

PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS WORK

An Instructive Review By Dr. John Barrett.

ACRIMONY IN SOME OF THE DEBATES

Scope of the Discussions and Importance of the Plans Matured by the Congress.

Hon. John Barrett, ex-Minister to Spain, and present Commissioner General to the Orient for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, Friday evening delivered an address at Columbian University on "The Constitution and Work of the Pan-American Conference." As a member of that body Dr. Barrett is most competent to speak of its operations and achievements, and his masterly address was listened to with great attention by a large audience.

Dr. Barrett prefaced his remarks by stating that as the conference had indulged in no open fights, but had conducted its operations on the dignified plan adopted by the Hague Convention, the American press had not given it the attention which its importance demanded, but that in the light of history the convention will be distinguished as one of the most memorable and remarkable which was ever held.

Thereupon, and greatly to the surprise of the American delegates, Secretary Hay was chosen by acclamation to be the second honorary president of the body, the other being the Mexican Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Some Acrimonious Discussions. The chief subject discussed, Dr. Barrett stated, was that of arbitration, upon which the discussions were on several occasions so acrimonious that only a timely adjournment prevented the withdrawal of several of the delegations and the consequent disruption of the convention.

There were nineteen committees appointed, the chairman of which represented the whole number of the delegations; the proceedings were carried on in Spanish, but several interpreters and English stenographers were provided for the delegates, who throughout the proceedings were shown the greatest possible courtesy and such hospitality that Dr. Barrett humorously remarked it would be strange if they did not all return to their native country the victims of dyspepsia.

WOULD PROTECT DRUG VICTIMS.

City Solicitor Favors Amendments to Care for Their Estates.

The City Solicitor announced yesterday that he favors the amendments proposed to the District code designed to secure the same protection to the estates, and indirectly to the persons and families, of victims of drug habits, as that provided for drunkards.

ORDERS ISSUED FOR WORK.

Commissioners Accept Offer of W. F. Brenizer for Crushing Stone.

The District Commissioners yesterday issued orders for the following items of public work through the Engineer Department.

FOUNDRY CHURCH SITE.

Trustees Said to Hold It at \$25 a Foot.

While the congregation of Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church is willing to dispose of its land property at the corner of Fourteenth and G Streets, it does not intend to sell it except at its own figure.

To Insure School Building. Acting upon the recommendation of the Inspector of Buildings, the Commissioners have determined by vote to insure the school building on the grounds of the Industrial Home School, Tenleytown Road, for the sum of \$10,000.

OTERO AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

New Mexico's Governor Says Good-Bye to the President.

Governor Otero, of New Mexico, whose appointment to that position was confirmed after a hard fight before the Senate recently, called at the White House yesterday to bid good-by to the President. Governor Otero started for New Mexico last night.

SOUTHERN CHARITY BALL.

Ladies of Relief Society Planning for Tuesday Night's Function.

The ladies of the Southern Relief Society held their final meeting Friday night at the Ebbitt House to settle and arrange all the details relative to the ninth annual charity ball to be given by them at the Arlington Hotel next Tuesday night for the benefit of their wards, who served the late Confederacy in the military service, and their families who are in need.

The reports from the many present were of the most flattering character tending to success, both socially and financially, of the coming brilliant function. A large list of old Confederate officers have signified their intention of being present, among whom will be many of the members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

The president of the society, Mrs. Charles B. Howry, has selected many prominent young ladies of the leading social circles to assist on this festive occasion. Capt. John M. Hickey, chairman of the management committee, has extended invitations to the leading veterans in the city and elsewhere to attend, and many have accepted.

GOVERNMENT SEIZES FURS.

Smuggling Frauds, Involving Innocent People, Unearthed in Boston.

BOSTON, Jan. 25.—The firm of Charles Desjardins & Co., of St. Catherine Street, Montreal, according to a statement given out by Col. Converse J. Smith, special Treasury agent, has for a long time carried on a determining smuggling game in the bringing in of fur goods into the United States from Canada, and as a result many citizens who innocently bought fur goods from the firm will now have these goods confiscated or will be obliged to pay the exorbitant value of the goods, together with the duties, in order to retain them.

