

conducted by Charles L. Salathe, were completely demolished. Fire broke out immediately after the explosion. It occurred in the shop of a soldier's store in which a quantity of powder and shot have always been kept on hand. The front and side walls of the two buildings were entirely blown down but the rear partitions were left standing, showing that the explosion had occurred in the front part of the building.

3:45 a.m.—Twelve people are known to be buried under the ruins of the two buildings that collapsed.

The explosion was caused by powder stored in the grocery, which was blown to pieces. The French market was just being opened and the men who sell fish and other food were unloading their wagons. Some of them had gone into the saloon to drink, and the bar-keeper and five or six people who were drinking there are under the debris. Splinters, bricks, pieces of timber and other material were scattered on the market, damaging the and the windows in Barrasin's tobacco factory, adjoining, were shattered. More than six men who were in the streets were slightly injured by flying particles.

CARROLLTON, Mo., April 5.—The jury in the Taylor case came into court at 9:30 this morning and reported they could not agree. The jury stood seven for conviction and five against. The judge thereupon discharged them.

CHICAGO, April 6.—A special dispatch to the *Tribune* from Washington, D.C., says:

The United States Supreme Court in the income tax case has reversed the decision of the lower court, but the income tax law as a whole is upheld, but only by the divided court.

Two important portions of the law, however, have been decided to be unconstitutional, and they are so serious as to affect materially not only the revenues of the government but the estimation in which the income tax

will be held by the people. Under the decision to be handed down by tax court, it is said, all incomes derived from rents are exempted from taxation by the federal government, and all incomes derived from state and municipal bonds are similarly exempted. In other respects the income law stands as it was last August, but the result of the consultations in the Supreme Court shows very conclusively that the law can easily be picked to pieces provided suits are brought to contest each particular point as it comes up.

ST. PAUL, April 6.—United States Circuit Judge Sanborn today issued an order to show cause why a separate receiver should not be appointed for the Oregon Short Line. The order issued to the trustees of the mortgage bonds of the Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern and the railroad companies and the receivers of the Union Pacific. The order is made returnable May 1st, and in case they succeed in showing cause the appointment of John M. Evans as a separate receiver will be nullified.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 6.—In their new stone church at Independence, the members of the Reorganized Church of Latter-day Saints met in annual conference today. It will last ten days. About 600 members are present. The conference was called to order by Elder Alexander Smith. He at once read a resolution that Joseph Smith Jr., son of the great Prophet, act as first president of the present conference.

It will be some time before the conference reaches the interesting part of its work. Revelations of the gravest import are expected, but the hereditary head of the church will be too busy for a few days to pay much attention to this particular feature of this conference.

The report of the special committee on marriage and divorce was also submitted. Up to the present time the saints have had no laws in their

church governing divorce. The report recommends the Scriptural injunction regarding the "putting away" of wife or husband. No definite action was taken, and the whole matter was referred to the saints generally for consideration, until the next annual conference.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 6.—The United States district court jury in the case of John Mayne and John Cassidy, the Palo Alto strikers, arrested for conspiracy and obstructing the United States mails, reported this morning that having been out ninety-six hours, no agreement could be secured. The jury, which stood ten for conviction and two for acquittal, was then discharged. It is not believed that the government will prosecute a new trial against Mayne and Cassidy, or proceed against the other 250 strikers. The trial just closed has cost the government \$30,000.

SHIMONESEKI, Japan, April 7.—The wound in the face of Li Hung Chang is now completely healed. The bandages were removed today.

Prince Komatsu, commander-in-chief of the Japanese army and navy, will leave Hiroshima Wednesday next to establish his headquarters in China.

It is officially stated that Li Hung Fung has been appointed a Chinese peace plenipotentiary to assist Li Hung Chang. Japan has formally accepted him as an envoy.

Lieut. Gen. Cuiing Fung is a son of Li Hung Chang.

PARIS, April 7.—It is stated on reliable authority that Japan has proposed the following conditions for the conclusion of peace: The independence of Corea, the cession of Southern Manchuria, including Port Arthur; the cession of the island of Formosa; the opening of the Chinese ports and rivers to commerce; the payment of an indemnity of 400,000,000 yen, and the occupation of a number of strategic points until the indemnity shall have been paid.

## STAKE CONFERENCES.

APPOINTMENTS UNTIL OCTOBER, 1895.

April 20 and 21 (Saturday and Sunday) July	20 and 21.....	Utah
April 21 and 22 (Sunday and Monday) July	21 and 22.....	Weber
April 28 and 29 (Sunday and Monday) July	28 and 29.....	Box Elder, Oneida and Tooele
May 4 and 5 (Saturday and Sunday) August	3 and 4.....	Juab and Wasatch
May 5 and 6 (Sunday and Monday) August	4 and 5.....	CACHE
May 11 and 12 (Saturday and Sunday) August	10 and 11.....	Bear Lake and Summit
May 12 and 13 (Sunday and Monday) August	11 and 12.....	Emery and Uintah
May 18 and 19 (Saturday and Sunday) August	17 and 18.....	Sanpete and Star Valley
May 19 and 20 (Sunday and Monday) August	18 and 19.....	San Luis and Morgan
May 25 and 26 (Saturday and Sunday) August	24 and 25.....	San Juan, Sevier and Mexico
May 26 and 27 (Sunday and Monday) August	25 and 26.....	Millard and Carbon
June 2 and 3 (Sunday and Monday) Sept.	1 and 2.....	Paungitch, Wayne and Snowflake
June 8 and 9 (Saturday and Sunday) Sept.	7 and 8.....	Davis, Kanab and Bannock
June 9 and 10 (Sunday and Monday) Sept.	8 and 9.....	St. John
June 16 and 17 (Sunday and Monday) Sept.	15 and 16.....	St. George, Malad and St. Joseph
June 23 and 24 (Sunday and Monday) Sept.	22 and 23.....	Cassia, Prowan and Maricopa
June 29 and 30 (Saturday and Sunday) Sept.	21 and 22.....	Beaver

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