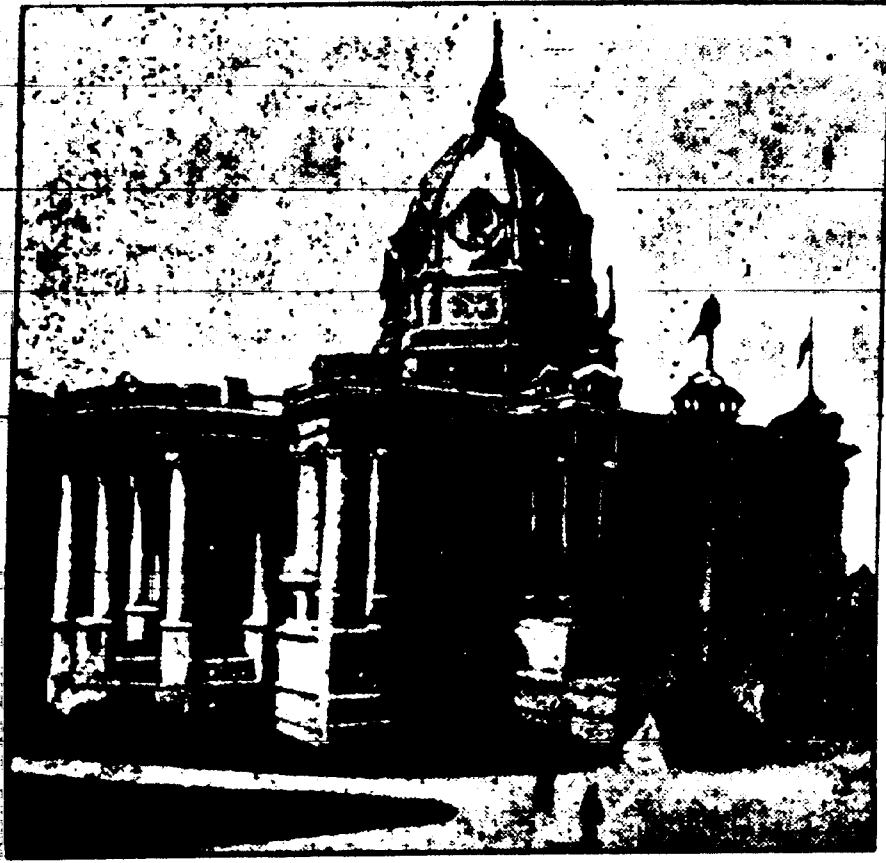


Pan-American Conference, at Rio Janeiro, Brazil



The third session of the Pan-American conference, at which Secretary Root is representing this country, met at Rio Janeiro, Brazil. The sessions are held in the Brazilian pavilion at the St. Louis exposition which was removed to Brazil after the close of the great fair. Aside from Secretary Root the members of the delegation from this country are Edmund J. James, president of the University of Illinois; Leo S. Rowley, professor of political economy in the University of Pennsylvania; Julio Larrinaga, resident commissioner of Porto Rico to the United States; and James S. Harlan, a lawyer, of Chicago and son of an Associate Justice John M. Harlan, of the United States supreme court. They were officially received on their arrival.

JAPAN TO TRY EXPERIMENT.

Country Will Nationalize All Lines of Business—Manchurian Trade to Be Captured.

Washington.—That Japan is preparing to nationalize all the industries of the country is indicated by advices received by the bureau of manufactures. This move, which is one of the greatest experiments in the world's history...

The question of Manchurian development has received careful attention, and now it is proposed that a company shall be formed by the government and private capitalists jointly for operating the railways, mines and forests there. Americans who are striving for the trade of the orient will discover that they are in commercial conflict with the Japanese nation itself.

TOWN IS TAKING TO BEER.

Water Supply Blamed for Increase of Appendicitis and Paralysis. Coming, N. Y.—This city's water supply is responsible for much of the appendicitis prevalent here.

This indictment of the drinking water of 'Coney' is concurred in by other members of the medical association. It is explained that the percentage of alkali in the water is high and when it gets into the human system causes a seamy formation in the arteries. The scale becomes brittle, breaks off and the little particles are carried in the blood to the brain, causing paralysis, to the liver, causing gall stones, and to the appendix.

Decline in Exports of Oil. Washington—A large decrease in the exports of petroleum during May is shown in the government reports. This follows a large decrease in April, and the decline is explained as due in part to heavy shipments in preceding months.

New Fruit Shows Fight. London. A Philippine newspaper announces the discovery of an extraordinary fruit which has grown on a native tree known as the carouber. When squeezed it utters a sort of articulate cry, when scratched it shudders. It is about the size of a peach and the paper from which the description is taken suggests that it is part animal and part vegetable.

NICKNAME FOR OKLAHOMA.

