Insurance and Investment company of this city, which it is expected that the troubled waters will have the oil of peace poured upon them, is scheduled to be held temorrow, in the company's Salt Lake offices. The meeting is to be called at 10 a. m., and is likely to last all day.

LIFE AFFAIRS.

and perhaps into the evening, as there is considerable to be talked over. The opinion was expressed at the company's offices this noon, that the outcome would be satisfactory and in the line of restored peace and harmony, so the company could shortly resume the regular routine of its business as before the trouble began.

President Hiram Tyree will be fu own this afternoon, from the east, and the following out of town directors are arriving to participate in the meet-ing: Second Vice President B. T. Mc-Gillieuddy of San Francisco; Third Vice President R. D. Steele, vice president Gallatin State bank, Bozeman Mont.; James Reid, ex-president Mon tana Agricultural college, Montreal, Canada; A. L. Stone, cashier State bank, Dillon, Mont.; State Senator

James P. Murray, Dillon, Mont.; C. C. Carpy, president French American bank, San Francisco; Hon. J. Woolla-cott, president State Bank & Trust company, Los Angeles; Hon. A. L. Babcock, president Yellowstone Na-tional bank, Billings, Mont.; Hon. Gavin McNabb, San Francisco, general counsel of the company; W. W. Wylie, president Wylle Transportation com pany, Bozennan, Mont.: George E Ames, San Francisco. And then there are the local directors, President H. Tyree, First Vice President Frank Pierce, Secy. C. C. Wylie, Treasurer

W. S. McCornick, Thomas R. Cutler and W. V. Rice, who are now in the city. J. D. Wood and John Dern are directors, but they are not in town,

WILL APPROVE ACTION.

Underwriters Confident Reduction in Rates Are to be Adopted.

board of underwriters the opinion was expressed today, that the recommendations drawn up at the recent meeting of the local board of fire underwriters. will be shortly approved and adopted

by the parent board in San Francisco These recommendations included a 10 per cent reduction of insurance rates on brick buildings and 20 per cent reduction in rates on the contents of such structures.

In the Salt Lake offices of the Pacific

SUDDENLY STRUCK BLIND.

Said to be Result of Listening to Stories

Of Crime.

Chicago, April 6.-A dispatch to the Chicago, April 6.-A dispatch to the Tribune from Evansville, Ind., says: Addison N. Thomas, of Jasper, Ind., foreman of the Dubols county grand jury, suddenly became bilnd yesterday, and it is stated his bilndness is the result of lis-tening to harrowing evidence of orime. These stories are believed to have injured his nervous system so as to affect the perves regulating the flow of blood to the eves. The grand tury has been investi-gating several crimes and ft was noticed that Thomas was vory nervous during the examination.

ELIJAH DOWIE PROMISES TO PERFORM MIRACLE. Chicago. April 6.—The Daily News says today that John Alexander Dowle has announced in a private telegram to one of his deacons that he will return to Zion

that they would soon be rounded up and returned and confined in close quarters, and that is the most dreaded

of punishments to an Indian,

of his deacons that he will return to Zion City late Monday night and "perform a miracle." He promises, among other things, to bring to the "faithful", in Zion \$10,000-600 in gold and several scrolls of parch-ment upon which are written the five books of Moses. In the message, which was sent from the City of Mexico, Dowle declared that he is "now greater than he ever was believed to be."

TRAGIC RESULT OF STRIKE.

Stone Mason Forced to Quit Work He Commits Suicide.

St. Louis, April 6.-After spending all day yesterday at the headquarters of his union, where he learned that there was no prospect of a settlement of the build-ing trades strike. John McMaan, a stone mason, returned home last night, and swallowed carbolic said after declaring to his wife that he would rather be dead than idle. He died within a few min-utes. He had been forced into kileness for a month because of the strike.

STAG HOTEL DISASTER.

Revised List Shows Forty-nine Persons Were Killed.

Nagoid, Black Forest, April 6.-A re-vised list of the casualties resulting from the collapse of the Hotal Zum

Hirschen (stag hotel), yesterday, shows that 49 persons lost their lives and that 50 were seriously injured. Dr. ven Pischek, the minister of the interior of Dr. von Wurtemburg, has arrived here to peronally inquire into the disaster. The king of Wurtemburg has tele-

graphed an expression of his sympathy with the familles of the victims.

STREAMS OF LAVA

Are Flowing From Vesuvius in Direc-

tion of Pompeii.

Naples.April 6-Streams of lava which are diffusing great heat are progress-ing with considerable rapidity in the direction of Pompeil. From the crater, which is 20 feet in circumference, the lava has already gone two miles and a

half. Hot mud, ashes and black sand are also ejected, which, mixed with rain, produce the so-called caustic rain,

which is most damaging to vegetation. Although the showers of cinders here have diminished, people can be seen holding up umbrellas as protection against the falling ashes.

WANTED FOR SWINDLING.

"Our Young Men's Mutual Im provement associations are in as good care or keeping as could be expected. This is an organization which only care or keeping as could be expected. This is an organization which only continues a portion of the year. Dur-ing the busy season when young men are required on the farms or in the harvest fields, our Mutual Improve-ment organizations cease their activity for a time, but they are taken up again the busy for a time, but they are taken up again