



Pan-American Building in Washington, D.C. Conference will be held, and some of the prominent men who will participate. At the top beginning at the left are John J. Barrett, director of the Pan-American Bureau; President Taft and Secretary of State Knox. The insert below is Henry White, former, United States Ambassador to France, and chairman of the United States delegation to the Pan-American Conference in Buenos Aires.

Pan American Conference Opens In Washington

Washington, Feb. 13.—Owing to the moral proctorate that the United States has virtually established over several Central American Republics and the rapid progress that is being made toward the completion of the Panama canal, exceptional interest is being manifested in the annual conference of the Pan-American Union, which opens in this city today.

This organization is made up of the republics of North and South America, and up until a year ago was known as the Bureau of American Republics.

The purpose of the conference as announced by the Director General John J. Barrett is to develop active and widespread interest in the opportunities for the extension of trade among the American republics, or between the United States and its 20 sister countries situated south of it. The conference will also consider thoroughly the important question of preparation for the advantageous use of the Panama canal—a matter that has been neglected by the great majority of the commercial organizations and business houses carrying on an export and import trade.

The conference has the vigorous support of the Taft administration. The president believes that it will be better for the whole continent when more cordial trade relations are established, and he has in mind the establishment of a reciprocal trade agreement between the United States, and her sister American republics, similar to the Canadian agreement now before congress. He is anxious to have all these agreements completed by the time the Panama canal is opened.

Both the president and Secretary Knox will deliver addresses at the

opening session this afternoon and in view of their expressed views on this subject, great interest is manifested in what they will say. Addresses will also be made by several of the Latin American ambassadors and ministers and other distinguished officials.

Following the opening of the conference this afternoon, the 13th, the president, the secretary of state, and foreign representatives, there will begin on Tuesday morning, the 14th, the practical work of the convention, and the sessions will continue morning, afternoon and night until Saturday, the 16th. There will be discussions of a large variety of subjects affecting trade conditions, conducted by the best official and private experts in the country. The state department of the United States is co-operating by detailing several of its diplomatic and consular officers who have posts in Latin America to attend and participate while, on the other hand, the diplomatic and consular representatives of the Latin American countries in the United States have been invited to be present and take part in the discussions. The Bureau of Manufacturers of the Department of Commerce and Labor is likewise co-operating and instructing several of its experts to deliver talks on those points which both exporters and importers desire to have elaborated. A number of the delegates of the United States to the International Conference of American Republics, which was held last summer in Buenos Aires, Argentina, will make addresses.

Several features of the conference will differ radically from other meetings of business men. It will be educational and informative, rather than controversial. No political or parti-

san issues will be debated and no resolutions adopted which have any bearing upon unsettled issues before congress or the people. In this way the difficulties will be avoided which often mar the success of gatherings intended to promote foreign commerce. Instead, moreover, of having a long program containing a list of addresses and speakers, which makes the meetings seem never-ending and tiresome to the delegates in attendance, the addresses and talks will be informal, permitting of interruption at any point and the asking of questions by the others present. Certain designated persons will be called upon to open the discussions, and they will be followed by others who may wish to enlarge upon what is said or to make inquiries. In this way all the delegates in attendance will have an opportunity to participate actively in its proceedings.

In speaking of the conference Director General John J. Barrett said today:

"The timeliness of this conference is emphasized by knowledge of the fact that the trade of the United States with its sister countries of the Western Hemisphere is developing in greater percentage than that of any other section of the world. In marked contrast is its commerce with China and the Far East. While the latter has practically stood still or decreased during the last few years, the trade with Latin America has grown in a measure that is most impressive, and yet it is only in the infancy of its possibilities. Last year the United States sold exports and bought imports in commercial exchange with Latin America valued at the splendid total of six hundred and thirty millions of

dollars (\$630,000,000), which represents an increase of approximately three hundred millions of dollars (\$300,000,000) during the last ten years. When the Panama canal is opened there is no reason why the exporters and importers of the United States should not build up their trade until it passes the annual mark of one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000).

