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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-eighth annual general Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will assemble in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Saturday, April 4, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m. A full attendance of the officers and members is hereby requested.

The general Priesthood meeting will be held in the Tabernacle on Saturday. April 4, at 7 o'clock p. m. JOSEPH F. SMITH,

JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHON H. LUND. First Presidency.

The annual conference of the Sunday School Union will be held in the Tabernacle on Sunday, April 5, at 7 o'clock JOSEPH F. SMITH, General Superintendent.

RELIEF SOCIETY CONFERENCE.

The April conference of the General Relief society will be held in the Salt Lake Assembly hall in this city, meetings commencing on Thursday, April 2, 1908, at 10 a. m., and at 2 p. m., and on Friday, April 3, at the same place and the same hours, two sessions each day. All officers and members of the society are earnestly requested to be present. The Young Ladies and Primary associations are also included in this invitation. Presiding authorities of the Church, bishops and brethren interested in Relief Society work will be most welcome.

BATHSHEBA W. SMITH, President. ANNIE TAYLOR HYDE, IDA SMOOT DUSENBERRY. Counselors.

THE VENEZUELA CASE.

The case between this country and Venezuela is one that ought to be submitted to arbitration. It is not a case of "vital interest" to either country, is "national honor" involved. President Castro seems to be unwilling to have the matter settled amicably, and Secretary Root has given our representative instructions to present the American claims rather forcibly. "You will call the attention of the government of Venezuela, Secretary Root says, to the fact that notwithstanding the long and unbroken friendship manifested by the United States for Venezuela, notwithstanding the repeated occasions upon which the United States has intervened as a friend in need to relieve Venezuela from disagreeable and dangerous complications with other , the government foreign powers . of Venezuela has within the past few years practically confiscated or destroyed all the substantial property interests of Americans in that country." The principal sufferer from Venezuela's anti-American policy is The New York and Bermunda company. This company has just issued a statement of its case. It is a volume containing 250 pages. The company denies the allegations of the Venezuelan agents, that it has taken any part in revolutions. It claims that it has been the victim of conspiracles at Caracas to despoil it of its property; that the means used for this purpose were employed and controlled by the government; that adverse titles to parts of the company's asphalt lake were issued and offered for sale by the government; that an offer of these titles to its own property was made to the company, which was kindly afforded the "first chance" to buy one of them for \$400,000. In the company's statement it is admitted that "the region in which the company's asphalt lake was situated was constantly swept by revolutionary bands to whom the company was often forced in self defense to supply food in small quantities and sometimes to do other small services. It admits that it paid to General Matos certain sums of money, this payment being made for the protection of its property during the continuance of the revolution and for the protoction of its just rights thereafter, in case the revolution. succeeded, but 'without any understanding or obligation with respect to | objects of historical and scientific in-This seems to have furnished the government an excuse for interfering, On June 8, 1904, the company received information that the Venezuelan government had demanded of it the payment of the sum of 50,000,000 holivars, or else the payment of 10,000,000 and the surrender of its property, as an alternative of being such for the annul-ment of the Hamilton concession, as well as for damages for failure to perform its obligations and for aid to the that allegation. The question from the Venezueian point of view looks father more grave, In a brochure of about 175 pages, the "trust" is accused of trying "to oust formation from a circular just issued, Castro," the president of Venezuela, and proofs are offered in support of that alelgation. matter should be submitted to arbitration hefore the controversy en- Mme, Mountford, the gifted lady who,

