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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Sunday, April 3, Monday, April 4, and Wednesday, April 6, commencing each day at 10 a. m. A general attendance of the officers and members is requested and expected.

A general Priesthood meeting will be held in the Tabernacle on Monday evening, April 4, at 7 o'clock,

A special Priesthood meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall, Tuesday, April 5, at 10 o'clock a. m.

A religion class convention will be held in the Barratt hall on Tuesday, April 5, at 2 o'clock p. m.

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

The general conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will be held at the Tabernacle, Sait Lake City, Sunday evening, April 3, at 7 o'clock, and the attendance of all officers and tion is extended to all Sunday school That was a capital offense. He had workers and Saints to be present.

stake officers will be held in Barratt Hall, Tuesday afternoon, April 5, at 4:30 o'clock and a full attendance is JOSEPH F. SMITH, desired.

GEORGE REYNOLDS, JOS. M. TANNER, General Superintendency,

DO NOT WANT CHILDREN.

The wealthier classes do not want children, claiming that they do not have time to devote to them. A woman cannot be a leader in society and raise children. Both demand her attention, and it is getting to the sad tention, where many women prefer society where many women prefer society. point where many women prefer society to children."

The foregoing paragraph is an extract from a sermon delivered by Bishop Joseph M. Francis of Indiana, and quoted in papers east and west. It is very significant just now. It is well known that the antipathy which he deprecates is growing in this country, the contagion coming from French society. It is against its spread that President Roosevelt protested in his famous letter on "race suicide." The determination on the part of many ladies in America not to burden themselves with the pains and cares of maternity, fosters the resentment against the "Mormon" people who favor large families.

"Refined society" was much more shocked at the number of President Smith's children than even over the fact that he acknowledged the wives whom he wedded previous to the issuance of "the manifesto." So with the course of other "Mormone" in the same status. The objectionable thing is that children are born to those plural wives, Punishment for this increase is the demand of modern moralists of the school

of suppression. It will be found that the most vehement outcries against the "Mormons" on the part of various societies, come from women who are of the class mentioned by Bishop Francis. Understand, we do not claim for a moment that there are no good, "Christian" women, mothers of children, and in every way admirable, who protest against "Mormonism." There are many such, who do not understand the situation here nor the principles by which "Mormon"

men and women are governed. But we say that females of the kind that the Bishop proclaims against, will be found among the most strenuous of anti-"Mormon" and anti-Smoot declaimers. The evil he speaks of is a real 'menace" to the country, and it is a crime against God and nature and human enactments.

A DESERVED HONOR.

The people of Utah have become familiar with the name of Richard C. Kerens of St. Louis, Mo., through his prominent association with Senators W A. Clark, Thos, Kearns and others in the promotion of the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad, and his visits to this city, where he was always welcome. The Inter-Mountain Catholic calls attention to an article which it reproduces from the Notre Dame Scholastic, giving a brief history of the gentleman, and a statement concerning an trine of class-hatred. It is easier to honor that has been placed upon him stir a multitude by a "crown-of-thorn" which will be better understood by our Catholic friends than by the general depraved instincts of mankind. Peace

public; it is this: The Lactare medal, the highest expression of esteem within the gift of Notre Dame university, and annually the prevalence of that cause both in one for moral excellence, civic worth and distinguished service to humanity, only just commenced to realize the lit is a curious fact that some of those ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren Street, New York.

is this year conferred on the Hon. Richard C. Kerens of St. Louis.

"The Catholic public of America is pretty well acquainted with the insti-tution and significance of the Laetare medal. Its inception two decades ago may be traced to "The Golden Rose," gift blessed by the Pope on mid-Sunday of Lent, or Lactare Sunday, and usually presented to a member of royalty in recognition of the recipient's extraordinary rights and rollers. traordinary virtue, plety and philan-

thropy, The medal itself is of solid gold, of exquisite workmanship, and bears on one side the inscription, 'Magna est veritas et praevalebit; and on the other side the recipient's name and that of the university. In an accompanying address, artistically framed and printed on silk, the reasons are set forth for the

The numerous friends of Mr. Kerens in this city and state will be pleased to learn of the honor conferred upon him, and they will find a graphic sketch of his career in the Inter-Mountain Catholic of March 26.

