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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-fifth Semi-annual Con-
ference of the Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints will be held in
the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, com-
mencing on Thursday, October 6, 1904.
A general attendance on that day of
the officers and members is requested
and expected.JOSEPH F. SMITH,
JOHN B. WINDER,
ANTHONY H. LUND,
First Presidency.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

The General Priesthood meeting will
be held in the tabernacle on Friday
night, commencing at 7 o'clock.The special Priesthood meeting usually
held on the day after conference
consisting of the General Authorities,
Stake Presidents and Bishops, High
Councilors, Patriarchs, Presidents of
temples and Presidents of missions, will
be held in the Assembly hall on Satur-
day, the 8th, commencing at 10 o'clock
a. m. The members of the General
Boards of the Sunday School Union and
Y. M. M. I. Association are also invited
to this meeting.The General Conference will adjourn
on Friday afternoon to Sunday morn-
ing at 10 o'clock.Sunday School Union will convene in
the Tabernacle on Sunday night, com-
mencing at 7 o'clock.

A FALSE ADAGE.

The saying, "All's fair in love and
politics," seems to be the motto of a
number of party advocates in the pres-
ent campaign. They appear to be un-
der the delusion that ardent falsehood
may be indulged in for partisan pur-
poses, when it would be criminal under
ordinary circumstances. Also that to
vilify, abuse and ridicule a political
opponent when "on the stump" is all
right, while it would be decidedly all
wrong in conversation with him or in
social life. Further, that to misrep-
resent the principles and policies of the
opposition is allowable on the platform,
though it would be considered dishon-
orable and unmanly in other places and
conditions.The tricks and subterfuges of the
campaign orator are adopted by many
partisan newspapers. Their statements
are often so contrary to generally
known facts, so libellous of good men
and true, so extravagantly and reck-
lessly false as to be ridiculous as well
as disgusting, and so open to refutation
that they are evidently made for the
purpose of provoking controversy, and
creating the opportunity for further at-
tacks and the repetition of villainous
insinuations. They are frequently too
silly and depraved to be noticed by way
of reply.Sometimes the means resorted to in
order to create a sensation are really
surprising. A speaker is brought for-
ward to figure as "a strong Republi-
can," or "lifelong Democrat," who vi-
olently attacks the party to which he
is said to belong, and a virulent assai-
lant of the "Mormon" Church, a mailer-
er of its doctrines, ordinances, spirit
and influence and a defamer of its lead-
ers and members, is described as a
"Mormon," or "Mormon" parents, re-
ligion and training, when his whole
course of life and depraved habits as
well as his distortion of "Mormon" his-
tory and principle, proclaim him an ig-
norant and unprincipled anti-"Mor-
mon" tool, hired to do the dirty work of
an ambitious political wire-worker, who
seeks to rise to place and power on
the ruins he endeavors to create.Think of the recent forgery of the
pretended letter from the President!
Could anything be more contemptible
than to concoct a mass of rubbishy
nonsense, which the gentleman alleged
to have written it never thought of, and
to attach thereto his signature! Things
in the form of men who stoop to such
despicable methods are viler than the
lowest thief, and deserve to be shunned
by ever honest man and woman. The
notion that such deeds are in any sense
condonable because they are done "in
politics," is evidence of corrupt thought
and of the decadence of moral percep-
tion.The Salt Lake public are treated,
daily, to such drivel and barfaced
falsehood under the guise of political
chatter, that it is astonishing that any
credence is given, even by the most un-
sophisticated reader, to the mingled ig-
norance and mendacity thus presented.
People who are deceived by that sort of
news (it) are indeed simple-minded. It
is manufactured purposely to mislead
on the one hand, and to tickle the pal-
ate of those who like such tainted mor-
sels, on the other. That they accom-
plish in any degree that which is in-
tended is a marvel to the rational and
well-informed.The citizens of Utah who are to take
part in the coming election, by casting
their ballots for local and national offi-
cers, should pay no attention to the
slurs and slanders that defile politi-

cal pages in public journals, and that
are injected into campaign speeches.
They should weigh well such argu-
ments as are offered on political doc-
trine, reflect upon the qualifications of
candidates for the places to which they
aspire, and study that which will be for
the best interests of this commonwealth
and of the country, and make their
choice freely, untrammelled by any in-
fluence improper to be exercised upon
American voters, and unwayed by pre-
tended patriots or tricky politicians or
bogus "emancipators," whose purpose
is to deceive. Lying is no more justifi-
able in political contests than in private
affairs; libel and scandal are not pol-
luted by party needs; and those who
resort to them are no less scoundrels
and traitors than the worst vil-
lains who are scorned and shunned by
decent society.

