

CONGRESS ON INDIAN PROGRESS

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., AUGUST 9 TO 15, 1915



AT the invitation of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, a Congress on Indian Progress, under the auspices of the Northern California Indian Association and the United States Office of Indian Affairs, will be held in the Auditorium at the New Civic Center of San Francisco, from August 9th to 15th, inclusive, 1915. As the plans develop it may be found desirable to begin the Congress earlier or continue it longer.

Hon. Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, has called a conference of workers in the Indian Service to be held in San Francisco during the forenoons of August 9th to 14th. Employees of the service who can be spared from their posts of duty will be given leave of absence to attend this meeting. Some time ago the Northern California Indian Association issued a preliminary announcement of a Congress to be held in San Francisco at some convenient time during the Exposition. Over 300 replies to this circular have been received, and about 200 questions have been suggested for consideration. Many of these questions of course relate to various phases of general topics. The responses indicate deep interest in the congress, and show the broad range that its discussions will take. As soon as the general program can be outlined another circular will be issued giving details in regard to it.

At a recent conference in San Francisco between H. B. Peairs, Supervisor of U. S. Indian Schools, and representatives of the Northern California Indian Association and the Bureau of Conventions and Societies of the Exposition, it was agreed that plans for these meetings should be worked out in close co-operation, so that the conference of workers in the Indian Service might become an integral part of the Congress and might be, so far as possible, of interest and value to the general public, and might emphasize facts that would arouse public sentiment in behalf of needed improvements.

On certain forenoons when the conference of Indian School Workers may be devoted to technical matters, another section of the Congress will probably convene for the consideration of topics of popular interest.

THE GENERAL PLAN

In general, the plan for the Congress is to devote the forenoons and evenings to sessions for the presentation of addresses by the most able speakers to be secured and for general discussions, leaving the afternoons free for visiting the Exposition. A feature of intense interest in