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Pan-American Will Strike New Note In World Unity

Mutual Helpfulness and Unselfish Co-operation Sets Fine Example to All

Trade Relationship Ideal as Result of Trust in Motives Held by Sister Nations

By Dr. L. S. Rowe.

Editors Note .- As Director General of the Pan American Union and the authorized general exponent of all the Latin-American republics (22 in number) Dr. Rowe is working energetically and expertly to forward a combnied effort on the part of the United States manufacturers to increase trade relations. His article will be found inter-esting and greatly illuminating.

The dream of the civilized peoples of international co-operation rather of the world since history recorded than competition. civilization has been and is being accomplished today on the Western

International disputes are being statesmanlike leadership of James G. an unknown quantity. The sword has the Republics of the American conand this in the face of the cry, example and inspiration to the na

world will view with suspicion even the suggestions of peace overtures publics have been meeting each that shall last forever, view with distrust the hopes of a universal dis- tary of State of the United States, armament, cling to the weapons of to discuss matters of common interwar with one hand while touching est and concern. Through such in the Inter-American High Commis drawing together of the nations thus international irritation.

PEACE AND PROSPERITY. fidence in its decisions

good-will and co-operation have been sadly shattered. Enthusiasm has given way to moral lassitude and cynirism. The resurgence of selfish naionalistic and even imperialistic ampition on the part of the peoples of Europe has developed an atmosphere f pessimism with reference to the uture of Western civilization.

The bitter experience of the last few years has served to undermine many accepted and hitherto unquestioned beliefs relative to international affairs. There is a growing feeling that the ruthless international competition, which has characterized world relations during the last century, has not produced the results which were anticipated. Even those countries that seemed to gain the greatest advantage from this competitive system have often found those advantages hollow and of little permanent value. With this increasing doubt as to the efficiency of international competition, there is a growing feeling that the welfare of the masses of the people in all countries can best be guaranteed through a policy

FIRST CONFERENCE. Since the first Pan American con-

ference, held in 1889, under the

settled before their activities have Blaine, there has been worked out more than been born. Hatreds are a policy of international co-operasmothered in the cradle. Injustice is tion and mutual helpfulness amongst indeed been beaten into a plow share tinent which may well serve as an tions of the world. For a period of While the great nations of the over thirty years, the diplomatic representatives of the American Remonth, presided over by the Secre-

Throughout the world, the masses mestic problem, whether it is in mat-ried forward with must gratifying of the people are passing through a ters of education, sanitation, irriga- results. period of disillusionment and disaption, or any other department of nacointment. The high hopes enter-tional activity, the governments of Congress, which was held at Santirained immediately subsequent to the the American Republics are aware ago, Chile, in 1908, was a further

The Educational Section of the rries and similarly students from the Latin America. CLAIMS SETTLED

ion. Through the intermediary of the diplomatic representatives at Wash-

ington there is a constant exchange of information and experience. The effectiveness of this interchange is strengthened by the publications of the Pan American Union, especially the Spanish, Portuguese and English editions of the monthly Bulletin, sup elemented by descriptive handbooks of each of the Republics, and special

publications relating to their foreign

ences have been held, each of which has contributed its share toward bringing about closer relations between the differnt sections of the science and letters of every American and purposes of the nations of American Art the Santiago Congress, of Hemrich place, Sand Hollow, and Hinton creek. Finder please leave at this science and letters of every American Congress. continent. Through a series of treaies and conventions agreed upon at these conferences, it has been possible to reach an orderly solution of problems which might otherwise have become the subject of international differences. Thus such questions as the settlement of pecuniary claims; the formulation and codification of international law; the control of infectious and contagious diseases and many other matters have been covered by conventions through which an early proceedure is established for their solution.

These general Pan American conferences have been supplemented by a series of specialized conferences which also have contributed their due share towards developing Pan American co-operation.

Soon after the outbreak of the European war, the Secretary of the Treasury called a conference of the Ministers of Finance of the American Republics to consider the financial situation which had arisen by eason of the war in Europe. This conference met in Washington in 1915, and led to the formation of a permanent organization known as

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the olive branch with the other, there terchange of thought and opinion, sion, designed to foster co-operation is before them an example of inter-there has been created an atmos, between the different sections of the national co-operation, of internation- phere of mutual trust and confidence continent. This commission is made al helpfulness, of misunderstanding which has served to solve amicably up of a national section organized smoothed away across a table that and through the reasonable and or in each country, presided over by the has been going on for years and derly processes of discussion, a large Minister of Finance, and composed with each new year seeing a more number of problems which might of nine eminent financiers and jurcomplete understanding and a closer otherwise have become the source of ists. At the close of the war, the second of these international confer-Even more significant than the ences met at Washington to consider peaceful settlement of pending inter- the financial situation in which the While the great nations of the national problems of the spirit of American Republics found themearth shout their civilization and mutual helpfulness which has found, selves by reason of new conditions their desire for brotherhood and go and which still finds its expression in created by the termination of the on with the ever-increasing program this organization the accumulated ex- war. This second conference enof ships and guns the "Pan Amer- perience of the entire American con- trusted to this permanent organizaican Union" goes on its way bring tinent is placed at the disposal of tion-the Inter-American High Coming peace and prosperity to its mem- each and every one of the Republics. mission-the further duty of fosterbership and growing trust and con-Whenever expert service is required ing closer financial and commercial for the solution of any pending do- ties, and this work is now being car-

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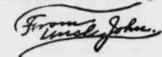






The holidays are here again, with by and sumptuous living, and every nion, under the able direction of mansion shack, and den, a studying he Assistant Director, Dr. Francisco the art of giving. From postal card forts to develop closer cultural ties jewel cluster, we overload the parcel between the Republics of this continent. Through the activities of this muster. The holiday cigar is here; section, scholarships have been es- the necktie; and the fitless slipper; tablished in the United States for I've handkerchiefs to last a year, and students from Latin American coun- gloves adorn my rusty flippers. Me-

thinks it is a goodly time for all who live, love and labor; I'd rather hear the vespers chime, than go to war and and shoot my neighbor. So let the holidays endure, with peace and Yantes, is unremitting in its ef- to turkey roast,—from penny doll to plenty, and joyous giving; with God



United States are given oportunities ties between the Republics of Am- an country met for interchange of to pursue special investigations in crica. Prior to 1908, these congress- views, and developed plans for closes were Latin American rather than er intellectual co-operation. The Pan American in chaacter, and the second of these Scientific Congresses At stated intervals since the as- inclusion of the United States was was held at Washington in 1916, and embling of the First Pan American intended as a demonstration of the third will assemble at Lima, Peru conference in 1889, aditional confer- community of intellectual and cultur- in July, 1923.

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