

**TO WORK FOR GREATER SOUTH**

**NOTE OF ENDEAVOR AT OPENING DAY'S SESSION OF SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.**

**Many Prominent Men in Attendance on Annual Event now Convening in Charleston—Today Will be Peace Day and Exercises Will Commemorate Fifty Years of Peace.**

Charleston, Dec. 13.—That the problems of the South are the problems of the nation was the predominant note sounded at the opening address at the first day of the Southern Commercial congress held in the German Artillery hall.

A vision of the South of tomorrow is being unfolded at the sessions of the Southern Commercial congress. The record of past achievements is being sketched accurately by men who know. All questions making for the progress of the South will be discussed.

Drainage, rural credits, a well balanced system of agriculture, the development of industries and trade—these are some of the more important matters to be given attention by the congress.

Commissioners of agriculture from practically all of the States of the South will gather in Charleston tomorrow and join the deliberations of the commercial congress.

The leaders in finance, commerce and agriculture are in attendance upon the congress and questions affecting almost every line of endeavor in the South are being given close attention.

There were several hundred delegates representing many Southern States and almost every county in South Carolina in convention hall this morning when the commercial congress was called to order by Dr. Clarence J. Owens, managing director of the congress.

The invocation was by the Rt. Rev. William A. Guerry, bishop of South Carolina. He invoked divine blessing upon the deliberation of the congress, upon the governor of the State, the president of the United States and the war-racked nations of Europe.

"We meet here today to forget secession hall. We are not forgetting the old South, but representing the new South," said Mayor John P. Grace, warmly welcoming the visitors. He referred to Charleston as the capital of the old South and of the new South. He was received with applause.

Long and continued applause greeted Gov. Manning, who delivered an address of welcome to South Carolina. Enthusiasm ran high in convention hall when the band played "Dixie" as the officers of the congress and speakers entered the hall.

An interesting feature of the convention today was the large number of women present at the opening session.

The South's progress during the past five years was told in facts and figures by the various speakers in a most striking manner at the first day of the congress. South Carolina's progress was reviewed in detail and a statement of this State's unusual agricultural records won much applause.

Charleston, the "plumb line port," was referred to as the South's greatest port and the open gateway to Panama.

Addresses of today were by Gov. Manning, Mayor John P. Grace, William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury; John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American union; John Temple Graves, associate editor of the New York American, and Senator Duignan U. Fletcher, president of the congress. The response to the addresses of welcome was delivered by Thomas S. Southgate, first vice president of the congress.

"The large attendance is most gratifying and I look forward to a most successful session of the congress," said John Barrett, director of the Pan-American union. He is the representative of an organization that is working for the development of trade relations between the United States and the countries to the South. Mr. Barrett will remain in Charleston for several days.

A hopeful spirit was breathed in the annual address by Duncan U. Fletcher, United States senator from Florida and president of the Southern Commercial congress.

Senator Fletcher, outlining the purpose of the congress, said that "it was making for the permanent progress of the choice portion of the greatest country on earth."

"We have created a greater nation through a greater South," declared Senator Fletcher.

The large and distinctive part that the South has played in the building of the nation was described by John Temple Graves of the editorial staff of the New York American. He referred to the South as a "splendid prodigal," in defending the right to secede. The subject was "The Victories of Peace."

"The South's prosperity of today is

**CELEBRATE PEACE VICTORIES.**

**NEW SOUTH IS THEME OF DELIBERATIONS ON CONGRESS.**

**Agriculture Receives Attention at Second Day's Session, Which has Larger Attendance—Gov. Manning Named as Chairman of House of Governors—Cities Begin Contest for Next Meeting with Baltimore in Front Rank.**

Charleston, Dec. 14.—The new South as a monument to the victories of peace during the last half century was the general theme of the deliberations of the Southern Commercial congress today.

There was an increased attendance at the sessions of the congress, which are being held in the German Artillery hall.

Commissioners of agriculture from several Southern States arrived in Charleston early today from Columbia, where they held a business session Monday and merged their meeting with the commercial congress.

Peace must come eventually if humanity is to be saved, in the opinion of James Brown Scott, special adviser of the state department, who delivered the first address at the morning session.

Announcement was made today that Gov. Manning has been named chairman of the Southern House of Governors for next year. Clarence J. Owens was named secretary.

Today several cities of the South began to contest for the next Southern Commercial congress. Director Owens said today that Baltimore was making a strong bid for the convention in 1916. The next convention city will be announced during the week.

The speakers today made a plea for the peaceful development of industries and commerce. While the congress gave up the entire day to a discussion of the results to be secured by peace, there has not been one discordant note sounded against a sane programme of preparedness by the United States.

Practically all of the speakers have endorsed the position of President Wilson on preparedness.

The house of governors today passed a resolution endorsing the position of President Wilson on the question of rural credits and a merchant marine.

The resolution follows:

"Resolved, That upon consideration of the important practical questions which concern the people directly and immediately, and we believe, the people of the whole country, we hereby fully endorse the position taken by the president in his address to the congress of the United States of December 7, 1915, wherein he says 'that we should put into early operation some provision for rural credits,' and further that 'it is necessary for many weighty reasons of national efficiency and development that we should have a great merchant marine.'

