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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-third annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in the Tabernacle Salt Lake City, commencing on Saturday, April 4, 1903. A general attendance of the officers and members of the Church is requested.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,
JOHN R. WINDER,
ANTHON H. LUND,
First Presidency.

RELIGION CLASS OFFICERS' MEETING.

The Presidency of Stakes, Bishops of wards, Stake and ward superintendents and members of the Stake Boards of Religion classes together with the officers and instructors are cordially invited to attend a meeting of Religion class workers to be held at Barratt Hall on Saturday, April 4, 1903, at 4:30 o'clock p. m.

ANTHON H. LUND,
RUDGER CLAWSON,
JOSEPH M. TANNER,
General Superintendency.
L. JOHN NUTTALL,
General Secretary.

DESERET SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION CONFERENCE.

The semi-annual conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will be held Sunday, April 5, 1903, at 7:30 p. m. in the Tabernacle. The attendance of stake and ward officers and teachers is urgently requested and all the Saints are invited. A preliminary meeting of stake superintendents, assistants and secretaries will be held in the assembly room of the Salt Lake Business college, Templeton building, at 5 o'clock p. m., Sunday, April 5. A full attendance is desired.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,
GEORGE REYNOLDS,
JOSEPH M. TANNER,
General Superintendency.

THE MAIN QUESTION.

Our morning contemporary, the Tribune, is never so absurdly amusing as when it flies into a rage and becomes troubled with verbal dysentery. This is its usual affliction when its anti-"Mormon" mendacity is laid bare. Consequently upon our recent exposure of one of its characteristic attacks, that paper raves against the "News" at great length but with little depth. The Tribune, however, carefully avoids the real point in view and discharges a volley of verbiage in irrelevant side lunge.

For instance, the Mayor, in attempting to veto a resolution adopted by the City Council, declared that the council "has no executive powers." The "News" proved from the provisions of the very statute cited by the City Attorney, in his opinion upholding the Mayor's action, that the council does possess executive as well as legislative powers. The Tribune ignores the question in controversy, and quibbles about the word "executory" which is used in the Mayor's veto but was not adopted by us. It appeared, however, in the copy furnished to the "News" reporter so was printed as received. It makes no difference to the dispute; the word is allowable and we raised no issue upon it. The Tribune quibbles over it to draw attention from the real subject.

That paper accuses the "News" of attributing to the City Attorney what was said by the Mayor. Well, both the morning papers declared that the matter was submitted to the City Attorney before the Mayor made up his "veto," and the Herald, speaking of the Mayor's action, said: "He did so upon the strength of an opinion rendered by City Attorney Nye." It is not peculiarly understood that the Mayor has any striking legal opinions of his own, and on the Tribune's repeatedly expressed theory, the City Attorney is the legal *non plus ultra* on municipal law, for the government of all city officials.

As to the learned (?) opinion of that functionary published by the Tribune as well as by the other papers in the city, one has but to read and compare it with the statutes to which it refers to perceive its nullity. And we repeat, the legal opinion of that official is so often erroneous that it carries no weight with the fraternity nor with the public.

The Tribune, in its wrath, mixes up the action of the City Council on other matters entirely with the questions discussed by the "News." In a vain attempt to identify them with each other, and so bungles the whole endeavor as to make itself ridiculous, its common condition when essaying to misrepresent a contemporary.

By the bye, we did not allude to the Mayor's "cute" bit of reasoning, endorsed if not dictated by the City At-

orney, that one reason why the Mayor vetoed the council resolution was, because it was "null, void and absolutely of no effect whatever." That was worse than loading a howitzer to kill a gnat, for it was shooting at "a solemn nothing," as viewed by those wonderful reasoners and judicial lawyers.

The trouble in all the issues between the Mayor and the City Council lies in the fact that there is a disposition to ignore the lawful powers conferred on that body, or to overrule them by force or trickery. When this city chooses officials who have self-respect and regard for each other's rights and duties, and desire the public welfare rather than individual wishes and projects, harmony will take the place of discord and the public interest will be made paramount. The people should see to it that this is accomplished.

