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THE GENERAL CONFEPENCE.

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Confer-

ence of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in the Tabernacle, Sait Lake City, on Sunday, April 3, 1904, and continue until Wednesday, April 6. A general attendauce of the officers and members is requested and expected.

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

touching the scope of this provision, and the omission of other matters, and the following in reply appears in the official report of the proceedings: "Mr. Evans (Weber)-Mr. President,

stitution, some inquiries were made

there is no motion before the house but it seems to me this complies fully with the Enabling Act, just as it is, The Constitution will undoubtedly put in effect all the laws of the Territory, and there is a territorial law making these offenses penal. I would not be in favor of changing it at all. I think it is just as it should be. Mr. Eichnor-Mr. President, I realize

that there is no question before the house. I was smember of the commitis becoming highly critical. tee that drafted this article. I am not chairman o, the committee. Mr. Hey-bourne, of Iron county, is the chair-I will state that the committee man. rive this clause, 'and polygamous or sture' marriages are forever prohibit-ed,' the i test consideration, and ifer consultation with members outside the mmittee we came to the conclu-sion that we met the requirements of the Enabling Act "Lily if we adopted the language of the Enabling Act"

There was a further and definite disussion of the "compact" thus entered into and completed, by the introduction an amendment to the Schedule which was fully debated and adopted as

introduced by Mr. Varian, as follows: 'The act of the governor al. . legisla-tive ascembly of the Territory of Utah entitled 'an act to punish polygamy and other kindred offenses, approved Feb. 4th, A. D. 1892,' in so far as the same defines and imposes penalties for polyg-amy, is hereby declared to be in force in the State of Utah.'

We have not space today to append the debate that ensued over this proposition, but may introduce it later. forms are carried out. Suffice it to say, the adoption of this The Turkish question is of immense amandment made the fact apparent and certain that the full extent and intent interest. Should the Mohammedians' break loose, they would most probably of the instrument was to comply with force the European powers to endeavor the requirement of the Enabling Act, in spirit as well as in letter, and that there to solve the problem which they are so unwilling to take hold of. was nothing incorporated in the Constitution, nor in the Enabling Act, that Mr. Critchlow quite falled to set provided against, or alluded to, or touched upon the matter of living with North River on fire. plural wives, but simply, solely and Port Arthur or bast, seems to be Jaonly against the contracting of polygamous or plural marriages. To contend pan's working motto. to the contrary is either to exhibit To be sure what the weather for the gross ignorance of the subject, or a percoming week will be, consult the al-

verse disposition to distort and misrepmanac. resent the requirement of the Nation and the compliance of the State.

COST OF WAR.

Sto istics are being published showing the anmense cost of war in our days. M. Jules Roche, formerly minisn t a myth as good as a mile? ister of commerce in France, provez that the war with Germany cost France nearly 14 francs a day for each soldier phia is named Castor. His name is a engaged. But at the present time, 15 guarantee that he knows beans, francs a day would not cover the actual expenses. In case of war, he says, to England's is no reason why the France would have to bring her field United States should second England's strength up to 2,000,000 men, and that

to maintain this force would mean a policy. daily expense of \$6,000,000. This estimate accords with one made a few

iay, and Austria \$6,000.000 ; day.

The present conflict . Asia will, in

struggle between so gigantic armies.

Russia is said to be contemplating the

transportation of only 400,000 men to

the scene, and that is about the force

Japan at present has ready for the field.

But the cost of transportation and

maintenance so far from home, must

be enormous. The cost of landing Jan-

an's force on the Korean or Manchurian

coast is estimated at \$4,000,000. M.

Roche believes that the cost of main-

taining the Japanese forces will not be

greater than \$1.25 a day for each man,

including clothing, equipment, food,

transportation and munitions. But even

at that figure the cost of the war to

Japan, including the navy, is not less

That is to say, it takes not less than

8,000,000 Japanese workingmen, with

the shall "ges of that country, to

earn enou, to keep the army and the

Russia is not much better off. All

supplies for her fighters must be dra "n

from a great distance. The cost of tak-

ing 400,000 troops to the seat of war ex-

clusive of artillery, horses, and supplies,

is estimaed at \$20,000,000. After this

first expense, M. Roch thinks that the

vierations will cost Russia from \$1 500.