CALL THE CONFERENCE.

President Roosevelt the other day
stated that he would issue an invitation
to the nations of the world, to join in
another peace conference at The Hague.
The announcement was made in an ad-
dress to the delegates of the Inter-par-
liamentary union. This organization
recently held a meeting at St. Louis,
and adopted a resolution requesting the
President to take that step, and in
response to the resolution he assured
the delegates that he would, at an early
date, issue the invitation.

It is eminently proper that the in-
itiative now be taken by the President
of this country. It was entirely due to
the American delegates to the first
Hague conference that anything of a
practical nature was agreed on. With-
out them, the gathering would have
been a farce. The Russian idea was
to induce the various nations to agree
to gradual disarmament. This was
from the outset regarded as impractic-
able. But the American propositions as
to arbitration and a permanent arbi-
tration court were at once seen to be
practical. At the first conference, how-
ever, only a foundation could be laid
for the great work in view. This founda-
tion must be built upon. An inter-
national parliament is needed, in
addition to the international court, and
that is one of the questions that should
receive consideration at a second con-
ference.

The great work for the unification of
mankind found a remarkable expres-
sion, less than a century ago, in the
famous "holy alliance," entered into
by the two emperors of Russia, and
Austria and the king of Prussia. This
was inspired by the beautiful and
brilliant woman, Frau von Krudener, who,
after her conversion to the faith of the
Moravian Brethren, exercised such a
benevolent influence, for several years,
over Czar Alexander I. In the agree-
ment entered into the three monarchs
declared their intention to "remain
united by the bonds of a true and un-
dissoluble brotherhood;" they recog-
nized the desirability of regarding all
men as members of one Christian na-
tionality and desired to include every
nation in this compact.

The "holy alliance" did not last. But
the principles upon which it was
planned are true, and therefore inde-
structible, and some day the brother-
hood of nations will be a fact. We hope
the President will find time to give
the matter his earnest attention, and
issue the invitation referred to. Every
step taken in the interest of civiliza-
tion counts. And some day history will
glorify those identified with the peace
movement more than any whose only
claim to immortal fame rests on suc-
cess in battles.

IS A WORLD WAR NEAR?

A war correspondent who admits that
he was not permitted to come near
enough to a battle to see a shot fired,
and who, on that account has left the
scene of conflict disgusted with the
Japanese, now predicts that the war
will be long and terrible. He thinks
it will lead to European complications,
without doubt. That the war will be
long, is more than probable. Russia is
sending reinforcements on a large
scale into Manchuria. To meet this
move, Japan has called out another
120,000 men of the reserves, and hopes
shortly to take Port Arthur and release
her vast forces around that strong-
hold for service against the enemy. The
second Russian army is therefore likely
to be met by an equal Japanese force.

As for European complications, the
only danger at present is China. That
country has shown an inclination late-
ly to take active part with the Japane-
se. Should the attitude of China be-
come one of active hostility, Russia
would, no doubt, call upon France to
fulfill her part of the Russian-Franco
agreement, and then there would be
danger of European complications.
But, as neither France, nor any other
western country is anxious for a costly
war, China will be told to preserve
her neutrality. And Japan will use
her influence in the same direction. But
if the efforts of the powers prove un-
availing, there will still be a way to
avoid a European war. For the re-
sources of diplomacy are inexhaustible.
In France it was declared at the out-
set of the war, that even if China were
to take sides with Japan against Rus-
sia, that country is not a "power" in
the meaning of the treaty of alliance.
China's hostility would therefore not
be said, obligate France to take
part in the war. And this view, we
presume, will prevail, as long as Eu-
rope desires to keep out of the brawl.

THE DELPHIC ORACLE.

The announcement that the famous
temple of Delphi is to be restored, as
near as possible, to its original grand-
eur, is interesting from an archeological
point of view, at least. The French
government, it is said, intends to re-
store the famed sanctuary and place in
it the numerous relics found on the
ancient site. According to the descrip-
tions, the temple itself was a "Doric
dream" from exterior view, while with-
in was an idealization of Ionic archi-
tecture. The structure had been reared
beneath the north cliff of Mount Pa-
nassus, where, it was supposed Apollo
and the muses loved to roam. It had
an altar on which burned perpetual

fire, and a sacred stone supposed to be
the center of the earth.

