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The Personnel of the Pan-American Financial Congress.

The idea of a financial conference occurred to Secretary McAdoo when shipping bill was first considered by congress in fall of 1914. Investigation of transportation necessities for South America showed him that a system of finance was also one of the needs if our commerce with the Southern countries was to be established and maintained upon a firm basis. When he suggested a Pan-American Financial Conference it met the hearty approval of President Wilson and the governments of Latin America. Congress appropriated \$50,000 for the entertainment of the delegates and expenses of the conference. Invitations were sent to all the governments and eighteen of the twenty responded and were represented in the conference. Each country was requested to send three delegates, and in naming these representatives the various countries selected the foremost financial and business men of their respective nations. In addition each country was represented in the conference by its ambassador or minister to the United States.

Secretary McAdoo appointed 110 business men in all walks of life and from every section of the country as delegates on the part of the United States, and in addition the members of the president's cabinet, the counselor and assistant secretaries of State, the comptroller of currency and other members of the Federal Reserve Board, the assistant secretaries of the treasury, the federal trade commission, the federal reserve agents, the governors of federal reserve banks, the members of the federal advisory council, and the director-general of the Pan-American Union.

It was not expected that in four or five days these delegates from Latin America and the United States could consider all the questions presented, solve them and outline a definite plan of procedure. The conference did show, however, a desire and determination to bring about closer commercial relations and the establishment of facilities which will make such a result possible. The interest the delegates showed, and the earnestness of their purpose, promise success for the general object of the conference.

The visit of the Latin-American delegates to different cities in the eastern part of the United States gave them an opportunity to see a portion of the country, the character and size of our cities, large manufacturing plants, and what was more important, they could learn from personal contact and conversation that our people have a real interest in our neighbors on this continent.

As the European war, interrupting commerce and finance, made a movement such as the financial conference necessary, so that same war has drawn the peoples of all America into closer relations, made them feel a dependency upon each other in commercial and international relationships. That spirit was manifest from the time the conference was proposed, and it was further apparent in the speeches of welcome and response, as well as in the more prosaic business features of the meeting. It is evident that Pan-Americanism has taken on a more comprehensive and important meaning and will have far-reaching effect upon the American continent—From "Pan-American Financial Conference," by Arthur Wallace Dunn, in the American Review of Reviews for June.

In the Police Court.
 From The Daily Item, June 7.

In the police court this morning there was only one defendant to come before the mayor, who acted as recorder, the cases against Julian D. Seale, Walter Moore and William Nelson being postponed.

Frank Rogers plead guilty to the charge of stealing two inner automobile tubes from Mr. Bernard Manning, and was given a sentence of \$50 or 30 days on each charge.

Frank Rogers was also charged with larceny of dash coils from Eugene Rainey to which he also plead guilty, \$50 or 30 days being his sentence.

FIRE IN MAYESVILLE.

Barber Shop Damaged by Blaze Supposed to Have Been of Incendiary Origin.

Mayesville, June 3.—What came near being a serious fire occurred about 12.30 last night when the front of the Mayes stores in the Bank of Mayesville block was discovered in flames. As soon as a good stream of water could be turned on the flames the fire was shortly extinguished, but not before the front was burned considerably and the large plate glasses broken. This damage was covered by insurance. The store was occupied by B. Herman as a barber shop and he had just moved in last week. His equipment was removed but was badly damaged. He had no insurance.

From the nature of the fire and its location, the consensus of opinion is that it was the work of an incendiary. The fire will be investigated in all probability and the guilty party or parties brought to justice.

MAYESVILLE NEWS NOTES.

Misses Ervin and Wilson Entertain at Rook—Personal Mention.

Mayesville, June 3.—Quite a pleasant social event of the summer was a rook party given by Misses Lou Ervin and Juanita Wilson at their home in the country. There was a large number of the young folks from the town and country present and the game of rook was enjoyed until a late hour. Delicious refreshments consisting of cream and cake were passed during the evening.

Miss Louise King has returned home from Converse college for the vacation.

Miss Louise Griffin returned from Winthrop college on Wednesday.

