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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 H. WINDER,
ANTHONY H. LUND,
First Presidency.The general conference of the Deseret
Sunday School Union will be held
at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday
evening, April 3, at 7 o'clock,
and the attendance of all officers and
teachers is desired. A general invitation
is extended to all Sunday school
workers and Saints to be present.A special meeting of Sunday school
stake officers will be held in Barratt
Hall, Tuesday afternoon, April 5, at
4:30 o'clock and a full attendance is desired.JOSEPH F. SMITH,
GEORGE REYNOLDS,
JOS. M. TANNER,
General Superintendency.

HARMONY AND "BOLTERS."

Our morning contemporary, the Tribune,
is greatly exercised over items of
news in the local columns of this paper
that relate to political affairs. It is
an old source of trouble to our neighbor.
The Tribune would have the Deseret
News muzzled on all matters that do
not suit the biased mind of that factional
publication. But its efforts in
that direction have been and will be in
vain. We shall publish the news on all
public matters within our reach, and
comment upon them, too, when we see fit.
We will do this without any partisan
purpose or party end in view. An
independent paper is not necessarily of
the neuter gender, nor is it required to
be dumb on affairs that are of public
moment.If the Tribune will look into the present
source of dispute, it will find that it
originated in its own columns. It seems
to be anxious that there shall be no factional
fight just now. That is all right
and quite proper. But did not that paper
commence a factional fight against certain
members of the party of which it
pretends to be the champion? And do
they not just now boom up as influential
and recognized factors in the political
schedule? Were they not held up by
name on its pages in scorn, to be rejected
as "bolters," and not to be considered
for a moment as delegates to the
national convention of their party?The mere mention by the "News" in a
small local paragraph that they were
among a number on the list for consideration,
caused the Tribune to burst forth
in a fury last Sunday, with the demand
that they "must be relegated to the rear."
And they are pointed out today by that
paper as "factionists" and "bolters" to be
"rehabilitated." And yet the Tribune, in
the same issue, preaches harmony, declares
against factions, asks for the dropping of
"war clubs" and "the withdrawal of matters
likely to cause friction." Why not begin
with a little harmony in its own
clubbing columns? As for consistency,
that is not to be expected therein.Now in relation to bolters. The gentlemen
upon whom the Tribune vents its venom,
are suspected of withdrawing support from
the faction championed by that paper in the
late municipal election. Therefore are they
called "bolters." Now, frankly, if they
are bolters because they are alleged to
have revolted from the methods pursued
by a wing of their party, what are the
venomous assaults of Senator Smoot to be
called, who professes to be an ardent
adherent of the party which elected him?
Are they not in the foremost rank of the
bolters' contingent?Read Smoot was the direct party
nominee. He was duly chosen and fairly
elected by the Republicans of Utah, with
the use of the regular party machinery.
This cannot be truthfully denied. The
Tribune and all its factional anti-smoot
followers are "bolters" in the full sense of
the term. There is no supposition about it.
We do not care to take up the fallacies offered
as excuses for their attacks, the fact remains
and they should be made to face it. They
should be the last to talk about "bolters."

If there is any split in the party for

which the Tribune professes such admiration,
it is clear to onlookers who are not blinded
by factional mists, that it will be due to that
paper's efforts to read some of its most active
and influential members out of that party. In
the drawing in of its horns for the purposes
of "harmony" it had better not try to divert
attention from its goatish butting by snorting
against the Deseret News. It will not work,
and we shall not be prevented from performing
the proper duty of independent journalism
by anything that comes from such a source.

THE "SPECIAL" SLANDERS.

Once more we warn the press of the
country not to repose confidence in the
special dispatches and sensational correspondence,
sent from this city about the "Mormons" and
Utah affairs generally. They are usually so false
as to be ridiculous in the eyes of well-informed
residents, who marvel at the publication of such
transparent absurdities in respectable newspapers.
It seems that the miserable wretches who concoct
these stories for what they will fetch in the way
of pelf, are not confining their deceptions to this
hemisphere, but are trying their bait on European
waters. We find, for example, the following
dispatch in the Birmingham, England, Gazette and
Express:"Salt Lake City, Tuesday, March 15.—
Amos Ph. Fildes Smith, the President of the
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to
use the official name of the Mormon sect, on his
return to Salt Lake City from the Washington
Inquiry yesterday held a family reunion first of
all at his official residence. His five wives and
thirty-two children gave him a hearty welcome.
Hand-shaking and kisses occupied two hours.
The families then returned to their several
residences, where Smith visited each in turn.
After that he attended a meeting of the Church
leaders to consider ways and means of smothering
the Anti-Mormon Society as a political party."Of course that is not "original" to the
paper named, as it appeared in American journals
also, and in some of them was viliy emphasized.
But it is untrue in nearly every particular. No
such gatherings as stated took place, either of the
family or of the Church authorities. It originated
in the warped and vicious mind of the "special"
manufacturer, who does not seem able to get even
the names of President Smith's wives and children
correctly, as evidenced in other similar communications.
But it looks as though many of the "yellow"
journals of the day care nothing for truth or
consistency, but only for sensations.Another canard that is being seriously
commented upon by newspapers at a distance is a
dispatch sent from this city, to the effect that an
organization of young "Mormons" is in process,
hostile to the purported practices of the older
members of the Church, and this is to make a great
split and wreck the entire body which, of course,
would be exceedingly gratifying to people who are
either misinformed or are filled with malice
against the "Mormons."The papers that publish and write upon
that dispatch are being fooled by the sender. No
such organization exists or is in contemplation.
The Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association
is a "Mormon" society that has just suspended
its winter sessions, but perpetuates its organized
existence, and was never in better condition, or of
stronger faith, or under more favorable auspices
than it is at the present time. The principles of
our religion are engrained upon the hearts and
consciences of its members and are part of their
very existence. The "young Mormons" who take
interest in religious affairs have no fight against
the Church, but feel the utmost contempt for the
creatures who misrepresent them and revile the
men whom they revere and respect as the servants
of the Most High. If the press at home or abroad
merely wish to feed the public with such stuff
as is sent out from this city, no matter how false
and foolish it may be, they will continue to pay
for the nonsense and rottenness with which they
are thus supplied. If they want facts and real
news, they will have to seek for it from other
sources than the scribbles who seem to gloat over
scandal and who take delight in deceiving the
papers and the public.