It is, however, of the highest importance that they should now be studying the conditions of commerce with all these countries in the south as they will pass through the canal. Unless they do this, they will find the canal providing of greater advantage to the manufacturers, exporters and importers of Europe, and even of Japan and the Orient than to those of the United States. It is, therefore fitting that the large and growing commercial interests of this country should participate in a conference which will discuss in a most practical way what should be done now to get ready for the canal.

Among the various persons of authority who will attend the conference and participate in its discussions are Hon. Henry White, ex-ambassador to Paris and chairman of the United States delegation to the Pan-American Conference in Buenos Aires; President J. A. Farrell, of the United States Steel Corporation; Hon. Lewis Nixon, the noted shipbuilder and delegate to the Pan-American Conference in Buenos Aires; Hon. Ernest H. Wanda, commissioner general of the United States to the International Exposition in Buenos Aires; Hon. Charles H. Sherrill, United States minister to the Argentine Republic; Mr. William E. Curtis, the celebrated newspaper correspondent; Hon. Thomas C. Dawson, United States minister to Panama; Col. Enoch H. Crowder, delegate to the Pan-American Conference at Buenos Aires; Hon. H. Percival Dodge, chief of the Latin American Division, state department; Hon. Charles M. Pepper and Hon. M. H. Davis, trade experts of the state department; A. B. Butman, Esq., and W. A. Graham Clark, special trade expert of the Department of Commerce and Labor; Julius G. Lay, Esq., consul general of the United States to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Frederic W. Goding, Esq., consul of the United States to Montevideo, Uruguay; Isaac A. Manning, Esq., consul of the United States to La Guaira, Venezuela; Lorenzo Daniels, of the Lamport and Holt Steamship Co.; Crawford H. Ellis of the United Fruit Co.; and Francis B. Purdie of R. G. Dun Dun & Co., experts on credits and many others.

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Dr. C. R. Harding and Prof. A. Currie conducted the services in the church last night.

Miss Carrie Leazar, of Mooresville, is in Davidson on a visit to her brother, who is a student in the college.

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WORKING FOR SPECIAL TERM TO TRY WEST

Special to The News.

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—Governor Kitchin and Wilson county authorities are conferring relative to the speedy calling of a special term of court at Wilson for the trial of Lewis West and his accomplices in the killing of Deputy Sheriff Munford and serious wounding of Chief of Police Glover. West and three others of his accomplices are now in the penitentiary to prevent their being lynched. The court will be called to convene within two weeks and the prisoners are to be conveyed to and from Wilson for trial on special trains and under full company military guard that is to also guard the court during the trial. The last of the accomplices at large was taken late last night. He is Dave Young and was arrested in the suburbs of Wilson. Lewis gave the names of the five in his confession. Steps are being taken to arrest a number of negroes he has given the names of as members of a band of thieves he organized. He pleads that either of the five negroes in the house at the time might have killed him. They are Dave Young, Wm. Williams, Matthew Mebane, Ed Nelson and Jim Simms.

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The senate and house finance committees are devoting their time to giving hearings to various corporate inquiries on the question of taxation. They heard a committee from the State Bankers' Association Saturday afternoon, representatives of the Southern express Company at night, and will hear representatives from the telegraph and telephone companies tonight. The bankers contended that the banks are already taxed too much and far out of proportion to other corporations.

The Dillard bill to create a state game commission to succeed the State Audubon Society has a hard road to travel from the fact that after the house committee on game, after a hearing lasting several hours Friday evening, decided to report it favorably with eight members of the committee exempting their counties. Secretary T. Gilbert Pearson, of the Audubon Society, advocated the bill before the committee, but considerable opposition developed.

February 20 the members of the corporation commission will go to Goldsboro for a hearing on the petition for extending the Norfolk and Goddard shoofly to Wilmington.

The Modesty of Women

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