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Washington Sees Historic Significance In Trip South

Washington, Dec. 2—The belief is growing in Washington that President Roosevelt's trip to South America may prove to be one of the national turning points in our history, something which historians of the future will refer to as the beginning of a new era in world affairs.

Back of the President's attendance at the conference of American Republics, which is being held at Buenos Aires, is a definite purpose to bring the entire Western Hemisphere into a new agreement for cooperation in peace, common defense in war and the free exchange of commodities between the nations of the two Americas at all times.

The logic of such a lineup is quite obvious. This country does not want to be involved in European political affairs nor in Asiatic politics. Neither do the Republics of the South. We are breeding to the East and to the West. The American continent is separated from these warlike regions by the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean.

South America has a great opportunity for peaceful developments and trade. South America is a natural market for American manufactures and the United States is a natural market for South America's raw materials.

Likewise, South American offers to the adventurous, pioneering spirit of our youth as great opportunity for exploration and development as our fathers did in the early days of our continental expansion.

It is not to be wondered at, therefore, that President Roosevelt should dream the dream of a united Western Hemisphere, which could conceivably be entirely self-contained and have to develop a vast empire with new type of culture and civilization, in no way dependent upon or Europe, Asia or Africa. If this dream should be realized then the President's visit to Buenos Aires would, indeed, be an historical occasion.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull has the same vision. He is meeting the President at the Argentine capital and will remain there throughout the international conferences to participate in the discussions which he hopes will result in the formation of an All-American League of Nations.

That American business and industry is at least hopeful that something will develop from this conference to broaden our export market and render the opportunities with South American nations more readily available to American capital and enterprise is indicated by the fact that Harper Sibley, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, flew down to Buenos Aires last week to attend the conference. Many also plans an extended airplane tour of the principal South American countries and capitals.

All the reports that come into Washington indicate that the Latin-American peoples and their governments have shaken off the fear of aggression on the part of the "Colossus of the North". This was a fear mainly fostered by self-seeking politicians of a type now rapidly losing influence in the South American countries. At present the road is clearer than it has ever been for such a Pan-American understanding, if not an alliance. Such has been the dream of far-seeing statesmen for many years.

It is no secret that the whole problem of foreign relations is one which is giving the Administration more concern than almost any domestic question.

The State Department is inclined to feel that the civil war in Spain may result in precipitating general European hostilities, since both Mussolini and Hitler have announced their recognition of the rebels under the leadership of Gen. Franco as the de facto government of Spain, and Great Britain has announced that it will resist any attempt on the part of the rebels to interfere with British commerce in Spanish ports.

The rebellion in Spain is definitely a fascist movement, to set up a government of the same dictatorial type as those of Italy and Germany while

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TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

PATENTS . . . celebration

They have been holding a celebration in Washington for the centennial of the American patent system.

I wished I could take time out to attend, for the U. S. Patent Office was one of my playgrounds when I was a boy and my uncle was Commissioner of Patents. I learned more, I think, from the exhibits of models of early inventions than I ever learned in school.

Many folks have a wrong idea about patents. They think they are intended to create monopolies. The exact opposite is true. The word "patent" means "to make public." In return for disclosing the secret of his device or process so that anyone can use it Uncle Sam gives the inventor the sole right to use it for seventeen years. After that it is public property.

America is one of the few countries where the owner of a patent does not have to pay an annual tax on it. That is one of the reasons why we are the most inventive people in the world. The other is that we had to invent machines to do our work because we wanted more work done than there were men to do it.

INVENTIONS . . . the public

In 1844 Henry L. Ellsworth, then Commissioner of Patents, in his annual report to Congress said that the Patent Office would soon be unnecessary, since there was nothing much left to invent! Just a few of the inventions since then are the telephone, electric light, gas engine, phonograph, airplane, photographic dry plate, motion pictures, radio, and about a million and a half other devices for which patents have been issued since Mr. Ellsworth's time.

For years the Patent Office refused to consider applications for patents on flying machines, on the ground that it was impossible for men to fly. They still refuse applications for "perpetual motion" machines unless accompanied by a working model, No inventor has yet produced a model that works.

A patent, however, is no proof that an invention is valuable. The value of any invention depends entirely upon whether it meets a public demand.

SUN . . . . . power

From time immemorial inventors have been trying to find some way of storing energy of sun heat. In sunshine countries it is easy to heat tanks of water by the sun's rays, and many patents have been granted on solar engines. Most of these, however, cost so much in proportion to the power generated that it doesn't pay to build them.