Pappoose, Indian, Lobo, Mistletoe, Squaw Men, Eagle and Twin State Are Suggestions.

Guthrie, Okla.—In a sense Oklahoma and Indian territory can be likened to a couple engaged to be married with the wedding date set for July 4, 1907, for then, and not till then, will they become one state.

Among the suggestions are "Pappoose," "Indian," "Eagle," "Mistletoe," "Lobo," "Squaw-men" and "Oklahoma." According to Green McCurtain, the Indian governor of the Choctaw Indian nation, "Oklahoma is a Choctaw word meaning red people, okla for people and homma for red."

JACKSON'S HEAD STOLEN.

Part of Historic Statue Formerly Fig Urehead of Constitution Gone. Lowell, Mass.—Who stole Andrew Jackson's head? This is what perplexes the Lowell police and the members of the Bowers family, who occupy the handsome estate of Willow Dale. The statue of "Old Hickory" has a fine historic record, which was little thought of by the vandals, who thought it a joke to make away with the head.

The great statue of Gen. Jackson, which stood nearly 50 years at the entrance of the Dale, was originally the figurehead on the famous old frigates "Constitution," "Old Ironsides."

In the early sixties it was purchased with a lot of other relics from the back room of the establishment of a wood carver in Boston, where it had lain for years after being removed from the war vessel by the late Jonathan Bowers. On July 2, 1861, Mr. Bowers had another head placed on it, and it was set up in the grave enclosure.

Uses Sea Water; Faces Fine.

Bonlogne.—A woman who took two buckets of water from the sea to bathe her child, in accordance with the doctors' orders, was astonished to receive an official warning from the customs officers threatening to fine her for breach of the law. There has been discovered an unrepeatable law of Louis XIV. forbidding the taking of sea water lest those taking it extract the salt, and thus defraud the government of the salt tax. The woman has written a declaration of the purpose for which the water was obtained in order to secure an official permit to use sea water.

Gold Found at Lowest Depth.

Melbourne, Australia.—A specimen of gold bearing quartz mined from the lowest depth on record is to be seen at the mines department here. It was obtained from the new Chinese railway mine at Bendigo at a depth of 422 feet. It is an excellent sample of auriferous stone, and 27 loads taken from the same depth were crushed for a yield of 21 ounces, 14 pennyweights gold. This is a record not only for Australia, but for the world.

MODERN SHADES OF MEANING.

Words of English Language That Have Improved with Age.

Why is a poodle so called? Some one says: "Probably the natural answer would recall the old lady who said that no credit could be given to Adam for naming the pig, since anybody would know what to call it. 'Poodle' seems so obvious a name for this dog. And, in fact, this is not far from the truth about the origin of the word. It is quite recent in English, not being found before 1861, apparently. It is the German 'puddel,' which comes from the low German, 'puddeln,' to waddle, and the dog must have been so called, as Skeat says, either because he waddles after his master or because he looks fat and clumsy on account of his thick hair."

"Nice" is one of the exceptional words which have risen on the scale and improved with age. It is from the latin "nescius" and originally signified ignorant. To Chaucer it regularly meant foolish—"wise and nothing nice." In Spenser's time it still meant effeminate. From general foolishness there was probably first a specialization to foolish fustiness about trifles. Then the idea of ignorance dropped out, and the word meant particular about details, accurate. It was creditable to be a "nice" observer or to show "nice" judgment. And so in the end the positively agreeable meaning of to-day was evolved.

"Sculls" and "skulls" are one word in origin, and both at various times have been spelled capriciously with a "c" or a "k." Pepya, the diarist, tells how he went on the Thames at one time "in a scull," at another in a "skuller." The origin of the word is "skulle," or "sculle," a bowl or goblet. While the cranium was obviously bowl-like in shape, a distant resemblance to a bowl was also detected in the scooped-out blade of a "scull," as opposed to the flat blade of our propeller.

GENTLE REMINDER FOR PAPA.

Robbie Uneasy Over Time It Took to Make Printing Press.

One day papa took Robbie down to see the presses print the books and papers and pictures, and the little boy was much interested. "Papa," said he, "let me come down every day and run the presses." "O, I couldn't do that," said his papa, "but maybe I'll have a little printing press made for you, just your size."

The weeks and months passed away and papa forgot all about his promise, but Robbie didn't. It was fully a year later that he came home from Sunday school and said: "Papa, teacher said that God made the world in six days. Is that so?" "I guess it is," said papa. "The water and the dirt and the trees, and the dogs and birds' nests, and everything?" "Yes."

One Side of the Mouth.

"Did you ever meet a stranger who talked from one side of his mouth, usually in an undertone and with his eyes wandering while talking? The man's manner is not an indication that he is weighing his words or has something important to tell. It is almost a sure sign that he has spent years in jail. This manner of talking is acquired in prison, where conversation among prisoners is prohibited and where the men have to talk out of one side of their mouths in order to prevent the keeper from noticing that conversation is going on. The habit sticks to the convicts for years after they get out."