WITHOUT PUBLICITY. The St. Louis Times announces its intention of excluding from its columns the names of children hauled before the Juvenile court. This is a rule that could be adopted with benefit to the public by all the newspapers of the country. The parading of the names of juvenile offenders in the public prints can do no good to anybody, but it cer-

tainly may be an obstacle in the way of reform. One great problem before those who have charge of juvenile offenders is how to obtain work for them when they leave the reform institution. A brand has been put on them, which years of honest effort cannot, in the minds of some people who fancy they never did sin, blot out. The publicity given to juvenile court proceedings only impresses that brand still deeper and makes the reform problem all the more

difficult of solution. Those who have studied child training know that the morality of children cannot be improved by publicity given o their faults and shortcomings. Most children have a keen sense of honor and also of justice. They can be made to see that transgression necessarily brings certain evil consequences, but if the trainer will sympathize with them in the punishment and do what he can to shield them from the dishonor of making a public exhibition of their moral weaknesses, he will succeed much better, in most cases, than he will do by harsh, unsympathetic and indiscreet treatment. A boy's sense of honor is the best ally of the educator, and it should not be needlessly wounded by useless publicity.

The question raised by the Times ought to be taken up all over the coun-The silence of one paper would try. not have great effect in the desired direction, but if a majority of papers would agree not to report juvenile court proceedings, unless when exceptional cases demand publicity, the cause of juvenile redemption would be rendered a distinct service.

ANARCHISM.

The time is hardly auspicious for the appearance on the lecture platform of speakers who are known to be anarchists. The world has witnessed too many outbreaks of violence, lately to listen patiently to inflammatory harangues. The sound of hissing bombs has startled humanity frequently, and the guardians of law and order naturally are on the alert. Miss Emma Goldman can, therefore, not take exception to any objection she may encounter on the part of police authorities, to her appearance in public. The Haymarket outrage and the assassina tion of President McKinley, and other public men are events in the history of our country, not easily forgotten. And the dastardly outrage in New York the other day is a new reminder of the presence of raging fires below the surface of society, that must be con-

trolled. How to exercise efficient control is the problem. Despotism and despotic methods have failed, as is evident from the experience of Russia. That country has had more anarchist outrages than any other country notwithstanding the wholesale massacres and ineach year! dividual executions by government sanction. Freedom and democratic institutions have not provided a sure safeguard. The only course that does not interfere with freedom of speech, seems to be to watch anarchist speakers and writers and take action against them first when they violate the law in anything they preach and teach. Freedcm of speech does not mean freedom to teach assassination or the de- plete his memoirs, which will cover his struction of property. judicial career It is not always remembered that the term anarchist applies to a number of persons with the most divergent vlews on almost every topic. They all hold that government ought to be abolished, but they differ in everything else. Tolstoi, for instance, is classed as an anarchist, but he is opposed to any form of violence. He believes in non-resistance, while Kropotkin advocates revolution. It is evident, therefore, that no general rule can be laid down for the treatment of all ananarchists. They are as different as can be, and must be treated accordingly.

and customs of the people in the Holy Land, thus furnishing the most intelligible commentary on many of the difficult passages of the Scriptures, We notice in eastern papers that the lady has recently given a sories of lectures in Paterson and Passaic. The Paterson Guardian of March 12, says:

son Guardian of Morch 12, says: "The closing lecture of the Y. M. C. A, and Y. W. C. A. course was given by Madam Mouniford last night in the First Baptist church. The subject was the 'Life of Christ.' The lecture throughout was a splendid life-like picture of the more prominent scenes in the life of Jesus, and it is no doubt Madam Mouniford's greatest lecture. With many beautiful Oriental flustra-tions and surong dramatic delivery, the lecturer held her audience spell-bound at times. ound at times.

bound at times. "Madam Mountford's visit to Pater-son has been of great value to Bible students, and the opportunity to hear from one who has not only visited many times the land of Holy Writ, but one who has lived in Palestine for over twenty years, is a rare one. No doubt the few lectures that are to be given at the Second Presbyterian church next week before the Madam leaves for other engagements will be well attended. Madam Mountford's work is unique. Her lectures make the Bible a living message to the peo-ple.

