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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

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

A PROSPEROUS REGION.

The account given by Elder Joseph  
W. McMurrin of the products and  
prospects of Wayne county, to be found on  
another page of the Deseret News,  
suggests some reflections on the opportunities  
afforded in certain sections  
of this State for acquiring material  
wealth, and on the unwisdom of roving  
from place to place when a fair  
foundation has been laid at some suitable  
spot for permanent prosperity.The apples exhibited by that gentleman,  
who has just returned from Wayne,  
are really magnificent in size and quality,  
and are evidence of the suitability  
of that region for the production of first-  
class fruit. Read the particulars and  
you will be convinced of the fact.Moab, in San Juan county, has ob-  
tained a great reputation for fruit-  
raising and we have not a word to say  
in its disparagement. We merely add  
that Calnesville, in Wayne county, is  
evidently a formidable rival to Moab,  
and that it offers great inducements  
to industrious farmers and orchardists  
who are looking for permanent homes.That region has been thought of by  
many as away out of the world, almost  
and as a hard country in which to  
struggle for a livelihood. The truth is  
that it is a most promising part of the  
State, and capable of producing splendid  
crops of all kinds as easily as at  
any other locality.The great difficulty in the building up  
and development of comparatively new  
settled sections, is the disposition of  
many people to "pull up stakes" as  
soon as they have made a home, and  
move to some other point where it is  
supposed an easier way of living can  
be found. This is a bar not only to  
the progress of the region vacated, but  
to the welfare of the shifting nomad  
who becomes like the proverbial "roll-  
ing stone." The discontented settler  
is to be found in many parts of this  
State as well as others. He takes up  
a piece of land in a newly opened place,  
rears his log cabin and goes through  
the labor of breaking ground and rais-  
ing a crop or two, then the moving  
fever seizes him and he sells out for a  
song, or abandons his partly cultivated  
property for some other spot that he  
thinks will suit him better. But usually  
he becomes just as dissatisfied as  
ever in a short time, and wishes him-  
self back or determines to move on  
again, and so he does little good to  
himself or the community.We have heard of people moving  
from Wayne county under the im-  
pression that it was a hard country,  
only to find that they made a  
big mistake and to wish themselves  
back again. Our folks ought to prac-  
tise patience and perseverance if they  
desire to become prosperous. Every  
newly opened region presents obstacles  
and disadvantages that cannot be over-  
come at once. It takes time as well  
as labor and determination in order to  
be victorious. Every time a change of  
locality is made there is a loss, some-  
time many losses. It is poor policy to  
give up a home and take chances on an-  
other place, unless it becomes abso-  
lutely certain that success is impossible  
without the change and reasonably sure  
if it is made.From what we see and hear from  
Wayne county we should think it of-  
fers great advantages for settlement,  
to those who are landless and want to  
make homes, and is too good and fruit-  
ful a spot to run away from, when once  
a stake is driven there. As a rule we  
should say to struggling farmers and  
fruitraisers who have made a good be-  
ginning, keep what you have, improve  
upon your opportunities, learn there-  
with to be content, take pride in your  
town or village, unite to make it beau-  
tiful and desirable, and avoid the spirit  
of dissatisfaction and grumbling which  
leads only to disorganization and dis-  
appointment. Don't join the rovers!

PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

According to the latest dispatches  
from the seat of war, the Japanese are  
endeavoring to cut off General Kuroki  
from Harbin, by occupying a  
strong position north of Mukden. The  
Russians, however, have proved them-  
selves so skillful in evading traps, that  
their capture this time must be consid-  
ered improbable. At the same time, ageneral attack upon Port Arthur is said  
to have commenced, and if the stories  
of Russian shortage of ammunition  
and provisions are true, the time of the  
surrender of the stronghold cannot be  
far off. The Japanese campaign con-  
templated the taking of Port Arthur  
and capture of Kuroki's army. Neither  
of these points has really been gained,  
so far, although the Japanese soldiers  
have performed wonders both on  
land and at sea.The Russians have sometimes been  
ridiculed for their tactics of retreat, as  
if they had accomplished absolutely  
nothing but retreat. But they have at  
least built a piece of rail-  
road, around Lake Balkal, which  
may change the war materially.The dispatches say that this road will  
be opened in a few days. According to  
the correspondent of the London Daily  
News, 25,000 men have been at work on  
that road night and day, all summer.No less than 39 tunnels have been bored.  
The opening up of this little bit  
of road means, we are told, "contin-  
uity of supplies, a steady and certain  
influx of fresh troops to take the place  
of the killed, disabled and worn out, an  
unbroken stream of food supplies, med-  
ical comforts and fresh transport, an  
inexhaustible and up-to-time command  
of good horses, ready for work in the  
field. Without that 130 miles of rail  
Russia's backbones in the far east was  
bent, if it was not broken, and no men  
living knew it better than Kuroki and  
his adversary Kuroki."The same writer claims that in six  
months' time "at least three hundred  
thousand soldiers of the best kind will  
be thrown over the line—soldiers,  
horses, guns, ammunition, clothing,  
food, medical supplies and all the im-  
pementa of war. It will try the line  
and try it high; but the railway will  
be equal to it. Of the rolling stock,"  
he says, "that lies waiting for the flash  
of the curve I can only say that its  
number and quality would stagger any  
man who looked at it for the first time."The probability is that the war has  
just commenced. Port Arthur may fall,  
but the Russian plan is clearly, not to  
make any offensive movement until she  
can overwhelm her adversary by num-  
bers, and gradually crowd the enemy  
back toward the sea. Port Arthur may  
then be besieged by the Russians and  
defended by the Japanese. Possibly  
the Baltic fleet has been ordered to  
Chinese waters, in anticipation of Rus-  
sian land victories and the investment  
of Port Arthur by Kuroki.

FIRST AID TO CRIMINALS.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean, justly  
charges a well known, popular maga-  
zine with the responsibility for a train  
robbery that occurred a little over a  
month ago just outside Chicago. The  
deed was an especially daring one, and  
it is pointed out that but for the infor-  
mation given about such crimes in that  
magazine article, the holdup would in  
all probability not have occurred.In the article the writer told of the  
number necessary to rob a train. Ad-  
vice was given as to disguise, how to  
dispose of the train crew, and what  
class of passengers to pay special at-  
tention to. And this vile stuff was il-  
lustrated, so as to make it more im-  
pressive. The train robbery referred to,  
the Inter-Ocean claims, was patterned  
in accordance with the plans there  
given, in almost every detail.This can cause no surprise. The  
natural effect of the attention paid to  
the horrible details of criminal acts, by  
a certain class of the press, as well as  
the manner in which it sometimes is  
depicted on the modern stage, must be  
an increase of crime, because it fami-  
lializes the criminal with the ways and  
means of the transgressor.It is deplorable enough when such cor-  
rupting reading finds its way into the  
columns of the so-called "yellow"  
press, but it is doubly deplorable when  
respectable magazines enter into alli-  
ance with the criminal classes.The liberty of the press is precious to  
the American people, but for that reason  
it may be necessary for the people  
to take precautions against the abuse  
of that liberty.

SUCCESS OF ARBITRATION.

The St. Paul Globe makes a note of  
the fact that a threatened strike, that  
would have involved 20,000 men, has  
just been averted by means of arbitra-  
tion. The representatives of the em-  
ployees and employers, it is said, met  
and discussed their differences, which  
were submitted directly to a board of  
arbitration composed of three men. Af-  
ter long deliberation and exhaustive  
argument the arbitrators submitted a  
report which carried with it a con-  
siderable money difference; yet both  
sides accepted the decision as final. An  
official of the Amalgamated Iron and  
Steel Workers' union is quoted as hav-  
ing said that the decision was entirely  
fair, and this in spite of the fact that  
the employers gain by it.Such events in the world of labor  
should not be passed over as of no im-  
portance. For they prove conclusively  
that arbitration is practicable with-  
out a previous strike involving loss of  
wages, hardship, inconvenience and loss  
to the public, and bad feelings. They  
point the way out of the labor diffi-  
culties for which some seem to know  
no remedy left but the strike. In the  
dispute just settled the employers pro-  
posed a cut in wages. It was clearly  
seen that a strike would have brought  
suffering upon thousands of persons.Arbitration was agreed on instead, and  
the case was thoroughly investigated,  
with the result that the arguments of  
the employers were found to be well  
founded in facts. The decision was  
therefore accepted by the employees.This must ultimately be the only  
recognized method of adjusting all  
such differences, in a civilized com-  
munity. The sooner law-makers pay  
attention to this subject, the better,  
for the often recurring conflicts be-  
tween capital and labor is one of the  
dangerous ulcers on the modern body  
politic.