Differently Expressed.

Two groups of people were seated in the waiting room of a railroad station. One consisted of a young man and two young ladies dressed in the height of fashion, the other a man and his wife not so fashionably attired.

"They had been there only a few minutes when a girl came in whose complexion was as nearly perfect as anything in this world ever is. While she was buying her ticket the young man remarked to the ladies with him: "Isn't Miss Cranford a beauty? Her complexion is as perfect as a rose." At the same time the other man clutched his wife's arm and whispered: "Lord, Nan, hasn't that gal got pretty hide?"—Lippincott's Magazine.

Profit in Insurance Schemes.

"The profit on all kinds of insurance is great," said a statistician. "For example, accident insurance. It is all betting, and the average bet made by the accident companies is \$1,000 against \$4 that you don't die by accident during the year. "Suppose a company has 40,000,000 subscribers. Its income then is, at \$4 for each \$1,000 policy, \$160,000,000. Statistics show that among 40,000,000 people only 15,000 die by accident. Thus the company pays out but \$15,000,000, leaving a gross annual profit of \$145,000,000. Insurance is a very good thing, but the rates ought to be lowered tremendously."

Youthful Training.

"Every boy should learn to swim." "I don't know," answered the man who cultivates differences of opinion. "The boy who can't swim keeps away from deep water. I'd rather have my boy put in his time practicing the art of dodging trolley cars and automobiles."

TRADE BOOMS IN PALESTINE.

Commerce of the Country is Showing a Steady Improvement.

If Palestine is not precisely a land flowing with milk and honey in modern times, it is still not doing badly, according to the consular report of Dr. Dickson, just issued. It is particularly fertile in oranges, which it exported to the value of \$114,600 last year, chiefly to Scotland, the trade, we are told, being steadily increasing. Wines and spirits, too, are becoming important, the Jewish colonies displaying considerable activity in the cultivation of the grape, which was very abundant last year. Water-melons are also plentiful.

The total value of the imports and exports of Palestine last year was \$281,820. Consular reports are sometimes curious in the way they lump trade together. We had Consul Dickson saying: "As regards other articles of export, there was an increase in religious ornaments and hidos." It may be noted that it is the Americans who are after the religious ornaments of Palestine. People who desire to send their friends to Jericho will be interested to hear that a new carriage road will be completed down the Dead sea and Jericho in the course of a year. Then, if anybody wants to send a telegram to Beersheba the thing can be done on the customary terms. Beersheba in these days only consists of 50 dwellings, but it is "rising in importance."

KNEW PROWESS OF AMERICANS.

Courier Waded No. Fish Stories on the Masters of the Craft.

A well-known New Yorker, a bit of a globe-trotter, tells of a courier he once encountered in Switzerland while a member of a party of Americans and Englishmen. On the way over the St. Gotthard Pass for some distance the train moved along opposite a tremendously high precipice, over which a tiny stream flowed, almost losing itself in mist before reaching its course below. The courier, an extremely intelligent and clever chap, was entertaining the party with a series of that stream's peculiarities. Later one of the party, an Englishman, told the others a story concerning a certain species of fish in the stream to the effect that, when it came to the edge of the precipice, it would curl itself up, put its tail in its mouth, and roll down, for all the world like a hoop.

Watermelon Makes Face Fair.

Beauty doctors are telling remarkable things about the results of rubbing the face, neck and arms with watermelon rind after exposure to the sun or wind. An economical girl doesn't care to waste the fruit, there is an increase in the eating of melons. A maid may keep her complexion in good shape and at the same time give pleasure to her callers. Another expert says nothing is so good for sun-blisters as to apply a slice of ripe tomato. The juice must be rubbed in thoroughly and the vegetable must be bound in place. This use of the daily supply of vegetables for lotions instead of food may cause rebellion among the men of the family, but they should be pacified when they see the fair skins of the feminine contingent. Another complexion doctor advises the use of fruit juices as a morning drink instead of salts or hot water.

Diamond Mine in United States.

Somewhere in the United States there is a diamond mine. The United States geological survey is convinced of this. But where? Nobody knows. Diamonds have been discovered in the United States in four different and separate regions, but all were in loose and superficial deposits which gave no intimation of whence they had come. In 1903 \$50 worth of native diamonds were discovered. In 1900 the output was \$100; the year before \$150. But this past year no native diamond was found. Meantime the United States is importing diamonds to the amount of millions of dollars a year.

Rules and Exceptions.