"As related to these two subjects we would lay stress upon the importance of the

wonder of the world," said Mr. Graves, describing the rise of the South to commercial supremacy. The South's contribution to the rank of leaders in the United States was referred to by the speaker.

A tribute by Mr. Graves to Woodrow Wilson was applauded for some time. "They are all ours," said the speaker after giving a list of Southern farm men who have been successful in the administration of the affairs of the nation. True Americanism is found in the South, the speaker said.

The cadets from the Citadel and Porter Military academy were present at the morning session of the congress.

The special chorus of 100 voices won the commendation of the delegates to the congress.

Introducing John Barrett of the Pan-American union, President Fletcher said that he was "the only international officer."

Pan-Americanism as proposed in the message of President Wilson was lauded by Mr. Barrett.

Tomorrow will be "Peace day" at the Southern Commercial congress, when the programme of the South will be reviewed by speakers of national reputation. This day will be given up to a jubilee commemorating a half century of good feeling between the sections of the United States. Senator Fletcher will preside.

"Peace and Pan-America" will be the subject of an address by S. Perez Triana, representing the United States of Colombia. James Brown Scott, special adviser of the state department and chairman of the joint navy and state neutrality board, will speak on some subject to be announced. Another address of the day will be by Arthur D. Call, executive director of the American Peace society. Edwin Warfield, former governor of Maryland and a big figure in the world of finance, is to deliver an address at the morning session of the congress.

ance of a solution of the problem of marketing, particularly as applied to all farm products, involving also economic distribution generally.

"Resolved, further, That in mentioning the above specific subjects, we do not mean to imply any lack of cordial indorsement of the policies and principles of a national and international character announced by the president to all of which we pledge our earnest and serious support."

Gov. Manning did not attend the sessions of the congress today. He was busy at a meeting of the board of visitors of the Citadel.

Delegates attending the congress were the guests this afternoon of the battleship fleet lying in Cooper river. The cruise about the great naval fighting machines was begun at 3:30 o'clock.

Addresses were delivered today by David Lubin, an authority of international renown on the question of rural credits. James Brown Scott, special adviser of the state department and Arthur D. Call, secretary of the American society.

S. Perez Triana, representing the United States of Colombia, and Edwin Warfield, former governor of Maryland, failed to reach Charleston. Both were scheduled to speak at the congress today.

"I expect a long talk with Mr. Lubin before I leave Charleston," said Gov. Manning today, discussing the subject of rural credits. While the governor has made no official announcement, it is probable that he will devote considerable space in his annual message to the legislature to rural credits. Mr. Lubin is one of the best authorities on rural credits. He is holding daily conferences with delegates to the commercial congress. T. B. Thackston of Spartanburg, who was appointed a special commissioner by Gov. Manning to confer with Mr. Lubin, has arrived in Charleston.

Commercial secretaries representing 25 cities of the South are in Charleston for a session of the Southern association. They were the guests at a luncheon this afternoon given by A. V. Snell, secretary of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, at the Charleston hotel.

The secretaries will hold several conferences during the week when money matters will be considered.

In his address to the congress, James Brown Scott counselor of the state department, the relation of commerce to international peace was discussed.

"I beg to say that the greatness of the United States is due not to foreign wars which it has waged," said the speaker.

"I do not maintain that armament is unnecessary; I do insist that it is a burden, and in the competition of the world for industrial markets and comfort, happiness and prosperity of peoples within national lines, any armament is a burden," said Mr. Scott.

The following committee on resolutions was appointed this afternoon: Leland Hume of Tennessee, chairman; H. S. Shelor of Oklahoma, George W. Koinor of Virginia, William H. Saunders of Washington, A. W. Douglas of Missouri, Adolph Boidt of Texas, Albert E. Tate of North Carolina, A. V. Snell of South Carolina, W. D. Lowery of Alabama, Thomas J. Campbell of Florida, S. Ogden Persons of Georgia, William G. Hutson of Arkansas and R. S. French of Maryland.

Admiral Coffman of the fleet called upon Gov. Manning today at noon to officially pay his respects. He was accompanied by several aides.

"A gunboat or a submarine will not make a strong nation," said David Lubin in his address to the congress this afternoon. He spoke in favor of developing the agricultural system of the country. The ownership of land by tenants was advocated by Mr. Lubin. The German system of national agricultural development was explained by Mr. Lubin. The speaker discussed a scientific marketing system, which is now pending in congress.

"Armament clogs industry and commerce," he added.

"To secure the regular and orderly administration of international justice we must have treaties of arbitration as unlimited in scope as possible," said the speaker.

National defense day at the Southern Commercial congress will be celebrated tomorrow by a big open air meeting in Marion square.

The principal addresses of the day will be delivered by Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, and Henry F. Preckenridge, assistant secretary of war, who will come as the personal representative of Lindley M. Garrison.

