

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., THURSDAY MAY 28, 1914

A QUARTER-CENTURY OF PAN-AMERICANISM

Owing to the trouble between the United States and Mexico, and the mediation of the three great South American powers, Argentina, Brazil, and Chile, the principle of Pan-Americanism has become of world-wide interest. Sunday will mark the twenty-sixth birthday of the Pan-American Union, the International Union of American Republics, for it was on May 24, 1883, that the United States Congress passed an act calling for a convention in Washington of official representatives of all the republics of the New World.

existence to redress the balance of the old. Simon Bolivar, "El Libertador" of a large part of Latin-America, also had his dream of Pan-Americanism. "America for Americans" was his battle-cry, but his Pan-Americanism was purely Latin, and did not extend to the United States "of the North." Bolivar's first Pan-American Congress at Panama was a failure, and on his death-bed the Liberator declared: "America is unchangeable, and those who served the revolution have ploughed the sea."

Henry Clay was the first North American statesman to suggest a conference of American republics, to be held at Panama, but no steps were taken to put it into effect. At this period most of the Latin republics looked to the United States as their model and their powerful friend, but the first Mexican war and the Walker expedition into Central America, which was at least winked at by Washington, tended to provoke distrust of the "Yanquis." Moreover, Latin-American pride was hurt by Monroeism, which put the Latin republics in the position of infants to be protected and watched over by a fatherly Uncle Sam.

The first Pan-American Congress continued for five months, and voted to recommend to the various governments for adoption, among other measures, a uniform system of weights and measures, a uniform commercial code, treaties of reciprocity, and a general plan of exchange documents. Other projects considered included a great North and South trunk railway, government subsidies for steamship lines, uniform quarantine regulations, uniform copyright and patent protection, and a great Pan-American bank.

Out of this meeting grew the influential Pan-American Union, which has for its purpose the promotion of friendship between the twenty-one American republics, each of which contributes to the maintenance of the institution in proportion to its population. The Pan-American Union has a magnificent edifice in Washington which cost one million dollars. Three-fourths of the cost of the edifice was defrayed by Andrew Carnegie and the various republics contributed to provide the remainder of the fund, while the land on which the building stands, worth \$200,000, was Uncle Sam's gift to the American people.

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The seismograph at Brooklyn College recorded earthquake shocks at a distance of 6,000 miles.

CORONATION OF MIKADO PUT OFF

DEATH OF DOWAGER EMPRESS NECESSITATES WAIT OF TWO YEARS MORE

Tokio, May 27.—Although it is nearly two years since the death of the Emperor Mutsuhito, it will be another two years before his successor, the Emperor Yoshihito, is fully enthroned, according to all the Japanese rites. The postponement of the coronation festivities, which had been arranged for the coming fall, is because of the death of the dowager empress, necessitating a long period of national mourning and it is a sacrilegious thing to use at the coronation ceremony the seed of rice that has been ripened during a season of sorrow. A part of the coronation ritual had been observed prior to the death of the dowager empress, however. The Imperial ancestor had been duly notified that the coronation was planned for the coming fall, and upon the death of the Empress, the ancestors were again visited at their various shrines and notified that the coronation would be delayed until 1916.

FOUNDATION OF FORTUNE OF LATE WILLIAM HUNT PERRY

How a Poor Yankee Boy Who Began Life As a Country School Teacher Became a Captain of Industry—His Part In the Upbuilding of Bridgeport!

Many old time residents of Bridgeport were pleased when they learned that the widow of William Hunt Perry had bequeathed \$75,000 for the erection of a memorial to his memory of a memorial gateway at Seaside Park. Those who remember Mr. Perry in life declare that such a memorial would be a fitting testimonial to one who did much for Bridgeport and for his fellow citizens, with whom he came in contact here. The will of his widow, Harriet Adelaide Perry, was admitted to probate several days ago. Her estate was estimated to be at least \$500,000.

PHILADELPHIA TRANSIT PROBLEM IS SOLVED

Philadelphia, May 25.—The tentative agreement between the city and the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co., as reached by Director Taylor and representatives of the transit company, was announced yesterday afternoon.

RURAL CREDIT BILL ACTION IS POSTPONED

Washington, May 25.—Action taken by the House committee on banking and currency means that no effort will be made to enact the pending rural credit bill into law at this session.

TREASURY REPORTS ON FINANCIAL CONDITION

The condition of the United States treasury at the beginning of business yesterday was: Net balance in general fund, \$7,983,181; total receipts Tuesday, \$3,691,752; total payments Tuesday, \$2,331,978. The deficit this fiscal year is \$40,195,315, against a surplus of \$5,122,575 last year, exclusive of Panama Canal and public debt transactions.

ROOSEVELT MOURNS FOR JACOB RIIS AS FOR A BROTHER

Washington, May 27.—Theodore Roosevelt, for many years an intimate friend of Jacob Riis and his associate when the former president was Police Commissioner of New York, has declared that the news of Mr. Riis' death was a severe shock to him. He sent the following telegram to Mrs. Riis at Barre, Mass.: "I am grieved more than I can express. I feel as if I had lost my own brother. Jake's friendship has meant more for me than I can ever say. I mourn with you and wish I could say anything that would be any comfort to you."

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