TWO POINTS OF VIEW.

Some of our contemporaries have taken exception to a statement made some time ago by the Deseret News, to the effect that the world is largely indebted to men once classed as law-break. ers, for its advancement. But the truth of this proposition remains. It is atmost self-evident. What would civilization have been but for such law-breakers as Wycliffe, Huss, Luther, Savonarola, Washington, John Brown and a host of others? But we are told that: "Good men have suffered under the

law for conscience sake, but they have been men who in their moral principle were ahead of their times. They have since become heroic figures in history for the reason that public conscience has risen to their level. They were mountain peaks, showing through the mist of distance, that have guided hu-manity in its march upward and on-

Exactly. In other words, they were 'prophets," if the term be permitted in this connection, whom their own generation condemned, but on whose graves later generations erected monuments And history will be repeated. Some "law-breakers" of one generation will always be the heroes of another. It all depends on the point of view. In the estimation of his judges, Huss was the victim of his own ignorance and stubbornness; so was Savonarola, and others. It is in the view of later times only that these men are martyrs.

There is no comparison between the Son of God, and His humble followers, but since this day is generally observed as the anniversary of His death on the cross, as a malefactor, the remark is pertinent, that His crucifixion was not secured except after some kind of a judicial hearing. The accusations against Him were many. They said He was in league with the Evil One. A special meeting of Sunday school by death, according to the law at that time. He had cleared the Temple ground: Rebellion against eccleciastical authority! He had been proclaimed Messiah, King of the Jews: Rebellion against Ronie! And, finally, He proclaimed Himself the Son of God: Blas. phemy! they said. And so He died, rejected, a highway robber being preferred to Him. That was the world's estimation of its Savier. Would it be oth. erwise, were He to appear today, as He did then? Let history, which has plac. ed on record the fate of His followers in all ages, answer.

TOUCHING OUR FLAG.

News from the seat of war is scarce and stale, but it appears that an incident has just been concluded at liew Chwang, which might have had serious consequences. The particulars are not known, but the brief statement has been cabled by a correspondent of the London Times, that the American flag was hauled down by Russian order, and that, immediately afterwards it was raised, with apologies. That ends the incident. No harm was done.

The situation at New Chwang is rather anomalous. It is, nominally at least, a Chinese port opened, by treaty, to the commerce of the world. Russia has taken possession and declared martial law, thereby interfering with the coramerce of the world, and, we presume violating the neutrality of China. Technically, therefore, China would seem to be justified in joining Japan, for the defense of her territory and her treaties. She would certainly be justified in demanding an "explanation" of the selzure of a Chinese port.

But it is hardly probable that any action will be taken on account of Rusela's proceedings at that point. The scizure will be regarded as a military necessity. If Japan wins this war, Russia will give up New Chwang with the rest of the territory she has occupied by force. If Russia carries the day, she will retain that port with the rest, no matter what the other powers think of it. The governments of the world are not anxious to mix in the Russo-Japanese embroglio. They will therefore have to leave their business interests for the time being, and make the best of the situation until after the war.

BRYAN ON PEACE.

Mr. Bryan, the other day, preached a sermon at New Haven, Con., which is well worth repeating. He deprecated the prevalence of training boys and young men in the arts of warfare. The only warfare that man ought to wage, said he, is the warfare against evil in all its forms. Then he reverted to the danger of class hatred, and closed by

"How much better to recognize that all are brothers. Recognition of that doctrine will not rob life of bravery it will not make us cowards, for it takes a brave man to live righteously before men in the strenuous world of today; it requires a brave man to stand up against error and to maintain i ighteous principle."