000 '> \$1,750,0"0 a day, so long as a has

to fight only in the far east. But if the

conflict should spread to Europe, if the

great powers should take the field

agoinst each other, the estimated cost

of the struggle under modern conditions

Not only is the cost of war in-

reased on account of the enormous

size of the armies, but the advance in

the implements of war increases the

cost of operations, as compared with

former times, almost beyond corrore-

hanston. General Chaffee in a rece t

address called attention to this special

feature. Speaking of the new field gun

that has been adopted by the United

States, he said it is astonishing when

compared with the field gun of 1861. It

fires a shot weighing fifteen pounds,

with muzzle velocity of 1,700 fest per

second, at the rate of twenty shots a

minute, equal to gun energy of 6,700

foot tons per minute, as against about

125 foot tons for the old 12-pounder. A

battery of six of our new field guna

represent more execution that the 180

Inion guns at Gettysburg. The in-

creased expensiveness of such arms as

this is in proportion to their increased

execution. The ammunition used up in

single day's firing by a Japanese bat-

deship in the engagements now in pro-

gress at Port Arthur represents a sum

which would not look small in compar-

ison with what used to be called "a

No wonder that the statesmen of Eu-

ope are bending all their energy to

avert war. The governments cannot

afford to induige in great wars. The

THE BALKAN SITUATION.

The Balkan situation remains a

luxury has become too expensive.

prince's ransom.

ould be simply staggering.

than about \$1,000,000 a day.

navy.

marriages should be "forever prohibit. ed" and that this provision should not be altered without the consent of the United States. With this ironclad pro-hibition in its constitution Utah was admitted into the Union wight wars Turkey's time has come. And in this, he is very nearly right. Russia cannot conduct two wars at a time. Austria-Hungary will hesitate long before admitted into the Union eight years going to war with Turkey, the internal ago. Since that time the state legislaconditions of the dual empire not being ture has enacted anti-polygamy laws. Their enforcement rests with the state favorable to such an undertaking. And neither Great Britain nor France could officers and courts. Therefore, local sentiment has much to do with the strictness of the prosecution of offend. underrake an enormous military expedition against Turkey, as long as their ers and the ...umber of convictions. allies are at war and no one knows what turn the events may take. Tur-New York Post.

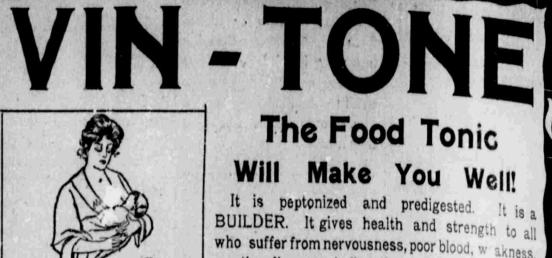
key is quite safe in daring Europe at "By inspiration," was 'as answer of Joseph Smith, head of he Mormon present. Outrages in Macedonia are said Church, when he was asked yesterday to be frequent again, and the situation how God had shown him that Mor-monism is divine truth The Senate committee, before which President Smith was testifying in the Smoot case, The deflant attitude of the Ottoman government was but seen in the reply made a feeble attempt to find out what given to Russia's request for passage inspiration was, and then weakly let the subject drop. The committee, it is through the Dardanellos of her Black sea fleet. The Porte granted the rehardly necessary to say, threw away an opportunity to solve one of the prob-us of the ages. Ever since Eilhu, the quest conditionally, and one of the conditions was that Russia break off or son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kin-dred of Ram, declared, "The inspl.a-tion of the Almighty giveth them un-derstanding," men have debated and even fought over the word. If all the wi.a Austria respecting the Balkans, give the Sultan leave to settle the controversy by his own methods, and ascontroversial books, tracts, and ser-mons on the topic were gathered tosist Turkey, should Austria or other gether, they would fill another Con-gressional Library. The long-rolling thundar of sentences packed with words powers dispute the Sultan's decision. The Sultan would not have dared to frame such a reply, had he not been unlike divino numine afflati, divino spiritu der the impression that Europe at pres-Instincti, inspirati, furentes, or (by ent is powerless to interfere with his transliteration from the Greek) theopneustia, theopneustol, theophoroi, theo. propoi, and entheoi, still echoes from the pulpits of old-school theologians. And yet a Senate committee in a Christian land was so interested in the minor issue of Mormonism "At it let slip the chance to get at the facts once for all

