

ARGENTINA VAST TREASURE HOUSE Nation Awakening to Knowledge of Great Resources.

THREE ZONES COVERED

Billions of Dollars Given Away in Concessions—Policy of Conservation and Development Started.

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Between the sluggish Rio de la Plata, which fringes it on the north, and the penal colony of Ushuaia, which is almost on the edge of the Antarctic circle, the amazing Argentina is a veritable treasure house. It is larger in territory than the whole of continental United States east of the Mississippi river. An outline map of it placed over the North American continent shows that it stretches from the Gulf of Mexico to the north and Yucatan in Mexico to the south. Broadside, its width is something like 1200 miles. In area it contains 1,153,919 square miles, or 737,950,000 acres.

This vast terrain comprises the tropical zone on the north, the temperate in the center and the Antarctic in the south. It is crested with high mountains on the west, where the Andes divide it from the north, and the Cordillera on the east, where the Andes divide it from the south.

The Argentinean, less Spanish in thought, custom and habit than the rest of the continent, does not himself know what his wonderful land contains. The fact is that he has never made a very serious attempt to find out. He has left that to others, who have attempted to show him the way to develop and make practically profitable the disclosure of the vast resources that he hides in the mountains or by scientific treatment produced by the soil.

The Argentine has until a recent period proceeded on the theory that it is very much easier to "let George do it" than do it himself. He would rather buy something at a fancy price than grow or make it. He has depended upon the more practical nations, whose citizens have proceeded in a scientific way to make what the Argentine needed and charge him a fancy price for it.

It was not until these aliens had partly developed the resources of his remarkable country and the realization of an unco-ordinated mixture of foreigners had assumed definite form toward the making of an Argentine character that the people who had given away concessions worth billions of dollars awakened to the fact that they were paying too high a price for services that they could perform themselves. So now they have stopped giving anything away and are beginning to set a commendable example for the other South American countries by investing their own money at home instead of taking it to Paris and flinging it about in pursuit of the fascinating pleasures of that playground.

Development Due to Foreigners. The Argentine, despite previous indolence, incompetency and lack of practical knowledge, has become one of the most important elements contributing to the food supply of the world. Its cattle have thrived and fattened on the lush grasses of the pampas at little cost. The rich nitrate of the fields have produced wheat enough to support a continent. The dense and unexplored forests are beginning to provide timber enough to meet all the needs of the Argentine and leave something besides.

The Argentine is divided into 14 provinces, ten territories and one federal district. The population of it is probably 8,000,000, or less than ten on the average to every square mile. Just how many people live in the Argentine is problematical, because there are scattered in the little-explored regions large tribes of Indians. The most populous of the Argentine provinces are Buenos Ayres, Santa Fe, Cordoba, Entrerios, Corrientes, San Luis, Santiago del Estero, Tucuman, Mendoza, San Juan, La Rioja, Catamarca, Salta and Jujuy. The largest of these provinces is the Buenos Ayres, which the Argentine has built into a city of 2,200,000, and which is generally European in aspect with few distinguishing traits.

Buenos Ayres is the largest city of the Argentine. Through its busy port are imported manufactured articles, machinery for the development of the country, and industries, and exported are wheat, flour, linseed, cattle, hides, dairy products, tannin, wool, sugar, cocoa, nitrates, antimony, corn, broom corn, copper, vegetables, grapes, wine, fruit, nuts, furs, dyewoods, fertilizers, paper stock, alcohol, tungsten, zinc ore and plenty nearly every product found in the States.

From the production of these products largely come the earnings, which are poured into the Argentine with little effort on the part of the people that own the land and industry. The same is true of cotton. Many of the provinces in the northern part of Argentina are admirably suited to the production of this staple.

The territory of Chaco, which lies in the north central part of the country, contains as good cotton growing land as any state in North America. Yet it is wild and unsettled, largely unexplored, partly timbered and partly prairie. Living conditions are of the worst; practically all accommodations must be taken with the settler who goes there to live. There is no rail transportation, so that the cotton must be sent for vast distances

by bullock team to the navigable rivers. Chaco also contains splendid land for the production of tobacco, castor beans and farm products like those raised in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama. Until very recently the Argentines gave little thought to the agricultural possibilities of their country. They displayed a tendency to concentrate their energies on cattle and livestock and buy their vegetables put up in tins in England, Spain, France and Italy and the United States to a lesser degree.

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BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Argentina has refused the request of the allies that she take measures to prevent German exportation of war materials to Argentina in violation of the treaty of Versailles. The government takes the ground that Argentina is not concerned in the stipulation of a treaty between other nations.

