

owns Continental Memorial Hall. In the audience were the great men of science of the western hemisphere, whose researches have covered the world of knowledge so thoroughly as to almost defy the proper word of desecration.

In the galleries and all along the side of the great hall sat men and women of prominence. Upon the platform sat the South American and Central American republics, and also Vice President of the United States, Secretary of State, and John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union.

The members of the Home Club were grouped upon the platform at the opening, and sang a selection from Handel's "Messiah" before the members of the Pan-American Union.

Plans for Viewing Work. On the first floor, where the station is maintained, the room to which mothers bring their children to be examined by local physicians is being partitioned off with glass.

On the second floor will be the exhibits. There will be a corps of physicians and nurses on hand, and questions will be received and answered in Spanish.

Children's conferences, at 11 a.m. (children from two to six years); Friday, December 27; Saturday, December 28; Sunday, December 29; Monday, January 3; Tuesday, January 4; Wednesday, January 5; Friday, January 7; Saturday, January 8.

Little Mothers' League, 2800 Dumbarton, 4 p.m. Thursday, December 26, 27, and Thursday, January 1, 1916.

Gen. Castelnau, chief of the French general staff, in a statement today to the American Press said that the interview being received this morning by the American press was a very interesting one.

The situation at Saloniki today is most excellent. The Greek army has been victorious in the fighting, and the Greek army is now in a position to take Saloniki.

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SUGGESTS THE SURVEY OF EXISTING REMAINS Effort to Insure the Preservation of Antiquities Which Originated With the Aborigines.

Desirability of uniform laws restricting the exploration of antiquities to qualified persons is pointed out in a resolution introduced at the preliminary meeting today of the Nineteenth International Congress of Americanists, held in the New National Museum.

The members of the Washington organization, the past presidents and general secretaries attended the morning meeting. The congress opened at 10 o'clock in the auditorium of the museum building.

Recited in Preamble. The preamble of the resolution seeking uniform exploration laws recites that "many parts of the American continent are rich in archeological remains, such as ruins, monuments and burial sites, containing many examples of industry and art of the aborigines."

The majority of the American republics have now some laws relating to the preservation of antiquities. The resolution for promoting antiquities research will be presented at the meeting of the congress.

With the Permanent Bureau. The following were elected to the permanent bureau of the current congress: Honorary vice presidents—Prof. Luis Montane, delegate of Cuba; Dr. Simoens da Silva, delegate of Venezuela; Federico A. Peset, delegate of Peru; Manuel Gamio, delegate of Mexico; Dr. Roberto S. Wood, delegate of Washington; Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, president of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia; Dr. William H. Holland, director of the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh; Admiral Charles Stoddard, director of the Smithsonian Institution; Dr. Rev. T. J. Shahan, president of the Catholic University of America; Dr. H. H. Rowland, president of the National Geographic Society; Edward K. Putnam, director of the Davenport Academy of Sciences, Davenport, Iowa; Dr. Robert S. Wood, director of the Provincial Museum, Toronto, Canada; Dr. H. E. Howland, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

Honorary secretaries—Luis Castillo, delegate of Mexico; Dr. G. B. Gordon, director of the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Edgardo J. Rolan, director of the School of American Archeology, Santa Fe, N. M.; Dr. A. L. Kroeber, assistant professor of anthropology, University of California; Dr. George G. Henshaw, director of the American Anthropological Association, professor of archeology, Yale University; Dr. Ernesto Quesada, delegate from the Museo Nacional de Historia Natural, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Marshall H. Saville, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; Dr. J. H. Steward, professor of American archeology, Columbia University; Dr. Julio Tello, official delegate of Peru; William T. DeWitt, director of the Smithsonian Institution; Dr. E. Sapir, Prof. P. Radoslaw, Prof. A. M. Toser, E. G. Morley, Harlan I. Smith, Rev. A. G. Morley.

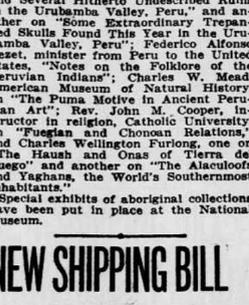
Welcoming Addresses and Responses. The first hour of the inaugural meeting this afternoon was given over to addresses of welcome on the part of the American delegation. The first speaker was Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and brief speeches by the following delegates: Argentina—Dr. Juan B. Ambrosetti, director of the Museo Nacional de Historia Natural, Universidad de Buenos Aires; Brazil—Dr. Simoens da Silva (represents twenty-four institutions of learning in Brazil); Canada—M. Alphonse Gagnon, secretary, department of public works and roads, Ottawa; Chile—Dr. Francisco J. Yanez, representative of the University of Chile; Cuba—Prof. Luis Montane of the University of Havana.

