

PAN-AMERICAN AFFILIATION OF LABOR PROPOSED AS PEACE INSURANCE

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Washington, Feb. 20.—Affiliation of organized labor in all countries of North and South America is the purpose of a manifesto just issued by the conference committee of the Pan-American Federation of Labor and signed by Samuel Gompers for the American Federation of Labor, Santiago Iglesias for the organized workers of Porto Rico, and Carlos Loveira for the organized workers of Mexico.

In Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Nicaragua and other countries of Central and South America there are strong national labor movements. The purpose of the Pan-American Federation of Labor is to bind these national movements for mutual aid in promoting the cause of the workers and in preservation of peace between the countries represented.

The labor movement of Canada has expressed complete sympathy with the purposes of the federation, but is unable to take an active part until the termination of the war.

"The Pan-American Federation of Labor will be the greatest force for the maintenance of peace and democratic ideals in the western hemisphere," said John Murray, secretary of the conference committee. "This is not a prediction, but a cold statement of fact.

"Everybody remembers how inevitable war with Mexico seemed last summer, as a result of the Carrizal affair. Then occurred the meeting between the executive council of the American Federation of Labor and the representatives of organized labor of Mexico, which by intercession with the governments of the United States and Mexico brought about a continuance of negotiations, and final settlement without the shedding of blood."

The purposes of the Pan-Ameri-

can Federation of Labor are stated in the manifesto to be:

"To protect the western hemisphere from being overrun by military domination from any quarter.

"To secure for the workers of all Pan-American countries higher wages, shorter workdays, more safe and sanitary surroundings in all places of employment, better homes, better surroundings, prohibition of child labor, protection of children;

"Legislative enactments to achieve and maintain equal rights; the rights of association, free assemblage, free speech, free press, and the right, singly or collectively, to withhold our labor power—the right to strike."

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The heavenly film is upon us. True, the Dear Things who "just adore" Francis Bushman and think Henry Walthall's ways divine, have coupled lots of movies with the adjective "heavenly," but now comes the film which its backers say is endorsed from above the clouds. It seems just about next to being personally produced by God Himself. All this we may believe if we are in proper mood when reading the literature the Mena Film Co. is sending out.

The Mena Co. has 250,000 shares to sell at \$1 per. "We have taken extraordinary precaution to ascertain the Lord's will respecting this venture," reads the company's prospective:

The Mena Co. plans to take over Pastor Russell's film "Creation," enlarge upon and improve it; also contemplates producing other films, it is said.

Dr. L. W. Jones, International Bible Students' Ass'n bldg. 4100 Michigan av., is sec'y and treasurer.

National Ass'n of Merchant Tailors tabcos suspenders for season of 1917. Tapes will fasten pants to vest. And fellows who don't own vests can use safety pins.