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## GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-third semi-annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene on Saturday, October 4, 1902, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City. A general attendance of the officers and members of the Church is invited and desired.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
JOHN R. WINDER,  
ANTHONY H. LUND.

First Presidency.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The regular conference of Sunday school workers is called for Sunday evening October 5th, at 7:30 o'clock in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. It is urged that all Sunday school workers attend, as matters of a very interesting and instructive character will be presented.

There will be an important meeting of the Stake Superintendents held in room 25, Lion House, on Sunday evening, October 5th, at six o'clock. It is earnestly requested that all visiting superintendents and their aids attend, as business of importance is to be transacted.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
GEO. REYNOLDS,  
J. M. TANNER,  
General Superintendency.

## FAST DAY CHANGED.

As the General Conference of the Church will be in session on Sunday, October 5, 1902, by request of the First Presidency the regular monthly fast meeting will be observed on Sunday, September 28, in all the wards of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion. The Bishops and members of those wards will please govern themselves accordingly. Fast meetings will be held in those wards in the afternoon of that day, and there will consequently be no meeting then, in the Tabernacle.

ANGUS M. CANNON,  
JOSEPH E. TAYLOR,  
CHARLES W. PENROSE,  
Stake Presidency.

## THE EVILS THAT CONFRONT US

The morning papers appear to be arousing themselves a little to the criminal situation in Salt Lake City. If the fall election was not closely approaching, perhaps they might become wide-awake concerning the dangers that confront us. But they do not strike at the root of the matter. The truth is, that the bars against the great vices that corrupt society have been entirely thrown down, and gambling, prostitution and attendant evils are permitted to flourish openly, without even a pretense of secrecy. This encourages the influx of lawless persons, and is the real cause of the "carnival of crime," which those papers declare is running riot in this city.

There appears to be a tacit understanding between the executive officers and the people who run establishments forbidden by the law, and they are allowed to be "wide open" for the encouragement of all kinds of licentiousness. Frequenters of those places will squander or lose their money, are tempted to recuperate by unlawful means. They resort either to open violence or secret plunder. The police force is insufficient to meet the evil of street robbery, and unwilling to go to the source of the wrong. Debauched highwaymen go out, under cover of the night, and with deadly weapons assail our citizens, and they, for self-protection, are induced to wear revolvers, and so the ordinance against carrying such weapons is violated, and people become accustomed to the use of firearms and homicides are the result.

Break up the dens of infamy which are winked at, if not encouraged, by city officials, and the primal cause of the lawlessness now complained against will be removed. Let them continue as at present, and this city will become a hot-bed of wickedness and corruption that will seek to heaven.

It is amusing to some people, and disgusting to others, to note the endeavors of certain individuals to promote the appointment of persons to aid specially in the detection of crime who are known to be hand-and-glove with the sporting elements and manipulators of their votes. If that is not trying to fight a conflagration with fire, it is the next thing to it. We trust the City Council will not be influenced by any political or other considerations, to favor a policy which would be a complete reversal of the position it has assumed ever since election. Consistency is said to be a jewel. We hope it will shine brilliantly in the course of the council.

The question which is being asked

on street corners, in public places, and in private homes is, "What can be done to cure the evils that stare this city in the face?" The answer is: If the City Council has not the disposition to rise to the occasion and take steps to cleanse the "Augean stable," the respectable portions of the community will have to meet, irrespective of politics or creed, and unite in measures to stamp out the evil. It has gone on far enough; too far indeed to be viewed with complacency or with toleration. If the city authorities will not proceed to perform the necessary work, let the people arise and organize for its effectual accomplishment. The peril is great, the means to meet it must be provided!

## WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE?

A friend, writing to the Deseret News, requests an answer to the question: "Who killed the Prophet Joseph Smith?" He informs us that this has been a subject of discussion, some persons attributing the crime to a secret order and others charging it to different parties.

From the most information drawn from both "Mormon" and non-"Mormon" sources, it is very clear that the assassination of the Prophet and Patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was the work of an organized mob, composed of different lawless elements. There were, undoubtedly, persons engaged in the assault upon Carthage jail belonging to a secret order in that neighborhood, but there were also in it individuals aroused to anger by political and religious animosities, and others by personal hate of those martyrs to the truth, because of the exposure of the wickedness and corruption of those participants in the cruel murder.

To fasten the crime upon any one special element in the combination of hellish forces that succeeded in shedding the blood of those two anointed servants of God, would be unjust and incorrect. The facility with which professors of different religions who ordinarily are at swords' points respecting their clashing creeds, can come together and fuse for the purpose of attacking the common enemy—the Latter-day Saints, is well known to all close observers. Therefore, the union of those different classes and persons who formed the mob at Carthage, is not at all surprising.

The guilt rests not upon one individual or one class, but upon all who were engaged in the bloody work, or who aided and abetted it officially or otherwise, or who screened the assassins or in any way condoned their guilt. The tragedy is a horrible thing of the past. Some of its perpetrators have gone to their doom. All of them will eventually have to answer for their capital offense, and we will leave them in the hands of Him who will deal out justice with unerring fidelity according to eternal law. Cannot a veil be drawn over that dark and gloomy page of the nation's history?