THE FAMINE FUND.

Elder A. W. Carlson who is acting as treasurer for the Scandinavian famine fund announces that he has received up to date \$2,342.65 for that fund. This name of the donors will be published as soon as convenient. The committee in charge of the relief work here now considers its work in this direction concluded. The responses to the appeal for the sufferers have been prompt and generous. Mr. Carlson will for a few days more receive contributions, but it is desired that all who still intend to contribute will do so without further delay, so that the money on hand can be sent to its destination, and the accounts closed. The contributors have the satisfaction of knowing that they have done a good deed, and that their benevolence is appreciated by a grateful nation—from the royal family down to the humblest citizen.

NOTHING BUT TALK.

It is very strange that the recent utterances of Admiral Dewey should be taken seriously by anybody. It happened, accidentally of course, that the Admiral was the head of a large squadron of warships and maneuvered in the Caribbean sea, at the very time the "allied" European squadrons had come business to attend to in that region. Naturally the famous hero of Manila bay would make comparisons and wonder what would happen, should he ever be called upon to act again. His reflections were satisfactory to him, and this he stated, when he was pressed by a newspaper reporter to say something. He said in substance, that, ship for ship, Uncle Sam has the best navy in the world; that the maneuvers in the Caribbean, demonstrated the superiority of our fleet, that they were intended chiefly as an "object lesson" to Kaiser Wilhelm; that the strength and efficiency of the German navy were overestimated, and that, finally the United States has nothing to fear from that quarter.

The expression that has caused so much discussion is that referring to the intended "object lesson." Of course, Admiral Dewey should not have said anything about the "intentions" of the United States government, for he is supposed to know nothing about "intentions." And if he was indiscreet enough to speak as reported, the reporter and the newspaper are much to blame for giving publicity to what he said. Sailors are no statesmen. They seldom weigh their words on the sensitive scales of diplomacy. But newspaper men are supposed to know something about what is proper to print, and what is not. In this free country, they are supposed to be intelligent enough and patriotic enough to exercise that censure which in some other countries is entrusted to official censors. If they fail to do their duty in this respect, they deserve public rebuke.

But after all, what did it amount to? Admiral Dewey explained to his superiors that what he said was never intended for publication. That ought to be satisfactory to all concerned, for if it was not intended for publication, no offense was meant.

But even if the Admiral's utterances are admitted to have been offensive, Germany has more than got even with us. For Count von Reventlow is quoted in the Tagblatt as having said that the German fleet could "smash Dewey's heterogeneous assemblage, which had not a single modern, armored cruiser." The Count regards the American maneuvers as "generally childish," and as "always resulting in defeats of the hostile fleets the naval commanders therefore, gaining large newspaper glory." He refers to the "poor marksmanship of the West Indian fleet," to its "insufficient number of officers and men," and to the "low morale of the navy, as indicated by the numerous desertions," and says he believes "the United States will some day have a fine fleet, but she has not one yet."

There! After having annihilated Dewey's squadron in this manner, and relegated the entire American navy to the junkshop, there can be no war between the two countries on account of Dewey's talk to an indiscreet reporter. Peace is assured. And our German friends will learn to attach no greater significance to talk, than do the Americans to the occasional attacks made by German authorities upon our Monroe doctrine.

REVERSE THE RULING.

Miss Lena Kury, who says she is the daughter of the postmaster general of the island of Barbados, has been excluded from landing in this country, not for lack of money, but because she is almost totally blind and entirely without friends or acquaintances here. She came to America to be treated by a specialist in Philadelphia and was accompanied by a Miss Allen, said to be the daughter of a wealthy Costa Rican planter arriving a few days ago on the steamer Caprice. Miss Allen disappeared immediately after the arrival of the vessel and has not since been seen. Miss Kury was found in her cabin awaiting the return of her traveling companion, and when a search failed to find Miss Allen the young woman was transferred to Ellis Island, as the only way out of the trouble. This seems harsh, cruel, and unnecessary, and is stretching the law far beyond its intention. There was no likelihood of her becoming a public charge. The proper thing would have been to send her to Philadelphia for treatment, for

she had money. What would the American public and press say were Americans who go to Europe for medical treatment for their health, excluded because of their infirmities? In this case humanity should cause the treasury officials at Washington to reverse the ruling of their subordinates in New York.