A RULER WITH POWER.

We have previously stated in these
columns that patriotic Russians are looking forward
to the day when the civil and ecclesiastical rule
of the czar shall be extended over the earth, like
a Millennium. The authority of the emperor, they
hold, is derived from the Almighty, no matter
what his personal weaknesses, or crimes, may be.
As the representative of the Supreme Ruler, he
must be obeyed, and his rule will extend until the
earth is conquered.In view of the struggle that is now on
for the supremacy of eastern Asia, the Russian
sentiment regarding their ruler, is of interest.
It is embodied in the catechism which is taught
to every Russian. The following quotations in the
New York Evening Mail are illustrative of that
sentiment: "What duty does religion teach us to
the czar?" is one question asked in the catechism.
The reply is:"Worship, obedience, fidelity, the payment of
taxes, service, love, and prayer, the whole being
comprised in the words worship and fidelity."In answer to a question whether it is
obligatory to pay taxes to "our gracious"
sovereign, the following reply is given:"It is incumbent upon us to pay every
tax in compliance with the supreme command,
both as to the amount and when due. Were we
to presume to hint the regulation of the amount
of that department of our homage to kings which
is expressed by money, it would be nothing short
of rebellious insubordination. It is the same with
reference to the time when due. The emperor is to
signify at what period he will graciously receive
our taxes—we must be always ready. Should our
wives or children be in utter want of the necessities
of life the monarch has prior claim by legitimacy,
i. e., divine right, and we must consider our
disastrous circumstances as one of the peculiar
trials of Providence and cheerfully make no
objection to the opportunity of proving our
obedience and resignation to the divine decree."

The Czar is said to be but an instru-

ment in the hands of the strong aristocracy,
but it is evident that he need not be so, unless
from choice. A man, upon whom millions look
as the vicegerent of the Almighty, should be
capable of taking the command himself, and lead
his captives out of bondage, to the promised land
of liberty and peace, upon which he so often, from
his exalted position, must have gazed in wonder
and rapture.

THE "YELLOW PERIL."