Dr. Charles G. Abbott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institute of Washington, however, thinks he has solved the problem. At the Patent Centennial he showed an engine run by sun-power which may point the way toward conservation of fuel when the earth's supplies of coal and oil are exhausted.

Nothing could be more useful than costless power. I hope Dr. Abbot is on the right track.

GLARE . . . . . under control

One of the most promising of the new inventions shown at the Patent Centennial is a method of taking the glare out of automobile headlights. Scientists have long known that light can be "polarized"—that is, so reflected that the light beams are parallel and go in one direction only. But all previous methods of doing this have been too expensive and cumbersome for general use.

This one invention alone, when it comes into general use, will be worth untold money for its value as a preventer of motoring accidents.

SOUND . . . . . death ray

Another amazing new thing is a device which produces sound waves at a pitch too high for the human ear to detect. These vibrations, or "ultrasonic" sounds have remarkable powers of penetration and can even cause death. Dr. R. W. Wood of Johns Hopkins laboratory, who developed them, showed how passing these ultrasonic waves through a tank of water would kill all the fish in the water. That suggests a possible use in killing the larvae of mosquitoes in their breedingg places.

Amazing new industrial compounds can alone be found by these waves. Oil can be mixed with water, and powdered coal which has been suspended in water is consolidated into a solid lump by means of the new vibrations. This is still a scientific discovery, which needs to be adapted to practical use before it classes as an invention.

Sylva Shops Display Extraordinary Array Of Christmas Merchandise

Santa Claus has come to town.

For the twenty-five years that the writer has been editor and publisher of The Journal, one of the ambitions of this paper for this town has been for Sylva to become a really great shopping center for a large part of Western North Carolina.

The location of Sylva is admirable for the purpose, and, from almost the very beginning, Sylva merchants as a whole have shown themselves to be more enterprising than those of some other small towns.

Time was when they they advertised more consistently and more extensively than the merchants of neighboring towns,

Their stores have more distinction, more the appearance of metropolitan shops; and would be a credit to a city many times the size of Sylva.

But, to realize the ambition, the shopkeepers must have the unqualified and practicaly unanimous support of our own home folks. They must bid for and cultivate that support; and the people must be willing to accord it.

Thus can we move forward toward the goal. Much progress has been made along that line in the past quarter of a century—not as much, perhaps as could have been made, had merchats continued advertising, in season and out and had the people in general stuck to the trade-at-home policy; but definite progress, nevertheless.

But, we started out to tell that Santa Claus has been to Sylva,

Sylva's Splendid Shops, expecting a much larger volume of holiday trade than in recent years, have been more enterprising than usual, and have prepared to meet the shopping demands of all reasonable people, of people of means, of moderate means, and of scanty purse. In Sylva one can buy almost anything one could wish to give as a Christmas present, from a five cent doll to a two thousand dollar automobile.

Not only have the Shops of Sylva shown their faith and their enterprise by stocking up more heavily and more extensively than ever before; but they have also bedecked themselves in holiday attire and put their wares on display much earlier than heretofore.

This encourages buying at home, and enables the shopper to make selections more carefully and more leisurely.

The Shops are ready. They are most attractive. They deserve the support of the people of this county and trade territory. Come and visit them. Bring the children to see them.

The town, the people, the merchants, and The Journal invite you to the Shops of Sylva, to look, to compare offerings and values, and to do your Christmas shopping, this year. Come and come early.

MEREDITH ALUMNAE TO MEET

The Smoky Mountains Chapter of the Meredith College Alumnae Association will meet in Waynesville, Saturday of this week, Dec, 5, at 3 in the afternoon. Meredith moving pictures will be shown, and all former students of the school are urged to be present, by Mrs. Lilian Allen Hart, secretary of the association.

County Officers Will Be Inaugurated Monday

Monday is inauguration day. All the county officers elected in the general eletions in North Carolina, last month will be inducted into office.

Only two changes, however, are to be made in the present official family in Jackson county. R. C, Howell of Qualla and Cleve Fisher of Hamburg will succeed W. A. Hooper and W. C. Norton both of Cullowhee, as county commissioners.

C. C, Mason will take the oath as his own successor, J. D. Cowan to succeed himself as Commissioner of finance, Mrs. Margaret Sherill Roane as Register of Deeds, C. W. Dills as Coroner, and Lyman Stewart at Surveyor.