THE ITALIAN PRINCE.

In the midst of war news and con-  
gratulations to Russia on account of  
the arrival of an heir to the Russianthrone, the advent of an heir to the  
Italian crown has been almost over-  
looked. And yet, that event has been  
hailed with joy throughout Italy. It  
appears that the royal baby comes as a  
peace-maker between the Vatican and  
the Quirinal, and, if so, the event  
may well cause jubilation in Italy, if  
not throughout the entire Catholic  
world. It appears that the Italian  
King has pleased the pope by not giving  
to the new arrival the title of prince  
of Rome, or of Naples, but of Pied-  
mont. This is taken to indicate that  
the government is no longer hostile to  
the church, and, in return, the pope is  
said to have transmitted his congratula-  
tions to the royal couple, through  
Cardinal Richelmy.The arrival of an heir to the Russian  
throne was taken to mean more war.  
It was said to mean the awakening of  
a national enthusiasm that would enable  
the government to continue the fearful  
struggle in Asia, because the people  
would see in that event the finger of  
the Almighty beckoning them onward,  
in defense of the Czar and his house-  
hold. The Italian prince, on the other  
hand, is hailed as the harbinger of  
peace and goodwill. The two enter into  
the world under quite different cir-  
cumstances. What will their respective  
records be? Who will be the happier of  
the two, when the accounts of each  
shall be finally settled?

NO CAUSE FOR CRITICISM.

Some of our contemporaries are now  
abusing a gentleman by the name of  
Van Allen, because he has thought fit  
to leave this country and become a citi-  
zen of England. A similar course was  
adopted, a few years ago, by a large  
part of the American press toward Wil-  
liam Waldorf Astor, because he pre-  
ferred English citizenship to American.  
Now, there can be no doubt that the  
gentlemen who have such preferences  
thereby display very bad taste, but is  
that a justification for abusing them?  
Hundreds of American girls have left  
this country and identified themselves,  
with others, because they preferred  
foreign husbands, and they are not de-  
rated for their preference. Thousands  
of British subjects as well as those of  
other sovereignties are yearly renounc-  
ing allegiance to their respective gov-  
ernments, to become Americans. This  
is looked upon as a matter of course.  
But Americans cannot afford to be less  
liberal in such matters than others are.Kuroki will retire every time be-  
fore he will resign.It seems to be Indian midsummer,  
and it is correspondingly warm.How can there be plain living and  
high thinking when prices are so high?  
Kuroki's army is said to be isolated.  
This may be because it is so catching.The archbishop of Canterbury visited  
Bar Harbor before he visited Bishop  
Potter's bar.Heaping coals of fire on the heads of  
the coal barons does not keep the price  
of coal down.King Peter is being congratulated on  
his coronation. The murder that made  
it possible was very successful.Kuroki has had Kuroki on the  
flank, but he will not be satisfied until  
he has him on the hip.The British must have scored a very  
great diplomatic success in Tibet or the  
Russian press would not be so sore.The shipbuilding combine is to be re-  
organized. Sort of a Phoenix affair,  
with Charles M. Schwab in the role of  
Cassabianca.Edward Atkinson wants to know  
what we are to do to get cheaper fuel.  
Will the local coal barons kindly an-  
swer his question?President Loubet announces that he  
is not a candidate for re-election. But  
it must be remembered that a presi-  
dential term in France is seven years.Again the Japanese are attacking  
Port Arthur, but they are not saying  
so much about its fall being "immin-  
ent" as they were wont to.A free thinkers' congress held in  
Rome in a palace built by Pope Greg-  
ory XIII and opened on the anniversary  
of the fall of the temporal power of the  
popes, shows that times change and  
men with them.A man who says that he died in New  
Jersey and went to heaven has ap-  
peared at Oyster Bay, saying he has  
a heavenly message for the President.  
The Democrats believe that he is noth-  
ing but a crank.Mal-Gien, J. C. Bates, U. S. A., com-  
manding the northern division, in his  
annual report to the war department,  
says that the experience of many years  
is that no great public advantage is  
derived from the post schools for en-  
listed men. This, undoubtedly, is due  
to the abolishment of the army can-  
teen.How good it is to read that the may-  
or, sheriff and chief of police of Hunte-  
ville, Ala., who were so remiss in their  
duty in the Horace Maple lynching case  
have been recommended for impeach-  
ment by the special grand jury that in-  
vestigated it. It shows that the spirit  
against lawlessness in the South is  
growing. It is a splendid sign.

