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FIVE STATES THRIVE

Central America Makes Great Industrial Progress.

GUATEMALA SEEMS TO LEAD

Its Great Northern Railway Important Link in Pan-American System. Salvador Good Field for Investment—Honduras Has Good Roads. Costa Rica Raises Bananas.

Through the courtesy of the Bureau of American Republics the second in the series of articles upon the general commerce and industry of the South and Central American republics is presented. The present article was prepared under the supervision of Director John Barrett, of the bureau.

It is easy to remember how many republics there are in Central America—five. Just as it is easy to remember that South America has ten republics. But as the Guianas do not count in South America, so in Central America there is a portion still under the control of a European power, the area called British Honduras.

Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica are these five republics.

Mexico's Nearest Neighbor. Guatemala is the next-door neighbor to Mexico and is rapidly following her big sister in the advance toward material and industrial progress. In fact, she permitted only a year to elapse between Mexico's celebration of a trans-Atlantic railway and her own. Only last January the Guatemala Northern Railway was opened from Puerto Barrios to Guatemala City. This road is 126 miles long and is built as well as money can build it—American money, too, for most of it comes from Boston and Canada.

From the capital a railway runs seventy-five miles to the port of San Juan on the Pacific Ocean. Northward from the capital another road extends to within thirty miles of the Mexican frontier, so that so far at least it may be said that the Pan-American Railway is practically completed.

Great Progress in Guatemala. Although Guatemala has as great a mileage per square mile of area as any country in Latin America and as great an ambition for industrial progress. She is spending millions on the harbors of Puerto Barrios and San Juan, her cities are electric lighted, and the national telegraph and telephone extend across the whole country. The imports amounted last year to about \$7,500,000, of which the United States supplied 40 per cent. Several steamship lines run weekly across the Gulf of Mexico and to the Pacific, and they keep busy carrying away the coffee, bananas, and hard woods.

It would be unfair to Guatemala not to mention with these improvements her desire to show her achievements in the world of science. This coming summer there will be held in the capital city the fifth pan-American medical congress. Delegates from all the Americas will be in attendance, and the event, international in scope, will show how modern Guatemala is.

Smallest of the Republics. Salvador is the smallest Latin-American republic and also the most thickly populated country in the Western world. It is the only republic in Central America without an Atlantic outlet, yet this very limitation has helped to make her advance the more rapidly toward industrial stability. Her imports last year amounted to about \$3,000,000, of which over 20 per cent came from the United States. Exports were nearer \$3,000,000, showing a balance of trade in her favor.

Already the republic has 100 miles of railway, but a private corporation is now constructing a new line, which will be part of the Pan-American system, to run from the frontier at Guatemala 250 miles southward across the country. Part of the money for this purpose comes from the United States. The Germans, however, long ago saw the value of investment here, and they do a large portion of the carrying trade on the Pacific.

La Union has been declared to be the finest natural harbor in the western hemisphere, and the government is planning to make it worthy its reputation. Salvador has 2,000 miles of good roads, 2,000 miles of telegraph, 1,200 miles of telephone, electric lights and trolley in every city of importance. The people are becoming skilled manufacturers, and the late furniture, for example, made in the country of native woods, has practically supplanted the imported article.

So active have been the agricultural energies of the republic, not only in coffee and sugar, but also in fruits and grain, that the government has recently found it necessary to establish a school of agriculture on modern scientific lines. They have imported a professor from France, there is theoretical and practical teaching, and the building for the purpose will cost \$150,000.

Honduras Has Good Roads. Honduras is Salvador's neighbor to the east. The policy of the government toward internal improvements has been admirable, although we allow ourselves to remain so far away that we understand little of the advance made there. For instance, over a year ago almost \$1,000,000 was spent on public roads, so that the main highway from the coast to the capital is usable by automobiles. The capital has been cleaned and made sanitary and a railway has been opened along the coast to provide for the constantly growing banana trade.

Nicaragua Is Agricultural. Nicaragua is essentially an agricultural country, although this does not imply that the government is inactive. Labor is so scarce that extensive industrial movements cannot be undertaken. Nevertheless, a great deal has been accomplished within the last few years. The republic has 200 miles of railway and good transportation on the lakes of the interior.

Costa Rica Is Banana Field. Costa Rica is the southernmost republic and the next-door neighbor to Panama. This is the great banana country of the Caribbean. At Limon, the port on the Atlantic side, seven lines of steamers (only one American, but that the energetic United Fruit Company) make regular stops. Last year upward of \$5,000,000 of bananas were exported—nearly 9,000,000 bunches. One can ride half a day's journey along the coast and still be within the banana belt, yet the fruitful area is not exhausted nor the appetites of the public at all satisfied by this product.

Costa Rica has other crops than bananas. Her coffee is famous, more so in England than in the United States, and the pretty girls—but this is a financial article, where sentiment must be forgotten. There are nearly 300 miles of railway, and within a short time another connecting line between the two oceans will be finished, for only a few miles remain without track now. Probably within the year the traveler may journey in a

few hours from Gulf to Pacific through as lovely, as fertile, and as healthy a country as man ever lived in.