## A POOR MILLIONAIRE.

The London truth of recent date contains what purports to be a letter from "A miserable millionaire," in which the writer tells of the unhappy condition of people in his circumstances.

He was, he says, at first a happy laborer, but now he is a millionaire, without the necessary qualities of enjoying the luxuries his money can procure for him. He has collected art treasures, but he does not understand their value, except as this is represented by the cost. He has books, but neither inclination, nor time, to read. His servants are the real masters, each in his own department, for he himself understands next to nothing of their work. Friends, he says, he has none; only companions. Even his wife is lost to him. "My wife," says this poor millionaire, "who formerly took so great an interest in whatever concerned me, now devotes herself to society. My imagination breeds disturbing thoughts every instant of the day; my wife is ashamed of me, my son is eager to succeed to my estates and fortune, my friends are designing, my servants are swindlers, I am alone and in the way, I was immeasurably happier when from day to day I dodged starvation."

And this misery, he further claims, is not theirs only who may be called upstarts. Even those who are born rich, are constantly pursuing a happiness which seems to evade them. The wealthy, he says, are always looking for happiness in the future. "When our new house is built, when my picture gallery is complete, when my vineyard has been changed into an earthenware, when my daughters are married"—so it goes on, and death calls before the last element for happiness is secured.

All this should be interesting reading to those who have an impression that everything, even happiness, can be secured with money. At the same time, too much sympathy will not be bestowed upon a millionaire who confesses to be miserable, while at the same time he admits that he was happy as a day laborer dodging starvation. If that condition would make him happy, why does he not, once more, secure a job at starvation wages? Surely, a millionaire should be able to get a job to suit him.

## TROUBLE IN CHINA.

Washington dispatch says that China is on the verge of another Boxer uprising, which may equal that of 1900. This is according to advices received at the state department, from Minister Conger, and may, consequently, be regarded as reliable news, not sensational rumors. The cause is said to be the extortionate taxation made necessary by the excessive indemnities imposed upon the government. The presence of foreign missionaries in various places is not calculated to allay the feelings of the people.

This is serious news. If there is another Boxer uprising, such as the last one, in all probability there will be more European interference, and perhaps the breaking up of the empire. The prospect of a rebellion at this time will also give Russia a pretext for not evacuating Manchuria. Six months ago Russia and China signed a convention,

by which the Russians bound themselves to leave part of that province about this time, and other parts successively—provided, of course, that other powers should do nothing to hinder the evacuation, and that China should not violate any of the agreements.

A Boxer rising, or the prospect of one, would be the very thing needed by Russia as an excuse for remaining in Manchuria, and there will be no evacuation of that province, as long as the Chinese themselves do not keep peace.

Our government has always insisted that the indemnity imposed on China was excessive, in view of the damage done by the foreign troops; also that any effort at enforcing it would cause trouble. This seems about to be verified.

## THE ROMANIAN JEWS.

The note of Secretary Hay to the signatory powers of the Berlin treaty, in behalf of the Jews of Roumania ought to remind those powers of the fact that they have taken obligations upon themselves, which they cannot shirk, without falling under condemnation.

Russia went to war against Turkey, in the interest, it was claimed, of the oppressed subjects of the Sultan. But Russia was not permitted to carry out her plans. Europe claimed the right to regulate the affairs of Turkey. And so a conference was called at Berlin, which was composed of representatives of Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Italy, Austria and Turkey. The Balkan states were created, and the powers guaranteed the people in that region certain civil and religious liberties. Turkey, however, has never felt itself under obligation to respect these guarantees in the treatment of the Armenians, nor have the Jews in the Balkan states had much benefit from the treaty.

In Roumania especially, the condition of the Hebrews is bad. They are, according to reports, hunted and harassed in every way possible. The Balkan condition is a blot upon European civilization. The powers ought to be reminded of their obligations; public opinion ought to be aroused in behalf of the oppressed people, until the governments feel that they must act.

A note from this government may have considerable weight. If it is pointed out that the persecution in Roumania results in the influx here of undesirable immigrants, our government has a case against the signatory powers, that can be pressed with considerable emphasis. We hope the step taken will result in the triumph of humane principles, and the relief of an oppressed race.

## CUPID IN THE WAR.

Someone has conceived the idea of sending 68,000 young, good-looking English women to South Africa for the purpose of completing the conquest of the two Boer states. The plan is brilliant. It is hoped that at least one-third of these women will capture a sturdy Boer, and hold him captive for life. That should result in the conversion of, say 20,000 former followers of Kruger, to the British cause. Loyalty to the British sweethearts and wives should mean loyalty to the British flag. Then, in the course of a few years there should be from this union 100,000 citizens born loyal to Great Britain, because of their mothers.