NEW YORK TO CELEBRATE.

Next month the citizens of New York will celebrate the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the municipal existence of that great metropolis. The program will consist of exercises, patriotic and educational in character, and will have special reference to enlightening the children of the schools upon the history of their city. To this end it is proposed, among the many schemes, to have about a thousand old prints, illustrating various stages of development, as a whole and in sections, reproduced on stereopticon slides, to be used in connection with historical lectures. New York has a most wonderful history. Within a comparatively short time it has grown from a small village, to the second largest city in the world. From a small seed it has developed into a giant tree under the branches of which representatives of all nationalities in the world have found shelter. The event will have general interest in this country, for New York with its cosmopolitan makeup, its gigantic strides towards wealth and power, its works of engineering and art, is typically American.

THAT FRIENDLY BLOCKADE.

It is now denied that the United States Atlantic squadron is to establish a friendly blockade of Lisbon. The report was too absurd in the first instance to be believed, but a positive denial of it may be desirable to make assurance doubly sure that Uncle Sam has not, indeed, lost his sense of propriety and dignity. According to the New York Herald, what the department intended was a long distance sea run, in which the most effective speed, the coal endurance and, as trial burst, the highest sustained speed of the battleships could be tested. As Lisbon is a convenient and hospitable port, fairly remote from the seaboard of our rivals, it was selected as the best place to give the men shore liberty. That is entirely different from a "blockade." There is nothing objectionable in that plan from any point of view whatever.

Fine feathers make fine hats.

And now the President is a double L. L. D.

The weather is seasonable for almost any season of the year.

Drinking muddy water doesn't necessarily give a man "sand."

The weather is such as to give people the chills and spring fever.

All naval men think the victory is not to the strong but to the fleet.

Greece used to be the spoiled child of Europe, but Bulgaria has taken her place.

Miss Daisy Letter may catch a prince. And why not? Her sister caught a vice regent.

Rarely if ever has the ingenuity of man contrived a more foolish thing than the sympathetic strike.

If Mr. Roosevelt did not live a strenuous life yesterday we don't know what constitutes the strenuous life.

Welcome to our Conference visitors! It is good to see the faces of our friends and to grasp their honest hands.

The recapture of the escaped convicts Parry and Hunt proves anew that the way of the transgressor is hard.

Mammon is said to be the largest slave holder in the world. And millions are ready to put on his shackles.

The eternal fire that burns in the bad place of the Presbyterians must consist of radium, which forever gives out heat yet is consumed not.

Various powers are as hot after the Venezuelan loan as some of them were after Venezuela herself a few months ago.

Of course the Buffalo police know, but so much has been said about them that they have made up their minds not to tell.

President Butler of Columbia University says that college athletics are overdone. What else could he expect after such a roasting as he has given them?

It is announced from Australia that a cure for cancer of the stomach has been found in molasses. This fact should make candy pulls, as a mere precaution, more popular than ever.

In Wilkesbarre, Pa., it is proposed to pass a curfew ordinance making it unlawful for husbands to be out after 12 o'clock at night. If boys should be in at nine why shouldn't pa's be in at twelve.

Canton, S. D., is offering special inducements to parties seeking divorces. It is ambitious to become the center of clearing house, of South Dakota's chief industry. It's a bad ambition.

The officers who captured the escaped prisoners from the pen, are entitled to credit for their tact, perseverance and faithful persistence in discharging official duty. The "trusties" have learned, no doubt, that it is better to "endure unto the end" than to spoil a good record by "a bad break."

Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald in an article entitled "The Problem of Success for Young Men and How to Solve It," published on the editorial page of Hearst's New York American, says: "The stirring up of the journalistic gift of W. R. Hearst furnishes another illustration of the truth that there is some one to be found to do all the work that is needed in our multimillion civilization." Praise to the face is open disgrace and self praise is no praise.