Mrs. L. I. Parrott of Sumter is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Geo. C. Warren.

Mrs. B. Masursky and daughter, Miss Theima, of Barnwell, are visiting Mrs. T. L. Kahn.

Mrs. Thomas Walsh and children of Sumter are the guests of Mrs. W. L. Currie.

Ernest Evans of the government demonstration bureau in Marlboro county spent the week-end with J. R. Mayes.

Mrs. Robert A. Chandler attended the commencement exercises of the College for Women in Columbia this week.

Miss Lucy Pugh of the Mayesville school faculty has returned to her home in Virginia.

Miss Ruth Stackhouse of Marion is visiting Miss Sadie Mayes.

Rev. Junius Mills of Rowland, N. C., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mills, this week.

NEWS FROM EGYPT.

Excessive Rains Have Damaged Crops—Baseball—Personal Items.

Egypt, June 3.—Since last Friday morning we have had an abundance of rain. Several very heavy rains with wind, besides a very heavy thunder cloud last Saturday evening, accompanied by wind and hail. The damage was very light through this section. The hail stones were small and the fall only lasted a short while. Crops are very small for this season and grass is in abundance. The cutting of grain has been delayed on account of the heavy rains.

Rev. T. J. White of Branchville is a visitor in Egypt this week.

Mr. Sam Folk of Providence is spending the day with friends in this section.

Miss Maude Attaway has returned home for the summer after teaching in Williamston for the past session.

Mr. J. K. Richbourg has gone to Bishopville today.

The Children's Day services at Salem were well carried out. Besides the regular programme by the children, addresses were made by Prof. A. L. Humphries of the Kershaw high school and Hon. Thos. H. Tatum of the Bishopville bar. Mrs. M. B. McCutchen added much to the occasion by two beautiful solos.

Mr. C. N. Humphries and son, Arthur, spent last Sunday in Egypt.

Miss Willene Britton of Camden is a popular visitor in Egypt this week.

Miss Clelia Terry of Oswego is visiting Miss Maud Attaway at Smithville this week.

Mr. A. B. White was in Camden yesterday.

Miss Lola McLeod has returned home from Gastonia, N. C., where she attended Linwood college the past session.

Miss Pearl Brown of Smithville is spending a few days in Egypt.

Mr. L. H. White spent last Saturday and Sunday at Rembert.

Last Saturday afternoon Woodrow and Spring Hill played a very interesting game of ball on the Spring Hill diamond. The grounds were very wet and for that reason many errors and runs were made.

The game lasted ten innings and resulted in a score of 13 to 7 in favor of Spring Hill. Batteries were: Woodrow, Heriot and DuBose; Spring Hill, Smith, Attaway and Attaway and Wilson.

THE RICHMOND REUNION.

Mr. D. James Winn Describes Some of Sights and His Impressions of Great Gathering.
 Editor Daily Item:

After a pleasant run with fine company to make the time pass, we arrived in Richmond, Va., where we received hearty and warm greetings from its hospitable people. "On to Richmond" was the war time cry of the union armies for four long and bloody years, and now the cry came from all over our Southland and instead of the cannon's roar and sharp crack of the rifle we were greeted with smiles and warm hand shakes and made to feel at home. Such are the victories of law and peace.

The streets of this great and beautiful city have been thronged with the youth and beauty of our Southland from Texas to Maryland and to see the old and weatherbeaten Confederate soldiers and hear Dixie and Bonny Blue Flag sung and played by some of the finest bands in America and hear the Rebel yell was hard to believe that the war was over 50 years. There have been meetings, concerts, memorial exercises and entertainments for young and old. I attended the old church where Rev. Moses Hogue preached for over 50 years, and here the great and noble Stonewall Jackson worshipped God and was not ashamed to own him King of Kings and Lord of Lords. A fine sermon was delivered by its present pastor to the old veterans of Camp R. E. Lee, and it was the great pleasure of the writer to look in the face and shake the hand of Rev. Mr. Smith, the only survivor of the staff of Stonewall Jackson and who was by his side when our hero fell and helped to lift him up. I felt when I touched his hand that those hands were made sacred by Jackson's blood. He is old now and he in a few years will also pass over the river and greet his chief and rest under the shade of the trees.