THE BALTIC SQUADRON.

New York Evening Post.

It is hard to believe that the Baltic  
fleet is really off for the east. The har-  
bor of Vladivostok may be frozen be-  
fore it can reach that port, and if its  
destination is Port Arthur, why did Ad-  
miral Witthof's ship sail forth on  
Aug. 10? It is possible, of course, that  
Gen. Stoessel's stubborn resistance has  
encouraged the Russian government to  
believe that he can hold out for two  
months more, and that it expects the  
new fleet to succeed him at the end of  
that time, though that would involve  
the defeat of the entire Japanese navy.  
First. On the other hand, the ostensibledeparture may be for strategic purposes  
only.

Portland Oregonian.

The fleet consists of eight battleships,  
five of these being of the Alexander  
III type, formidable vessels of more  
than 13,000 tons displacement, amount-  
ing to four 12-inch, twelve 6-inch and  
20 3-inch guns, together with four  
cruisers and a number of torpedo craft.  
This fleet surpasses the Japanese in  
battleship strength—on paper—oppos-  
ing eight of this class to six, while  
on the other hand the Japanese are  
much superior in cruiser strength.  
Furthermore, these ships are undam-  
aged, while the Japanese have been  
subject to the terrible strain of seven  
months' blockading and fighting, and  
must have suffered some damage from  
the fire of the Port Arthur squadron.  
Should the Baltic fleet reach Chinese  
waters, therefore, and especially if the  
ships in Port Arthur were capable of  
joining it or of effecting a diversion,  
Admiral Togo would be confronted with  
a very serious situation.

New York Mail.

Russia has started its fleet from  
Cronstadt for the far east amid the  
booming of guns, the ringing of bells  
and formal imperial farewells which in  
various ways are like the "send off"  
which the Spanish fleet gave the In-  
vincible Armada when it sailed from  
Lisbon in 1588. The long preparation  
and the dramatic dispatch of this fleet,  
like the similar demonstrations over  
the Spanish armada, give the enemy  
ample time to prepare to meet it. The  
heralds came further, the armada was  
very strong, and so is the Russian Bal-  
tic fleet; but the Baltic fleet, like the  
armada, is heavy and lumbering and  
all unpracticed, while the enemy which  
it must encounter, if it ever gets as  
far away from home as the China Sea,  
is agile, nimble, homogeneous and, now  
admirably experienced in every act and  
ruse of naval warfare.

New York Evening Sun.

Gen. Stoessel must have received or-  
ders to hold out at Port Arthur to the  
last man; otherwise, the dispatch of  
the Baltic squadron to the far east  
would be a most performance. It will  
probably not be able to reach the China  
Sea for 90 days, or until the middle of  
December, by which time, if winter has  
set in early, the harbor of Vladivostok  
will be ice-locked. It is true that the  
powerful ice-breakers designed by the  
late Admiral Makharoff could be used  
to cut a channel into the harbor; but  
it may be doubted whether the squad-  
ron would be able to reach the en-  
trance in the middle of December,  
for the southern limit of ice is well  
down on the coast of Korea. By taking  
the Suez Canal route, the time of pas-  
sage could be reduced from 15 to 25  
days, but the risk of mishap and inter-  
national complications would be great-  
ly increased.

Pueblo Chieftain.

But Russia has serious disadvantages.  
The history of the war thus far has  
not been such as to give us much con-  
fidence in Russian naval officers, Rus-  
sian sailors or Russian marksmen, and  
we have learned to regard the "man  
behind the gun" as a factor in naval  
warfare not inferior to the big guns  
and the protective armor and the pow-  
erful engines of the big ships.

Chicago Record-Herald.

If the Baltic fleet reaches the Mediter-  
ranean without a breakdown it may  
consider itself extremely lucky, and if  
it ever gets beyond the Red Sea, the  
time of wonders will have come.

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