

jects of the League and the benefits to be derived therefrom, that the membership thereof might be swelled and its existence crowned with success. The speaker also referred to the Sunday school work in the Stake, and likewise advised the High Priests as to their duties, urging them to faithfulness in the calling to which they had been called.

President George Q. Cannon made a few remarks on the authority of the Priesthood, upon the earth and referring to his experience in the Church, showed that where the people had yielded obedience to the counsels of those in authority, their pathway had been strewn with blessings and they had remained firm and faithful in His Church and Kingdom. The speaker reverted to the subject of prayer, showing how efficacious it was, and urged parents to teach their children to pray, and likewise to pay attention to that holy principle themselves, that in their invocations they might strengthen their brethren and sisters and give reverence to their Heavenly Father for the blessings which he had bestowed upon them.

Choir sang the anthem:

Let the mountains shout for joy,  
after which conference was adjourned for three months, and benediction was pronounced by Patriarch John Smith.

#### TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

ST. LOUIS, June 1.—The work of clearing up the debris and repairing the damage left by Wednesday's storm continues with unabated vigor, despite a drizzling rain, making it uncomfortable for workers and victims alike.

A sharp disagreement has arisen among the different members of the relief committee. Many desire to ask outside assistance, while others oppose it.

Many animals of all descriptions were killed in the storm and their putrifying bodies are becoming a menace to those living in and about the devastated districts. These are being removed. In the past few days 180 horses and mules and five cows have been carted away. The bodies were mashed in every conceivable manner and were found in all kinds of places.

Among the subscriptions received is one of \$500 from Cates, Son & Co. of the National Bank of Scotland to London and \$1,000 from Helen M. Gould.

The telegraph companies have repaired the damage done their lines by Wednesday's tornado and are again handling the business of the public without delay.

Both houses of the Municipal Assembly of St. Louis tonight adopted resolutions asking outside aid for the cyclone sufferers.

The loss of life in East St. Louis, which has been generally excessively estimated, still amounts to large proportions. Instead of being nearly 200, as claimed by many, it is 100 identified, with two, a man and a woman, unknown. In addition to this one man is missing and eight are so seriously injured that they will probably die.

The known list of dead in St. Louis today foots up 141 names, all of these bodies having been recovered. Be-

sides it is known that thirteen other persons have been killed in the storm, eight in the river whose names are known, and five within the city whose names are unknown. None of these bodies have been recovered. Of the 141 dead bodies recovered in this city but one remains unidentified. The list of missing persons today contains the names of eighty-eight persons, not including the eleven said to have been lost from the steamer Libbie Conger.

CHICAGO, June 1.—D. Adler, architect, received this morning a letter from Isaac Slater, his associate in the construction of the St. Louis convention hall, in which Mr. Slater states all the damage done by the storm of Wednesday to the convention hall had been repaired at a cost of less than \$400.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—By direction of the secretary of the treasury, the United States mint at Carson City, Nev., will resume refinery operations about July 1st. These operations were suspended one year ago, when a number of officials were arrested for irregularities. It is not expected that coinage, which ceased in May, 1893, will again be resumed.

LONDON, June 2.—A dispatch from Moscow to the Standard says it is estimated that a total of 3,600 persons were killed and 1,200 persons injured, the majority of them fatally, in the disaster of Saturday.

There were 1,277 victims buried today. The bodies of those who were identified and claimed by relatives were interred in private graves, but at the expense of the municipal authorities. The great number of unidentified dead were buried in eleven great trenches, each fifty yards long. The trenches were deep and the mutilated bodies have to be placed close together to find room for them all. There were 600 workmen engaged all night long at the Vaganovskoe cemetery digging graves.

The surviving friends and relatives are for the most part of the ignorant and simple-minded peasant classes, and their grief and terror at the sudden calamity was expressed in a very demonstrative fashion.

Only about half the bodies recovered have been identified, and the majority of these are men, though there are many children and several old people.

The survivors have the vaguest possible idea of what happened to them and how they escaped. They only remember a terrible struggle in the vortex of conflicting human muscular energy. Many of them ascribe their escape to a direct miracle. It is touching to witness how these poor, ignorant people help to console each other, to dress the dead and to care for the children.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Senator Hawley from the committee on military affairs, has reported his bill for the reorganization of the militia. The bill is a recodification of the laws relating to the militia, with such changes as are necessary to adapt them to existing conditions. The bill provides for two classes of militia, the former to be the unorganized, and to be known as the National guard and the latter as the reserve militia. It appropriates \$400,000 annually for the purchase of military stores and supplies, to be issued to the militia of the various states. The bill also permits

the use of United States forts by the militia, upon the application of the governors of the states, as a camp ground, and authorizes the use of the guns belonging to any fort for purposes of drill by any militia company.

DENVER, June 3.—General Wheaton was notified today that Massia, the renegade Apache chief, had been slain in southern Arizona by Indian scouts. Massia killed three scouts before he gave up the ghost. The passing of Massia will be hailed with delight by all the inhabitants of southern Arizona and New Mexico, for he was a red-handed murderer, treacherous and powerful with the disorderly element of the San Carlos redskins. He was one of Geronimo's braves and succeeded to that old chief's authority among the renegades. His specialty was attacking remote ranches, slaughtering the white men and women and driving the cattle found over the Mexican border.

He was captured with Geronimo in, 1886, and started for Vernon Barracks, Florida, when by order of the President, the band was to be confined at St. Louis. Massia escaped from the train and he was never recaptured.

EPSOM, June 3.—Persimmons won the Derby; St. Frusquin was second; Earwig third.

ST. LOUIS, June 3.—A movement has been inaugurated to raise \$250,000 or more to aid those who lost their homes to rebuild. At an impromptu meeting at noon today, \$35,000 was contributed by prominent business men. It is proposed to loan the tornado sufferers money on second mortgages. The upper roadway of the Eads bridge has been repaired with timber so as to admit the passage of foot passengers.

PHILADELPHIA, June 3.—The National Brewers association today voted to contribute \$50,000 for the St. Louis storm sufferers.

LONDON, June 3.—The Bering Sea convention was ratified this afternoon by Ambassador Bayard and Marquis Salistury as minister of foreign affairs.

JEFFERSON CITY, June 3.—The Supreme court, sitting in Banc, holds, in the case of the St. Louis underground service company against the street commissioner of St. Louis, that all city ordinances that are granting corporations the right to lay conduits and subways for electric wires and other similar uses, are void. The city holds the streets in trust and cannot grant their use for private purposes. This opinion is of great importance in view of the proposed subway system now contemplated by St. Louis.

MINOT, N. D., June 3.—J. A. Baker, ex-county commissioner of Ward county, was shot and killed last evening by his son William, a boy seventeen years old, at his ranch twenty miles north of Minot. Just before the killing Baker had given his son a hard whipping, after which he started to abuse the boy's mother, which was more than the boy could stand. He took his rifle and shot his father twice, killing him instantly.

CHICAGO, June 3.—A special from St. Louis, Mo., says:

Although it is one week since the disastrous tornado struck St. Louis and the east side, it was not noticed until today that all the house boats in the river had disappeared. Between the