ASSOCIATIONAL B. T. U. WILL CONVENE IN DILLSBORO

The Tuckaseigee Associational Baptist Training Union Convention will be held at the Dillsboro Baptist church on December 13, at 3.00 o'clock. All young people are urged to attend. Attendance of the pastors in the association is requested.

The following program has been announced by Lyle M. Ensley, Associational Director.

Song: Faith Is The Victory.

Prayer.

Roll call; Business; Announcements.

Special music. Mrs. Mildred Cowan.

The World needs Faith In the Gospel: J. V. Hall.

Faith is the Victory in Winning the Unenlisted, Rev. H. M. Hocutt.

Inspirational Address, Rev. Nathan C. Brooks, pastor of the Bryson City Baptist church.

MRS. OCTAVIA SELF HAS PASSED AWAY

Mrs. Octavia Elle[illegible], relict of the late D[illegible], of Webster, died at her [illegible] there, at 12.10 Thursday morning, She was in her 76th year.

Mrs. Self is survived by 3 children, R. O, Self, Raleigh, Geo. N. Self, and Mrs. Geo. M. Smith of Asheville, by three sisters, Mrs. R B Cowan of Webster, Mrs. W. R, Sherrill, of Sylva, and Mrs. J. W, Kesterson of Hendersonville, by one brother L. D. Cowan of Webster, and by several grandchildren. Another son, Joseph D. Self preceded her in death by two years.

Funeral services will be held at the home of Mrs. A. C, Queen, in Webster, with Rev. Thad F. Deits and Rev. Mr. Hovis, Methodist pastor, in charge. Interment will be beside her husband, in the Stillwell cemetery.

Active pallbearers are to be Roy, Dan, Claude, Paul and Arthur Cowan, Sam Roane and Robert Sherrill. Honorary; Rev. W. N. Cook, Dr. A, A. Nichols, M, D. Cowan, J. D. Cowan, T. B. Cowan, James Cowan, E.P. Stillwell, Edgar Queen, Theo, Queen, E. H. Stillwell, and L. H. Cannon.

JOINES MOTOR SALES MOVES TO NEW QUARTERS TODAY

Joines Motor Sales, Inc., the local Ford dealer, is moving to new quarters in the old Sylvan Theatre building, at the eastern junction of Main and Mill Streets. The building has just been remodeled to make it suitable for the purpose. The show-room and offices are on Main Street, while the repair shop opens on Mill Street.

In addition to the Ford Sales, and the repair shop, Joines Motor Sales has taken over the Gulf Service Station, and will sell Gulf products.

BALDWIN

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Crawford, Thanksgiving Day, a fine boy, weighing 12 1-2 pounds,

Our school had a very interesting program Thanksgiving Day.

We have had several flurries of snow recently, but at noon Thanksgiving Day it commenced to snow, and Friday morning it was six inches deep. Saturday morning at 5 o'clock mercury had dropped to 4 above zero. Another half inch snow Dec. 1,

Mr, and Mrs. Bryson Beck and two children, and Mrs. Bryson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Grady Queen at Candler.

Mr. J. K. Kenney spent Thanksgiving in Asheville,

Mr. and Mrs. George McCall and Mr. Lawrence McCall of C, C. C. near Mars Hill, visited relatives at Wilmot, Wednesday night.

Earl Wood, Lawrence McCall and Dewey Bryson were here last week from the C. C. C. Camps.

Mr. G. C, Crawford has returned from a visit with relatives in Rutherford county.

Mrs. D. T. Knight was the recipient of several useful gifts at a birthday dinner given in her honor Sunday, by her son, George, and his wife. After dinner, and the guests had assembled in the living room, little Georgia said "Grandmother, will you have another birthday this year?"

We were very much frightened, Monday afternoon, when fire was discovered between the railroad and the Episcopal church. The leaves and grass were very dry and the fire spread rapidly toward the Episcopal and Baptist churches. After much hard fighting by our heroic citizens, the flames were subdued.

Miss Louise Arrington and Mrs. Sara Bryson attended Teachers' Meeting at Cullowhee, Saturday.

Misses Ruth and Dixie Warren left, Sunday to spend the winter near West Palm Beach, Fla.

Mr. Fred McKee and family of Webster are visiting Mrs. McKee's mother, Mrs. Lona Green.

Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Jessup of Dellwood were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Christy.

Miss Louise Arrington spent Saturday with Mrs. Lawrence Hooper of Saunook.