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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-first Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday, April 5, at 10 a. m.

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MONTHLY FAST.

As the general conference of the Church will be in session on the first Sunday in April, the monthly fast which would otherwise be held on that day, will be observed on the last Sunday in March and the fast meetings be held on that day, March 31, 1901.

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THE STEEL TRUST. Chicago News. The only question is as to how many hundred weight of shares the Moore properties shall receive in exchange for their present capitalization. It would be the height of folly to let a question of this sort interfere with so important a deal, if the Messrs. Moore are not satisfied with 1900 pounds of stock Mr. Morgan should instantly start up the printing press and offer them 2,500 pounds. White paper is not so cheap as formerly. Still it can hardly be called an expensive commodity. The plan is understood to have involved the creation of eleven thousand millions of capitalization, but if anybody would be better satisfied to have it twelve or thirteen thousand millions his taste and fancy ought to be consulted.

San Francisco Chronicle. There may be no "United Steel company" after all. Carnegie has sold out and the chances are that the uncanny Scotchman has been too much for the "great financiers" whom he sold out to. At any rate, it is probable that most men would rather have what he got than what he gave. But there the thing seems to stop. The time does not seem to be ripe for a billion-dollar trust. It scares people—even the very engineers who contrived the monster. They seem to fear that it may lie down on them. And there is ground for such fear. The proposed United Steel company would be greatly overcapitalized, and the pressure from investors for dividends would be dreadful. But dividends are uncertain. The German steel industry is in the dumps. So is that of Great Britain. Both are suffering from over-production, with too costly coal.

Springfield Republican. The American billion-dollar steel scheme naturally causes much alarm in Great Britain, whose long-maintained supremacy in this industry is now recognized as having passed to the United States. What the British manufacturers especially fear is the operation of the combination in connection with the high American tariff and the absence of all tariff on these products in England. As the Midland district points out, the combination, under the protective tariff will be able to realize such large profits on the home business that it can afford to dump its surplus productions upon the English market at an actual loss, compelling the closing of the English mills. And the American tariff would prevent the British manufacturers from retailing in kind.

RIO DE JANEIRO DISASTER. Kansas City World. The City of Rio de Janeiro had among its passengers some scores of Americans who were returning to their native land after years of exile, and most notable among these was Consul General Wildman, whose activity during the early stages of the Philippine trouble made him one of the most conspicuous figures in the Orient. At the very gate of the country in which honors and rewards awaited him he was swallowed and beaten on the inhospitable rocks of a coast which borders the country of his hopes and desires. There is infinite pathos in the manner of his taking off.

San Francisco Chronicle. Perhaps the disaster is not without its reasonable lessons. If, for example, a passenger life drill, like that which is now in vogue in our public schools, had been in force on the Rio things might have turned out better. If the passengers had been taught how to handle the falls of the boats at their davits, how to get at rafts and the use of life belts, more lives might have been saved. It is possible that the discipline which training begets in children, and which carries them to march in an orderly manner out of a burning schoolhouse, if acquired by mature passengers through life drills on passenger ships might produce correspondingly good results in the case of disaster at sea. Such a drill would not lessen the monotony of the voyage and thus serve a useful purpose, if they served no other. The suggestion is worth considering.

Kansas City Star. The speedy disappearance beneath the waves of the City of Rio de Janeiro after it struck a rock outside of San Francisco harbor emphasizes the tremendous value of vessels with watertight compartments. Had the ill-starred steamer been constructed on the modern plan it is doubtful whether its injury would have caused the loss of a single life. The end came so soon that it was impossible to man the lifeboats and get the passengers into them. No ocean vessel without watertight compartments should think of carrying a large cargo of human souls. The admonition set forth in the wreck of the Rio de Janeiro is the necessity of every possible means of safety that can diminish the perils of the deep.

Chicago Record. It is of little consequence whether a captain or pilot must bear the responsibility for the haste that proved fatal, of little consequence at what point the authority of one ends and the other begins. The fact remains that a delay of a few hours for the fog to disperse would have saved the ship, itself and the scores who were drowned. Some one was in too great haste and the vessel went down hardly a stone's throw from the houses of the city and the parade ground of the Presidio, the military post facing San Francisco bay. Technically, however, it would appear that the responsibility lay with the captain for deciding to enter the harbor in such a thick fog and with the pilot for the loss of the vessel once it was placed under his direction for the purpose of making the entrance.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS. The March number of Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly has a striking article, "Parther North Than Nansen," in which an account is given of the dash for the pole which has placed the name of Abruzzi at the head of the list of Arctic explorers. For many months past an elaborate series of mental and physical experiments has been made under government guidance, with some 7,000 of the public school children in Chicago. The result shows, apparently conclusively, that the development of a child's mind is the direct corollary of the development of its body. An article upon this subject, written for Leslie by Edward Marshall, embodies the results of careful investigation. "The Road to Freedom," the serial story for 1901, begins in the March number. Other features are "The Wrecking Train," that finished product of modern railway organization; "The History of Matthew Stanley Quay," and "Bird Haunts of Norway," illustrated with photographs.—Fifth Avenue, New York.

In the Review of Reviews for March, Mrs. Nation's saloon-wrecking crusade is occasion of some pertinent paragraphs. The editor takes the ground that lawlessness, at the present time in this country, is "a greater danger than drunkenness." On the question of Cuba's future relations with the United States the Review holds that much more time is required than the advocates of an extra session of Congress have allowed for. Mr. W. T. Stead contributes a character sketch of King Edward VII. There is a most interesting series of "Scenes of a County and Town in Australia," from recent photographs. The Hon. Le Grande Powers, chief statistician in charge of agriculture in

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