The Christian Advocate of March 5 has this notice. "Madame Lydia M. Von Finkelstein

"Madame Lydia M. Von Finkelstein Mountford has delivered twenty lec-tures in Paterson and Passaic during the last two or three weeks. She now lectures without the spiendid costumes which she formerly displayed, having perfected her lectures to such an ex-tent that with voice and gestures she can communicate the ideas to all at-tentive hearers. Her lectures are crowded and her remuneration is ob-tained by collections. No one lectur-ing on Palestine and other purts of Syria nor on Bible themes is more in-teresting and instructive than she."

We trust Mrs. Mountford's engagements will permit her to extend her lecture tour to the West, where she has many friends and admirers.

Did "That Boy" fool you this morning?

The yellow journals were right after

all-Anna Gould is to be a princess after all, if she is not already.

As in most cases, there appears to have been a woman in the submarine boat scandal. Mr. Lilley says she was employed to influence senators. Now comes one Isaac Rice charging

that the Lilley inquiry was started by a rival boat company, thus making the scandal more foul. .

Even the press is to be excluded at the Abruzzi wedding in Rome. How society will get along without a description of the bride's gown is hard to imagine

To say that the strike now on in Pennsylvania will not do any harm is like saying that to hit a man on the head with a piece of coal won't hur! him if the missile is soft coal,

Why does not the City auditor furnsh the report he is under legal obligation to prepare and publish? If he court were appealed to, to compel him to do his duty, what excuse could he make for having ignored the law which requires him to give that report before the first Monday in February

From Washington comes the report that Justice Jonhn M. Harlan of the supreme court is to retire at the expiration of the present term of the supreme court. Justice Harlan has been a member of that tribunal for the past thirty years. One of his chief reasons for desiring to retire is that he may have an opportunity to com-

band, "any old thing appeals to you if it's only cheap!" His bargain-hunting wife grimly 'Don't forget," she sarenstically re-

ked, "that you yourself are one of characteristic investments,"-Clevearked. and Plain Dealer.

The Sobering Effect of Intoxication. Old Man (whose thoughts have been turned by whisky to controversial top-les)--Can 'e tell me, squire, the differ-ence between "contracting out" and "non-provided" schools? Saulta--Co away home my man and ALL OF Squire-Go away home, my man, and

eme to me again when you're sober. Old Man-Sober? Nobody cares for hem sort o' things when 'e's sober!unch.

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The Increased Burden.

"I hear that Jorais' four daughters re married." "Is that so? I suppose he's glad he's of them off his hands."

"Not exactly. He now has to keep our husbands on their feet. -Brooklyn

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Harper's Weekly for March 28 is conspicuous for the variety of its con-tents.. The question of the preserva-tion of the forests of the United States is dealt with in an autoritative man-ner by Roland Phillips, who contrib-utes a well-informed and most strik-ing article on the subject. It is fully illustrated. Sydney Brooks discusses "Corruption in England" in an article in the course of which he draws some "Corruption in England" in an article in the course of which he draws some startling conclusions. The work of the army signal corps is interestingly described by William Inglis; and Vic-tor Rousseau has a vivid and sympa-thetic interview with the author of one of the most conspicuous novels of the season—Rex Beach, whose new story of Alaskan life has just been published.—Harper & Bros., New York.

Ainslee's for April has a fine collec-tion of stories, poems, and essays. The complete novel is a mystery story by Henry Gallup Paine, and is called "The Forefinger." The scene of the story is laid in New York. Ada Woodruff Anderson has a fine western story called "The Government of Miss Sil-via." It is a love-story with an intri-cate but well-developed plot, full of in-terest and glowing with western color. Mary H. Vorse has another of her fun-ny child interest stories called "Fish-balt and Wives." A story of unique interest is one by Cosmo Hamilton called "A Very Ordinary Affair." A story of interest is one called "The Power Behind the Throne," by Hilda Mable. This number contains many other stories different from the accus-tomed Jines of fiction.-79-89 Seventh Ave., New York. Ainslee's for April has a fine collec

Ave, New York. In the People's Magazine for April there is a great variety of good fiction. The magazine consists of 192 pages of stories, and an additional 32 page sup-plement of stage pletures, with which is connected a departmental review of plays. It contains a complete novel of romance by Clinton Dangerfield; a novelette dealing with the occult by Winona Godfrey; an amusing depart-ment-store story by Leo Crane: a tale with real western flavor by R. C. Pit-zer; a detective story by Emily Wright Maynadler; a humorous actor story by Ashley Miller, and many others.—79-89 Seyenth avenue, New York.