Dr. G. B. Gordon, director of the museum of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, was followed by the University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia. This was followed by the University of Central and South America by Dr. J. A. Caparo, dean, department of electrical engineering, University of Notre Dame, Ind.

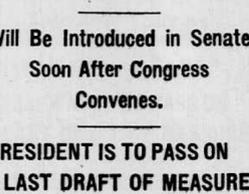
Philip Ainsworth Means is on the program for a paper late this afternoon on "The Rise of the Incas Empire," illustrated with slides. Dr. Hiram Bingham, assistant professor of Latin American history, Yale University, for one on "An Inca Road from Severin to the Inca Ruins in the Urubamba Valley, Peru," and another on "Some Extraordinary Trepanned Skulls Found This Year in the Urubamba Valley, Peru." Federico Alfonso Peset, minister from Peru to the United States, "Notes on the Folklore of the Peruvian Indians." Dr. Hiram Bingham, instructor in religion, Catholic University, on "Fuegian and Choncho Relations, and the Origin of the Inca Empire." "The Haush and Onas of Tierra del Fuego" and another on "The Acahufo of Yaghuans, the World's Southernmost Inhabitants."

Special exhibits of aboriginal collections have been put in place at the National Museum. The oldest known illustration of South American Indians and told of the present state of our knowledge of them.

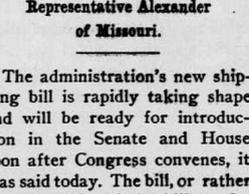
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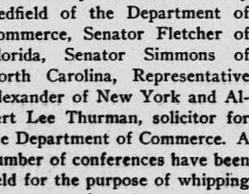
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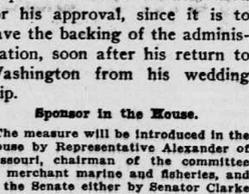
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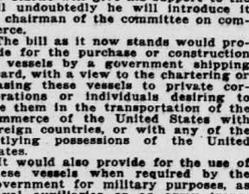
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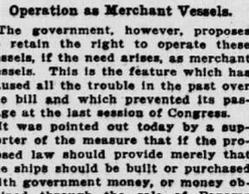
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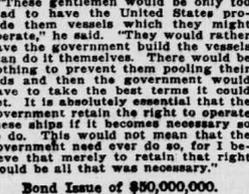
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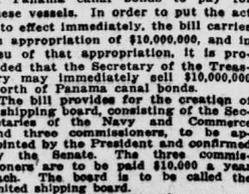
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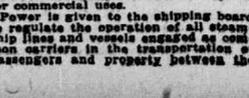
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NEW SHIPPING BILL NOW NEARLY READY Will Be Introduced in Senate Soon After Congress Convenes.

PRESIDENT IS TO PASS ON LAST DRAFT OF MEASURE Its Sponsor in the House Is to Be Representative Alexander of Missouri.

The administration's new shipping bill is rapidly taking shape and will be ready for introduction in the Senate and House soon after Congress convenes, it was said today. The bill, or rather several drafts of the bill, so far made, is the work of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce, Senator Fletcher of Florida, Senator Simmons of North Carolina, Representative Alexander of Missouri, and Albert Lee Thurman, solicitor for the Department of Commerce.

The final draft of the bill will be presented to President Wilson for his approval, since it is to have the backing of the administration, soon after his return to Washington from his wedding trip.

PATTERSON MANSION IS MUCH DAMAGED BY FIRE Most of Interior Is Ruined by the Time Hose Is Laid From Long Distance Water Plug.

Members of Nos. 10 and 12 engine companies and No. 12 truck company this morning experienced a considerable amount of trouble in their efforts to prevent the destruction of the mansion on the Patterson estate, a large tract of land north of Florida avenue, near Gallaudet College.

Because of the amount of headway gained by the fire before an alarm was sounded, it was impossible to prevent the flames from ruining most of the interior of the structure, and much damage resulted.

While working at the fire today, Assistant Engineer W. A. Dixon, No. 12 engine company sustained a painful injury to his head. He was not seriously hurt, but it was not necessary to send him to a hospital.