That is the kind of doctrine that must be preached today. But it will find fewer true adherents than the docsimile, than by an apepal against the has been preached upon the earth these long centuries, since angels hailed the

meaning of the word "peace." The Millennial day is just commencing to The prevalence of peace will come,

when mankind is sufficiently prepared for it. But it means the readjustment of all political affairs of the world according to the principles of right and justice. It is not possible as long as weaker nations are in bondage to those who are stronger. National grievances must be settled equitably and satisfactorily. It also means an omnipotent and all-wise government, more perfect than any ever devised by man. For only under such a government can the strong be restrained from taking advantage of the weaker, and endangering the peace. Universal peace is possible only when God Himself rules the earth, and His will is done here as it is in heaven. But such a time will come. For He who died on Calvary lives, and to Him will eventually all power, all glory, and dominion be

HAD BETTER REFORM.

The Idaho Statesman does not seem to receive much support in its anti-"Mormon" attitude. One of its striking failures was its assault upon H. S. Woolley as assayer of the mint, on the ground that he was or had been a "Mormon" Bishop, and was supposed to have used "Church influence" in the Idaho senatorial election. Many papers in the State are making fun of the Statesman, and the following in the North Idaho Star voices the views of people and papers of both political parties:

"The senate promptly confirmed H. Smith Wooiley as assayer of the Boise mint. Thus the regular organization of the Republican party of Idaho, including Senator Heyburn, the president, the secretary of the treasury, and the senate of the United States have all acted favorably upon the Woolley case.
Against this political aggregation
stands the poor old Boise Statesman.
Surely that paper has entered the senile stage.

The yellow peril-W. R. H.

April showers bring more mud. As well bay the moon as, bid Mr.

Bryan be silent. This day hath seen "the uncertain

glory of an April day." Never look a gift horse in the mouth,

Look him in the eye.

Had such a lovely day been predicted, it might not have come.

"Pay as you go from court," is Mr. F. Augustus Heinze's motto.

Every man tooting his own horn is not calculated to produce harmony.

Some people think it they shout through a megaphone their call will be mistaken for the voice of the people.

At target practice the Alabama has made a much better record than the Kearsarge. This is reversing history.

Two hundred iron bed makers of Chiago have gone on strike. These are the kind of men who make Procrustean

The row in the Red Cross society continues. Never was the behest, "Physician, heal thyself," more appreciable

than in this case. Of course twenty thousand dollars a a big fine, but think of the beautiful frame of mind of a man who can pay

it and never miss it. Poor little Colombia! In the French courts she has lost her suit against the Panama Canal company. She probably never will realize the true uses of

Justice Holmes is being praised and blamed alternately for dissenting in the Merger case But what's the use of being the son of The Autocrat if he cannot do as he chooses? ALL the Latter-day Saints in the

portheastern district of this city should meet in the Assembly Hall at 7:30 this evening, to participate in the organzation of the new Stake of Zion.

Mr. Moyer, of the Western Federa tion of Miners, has learned that the reason and justification for his incareration is "military necessity." After a while he may learn that in the midst of arms the laws are silent.

"Russia cannot forever play the sollary watchdog of civilization in the far east," declares the Bourse Gazette of St. Petersburg, Hasn't the Gazette confounded "the solitary watchdog of civilization" with the dog in the man.

"Heavy, heavy hangs over your head. Fine or superfine?" says Judge Beatty to Mr. Heinze. "Superfine," says Mr. Heinze. "Wrong." "What shall the for-'eit be?" "Twenty thousand dollars, or imprisonment until it is paid," says the judge. Mr. Heinze pays the forfelt and goes free.

A FEW MORE COMMENTS.