Cincinnati Tribune.

ried. Can he, therefore, be ousted from the Senate because of a belief which he does not put in practice? The question of intent determines the crim-inality of an action, but it must be an intent embodied in an action, and not merely kept in the innermost recesses of the human mind. The criminally inclined cannot be punished for merely intending to burgiarize a bank or fire a barn, and can a Senator be ousted bacause he merely believes in the rightcousness of polygamy, notwithstanding the Constitution of his State and the acts of Congress have declared polygamy to be punishable as a felony? Undoubtedly that will be the defense made and relied upon by Smoot. Whichever way it may be decided the question is of deep interest. If decided ad-versely to Smoot it would disqualify each and every adherent of the Mormon Church from holding any office of trust or profit under the Constitution of the United States, notwithstanding is might be shown that one marriage nad always been enough for him, and that he never perpetuated polygamy. The Butte Miner. Yet this is precisely the attitude which the opponents of Senator Smoot have assumed, and they are seeking by

indirection to show that the character of his religious opinions should debar him from exercising the rights of citi-zenship in a lawmaking body, regard-less of the fact that no charge of law-breaking has been made against him. The importance of this matter goes far beyond the personal interest that

General Kuropatkin is going to the | seat; far beyond even the interests of



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plans. The answer was a defiance to Great Britain, in as much as it grants, Russla's request conditionally, although English statesmeen are urging him to observe the conditions of the Berlin treaty. It is also a defiance of Russia and end the doubt and strife. and Austria, the two countries that are

pledged to see that the Macedonian re-Smoot denies that he is plurally mar-

The Hermit Kingdom will very soon be fuller of Japanese and Russians Colonel Wattersor calls Mr. Hearst "a myth as to his own identity." Well

Mr. Smoot may have in holding his



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IN GOOD FAITH.

The testimony in the case of Senator Smoot naturally causes much excitement in the East, where the distinction between two separate and different offences against the law is not understood, and where sensational papers still further mystify the public by lurid stories, great exaggerations and ridiculous cartoons. But there is no real cause for any such agita .on at home, and those papers that foment it are doing the State no service nor adding to their own reputation for anything that is praiseworthy.

Whatever differences of opinion may be reasonably ind on the questions at issue ought to be discussed without temper and without misrepresentation, When falsehood is told in an c. idently wilful, vicious spirit, sharp rejoinder is a necessary consequence, and thus much gas is evolved with very little * any light. Let propositions and facts by set forth fairly, and rational argument may follow and the truth be made apparent.

As to the 'stimony concerning the mode of life c, a number of individuals who have been named there is nothing new to the people of of Utah, and it is folly, to say nothing stronger, to pretend that it is "a new thing under the sun." The charge of cohabiting with plural wives was made both by the Ministerial association and their echoes, the protestants. It was admitted, frankly, in the answer to the protest. "he charge that any polygamous marriages had been solemnized by authority of the Church or its lead. ers since the manifesto of 1890 was declarea "on information and belief" to be untrue. The testimony, about which so much has been said, simply follows the same line and so far nothing of any consequence has been adduced to the contrary.

Now about the "compact" agreement, or whatever it may be called, said to have been made with the nation in reference to statehood. There could not be any compact between the "Mormon" Church or any other church with the meremment of the United States concerning statehood. The only require. ment relating to this subject made of the people of Eiah by Congress was that in the Enabling Act. This was that the constitutional convention should provide by ordinance, "That polygamous or plural marriages are forever prohibited.

Observe! It was Congress by the acts of March 22, 1882, and March 3, 18s7, that gave the legal definition of "polygamy," and the distinctive difference between that, which consisted of contracting a plural marriage, and "unlawful conabitation" which was living with two or more women as wives. This distinction was invariably recognized by the courts, and by that portion of the press and the public that were not ignorant of the law and the facts. Utah did not originate the terms. Netther were they invented by the "Mormon" Church. It was the Congress of the United States that gave them pertinence and force.