BELGIAN STEAMER SUNK; TWO BOATS ARE MISSING Loss of Life Indicated Through Destruction of the Ministe Beernaert.

LONDON, December 27, 3:15 p.m.—Sinking of the Belgian steamer Ministe Beernaert is announced. The crew left the steamer in boats, two of which are missing.

The British steamer Cottingham of 513 tons has been sunk. The crew was saved. The British steamer Hadley, 1,777 tons gross, also has been sunk, and the British steamer Embis, 1,172 tons, has been beached at the mouth of the Thames, a few miles from London.

FIRE ENDANGERS STORE OF GERMANS' FIREARMS Blaze Occurs in New York, Where Thousands of Springfield Rifles Are Held.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Three million rounds of cartridges, thousands of Springfield rifles and revolvers and other weapons were endangered by a fire in the storage room of a building in Houston street early today. The fire was quickly extinguished with small loss before reaching the ammunition.

CHIRMEN OF DELEGATIONS Respond to Addresses Welcoming Visitors to U. S.

Chairmen of the various delegations of Latin America responded to the welcoming addresses of Vice President Marshall, Mr. Lansing, the Secretary of State, and other representatives of the government of the United States at the opening session of the Pan-American Scientific Congress this morning. DeLoraine brief talks upon the attitude of their governments and peoples, as to various public questions, and thanking the United States for the hospitality shown them.

Dr. Ernesto Quesada, chairman of the Argentine delegation, responded for Argentina. "Never more than at the present moment, while Europe is in the throes of the great conflict of nations, has America been confronted by a more difficult situation than this. It is with a view to uniformity in ideas, aspirations and tendencies, as well in politico-economic as in purely intellectual spheres," he said.

To Deal With Every Problem. Dr. Quesada asserted that the intellectual union of America has been somewhat loose up to the present time and has been of rather negligible force in certain sections, but he added that "this opportunity of meeting and conferring with so many representatives of all the American countries will contribute to facilitate the solution of a few of the questions," of which, he said, so many were to be discussed.

The Argentine delegation has felt "that it ought to strive to make the present congress bear more tangible and permanent fruit." Wherever the delegates were to be presented later to the congress, he said, the first "proposes to confederate all the universities of the continent for the better development of their organization and tendencies, the facilitation of interchange of professors and students and to permit the meeting of both in periodical assemblies."

The second proposal is an interchange of customs for the purpose of the American continent of publications and lists of intellectual productions for the benefit of students. The third proposal is "to conserve the pre-Columbian remains of the ancient civilizations of the people that inhabited this continent before its discovery and combine

the activities of the ethnological museums in order to facilitate the study of this mysterious science." Sentiments of Bolivia. The chairman of the Bolivian delegation, Senor Ignacio Calderon, said, in "Nothing could better interpret the lofty aims of the American republics than this meeting. Freedom is a gift that is only given to nations who know how and are ready to defend it. America is destined to lead the world, not only for the sake of the principle of right and justice, of liberty and happiness, but also for the sake of the progress of our civilization and progress."

The chairman of the Chilean delegation, Sr. Julio Philipp, said, in part: "All American countries are ruled by a similar type of national government; the ways of attaining it have been diverse, but the interests are the same, to unite nations, and the interests which unite Americans are necessarily of the same nature."

The chairman of the Cuban delegation, Gen. Dr. Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, said in part: "The impressiveness of this solemn moment is transcended only by our ultimate purpose to suggest that the congress will be presented on the palms of our hands as a New Year gift from the people of Cuba to the American people."

The chairman of the delegations from Ecuador and Guatemala then addressed the congress in Spanish and were followed by the chairmen of the other countries represented.

Inspector Stone Aids Intrad on Chinatown Customs Official and Local Detectives Suspect Violation of Opium Law. Thomas E. Stone, inspector of customs, last night was a member of a raiding party in Chinatown. Pharmacy Inspector Sanders and Precinct Detectives Evans and Wright were other members of the party. They visited 34 Pennsylvania avenue early in the evening, made two arrests and took possession of a considerable amount of property.

Lee Look, thirty-eight years old, who says he is a native of this country, and who resides at 34 Pennsylvania avenue, and Charlie Lee, forty-five years, who told the police he is in the laundry in the trunk suggested that the purpose of the raid was to search for opium.

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