Oscar S. Straus, an ardent member of the Progressive party, who was recently appointed a member of the public service commission of New York by a Republican governor, addressing the Southern Commercial congress tonight, expressed the opinion that the United States should be adequately prepared. "I am a man of the 'peace at any price' party, as they call it, yet I want to see this

country adequately prepared," said Mr. Straus in expounding the objects and aims of the league for the enforcement of peace. "I, for one," he said, "wish to express my appreciation to the administration in Washington for keeping its head level amidst the insanity of the world." At another time he said, "I believe that we should put ourselves in the position of adequate defense."

**FLEET PART OF ATTRACTION.**

**Presence in Harbor of Warships and Parade Today Among Big Features.**

Charleston, Dec. 14.—The presence of the fleet in the harbor today was specially recognized by the Southern Commercial congress when the delegates and visitors to the city in attendance on the meetings this afternoon visited the fleet at 3:30 o'clock in response to the invitation of Rear Admiral Coffman issued Saturday.

The officers and men of the fighting vessels were busy during the visit, explaining the fine points of the fighting machines. With their usual willingness, the men of the ships took extra pains to impress upon the delegates the value of the navy to the country.

The bluejackets of the fleet are having a great time during their visit to the city. Besides the various forms of public entertainment that are being provided for the bluejackets, the latter are providing entertainment for the people of the city with their football and basketball games. The mere presence of the men from the ships on the streets of the city is a source of much interest. The behavior of the men is matter of favorable comment in the city.

The weather bureau has smiled upon Charleston and is giving admirable weather for the Southern Commercial congress and the fleet.

The men of the ships are making preparations for the big military parade on the morrow. The sailors are determined not to be outdone by their land brethren, artillerymen and marines.

The officers of the fleet are also being royally entertained during their stay in the harbor. Many of them were entertained at a luncheon at the rooms of the Charleston club yesterday morning which was given by the chairman of the naval committee, E. W. Hughes. Several of them were present at the dinner that was given by Gov. Manning last night. Many of the officers will attend the ball in the Hibernian hall tonight, which is being given by the Woman's auxiliary to the Southern Commercial congress. A banquet will be given in honor of the officers and the delegates to the Southern Commercial congress tomorrow night at the Charleston hotel.

The enlisted men of the fleet will be given an oyster roast at the Schutzenplatz Thursday. The warrant officers of the fleet will be entertained at a smoker at the Elks' club Thursday night.

**EXHIBITS OF SCHOOLS.**

Charleston, Dec. 14.—The Charleston educational exhibit under the auspices of the local Woman's auxiliary to the Southern Commercial congress, which is being held in the Charleston museum, is a revelation, as an index to the work that is being done, and has been done in the educational institutions of this city. All the public schools are represented along with the colleges. Exhibits are there from the elementary schools, Bennett, Craft, Courtenay and Mitchell, white schools, and Simonton and Shaw, the negro schools; Charleston high school, Memminger, Citadel, College of Charleston, Porter Military academy, Medical college, the kindergartens of the city and the negro industrial school. The Natural History society and the traveling school exhibit of the Charleston museum are also represented. The exhibit is a most creditable exhibition of what is being done in the schools of the city. Yesterday afternoon, the exhibit was visited by many pupils of the schools and by others attracted there. It is open to the public every day this week.

The exhibit was promoted by the local Woman's auxiliary to the Southern Commercial congress through its chairman, Mrs. H. G. Leidink. Miss L. M. Bragg was appointed the chairman of the committee in charge of the educational exhibit and the success of the committee can be judged by the standard of the displays that they have secured. Prof. Paul Rea, the curator of the museum, provided space for the exhibit in the museum. The northeastern section of the main auditorium is devoted to the booths that have been arranged by the various schools.

The educational exhibit will be open the entire week for inspection by the visitors. It is to be regretted that the exhibit has come in a week so full of happenings that the importance of this single feature is dimmed.

**QUARTERS REMOVED.**

Charleston, Dec. 14.—With the arrival in Charleston today of E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture,

commerce and industries of South Carolina, the headquarters of the National Drainage congress and the Southern Cotton congress were removed from Columbia to Charleston.

A call by Mr. Watson, who is president of the two congresses, has brought members of both organizations from all over the South to attend special sessions which will be held here this week in connection with the Southern Commercial congress.

The Southern members of the National Drainage congress have gathered in Charleston for a serious discussion of the drainage of the low lands. The members of the cotton congress will study the question of maintaining the price of the South's great staple.

After several sessions the two congresses will be merged with the commercial congress.

**SUMMER COTTON MARKET.**

Corrected Daily by Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer.

Good Middling 11 7-8.  
Strict Middling 11 5-8.  
Middling 11 3-8.  
Strict Low Middling 10 7-8.  
Low Middling 10 3-8.  
Staple cotton 14 to 17a.

**NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.**

Year's  
Open High Low Close Close  
Jan. . .11.99 12.09 11.93 11.93 12.10  
Feb. . .12.25 12.33 12.19 12.19 12.35  
May . .12.50 12.56 12.44 12.44 12.58

**Marriage.**  
Miss Eva Hudson and Mr. Leon Hudson, both of Tindal, were married this morning in his office by the Clerk of Court.

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