Our wonderfully logical morning contemporary desires to show that, "Four Democratic members of the Council are not the whole government of the city." As nobody ever contended that they are, it is not necessary to waste time

in "showing" it. But on the other hand, that paper needs to be "shown," that five Republican or other party members "are not the whole government of the city," a proposition which it tries to maintain. It is scarcely reasonable to believe that the Legislature intended to vest the powers of the City Council in five of its members. Eh?

SIR HECTOR MACDONALD.

Portland Oregonian.
The British newspapers do well to comment sympathetically upon the death of Sir Hector MacDonald as the pitiful end of a brave man, and to exhort his countrymen to remember him at his best. England has honored and still honors Nelson, as a brave sailor and intrepid fighter who won for her navy lasting renown, notwithstanding the gross immorality of his private life. She may well honor MacDonald as a soldier who on many battlefields carried her arms to victory and draw the curtain of silence, as he has done, between the world and his frailties of nature.

Baltimore Sun.
The tragic death in Paris of Gen. Hector MacDonald, of the British army, will cause deep regret among those who found much to admire in the career of this unfortunate officer. General MacDonald was the son of a Scotch crofter. He entered the army as a private soldier and worked his way up to a commission by sheer merit. Decorations and medals had been conferred upon him for distinguished service and valor in battle. He died by his own hand. Charges reflected upon his character had been preferred against him, and were soon to be made the subject of a court-martial. Evidently he regarded death as a lesser evil than the scandal of a trial by his brother officers.

Springfield Republican.
The tragic end of Gen. Sir Hector MacDonald of the British army removes the only British general who surpassed all his fellows in the distinction of having risen by sheer military merit from the ranks of the private soldiers. While the United States army for 10 years has been led by generals who rose from the ranks, without having had the West Point training—the civil war having been the best of substitutes for it—in the British army such officers are exceedingly rare. Gen. MacDonald, on that account, was very popular among the common people of Great Britain.

St. Paul Globe.
The charges against MacDonald are numerous and nasty. It was thought he had been whitewashed, but it seems the accusations were so grave that Edward VII, no prude himself, could not ignore them, and he told MacDonald to go back to Ceylon and take his medicine. This the fearless butcher of bushmen armed with clubs didn't have the moral courage to do. Once more it is demonstrated that a man may be physically brave and outwardly a hero, but at heart a degenerate and a coward.

Kansas City Star.

The suicide of Sir Hector MacDonald, the "Highland soldier," in Paris, shows there are some things that even a man who is hardy and resolute enough to wear kilts in winter in Scotland cannot stand.

New York Mail and Express.
The story of MacDonald may be permitted by kindly history to end at the moment when, with ankle shattered and bleeding, he sat long on his horse at Paardeburg, refusing to dismount until the battle was done and his work over. There is inspiration for a whole race of heroes in his thrilling story up to that moment. Why tell the rest of the tale? It is better ended there.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Among the contents of the National Magazine for April are five stories and a number of articles in lighter vein. The following list on more serious topics: "The New Socialism and the Trusts," "How Women Are Winning the Ballot," "The Prospective Annexation of Mexico," "The Revolt from the Machine," (in the series, Art Movements of Today) "Personal Recollections of President Andrew Johnson," and "The New Berlin, a Monument to Wilhelm II." "Affairs at Washington" and "Phases of American Affairs," are timely.—Boston, Mass.

The April McClure's is a particularly strong story number. The leading article is "Master of Their Craft," by Adrian Kirk. John La Farge also writes of a mastercraftsman, "Hogarth." "I am Married" is the title of Clara Morris's autobiographical paper. The stories include Stewart Edward White's "The Riverman," another "Blazed Trail Story," Henry Wallace Phillips's "Oscar Chance, per Charley," and one of the author's pictures of ranch life. There is some excellent verse contributed by Josephine Mackam, Emory Potte, Margaret Steele Anderson, and Gouverneur Morris.—New York.

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