

SEES SOUTH'S ADVANCEMENT ON TRIP THROUGH 32 CITIES

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Director Dawe, who has just returned from a tour of 32 cities, says that the South must know her own resources and powers. He says that the South is waking up and that the resources of the South are so varied, so nearly limitless, that the question of development is not one of how, but of by whom.

Development to Be a Marvel.

Southern men are marching steadily in the line of progress. The young men and boys are preparing to take up their work. In town and in country, men, women and children are alive to their privileges and advantages. The development of the South within the next few years will be one of the marvels of modern history. A tide is going to sweep in that will be irresistible. Southern men are face to face with the problem of whether they will be prepared to control or have to stand aside and let the incomers rule. Every sign I saw led me to believe that the Southern men will rule. The idea of a greater Nation through a greater South has magnetized, hypnotized them.

Then Mr. Dawe who zigzagged all the country between Raleigh, in the Tarheel State, and as far as El Paso, in the Lone Star empire of the South, told of every place and situation one of the things that people outside the South had not learned. He started with Beaumont, Tex.

Beaumont suggests oil to those who do not know better," he said. "There was a Beaumont before oil was discovered, and there will be a greater Beaumont when oil is exhausted. 'Spindle Top' means but little to this city; agriculture and trade territory mean more. It controls its dock front on the Neches River, and will soon be an important port.

Galveston is just another way of spelling human courage. I arrived in the city exactly eleven years after the great storm. There is almost nothing there to remind the visitor of that disaster. El Paso is thriving. An immense impounding dam that will bring 300,000 acres under cultivation is being built northwest of the city. San Antonio possesses the most skillful citizens in Texas. They have capitalized climate and romans so successfully that the last census showed San Antonio to have a larger population than any other city in Texas.

Following Washington's Example.

Houston is following Washington's example, and burying wires. Unsightly poles and sagging lines are disappearing. Houston expects to be the metropolis of the Southwest, and is preparing to hold the title with dignity. Dallas is alive and thriving. A boulevard fourteen miles long skirts the city, and is lined with beautiful homes. Fort Worth has become the great packing-house center of the Southwest.

Mr. Dawe paused. He had told of only one Southern State, and had not even related the whole story of that. He admitted that he must omit the description of the vast fields and ranches and the hundreds of small farms through which he rode, the mills and factories he passed, and the roads he crossed.

Praise for New Orleans.

Mr. Dawe had most complimentary things to say of the metropolis of the South, New Orleans. "It is a city that should make America proud," he declared. "Its location rendered drainage difficult, but it will now vie with any other city in the country in that phase of municipal housekeeping. The three noteworthy things in relation to New Orleans in the past few years are the filtration plant, the drainage system, and the dock control, with its attendant belt railroad."

He called Birmingham a magic city; forty years ago it did not exist; now it has a population approximating 180,000. Montgomery, the first capital of the Confederacy, is improving rapidly. Of the 600 miles of road in Montgomery country, 400 have been made into fine highways. Mobile, expecting great business from the opening of the Panama Canal, is constructing new docks and improving the streets.

Tells of Savannah.

And now Mr. Dawe, for the first time, touched upon what the South's resources generally bring first, last, and all the time to the minds of most hearers.

"Savannah was in a thrill of excitement the day I was there," he related. It was the last day of September, and every energy was being bent toward the shipment of September cotton. In three days more than 110,000 bales of cotton left Savannah. That meant the handling, compressing, and shipping of 50,000,000 pounds of cotton, worth at 10 cents a pound, \$5,000,000. Besides those signs of activity, it was pleasing to see 100 miles of perfect road around Savannah.

"Savannah reveres the past through monuments and institutions, yet is reaching forward to better and to greater things through finer schools, broader education, and enlarged business life.

"Charleston is not sleepy. It is awake, and the men who lead the awakening are men whose family trees are rooted in the earliest history of Charleston. Charleston is old; yes; but Charleston has purchased its water front and will control it for proper development; Charleston has thrown out a great sea wall to reclaim hundreds of acres and transform them into a region of beauty."

The Schools of Raleigh.

Mr. Dawe remarked upon the wonderful condition of Raleigh. Raleigh has a population of 19,000, yet 9,000 young people are receiving education there. The school facilities there are so excellent that more than 3,000 students come from the surrounding country.

Chatanooga, worthy of notice by its historic features alone, Mr. Dawe described as a thriving manufacturing city. Nashville, calling itself the modern Athens because of its many educational institutions, is a beautiful city, and progressive, he said. He called Memphis a city of great deeds.

"The park system is glorious," he exclaimed. "The courthouse is the most perfect thing of the kind I ever saw. It dignifies law and justice. It speaks of a people with high ideals."

Mr. Dawe's last stop in the South was at Louisville. He said that the residents of that city realize that the prosperity of Kentucky means the prosperity of Louisville, and are reaching out for a stimulative influence upon the State.

Mr. Dawe was especially pleased with the all-South conference held in Memphis. "Its purpose was to make plans for diverting transcontinental traffic through the South, and that purpose will be accomplished," he concluded. "We want people to see the South, and we shall make arrangements by which they will almost have to see it. After they have seen it they will know it as the people of the South know it. Then they will realize what a greater Nation through a greater South means."

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"Couldn't afford to be Governor? Why not, Calvin?" "Cause you see, sir, I gits more fer my strawberries than North Carolina pays the Gov-ner for a whole year's work!"

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