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ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH.

During the year 1907 the Archaeoogical Institute of America conducted no less than five field expeditions: One in the "Mount Region" of Missouri, and four in the Southwest, in Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico. The plans for the future contemplate excavations in Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona. Investigations will be continued in the Mound Region in the Mississippi Valley, and work will be proscouted in Alaska with a view to finding the vestiges of migrations to the New World from Asia. In Old Mexico efforts will be made to recover the survivals of archaic ceremonies that still exist among the descendants of the ancient people. Arrangements have been completed for excavations in one of the unclent cities of Central America, Plans are also being matured for researches in the archives of Spain for historical documents relating to America.

The Utah Society has been active in providing for the protection and preservation of all remains of antiquity in Utah, and for the setting aside of terest in the State as National Monuments. It has maintained a field ex-

pedition during the past year for the study of the ruins in the southern part of the State. The Society proposes to continue the systematic study of the ruins of Utah and the adjoining States in collaboration with the institutions of the State as a part of the general plan of work in American Archaeology. It expects to excavate one lmportant group of ruins in Southern Utah the coming summer. All field work will be under the supervision of Director Hewett. We believe this work is of general interest to our readers, and therefore reproduce this in-

MME. MOUNTFORD.

Many of our readers will remember the best of renson, ' erbacle here and lectured on Palestine

OH, THESE MISSIONARIES.

New York Evening Sun.

New York Evening Sun. Secretary Hay, who was noted for his international altruism, decided that Turkey was not responsible for the acts of brigands and therefore could not justly be compelled to reimburse cer-tain citizens of this country who con-tributed to the ransom of Miss Stone, However, this lady herself, being of a grateful disposition and conscious of worth in the eyes of the nation, recently asked the administration to effect the reimbursement with the people's money, and the administration has now very properly submitted the request to Con-gress. Well, although it's hard times, the bill is only for \$66,000 and we guess we can stand for it. Oh, these missionwe can stand for it. Oh, these mission-

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Los Angeles Express,

Los Angeles Express. The argument that men cannot be made good by legislation is the familiar weapon of all who would defend such social evils as the saloon and gambling. It has the merit of being absolutely true. The wit of man never devised a statute that of itself worked a change in adde good by legislation, by it they can be delivered from temptation. That prayer of generations. "Our Father." does not beseech that goodness be con-ferred by @ivine act-"deliver us from temptation" is the burden of the suppli-cation. Frank Carlson, a young man, was sentenced yesterday to serve five prover the generation ground man be delivered from temptation in the suppli-cation. Frank Carlson, a young man, was sentenced yesterday to serve five prover of the suppling made a crook of him. Legislation prohibiling such pandeling in this state might not have made carlson a good man, but in de-livering him from temptation it might have prevented him from becoming a bad man. Scarcely a day passes that does not add its evidence of ruined lives to attest the frightrally destruct-tive power of this agency of evil. What good wrought by it can compensate for the wrecking of even one man's life?

WANTS AN EXTRA SESSION.

Kamsas City Star.

The fact that the regular session is so car an end suggests that Congress cay be called in extra session, unless may be called in extra session, unless rapid work is done the remaining weeks of the present sitting. If the regular session ends with no greater accomp-lishment than is now promised, an ex-tra session would be entirely justifi-able for it would define and accentuits the responsibility for action or inaction. It would show to the country how far the arbitrary dictation of the speaker of the house or of the oligarchy of the senate interfers with needed legislas iten, and it would enlighten the constit-uents of the several members as to the arithmed the representatives.



One of Them, "Confound it!" cried the angry hus-