To say that "the exception proves the rule" is to talk nonsense, if the word "exception" is understood in its usual modern meaning. Even an exception does not enforce belief in a rule but detracts from it, however slight its effect. But it is quite true that exceptions prove rules, in the sense of putting them to the test or proof. If the rule is well grounded it is left all the more worthy of acceptance because it has been subjected to the investigation brought about by exceptions which challenge its validity.

The Race That Kills.

Sport—I suppose most of this race suicide business is in the summer? Statistician—I do not know of any such records. Why?

Long Range Color.

The Muck-Raker.—Why do they call it yellow fever? The Panama Engineer.—Because the talk of it brings out the streak of yellow in so many men on the Isthmus that never saw a case.

China's Development.

The recent annulment of railroad and mining concessions seems to be very gratifying to the Chinese, and is an earnest of national development. All will remember that the Chinese government bought up the first railroad built in China, from Shanghai to Moonsung, only to tear up the road bed and destroy the equipment. It is with a very different purpose that the purchase of the Hankow-Canton concessions was effected. China is apparently about to exploit her own resources, and feels ready for all that such exploitation may involve.—Century Magazine.

THEATRICAL BENEFITS OF GLU.

Odd Reasons Assigned by Those For Whom They Were Given.

From very earliest times stage performances for the benefit of charities have been common. The first benefit for an actress was awarded by James I., who in this manner paid tribute to the art of Elizabethan Italy. Many and quaint are the announcements of these old-time benefits. All too frequent were such notices as these: "For some distressed actors lately at this theater," and "For the benefit of a gentleman who has written much for the stage." In the early part of the eighteenth century these notices were more or less conspicuous of personal insolvency. One actor, for instance, announced a performance for "the benefit of myself and creditors," and another took the public into his confidence and arranged a special night for the "benefit of my poor relations." Still more offending was the young actor who, stating that his friends dickered his "being on the stage," organized a benefit to enable "me to return to my former employment."

GOOD FOR TWITCHING HAND.

It's Said That the Grapple Swing Will Cure the Trouble.

Hand trembling, an affliction akin to "writers' cramp," is apt to result from the long continued exercise of certain muscles and the neglect of others. The worst feature of the trouble, according to Health Culture, is its trick of coming on at the very time when steadiness of hand would be most desirable. The twitch of a map-maker's muscles may throw a national frontier 100 miles out of treaty line; type words may get glued together like the nouns of the Volapuk craze.

Fortified Place of Peace.

At Solovetski, Russia, is a remarkable fortified monastery. It is enclosed on every side by a wall of granite boulders nearly a mile in circumference. The monastery itself is very strongly fortified, being supported by round and square towers about 30 feet in height with walls 20 feet in thickness. The monastery consists in reality of six churches, which are completely filled with statues of all kinds and precious stones. Upon the walls and the towers surrounding these churches are mounted huge guns, which in the time of the Crimean war were directed against the British White Sea squadron.

Caught Salmon with Her Hands.

One of the most notable feats to be accomplished by any of the young lady bathers of Long Beach so far this season was that of Miss May Simmons, of this place, who captured a real live chinook salmon in the surf. The young lady was out bathing in the ocean when she noticed the salmon swimming close to her. How she succeeded in getting a hand hold on the fish is the wonder, but she did and after a lively struggle, in which she was nearly submerged in water at times by the flopping of the fish, succeeded in getting it ashore.—Iowa Journal.

Like the Kipling and the Dickens.

The proprietors of a St. Louis newspaper have distributed handbills containing the following notice: "The news of English we tell the latest. Write in perfectly stilet and most earnest. Do a murder kit commit, we hear of and tell it. Do a mighty chief die, we publish it, and in borders of sombre. St. L. has each one been collected, and we like the Kipling and the Dickens. We circle every town and extortioner, and for advertisements. Buy it. Buy it. Tell each of you its greatness for good. Ready on Friday, Number first."

Kind of West.

The numerous kinds of west of which the effete east solemnly discourses are enough to bewilder a Philadelphia lawyer. It will assure you that besides "the middle west," a phrase it employs continually and with evident pleasure, there are an eastern west, a western west, a northern west, and a southern west. Yet there is only one east, and hardly enough of that to swear by.—The Californian.

The Forty Winks.

Some people have the gift of sleep and others haven't. The secret of more than one notable instance of beautiful mothers and grandmothers is acknowledged to be due directly to the power of sleep, to take a quiet little nap at any time of the day, when a busy afternoon or long evening is before them. It really seems then, one of the clearest attainments open to the eternal feminine, this capacity of capturing 40 winks whenever she pleases.

Movers On.

Few sketches in fiction excite our sympathy more than the treatment of "Little Joe," described in one of Dickens' novels. It was a satire upon the methods of parish officers in England; charged with the care of the poor and helpless. Each parish, instead of relieving the wants of the needy, exhausted its effort in trying to get rid of them and putting them off on another parish, until the poor creature sometimes died of want while obeying the order to "move on."