The records obtained show that goods were expressed to Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington, Baltimore, Chicago, St. Louis, Savannah, Atlanta, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and other places in Ohio, Michigan, and other States.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FEDERATION.

Second Rally Meeting of the Winter Held Last Night.

The young people's societies of the four liberal churches in Washington held their second rally meeting last night in the Friends' Meeting House, on I Street northwest, when the subject considered was "The Duty of the Liberal Religious Organizations Regarding Social, Political, and Economic Questions."

SECRETARY OF STATE HAY PLANS

Aristocratic Apartment House.

Secretary of State Hay is becoming a real estate owner in the District in a most important way, and more than this, he is considering plans for a handsome apartment house, one of the finest in the city, and on one of its most aristocratic avenues.

RAILROAD CROSSING REPAIRED.

Answer to the Complaint of Foreman Wright of No. 12 Engine Co.

Mr. Thomas J. Fisher, Inspector of Electric Lighting, has submitted a report to the District Commissioners upon the complaint of Foreman H. M. Wright, of No. 12 Engine Company, relative to the bad condition of the railroad crossing at Fourth and R Streets northeast.

THOUGHT HE WAS GEN. MILES.

Young Nathan Sian Returned to St. Elizabeth's.

Because he thought himself Lieutenant General Miles, Nathan Sian, a young man, about nineteen years old, who lived with his parents at 738 Fifth Street northeast, was returned to St. Elizabeth's Insane Asylum Friday night. He had been out on parole.

EX-SAILOR ENDS HIS LIFE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Capt. Alfred G. Richter, until recently commander of the Curtiss, of the Munson Steamship Line, was found dead in a furnished room at 49 St. Mark's Place last night. There was a bullet wound in his temple, and it was evident that he had committed suicide. For some time Richter had been out of employment.

CHAT AND STORY HEARD IN HOTELS.

The Balance Due China.

"Because the Chinese objected to the presence of foreigners in their country, which was the origin of the Boxer movement, the armies of the civilized Powers were sent there and condign punishment was visited upon the Mongolians," remarked Col. John P. Irish, of California, at the New Willard last night.

A Voice From Arizona.

Among the best known and best liked of Westerners who find their occasional way to the National Capital is Governor N. O. Murphy of Arizona. As a representative of that Territory in Congress he won golden opinions, his associates in the House, regardless of political affiliation, Governor Murphy was born in Maine, but he is not favorably impressed with the climate of that State.

Not Tired of Baltimore.

"The newspaper stories that Mr. George Vanderbilt is dissatisfied with and tired of his magnificent estate of Baltimore are utterly false," said prince of South Carolina hotel proprietors, Col. Edward McKisick, of Asheville, N. C., at the Shoreham.

"I have personal knowledge that both Mr. Vanderbilt and his wife are just as fond of the place as ever, and that no earthly inducements could tempt them to part with it. It is a broad assertion, but a truthful one, that there is not either in the United States or in Europe a country place that, compared with Baltimore, does not fade into insignificance. If its owners were discontented he would not make frequent and protracted visits there, nor would he continue to expend large sums of money in improvements, as is evidenced by the adequate maintenance of a dairy plant at a cost of not far from \$75,000, and of barns for the stock at an equally large outlay.

Mr. Vanderbilt has spent millions of dollars on this property, and in doing so has conferred untold benefits upon the people of the entire surrounding region. He has situated the property so that farmers to grow the same superior products of the earth that come from his scientifically cultivated farms; to breed the best chickens, and to raise the very best that can be produced in his motto, and whether it is celery that equals the finest from Michigan, or Berkshire hogs that are sold off for as much as \$100 a head, or Plymouth chickens that bring fancy prices in New York—all that bears the Baltimore brand must come up to the standard inspired by Mr. Vanderbilt.

"It has been only a dozen years since he came among us, but in that time the development has been steadily going on until the place now stands for the highest type of the gentleman's country seat in America. It includes a model town, a practical school of forestry, and a model poultry, live stock and truck farms."

Pleased With Greeting.

"One thing that pleased me greatly in coming back to Washington this time was the hearty greeting of former friends and acquaintances in the Senate," said Gen. John W. Noble, of St. Louis, who was Secretary of the Interior in the Harrison Cabinet, at the Raleigh.