The Globe-Democrat. "The Republican party is not involved in any way in the Mormon in-quiry. Theoretically, the investigaion was instituted to get evidence for or against the accusation that Senator Smoot, as a high dignitary of the yarmon faith, took an oath to the church which would make his allegiance to it paramount to his devotion to the United States. There is no charge that he is practicing polygamy that he ever practiced it Even on the accusation on which the investigation is based, no evidence has been obtained to sustain the harge. The senator himself has denied that his oath to the church detracts from or weakens his allegiance to the government of his coun-try. As he has always, by Gentiles nd Mormons alike, been considered nan of truth and honesty, the charge which has been made against him will have to be proved by incontest-

able evidence before it will get any credence from intelligent, unblased nersons. The Mormon investigation has no menace for the Republican

men interested in the Smoot investi-gation seem to think it is all right for them at election time to campaign with and for the Mormons, and to make them all kinds of promises to get their votes, but when one of the Mormons is elected the horror of polygamy becomes apparent. The Mormon question has been made such a political foot-ball by designing politicians that the public is disgusted. The same hand that smites one polygamous Mormon and knocks him out of an office will at the same time put another Mormon into office. Where is the consistency in such the same to the consistency in such the same to the same times and the same times. in such transparent actions? If people believe that those fighting Smoot were sincere, it would be different; but when an election rolls around some of the most bitter anti-Mormons will found bartering and dickering for the Mormon vote for themselves or their friends. As long as a man elected by Mormon votes is good enough to hold office, so long is a Mormon good enough to hold office if he is elected. Why not

Ogden Standard. seems as though the radicals who started the agitation against Reed Smoot have over-reached themselves. At first they brought such marifestly false charges against him that they were easily disproven and then by the trend of the investigation it was shown that the sensationalists were not sincere in their attack on Smoot but only wished to arouse an agita-tion which would in the end awaker. the old-time antagonism between the factions of the people in Utah.

Sacramento Bec.

An exchange which is perferved to have the senate of the United States smite the Mormon Church by kicking Reed Smoot out of the senatorial fold, declares he is unfit to sit in that august body because he has been in close social relations with Joseph Smith. president of the Mormon Church, an

admitted polygamist.
That is about the weakest argument invented since Adam thought of divorcing Eve because she talked to If a man is to be thrown out of

public life, not for any sin of his own, but solely because he is friendly to those who have sinned and sinning, new elections will be imme-diately needed in every congressional district within the Union, and the district within the Union, and the resignation of every United States senator will be seasonable. It would be an unwarrantable out-rage upon the rights of the people of Utah to deprive him of the seat in the senate to which he was fairly elected, solely because of what Brightam Young did on Losenh Smith may ham Young did or Joseph Smith may

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The April Success is a very attractive magazine. A prominent feature of it is an illustrated article by Walter Wellnan on the Presidential possibilities of 1904. Another interesting article is by Cleveland Moffet on "The Sense and Nonsense About Radium." The magnitude of the department store and the mail order business is emphasized by Frank Fayant in an article on that subject, and, in lighter vein, Simeon Ford writes on "The Art of After-dinner Speaking." Marion Foster Washbourne continues her papers on the "bringing up" of children. The subject of the editorial this month is "Keeping Fit for Work" and in the Property of the continue o Work," and in it Dr. Marden would especially impress the importance to the business man, woman, girl and boy, of neatness in dress and appearance. number is rich in fiction. "The Popular Side of Science," by Garrett P. Serviss, and "The Latest Wonders in the World of Science," by Arthur E. Bost-world of Science, by Arthur E. Bost-world of Science, by Louch with the science of wick, keep one in touch with the scientific world. In "Vitality and Success," (part III.) W. R. C. Latson gives some xercises for improving one's physique.
-University Building, New York.

Maxwell's Talisman for March is devoted to subjects of special interest to home builders in this country. It has articles on "Great National Irrigation Works;" "The Public Domain;" "Irrigation News;" "Co-operative Colonization;" "Health from Nature," and similar tonics—1700 Fisher building Chies. lar topics.-1700 Fisher building Chica-

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