Cecil Rhodes, it seems, left \$1,000,000 for the furtherance of this conquest, and this money is to be handled by the Countess of Warwick. In this scheme of assimilation through the heart, it is the purpose of Lady Warwick and those who are her aids to be careful not to send to Pretoria and Johannesburg adventuresses and speculators. It is stated that real colonists are wanted, persons willing and eager to make their homes in the Transvaal. The only thing asked of these colonists is that they are attractive. It is argued that if the British girls are placed where the young Boers can see them and associate with them, they will prefer the foreign beauties to the home product.

There is no doubt that the intermarriages thus planned are a most direct and effective means of assimilation of races. When the descendants of Abraham entered Canaan, they were especially commanded not to take the daughters of the alien races for wives. The purpose was to keep their own race pure, physically and morally. In South Africa the policy is the reverse. It is to mix the races in the interest of British patriotism and culture.

There will be trouble ahead, though, for the English maidens that come with the express purpose of depriving the Boer damsels of their prospective husbands. And if the Boer women are as belligerent as they have been said to be, there will be another war in Africa, the cost of which may be staggering. A war between rival girls would be a no indifferent affair.

Those Colorado and Wyoming forest fires are a burning shame.

Those New Hampshire prohibitionists seem to be a rum lot.

The Haytian government is far more stable than stable.

In both parties there are some candidates for whom the offices are not hunting.

New York society people are to give a "real circus." The supply of clowns will be superabundant.

Nothing is easier to understand than that if saloon men do not stand together they will fall.

And now public interest is changing from the lines to the elevators. In either case the odds have it.

In running for office a candidate always catches the itch for office if he does not catch the office.

Five thousand dressmakers are holding a convention in Chicago. They believe that clothes make the woman as well as the man.

Perhaps the President became a locomotive fiend, so that he might keep steam up for the next presidential race.

Joint debates may be a good thing but most people look upon them as an

occasion upon which to answer a fool according to his folly.

The wind is tempered to the shorn lamb but it is time the lamb was being hied from the high mountains or the wind may lose its temper.

Another Boxer uprising in China, on a scale commensurate with the last one, would mean an allied army stationed permanently in the Flowery Kingdom.

Candidates ambitious to secure the Republican nomination in the Third Iowa congressional district to succeed Speaker Henderson, are most emphatically opposed to Picketting.

It is charged against the Roumanian Jews that they do not like farm work. There are plenty of others who are not Jews against whom the same charge can be made.

It is to be hoped that on his western tour no motorman will insist on the right of way when the President's carriage is crossing the track as was the case at Pittsfield.

It is the season of the year when the sweet girl graduate that is to be wends her way to the hills and gathers in the autumn leaves. The girls and the leaves are both beautiful.

The Commercial club has named a committee to probe the water question. If the probing is deep enough the committee should have no difficulty in striking water.

Again the Navajo Indians are reported to be on the verge of starvation. From this vantage point they are enabled to look down into the Valley of Death. It is high time they were given a brighter prospect.

Lieutenant Peary has returned from the Arctic regions without having discovered the north pole. He makes a simple and straightforward report of his journey and makes no bombastic boast about being "baffled but not beaten." His return probably means the end of Arctic exploration for him. But his failure will only be a spur to other explorers.

## COL. WATTERSON, MORALIST.

St. Paul Globe.

A few days ago Mr. Waterson gave startling evidence of waning intellectual power by his attack on the "400," in which he directly and brutally assailed the character of the women who compose it. That they are frequently too convivial and sometimes overstep the bounds of propriety in other ways is unquestionably true, but there is nothing in their conduct that could warrant the use of the word cyprian, as Mr. Waterson did, in making reference to them. What wonder then that F. P. Garretson, who says his blood boils at the editor's assertion, writes Mr. Waterson: "You have offered an unwarranted and deliberate insult to American women. The respect you bear for motherhood and its sacredness, for wifehood and its loveliness, for daughterhood and its purity, not only in this city, but to the nation itself, deserves a retraction."

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Col. Waterson has long been recognized as a brilliant antagonist of "the Money Devil." Isn't it making too much of money to suggest the assumption that the possession of money in great quantities should make people virtuous? All that Col. Waterson writes is worth reading because it is witty; but there is no reason for friends of virtue to fear that the United States is going the way of Sodom and Gomorrah. There is a large remnant of good in the great cities as well as in the back country. Not all the virtue in the land lies to the mountain fastnesses of Kentucky to set up illicit stills.

## MONROE DOCTRINE ABROAD.

London Saturday Review.

It is unfortunate if not exceptional, that the United States can not be satisfied with the plain, straightforward policy of self-interest, without attempting to explain it as a disinterested and highly moral position. It was on this basis that the war with Spain was undertaken, resulting in the Philippines being annexed and Cuba being put under the heel. South America's natural resources are enormous, but the individual states can not act together. It is plain that they will not long resist American extension southward, and American protection from European aggression will soon incubate into occupation by the United States.

London Spectator.

The power on which the Monroe doctrine must rest is sea power. To make the doctrine effective America must build a fleet unquestionably stronger than that of France or Germany. She need not trouble to outbuild us, as we are passive supporters of the Monroe doctrine.

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