General Noble, despite his three score and ten years, is in the physical condition of a young man. When asked the secret of his vigor, he said that there were two causes—temperate habits and an easy conscience. He said that he had been in the same town that produced John Sherman—the town of Lancaster. General Noble went to St. Louis in 1855, and has always ranked high as a lawyer.

General passenger agent of the New York Central Railroad, at the Arlington.

"Twice in recent years a bill prohibiting this outside traffic in railway transportation has passed the House, but did not secure favorable action in the Senate. The field of the scalpers, however, is gradually becoming more restricted, and they do not begin to do the business of former days, except at such times when big expositions, like the recent one at Buffalo, are held.

Solution of the Indian Problem.

"I have been in Washington attending the session of the Board of Indian Commissioners, of which I am a member," said Bishop William D. Walker, the well-known Episcopalian divine, of Buffalo, N. Y., at the Shoreham last night.

Golden Future of Alaska.

At the Raleigh are two of the leading gold miners of Alaska, Messrs. D. A. Macdonald and C. E. Hoxsie, who have extensive interests in Nome, Colorado, and Anvik. Mr. Macdonald is the discoverer of the gold in the latter place, and was the only practical miner in the company. He has been one of the foremost ones of that region—a result that he thinks is due to practical knowledge of mining, rather than to chance.

"I know Alaska well, and am here to tell you that inside of ten years northwestern Alaska will be producing more gold than the present entire output of the United States, Canada, and Klondike. The reason the yield is so small, comparatively, today is mainly due to the lack of adequate mining machinery. There has hardly been enough material in the country to build sluice boxes. In another year there will be hydraulic operations on a large scale, and as soon as that is up, the output of gold will be increased tenfold. Some of the richest ground in the Seward peninsula will hardly pan out enough to present a tabular record for its wages. Once the water is turned upon it, however, there will be a production that will make for the owners such wealth as gold mining history of this country has never yet recorded."

THE PALAIS ROYAL.

"OPENING" DAY For Home Folks.

Tomorrow—"Opening" in the departments devoted to Home Needs. A day to prove that the Palais Royal, with its cash business, can and does give better service than do the credit and installment houses.

Curtains. Brussels effect Lace Curtains, 60 inches wide—at 79c instead of \$1.50 pair. Genuine Irish Point Lace Curtains at \$1.89 instead of \$2.98 pair. The importer's small lots, bought for cash, at a fraction of their worth. Note prices below:

Pictures. Nearly 100 Platinotypes, Genuine Pastels, Water Colors, Photo Colors, and Proof Etchings in rich gilt frames 16x20 and 20x30 inches. Art stores' prices would be \$3.00 to \$7.00. Here at only \$1.98 and \$3.50 for choice.

Platinotype Pictures in black frames at only 9c—and the true artist will term them works of art. At 29c to 98c Photo and Water Colors, Proof Etchings, and Photogravures in gilt frames 11x14 to 12x20. Take elevator to fourth floor and enjoy looking through this collection.

Art Needlework. Women with skill and taste can visit this department and the outlay need be very little. The result will be a home that will have an individuality that money alone cannot purchase. The "buyer" of this department is just from New York with the following attractions:

Home's Greatest Need. Proper light. With gas as it is the incandescent burner is a positive necessity. Go to the Palais Royal basement floor for such supplies—and save time, patience, and money.

Housekeeping Goods. A \$35,000 stock here. The eight best bargain spots are told of below. The list is worthy respectful and earnest study:

Important Little Things. See contents of the monster table near 11th Street door. The list below gives only a few hints of the little prices for superior articles.

\$1.50 Books for 84c. The popular copyright Novels of the day that one finds on the tables of all modern homes. The books that cost you \$1.50 at the booksellers—here at 84c. Some titles are given below:

Rogers'. Win. Rogers All Sugar Shells at 15c, and Butter Knives at 18c. The ridiculously little prices need this explanation—the pieces offered are in 1901 designs. But let us add—who can or who does buy new silverware every year? Note prices of Tea Spoons, etc.

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