The fact that such a request had been made by the allies was disclosed today with publication by the foreign office of an exchange of notes between the foreign office and the Italian minister to Argentina, Victor Cobianni, as head of the diplomatic representatives of France, Japan, England and Italy.

Generally such material is simply deposited in neutral countries for the account of German firms, or is re-exported to countries where war still continues. Senator Cobianni wrote, "It is evident that if these neutrals do not consent to intervene effectively to prevent it, this traffic will permit German political groups to construct outside German territory and free from all control, deposits of arms which, on occasion, they would be able to utilize."

A London dispatch of January 15, quoting Berlin advice, said negotiations were proceeding between the Zeppelin plants and Argentina and Chile for supplying airships. Restrictions imposed by the allies, however, the dispatch added, prevented immediate deliveries.

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Supporters Today Will Move to Send Measure to Conference on Senate Amendments.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—Supporters of the Fordney emergency tariff bill will move today to send the measure to conference on the senate amendments, house leaders having agreed today to clear the parliamentary path.

If it is found impossible to have the bill sent to conference by routine procedure, the rules committee will be asked to give the bill a privileged status. It can then be considered immediately and sent to conference by a majority vote.

Chairman Campbell of the rules committee said today that he saw no hindrance to putting through the special rule which will be requested. Opponents declare they have stirred up a fighting array of some strength.

Acting Chairman Green of the ways and means committee has announced that the opposition would not be sufficiently strong to divert him from the decided course.

ALIEN BILL DUE TODAY

Restriction Measure to Come Before Senate, According to Plans.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The immigration restriction bill is to be taken up tomorrow in the senate with the expectation of disposal in a few hours, according to plans announced today by Senator Dillingham, republican, Vermont, in charge of the measure.

The Dillingham substitute for the Johnson bill had opposition in the senate calendar today, but was laid aside to permit passage of urgent appropriation bills. Senator Dillingham is announcing to the senate that legislation would be pressed tomorrow by the grand jury on a charge of attacking the 6-year-old daughter of Professor Wicks of this city, pleaded guilty in Judge Hamilton's court and this morning was sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

Lloyd Belt, 29 year old, held in jail here on a charge of burglary at Glendale, pleaded guilty and received a sentence of two years, but was paroled.

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OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 18.—Charges that instigators of the "open shop" movement in the United States are making their headquarters in Canada, were made today by Tom Moore, president of the Canadian Trades and Labor congress.

His statement was in reply to an address by N. J. Kennedy, president of the Builders' Employers' association of Detroit, Mich., in which he said that the United States "had been run for the past four and a half years by Samuel Gompers and that the last election was a mandate to the government that the people were tired of being dominated by the American Federation of Labor."

Labor, Moore warned, will not countenance the campaign which, he said, was in progress to create "open shop" conditions.

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financial conference in October, 1920, will make a statement to the reparations commission tomorrow concerning the reasons for his recall as unofficial member of the commission by the United States government. It was announced here today. He will point out that the situation of the American representatives always has been abnormal and became more so as final decisions on important questions approached. The American members having no voice in them.

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Speaking of the independents, J. L. Eldridge, vice-president of the Railroad Yardmasters of America, said the collective bargaining proposal presented by the unions to the board yesterday was another attempt to obtain recognition that the unions were the only representatives of the employees.

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BOMB PLOT PROBE ENDS

NEW YORK GRAND JURY SAYS CRIME WAS DELIBERATE. Panel Ends Investigation of Explosion Which Killed 39 Persons in September.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The Wall Street explosion last September, which took 39 lives and injured nearly 200, was "a dastardly crime, intentionally committed," in the opinion of the grand jury, which investigated the disaster.

Dismissing the theory of an accident in a presentment filed upon its discharge today, the grand jury expressed conviction that an "infernal machine was brought to Wall Street in a wagon and there abandoned."

"As to whether those who perpetrated the crime intended the explosion to occur at exactly the time and place it did was not verified by any evidence given," the report said. "The evidence seems to be against the theory that dynamite was employed, but rather some explosive like chlorate."

"The evidence was clear that lead pipe or saah weights and other metals of various kinds were either contained in the infernal machine or surrounded it."

"The evidence shows," concluded the report, "that it is easy for criminals to obtain explosives, and little technical knowledge of chemistry is necessary by those who obtain them."

ATTACK WINS LIFE TERM

William Barrow Pleads Guilty of Crime Against Girl. ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—William Barrow, who was indicted by the grand jury on a charge of attacking the 6-year-old daughter of Professor Wicks of this city, pleaded guilty in Judge Hamilton's court and this morning was sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

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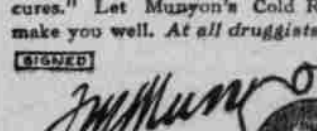


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