Today was the great day. A column two miles long marched from the capitol to Monument avenue, where the foundation of Jackson's monument was laid and out of consideration for the old and bent Confederate soldiers, they were assembled in 3 or 4 squares of the monument and stood reviewing the parade of the young and active organizations and bands as they passed by and also some of the beauty of the South as the sponsors rode by in automobiles and floats. Then the South Carolina veterans, led by our excellent Governor, Richard I. Manning, and staff, marched at the head of the column of old veterans. My! what a sight greeted us as we marched along with the sidewalks, porches and tops of some buildings lined with the finest and noblest of our country and such cheering, smiles, and waving of flags I can't describe. I thought I would wear my hat out waving and lifting it. The sights today were worth all the time and expense of coming here and impressed me more than ever with what a great country we have. I leave this evening for points in West Virginia and will always cherish the remembrance of the reunion at Richmond as one of the gem spots in memory.

D. James Winn.

NEW HOME BURNS.

E. C. Gross Suffers Narrow Escape at Manning.

Manning, June 6.—About 2.30 yesterday morning the handsome new home of E. C. Gross on south Church street was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin. Mr. Gross was alone at home, his wife and child being away on a visit to relatives in Georgia, when he was awakened from sound sleep by stifling smoke in the room. The fire was well advanced and all means of exit were cut off except a window through which he hurriedly escaped in his night clothing, taking with him only a pair of trousers. The house was completed and occupied about four months ago at a cost of \$3,300 for the building and \$3,500 for the furniture and fittings. There was insurance to the amount of \$2,500 on the house and \$2,200 on the furniture. Mr. Gross came here about two years ago and engaged in business and has made many friends among the people of the county.

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ARRESTED AS SPIES.

Charleston Woman and Husband Charged with Aiding Austrians at Venice.

Venice, June 5.—The Duke and Duchess of Litta have been arrested on a charge of espionage. They are well known in America, where the Duke often lectured. The Duchess was Miss Perry, of Charleston, S. C.

On the night of one of the aerial bombardments of Venice the Duke and Duchess had retired. It is a strict rule in Venice that one must not burn lights with the widows or shutters open, and either the Duke or Duchess or a servant forgot to close the shutters. The light was taken by the police as a signal to the Austrians.

Up went half a dozen policemen to arrest the Duchess and Duke. The policemen would not allow the maid in the room, but helped the ducal pair put on their clothes. They were carried off to the central police station, where they had to spend the rest of the night.

The Duchess complained she had been taken away without her hair. A policeman was sent to fetch it, and it was used as evidence against her as extra proof that she was an Austrian spy in disguise. When the ducal pair had sent for influential Venetians, who swore to their identity, they were allowed to go on bail.

MANNING SCHOOL CLOSES.

Brilliant Year's Work Ends With Commencement.

Manning, June 6.—Friday night's exercises marked a brilliant closing of a successful year's work in the Manning graded and high school. The large auditorium and gallery were crowded with an interested audience while many stood in the corridors and doorways. There were 16 graduates of the high school.

The following was the order of exercises of the evening: Prayer by the Rev. L. B. McCord; class song; salutatory, Jamaica Barron; class history, Sue Sprott; class poem, Alice Wilson; class prophecy, Annie Dickson; class will, Sue M. Sprott; chorus; address by Thomas G. McLeod; introduced by S. Oliver O'Bryan; valedictory, Netta Levi; chorus; delivery of diplomas and prizes. The medal for spelling was awarded to Isabel Plowden of the fourth grade. For the Latin medal there was a tie between James Barron of the tenth grade and Carolyn Plowden of the ninth grade. The Loryea medal for the highest average in the tenth grade was awarded to Netta Levi and presented by J. H. Lesesne. At the close of the exercises the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. G. P. Watson. The total enrollment for the year was 386 and the average attendance 312. There were only 180 tardies out of a possible 60,000.

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