Limon Has Excellent Wharf. A fine wharf has been built at Limon, the city has been entirely remodeled in an esthetic and hygienic sense, a wireless telegraph station to connect with Cuba and the United States, electric tramways are found in the two largest cities, the telephone is in common use, the telegraph is excellently managed and almost as cheap as the post, and school education leaves scarcely a child who cannot read and write.

These five republics of Central America only last December, here in Washington, convened in the peace conference, the decisions of which have been ratified by all the governments. It is a lesson in arbitration to all the world and should be a proof to business men that investments in these kindly neighbors of ours are as safe, for those who have a serious purpose, as they would be on Manhattan Island.

NEW SCHOOLHOUSE STARTS INNOVATION

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more than fifteen feet to the stairway or steps leading out of doors. Before the pupils from the second story reach the landings on the first floor the pupils on that floor are already out of the building, and if not, the corridors are wide enough and the management of the fire drill is such that the lines would not cross or clog at any point.

The doors of all the classrooms, cloak-rooms, and entrances open outward, as is the invariable rule in all the school buildings of Washington. There is nothing to impede free passage to the open air in case of fire.

Exits at Each End of Building. In the floor plan of the building it will be seen that the exits for the pupils are at each end of the building, and the corridors are so arranged that there are no long spaces to traverse, either above or below. The teachers and visitors to the building have special stairways provided for them in the central corridor of the plan.

Within a few days a special commission, appointed to investigate the safety and general condition of the Washington schools, will submit its report. It is understood, at least Representative Gardner, of the House subcommittee on appropriations, affirmed the fact at the recent meeting of the Washington Board of Education, that the pupils of the Washington schools are in no danger, and that the case of the school in Cleveland, where the horrible tragedy of last March was enacted, it is understood that this report will not only show that the schools are safe, but that they are unusually well heated and ventilated, and are what might be termed in a highly satisfactory sanitary condition.

This, at least, will be the state of affairs in the new sixteen-room building herein described.

INCOMES SMALL IN BERLIN

Interesting Figures Compiled from Assessment Rolls.

More Than One-half of the Taxed Persons Earn Less than \$714 a Year.

Consul George Nicolas Ift, of Annaberg, states that the official summary of the tax commissioners of the city of Berlin for the year 1906, which has just been published, presents a mass of figures showing conditions of living in the second city of continental Europe and the fourth largest city in the world. The consul compiles the figures in regard to the income tax assessments.

The population of Berlin is given as 2,040,146, and of this number the tax commissioners, after deducting nontaxable children under fourteen years of age, the military, and others by law exempted, found that there were, in round figures, 1,125,000 persons subject to assessment for income tax. Nearly half this number, however, was found to have incomes of less than \$214 per year, and therefore, in Berlin, are exempt from income tax. (The minimum varies, in some German states being as low as \$100.)

On the income-tax rolls there were 600,899 names. Of these 315,610 had incomes of from \$214 to \$286 per year, and 228,573 had incomes of from \$286 to \$714 per year. Thus it is seen that of the 600,899 persons assessed for income tax \$42,238 had incomes of less than \$214 per year, and only 58,611 persons were found with incomes greater than that amount. Above that figure the classes dwindle rapidly. There were 46,181 persons with incomes from \$714 to \$2,380; 10,800 with incomes from \$2,380 to \$4,760; 2,103 with incomes from \$4,760 to \$7,140; 223,800 with incomes from \$7,140 to \$119,000; 53 with incomes from \$119,000 to \$238,000; 4 with incomes from \$238,000 to \$476,000; 2 with incomes from \$476,000 to \$714,000, and 2 with incomes over \$714,000 per year.

This means that of the 1,125,000 persons in Berlin who support themselves or themselves and families only 58,611, or less than 5 1/4 per cent, have incomes of \$714 or more per year. About 1,066,000 have less than that amount, and more than half of these even less than \$214 per year.

No part of the income of the man who works for his money often escapes assessment for income tax. The maid servant who earns \$5 to \$7 per month has what her board and lodging would amount to charged against her in computing her income, and even the probable "tips" of the waiter are estimated for the same purpose.

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PROPERTY PROPOSITIONS THAT SHOULD APPEAL TO "WIDE-AWAKE" HOMESEEKERS AND INVESTORS.

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The manufacturing establishments in this district are mostly located in valleys, along rivers and their tributaries. The water of these streams flows from one waterwork to another, furnishing power for the industries. The water not only is useful, but, unrestrained, would cause great damage in case of flood. For

instance, the flood of 1877 was very destructive, causing a damage of \$688,000 in Reichenberg alone.

In order to combat these floods a water association was formed in 1900, which decided to erect six dams in the region of the River Gierlitz-Nelise, near Reichenberg. Five of them have been built, at a total cost of \$1,475,000, that at Harzdorf costing \$100,000, Friedrichswald, \$238,271; Voltzback, \$109,668; Muehselbette, \$206,699, and at Gablonz, \$669,960.

These dams not only prevent floods, but supply the different manufacturing establishments with power, and are built in such a manner as to be kept half full, one-half being utilized for the supply of water to operate the factories and the other half to hold back the water in case of a flood.

Every land or waterwork owner whose plant is located below a dam, or who derives a benefit from the same, must be a member of the association, and the membership contributions are regulated according to the benefit the members derive from