But most important was the sacred
tripod on which the priestess sat while
she inhaled the vapors from the fissures
in the rock, which vapors are sup-
posed to have rendered her in a condi-
tion to declare the will of the gods.
Acted upon by these gases, it is
thought, she uttered sounds unintelli-
gible to the common mortal. These
were interpreted by the priestly attend-
ants, and their skill at interpretation
was frequently put to the test. Her
words were put into verse, generally in
such a cunning way as to have, in-
stead of a clear, inconvertible mean-
ing, a double and easily mistaken im-
port. Should the temple be restored,
it is quite possible that some modern
Pythia would arise, too, and restore
the ancient superstition together with
the shrine. Our time is given to my-
thicism. Ancient philosophies, discovered
under the dust of ages, are brought
forth from Egypt and India, and they
again adherents when the "sound doc-
trine" is rejected. It would therefore
not be surprising to find the Delphic
oracle again the center of world-wide
attraction. The fashionable world
would flock to such a place, and freely
offer its treasures there. They would
swarm like moths around a candle-
flame. Delphi was once a great center
of attraction in the ancient, civilized
world. The advent of Christianity was
the beginning of the end of that super-
stitious cult. It would not be surpris-
ing, should it be revived, with the
decline of faith. Those who reject Christ
are likely to worship Apollo. It is easy
to fall from the loftiest height, and it
is but a step from Christianity to Paga-
nism. The ascent is difficult, but the
fall is swift.

In politics only he who has no ambi-
tion is happy.At Port Arthur the winter comes be-
fore the fall.As the weather gets cooler the cam-
paign gets warmer.Whom the gods would destroy they
first make in Russians.All the candidates wear a velvet glove
when giving the glad hand.It is hard to tell where the whirligig
of time will land a pivotal state.The picture of the campaign har-
shness should be in the rogues' gallery.It is quite proper to speak of the
City Council as the ordinance corps.Is no judicial notice to be taken of
the conspiracy of the retail coal deal-
ers?George Ade's income is said to be five
thousand dollars a week. Simply an
Ade fable.Causing Kuropatkin to retire seems
to be the Japanese forte, rather than
Port Arthur.There are many ingredients in the
campaign issues, but ginger is still
lacking to give it go.And still another convention is to be
held. The Americans are the most pa-
tient people in the world.Third Secretary Gurney has succeed-
ed in achieving notoriety if not fame
through riding in an automobile.Although Senator Fairbanks is
stumping Montana, the burning ques-
tion in that state is forest fires.How much pleasanter for the Lena
to ride on the waters of San Francisco
bay than to be icebound at Vladivostok.Whether or no there will be a battle
at Mukden depends upon Kuropatkin.
He may decide on a mastery retire-
ment.A son who has to be sued for his
father's keep does not honor his father
and mother, no matter how long his
days upon the earth may be.Stray bullets will occasionally give
some one a close call so long as boys
are allowed to shoot small rifles in the
city. And they do it with impunity.Professor Gilbert of Brooklyn says
that Niagara falls will be no more in
thirty-five hundred years. It will much
less time than that if the water keeps
on being diverted for industrial enter-
prises.The simplicity and generosity of some
of our town and city authorities is both
charming and wonderful. They give
away charters and franchises for the
use of public property without com-
pensation to the public, and that, too,
for the benefit of private individuals who
do not go through even the form of an
incorporation! Salt Lake City is blam-
ily asked to "follow suit," but we think
the city fathers are "onto the game."It appears that the letter denouncing
labor unions, and that was attributed
to President Roosevelt, and printed by
the Miners' Magazine as such, was
merely a suppositious letter that appear-
ed as part of an editorial in the New
York Evening Post. But this fact does
not make it any less contemptible on
the part of those who garbled it and
sought to palm it off on the public as a
genuine document. They are worthy of
the scorn and contempt of all decent
people.

PRINCE BISMARCK.

New York World.

The death at fifty-five years of age
of Prince Herbert Bismarck leaves the
greatest name of modern Germany in
the keeping of a child of seven. Prince
Bismarck was a man of undoubted
ability, who might have made in diplo-
macy or in home politics a greater suc-
cess had he not been in early life over-
shadowed by the greater prowess of his
father and later soured by that father's
displacement.

Springfield Republican.

Herbert Bismarck, who was born De-
cember 28, 1849, was the older of two
sons. The other was named William,
who died in 1901, and was popularly
known as "Count Bill." Ethically,

both resembled their father not a little.
"Bill" more than Herbert. The older
studied at Frankfurt, Berlin and Bonn,
and then, with his brother, served in
the First Prussian dragoon guards in
the Franco-Prussian war. The biog-
rapher of Bismarck never fails to raise
the experiences of the chancellor
searching for his brave sons on the
bloody battlefield of Mars-la-Tour.
While William came through un-
scathed, Herbert was shot in three
places and was left helpless on the
field. The chancellor, after a long per-
sonal search, found his eldest son in a
farmyard, among many other wounded
men.