From the Japanese point of view, the so-called
yellow peril so much dreaded by some European
statesmen, will not come from Japan or China,
but from Russia. Count Okuma, in the Sun
Trade Journal, argues for this proposition. Japan,
he says, since the visit of Admiral Perry, has done
everything possible to adopt western civilization.
She has adopted the best in arts, education and
politics, offered by America, England, France,
Germany, and stands for liberty, humanity, and
justice, and cannot become a "peril" to other
countries.The count, further, quotes history to prove
that the Chinese are a peace-loving people. While
oppressed by the barbarians from the north, they
were compelled to contrive means of defense, and
one of these contrivances was the long wall. He
adds:"Confucius often pointed out the dangers from
the barbarians of the north. The fact that China,
a peace-loving country, was invaded by the barbarians
is clearly shown in her history and in the literature
and customs of the people. And it appears from
historical study that the barbarians have been
holding their stronghold in Russia for hundreds
of years. The real cause of the yellow peril does
not lie with Japan or with China, but with the
gigantic neighbor of the north. Thus we see it is
the height of folly to lay so much stress upon the
difference of color as is done by some statesmen
in the west."There is something in this contention. Russia,
for the last few centuries, has steadily expanded
in every direction, crushing kingdoms and principalities
with irresistible force, in the process. The Russian
rulers believe that the destiny of Russia is to fill
the entire world with the political and religious
influence which is peculiarly Russian. They expect
that democracy will degenerate into anarchy, and
that autocracy then will be welcomed as the principle
of political salvation. With such ideals, such aims
and ambitions, there certainly is a "peril" in Russian
expansion. But Japan is not less ambitious in its
way. The western statesmen, who speak of a
"yellow" peril if Japan and China were to unite,
have but too apparent reason for sounding a note
of warning. The struggle between Russia and Japan
is certain to have the most important consequences
to the rest of the world. No matter which power
comes out victorious, western civilization must
prepare to defend itself, as best it can.Great Salt Lake seems able to make a
rise after all.A Winter's tale—that we are "enjoying"
spring weather.The political machine is usually more
deadly than the automobile.April Fool will be here tomorrow. His
true motto is, E pluribus unum.Japan continues to make advances. Some
day Russia will meet her half way."Shall we suicide?" asks the Boston
Advertiser. No. Go, get thee to a nunnery.In this kind of weather what a
chance there would be for a Prohibition candidate.The working out of the negro problem too
frequently means the annihilation of the black man.When Togo gets that Russian squadron
bottled up, will it be warranted to keep in any
climate?The national conventions may yet listen to
the eloquent appeal of the delegate from Luzon or
Mindanao.What an optimistic General Kuropatkin must
be. He never "regrets" to send news of disaster
"by flood and field."Mr. Heinze thinks it's very fine to be in
contempt, and then that it isn't so fine, but he
cannot say the fine is not enough.When Judge Stoddard ordered Mr. Bryan to sit
down and be silent did he realize the herculean task
he had undertaken?Charles H. Moyer, president of the W. F. M.,
presents a case of arrested development, so far as
the strike is concerned.Panama expects Uncle Sam to give her that
ten million dollars as promptly as he gave her
recognition. How ungrateful! Not much.The Moscow Gazette wants Port Arthur renamed
Port Nicholas, not liking the English name. It
might be as well to consult Japan about the
matter.Ambassador Chouteau has been given the freedom
of Edinburgh. It is not recorded whether Freedom
shrieked when the transfer was made.Soon Japan will have sunk so many vessels
around the entrance to Port Arthur that there will
be no place left in which to sink them but the
channel.Bald Mountain, Maine, near the New Brunswick
line, has suddenly disappeared and a lake has
taken its place. No doubt some trust has taken it
and substituted water for something solid.The St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya warns
England to beware of America, that she designs to
make of the Pacific an American Mediterranean.knows quite enough to guard her chickens when
the fox preaches.The New York delegation will be instructed
by Judge Aiton B. Parker, while the South Dakota
delegation will be instructed by Representative
William B. Hearst. But it takes a good many
Divorce states to make an Empire state.The Brown 6-inch gun, nearing completion
at the works of the Reading Iron company, is
designed to throw a projectile 30 miles. The gun
is 26 feet long, weighs 20,000 pounds, and is made
of wound wire. The shot it is to fire will have
a service velocity of 3,000. The inventor of the
gun says he will build another of 10-inch bore
with a range of 60 miles. May be he will and
may be he won't.SIR EDWIN ARNOLD.
St. Paul Globe.Had the author of "The Light of Asia" died
ten years ago, his passing would undoubtedly have
caused some stir in the literary world. Sir Edwin
Arnold suffered the fate of so many literary
people—he witnessed the death of his own vogue.
His demise will probably cause scarcely a ripple of
interest so far as the general public is concerned.
He exploited Japan, particularly the Japanese
women, in his two best known works, "The Light
of Asia" and "The Light of the World," and was
responsible for the Japanese craze which took
possession of smart English society a few years
ago.

San Francisco Chronicle.

Sir Edwin Arnold will be remembered mainly
for "The Light of Asia," a poem which gives a
remarkably clear and readable exposition of
Buddhism. It is not great poetry, but it has served
to deliver into the Oriental languages and make
the concepts of the ancient Buddhists intelligible
to English readers. Most of his work was published
translations, although that he was not lacking in
originality was manifested when he essayed the work
which made his name known to thousands of readers
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of Asia." The remarkable power and the singular
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great literary production, and its popularity was
instant.

Chicago Record-Herald.

The late Sir Edwin Arnold occupied a peculiar
literary position, finding time, in the prosecution
of duties incident to his profession of editor of a
daily paper, to delve into the Oriental languages
and make the concepts of the ancient Buddhists
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of him—"The Light of Asia." The remarkable power
and the singular beauty of passages of that work
stamped it as a great literary production, and its
popularity was instant.Through his combination of gifts, linguistic,
poetical, religious, he brought the soul of the
Orient into touch, superficial no doubt, but still
into touch, with the souls of myriads of men and
women of the Occident. His gifts he used again
for the Mohammedan lands and for Japan as he
had used them for India and Buddhism. It is
difficult enough to enter into the inner life of men
of one's own race. It is vastly more difficult to
comprehend the inner life of other races, whose
scales of value for all that man does and is and
has differ so widely from our own. And yet, as this
world shrinks year by year, under man's expanding
intelligence, that sympathetic understanding of other
races must be won. Without it contact can mean only
conflict. With it alone is there hope for the
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