The Constitutional convention, after full consideration of the requirement, and with a complete understanding of the scope and limitation of the language, complied with the Enabling Act consent of this State," that "Polyga-

front to capture the Japs. He will unyears ago by an Austrian economist, doubtedly take something before he who declared that a war involving the goes. European continental powers would cost France \$5,100,000 a day, "useia

position.

than hermits.

New York's city hall is said to be \$5,600,000 a day, Germany \$5,000,000 a very unsanitary. What's the difference? Its occupants are not there for their health. all probability, not develop into a

The new congressman from Philadel.

Because the American navy is second

Nothing has been heard of General

Dick since he entered the Senate. He nay be lost in cor naplation of his new "Write the truth," says the Czar to

there

and self-respecting peo

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the Russian newspaper men. But he neglected to add "the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.'

Secretary Taft wou , have the Panama Canal zone governed by a commission like the Philippine commission. Is not the isthmus a little too near American soil for that

"The stormy March has come at last

With winds and clouds and changing skies: hear the rushing of the blast

That through the snowy valley flies."

It seems that the headquarters f the An.' Mob and Lynch Law Association is at Springfield, Ohio, the scene of the latest lynching bee. It appears to have neglected to put its own house in order.

President Roosevelt warns all federal officials that they must not, by act or speech, offend the susceptibilities of either Russia or Japan. In other words, like good little chi.dren they should be seen but not heard.

"Ping-Pong punning has become particularly prevalent among the paragraphers since the other trouble in the far east started up," says an exchange. Let the pungent paragraphers be pursued partout and be peremptorily and perpetually punished,

'n a pen picture of President Joseph F. Smith, the Washington correspindent of the Boston Transcript says:

'A thin aquiline nose, deeply furrowed cheeks, very bright eyes behind steel rimmed spectacles, short cut hair only slightly gray, and a patriarchal white beard reaching to his heavy gold watchchain were the physical features. In answering questions, and even when he rose in his place to make a longer statement of his own motion, his manner was that of a man accustomed to dealing in terms of precision rather than of an exhorter or a magnetic leader who can sway thousands. His con stant qualifying of statements and his unwillingness to speak explicitly on matters of fact where his memory hight be at fault, suggested a certain type of elderly professor to be found in a most any college. The particular public man at Washington whom the Mormon president most resembles in appearance and manner, in fact. Is a distinguished scientist, one of those whose reputation is rather among his learned brethren than the public who like to have technicalities brought down o the r own level."



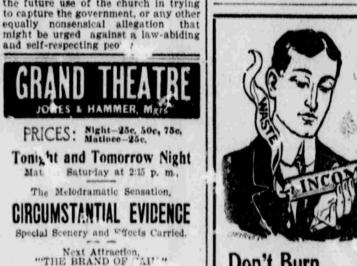
Utah is a sovereign state and its citizens, be they Mormons or Gentiles, have the rights of citizenship, one of which is the right to hold office without subjection to a religious test.

Kansas City Star. In 1894, after much hesitation, Con-

he church in which he is a high ed lesiastical dignitary; it reaches into and beyond the vital py neiple behind the citizenship of en man; and the sutcome of the investigation will either demonstrate the right of a man to think 's he pleases, so long as his acts conform to the law, or it fli establish a precedent under which the religious sentiments of the majority may in time bar the minority from representation in the halls of Congress. If Mr. Smoot can be ejected from his

seat, because he believes in the sanctity of a practice prohibited by law-when he has obeyed the law-then it follows that the same rule may be hereafter applied to any line of religious thought to which the majority of the people ob-

With such a precedent as the ejectlines, reliable in quality and ment of Senator Smoot would establish would be no consistent lar reasonable in price. against taking up in Congress the ob-jections urged against other religious organizations, to which members of LYON & CO., 143 Main St. that body may belong, on the theory that they have designs against the government-such as the assumption that munitions of war are being stored for the future use of the church in trying



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