Boston Transcript.

The world is always critical of the
sons of men of genius. It always
blames them if they do not equal their
fathers with a severity that ought to
be reserved for moral shortcomings. Old
as the world is it always ignores opor-
tunity, which is one of the greatest fac-
tors of celebrity. Herbert Bismarck,
who died yesterday, was mainly known
as the son of his father, and hence the
public concludes there was very little in
him. He was fifty-five when he died.
His father at the same age was the
world's foremost statesman in the very
zenith of his power.

Topeka Herald.

As we said in the beginning, Prince
Herbert Bismarck was principally note-
worthy because he was a son of the
greatest man in Germany and one of
the three greatest men of the world
during the nineteenth century. His life
illustrates anew the fact that birth no
position nor wealth counts for aught
in the life-long struggle for power and
supremacy. Brains are all that count,
and Prince Herbert, in spite of the ef-
forts of his powerful and brainy father,
was unable to hold himself in a po-
sition higher than his intellectual cal-
ibre entitled him to hold. The best
that can be said of him was that he
was a good man who possessed a mea-
sure of ability.

THE NORTH POLE.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

Mr. Peary's ship, the keel of which
has already been laid, is to be the best
ice-fighting machine that ever went to
the Arctic regions. She is designed to
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stead of being caught and crushed, and
she is to have a great advantage over
all previous exploring vessels in her
great engine power. She can push
through ice fields that have been heret-
ofore impenetrable. Mr. Peary has
much experience himself, and has care-
fully studied the successes and mis-
takes of other explorers. He goes un-
der conditions which promise great
results than have been shown by any
of his predecessors, and he is expected
to do the work, if he can do it at all, in
a much shorter time than has been cal-
culated upon by directors of previous
expeditions. It is even suggested that
he may establish a line of wireless
telegraph communication. Still, there
should not be full discouragement of
the adventurous men who are waiting
to distinguish themselves as sea-going
parties. Even if Mr. Peary gets to the
pole, he may never get back. What An-
dree learned is an everlasting mystery.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Some of the exceedingly disas-
trous results of the naval engage-
ments at Port Arthur, to the Czar's
vessels, are depicted in the current
number of Leslie's Weekly, which pre-
sents a full page of photographs taken
of the shot-riddled cruiser Askold and
the even worse damaged battleship
Czarevitch, both of which have found
refuge and have even disarmed in ports
of China. The other war features of
the number include a front drawing
representing the horrors of a battle in
Manchuria, a page of photographs re-
vealing the care which the Japanese
take of their own and Russian wound-
ed, and William Dinwiddie's illustrated
letter from Manchuria, telling how the
Japanese treat their prisoners.—New
York.

The first article in the October num-
ber of the Four-Track News is a little
sketch of beautiful Ceylon, under the
heading "Where Every Prospect Pleas-
es," from the pen of Kirk Munroe. Oth-
er interesting articles are, "How At-
lantic Greyhounds are Named," by
Warren Harper; "Trollhattan and the
Gota-Elf," by Grace Isabel Colborn;
"The Ten Hour Room," by William
MacLeod Raine, and "The Shakers of
Mount Lebanon," by William Walt. "A
Vanished Race," by William A. Laugh-
lin, is a story of the Mound Builders;
"Finland's Fate Was Sealed," by Is-
abel Foster, is a pathetic sketch of Rus-
sia's tyranny over the Finns. The de-
partments as usual are full of infor-
mation, interestingly told.—East Forty-
second Street, New York.

The first instalment of David Gra-
ham Phillips' new novel, "The Plum
Tree, or the Confessions of a Police-
man," appears in the October Success.
Sydney Brooks, the noted English jour-
nalist, contributes a somewhat startling
article on "Foreign Ignorance of Ameri-
can Affairs." Mr. Brooks declares that
there are living British statesmen like
Lansdowne and Balfour who do not
even know where some of our principal
cities are located, and tells about a cer-
tain Britisher who recently asked Jus-
tin McCarthy if the Mississippi river
flows east and west. Frank Payant
contributes another of his articles on
American industries. Vance Thompson,
in his "Diplomatic Mysteries," tells a
thrilling story regarding the mysteri-
ous death of Felix Faure, once presi-
dent of France. There are fiction sto-
ries and poems by Captain T. Jenkins
Hains, Holman F. Day, Cy Warman,
William J. Lampton and M. E. M.
Davis. The department "People We
Read About," contains a large number
of pictures of men and women of the
hour.—Washington Square, New York.

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