

be distributed among the Delegates for their consideration in the next session, and shall not be subject to discussion until a later session to that in which the printed matter shall have been distributed.

Art. 20. The Delegation of each State represented in the Conference shall have but one vote, and the votes shall be taken nominally and separately and shall be registered in the minutes.

The votes, as a general rule, shall be taken orally; unless some Delegate should request that they be taken in writing. In this case each Delegation shall deposit in an urn a voting slip upon which will be expressed the name of the State he represents, and the sense in which he gives his vote. The Secretary will read aloud these voting slips and will make the computation of the votes.

Art. 21. The Conference shall not proceed to vote on any resolution or proposition that may refer to any matter included in the call convening the Congress, except in the case of its being represented in it by one or more Delegates, at least two-thirds of the Nations represented therein.

Except in cases expressly indicated in these Regulations, the reports or propositions which the Conference may consider, will be approved if they shall have obtained the affirmative vote of an absolute majority of the Delegations represented by one or more of its members in the session in which the votes may be taken, considering as present and represented the Delegation which may have sent its vote in writing to the Secretary.

Whenever, owing to abstention, there should not result an absolute majority vote of the Conference representing the Delegations present, the matter under discussion shall be considered anew at a further session, and, if the abstentions were to continue in that one, the matter shall be decided by the majority of the Voting Delegations.

Art. 22. At the close of the session the President will announce to the Conference the business which ought to be discussed at the next session, but the Conference may make the alterations which they may think proper, be it in respect to the hour of the session or in respect to the order in which the pending affairs should be discussed.

Art. 23. The minutes approved by the Conference shall be signed by the President and the Secretary General; they shall be printed in Spanish and in English, in pages of two columns; and a sufficient number shall be issued in order that each Delegate may receive four copies. The originals, in both languages, will be deposited in the archives of the Conference.

Art. 24. The deliberations of the Conference shall be held privately and therefore there shall only be admitted into the Hall of sessions, the Delegates with their Secretaries, the Commercial Delegates, the Secretary General, the Secretaries of the session, and the Directors of the International Union of the American Republics; the interpreters and stenographers of the Conference, and the representatives of the Press, in the number and according to the regulations which the President will determine. The President shall take the necessary measures for the observance of this provision; but he is authorized to deliver personally, or through the Secretary's office, at the end of each session, a note to be published by the newspapers, which is to contain a brief description of what has taken place in the session,

and the text of the resolutions approved, or definitely rejected.

The Delegates who desire it, can deliver into the hands of the President a brief extract of the speeches they have delivered, and, in that case, the extract to be given to the Press must refer to them, and shall be annexed as a copy.

Whenever any Delegate may request that any session be held secret or that it may continue to be so held, a motion to that effect should be given the preference and be voted upon without any discussion. If it be carried, the representatives of the Press will not be admitted, or will retire from the Hall, as the case may be. All persons who have been present at the session are obliged to keep secret whatever may have occurred at that meeting.

The Secretary General will keep a register wherein copy of the notes or extracts, to be given to the press, are to be copied.

Art. 25. The day before the closing of the sessions of the Conference shall be devoted to discussing and approving the minutes, written and printed in Spanish, English, Portuguese and French, wherein shall be contained the resolutions or recommendations that the Conference may have discussed and approved during the debates. The original minutes shall be signed by all the Delegations.

Art. 26. The last session of the Conference shall be the closing one, and the Chairman will be, with the character of Honorary President, the Secretary of State in the Department of Foreign Relations, who, after delivering an appropriate address, shall declare that the session of the Second American International Conference has come to an end.

Art. 27. To modify, repeal or add to any of the provisions of these Regulations, the vote of two thirds of the Delegations in attendance at the session, at which the change is to be made, is necessary.

Art. 28. These Regulations being approved, the Delegates shall proceed to elect, from amongst themselves, by ballot:

1. A permanent President of the Conference.
2. Two Vice-Presidents who are to substitute, in the order of their appointment as aforesaid mentioned, the President, when absent.

After the ballot is verified the provisional President shall cease to preside.

Secretary Macedo.—The Conference is asked whether the Chair is authorized to order that the Regulations be printed, in accordance with the text which was read.

His Excellency President Raigosa.—The motion is approved.

**PROPOSED Addition to the Regulations, relative to matters not contained in the order of the day.**

SESSION OF THE 2ND OF DECEMBER, 1901.

His Excellency Mr. Baez, Delegate from Paraguay, having read an address in favor of compulsory arbitration, not contained in the order of the day of this session, a warm discussion arose in which accusations were made against the author of said address because of its being extemporaneous. Alluding to said debate,

His Excellency the President, said:—Gentlemen: The inappropriateness and irregularity of this debate show that the Regulations of the Conference are deficient; the President has no right to previously ex-

amine the matters which the Delegates may present for the deliberation of the Assembly.

The Honorable Delegate from Paraguay did not consult the Chair about the definite object of the address he was about to deliver, he addressed the Chair requesting the floor; the President could not deny it, since it would be restraining, without any right, the liberty of their Excellencies the Delegates, should the President, without previous knowledge of the matter to be discussed grant or deny them the floor at will.

In order to correct this deficiency, the Hon. Delegate from Hayti has just submitted to the Chair an amendment to the Regulations; if the Conference approves it, the Chair will then have the means, through an effective provision, to see that discussions are only permitted on subjects contained in the order of the day; and I would further say that, as there is not any other subject to be discussed, the Chair wishes, if seconded by the Assembly, that the session adjourn at once. (Voices.) Good, all right.

Secretary Macedo.—The proposition submitted by His Excellency the Delegate from Hayti, reads as follows:

«Additional article to the Regulations.—Art. 29. Should any questions not included in the order of the day arise among the members of the Conference, any of the Delegates shall have the right to request that only the order of the day be considered, and that any remarks foreign to the debate be not included in the minutes. This proposition shall be voted on without discussion.—J. N. Leger, Delegate from Hayti.»

The Chair rules that the above proposition be referred to the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

The Committee on Rules and Credentials did not submit any report on the above proposition of His Excellency Mr. Leger.

**AMENDMENT to art. 5th of the Regulations.**

SESSION OF THE 16th OF DECEMBER, 1901.

Secretary Macedo.—Their Excellencies the Delegates Messrs. Leger, from Hayti, and Pepper, from the United States, have submitted the following proposition: «Whereas, art. 5th, Chapter III, of the Regulations provides that: «The sessions of the Conference shall take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week; they shall commence at ten o'clock and shall not last more than three hours. Furthermore, other sessions shall take place on the days and at the times designated specially by the Conference, and

Whereas, it is apparent that three sessions each week will not enable the reports of committees and other subjects to be properly and fully discussed in the reasonable period within which it is desirable to conclude the work of the Conference;

Therefore, be it resolved, that beginning with Wednesday, December 18th, regular sessions shall be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and that said sessions shall commence promptly at 10:30 a. m. and shall not continue more than three hours; but this shall not be considered to prevent the Conference from suspending its sessions on any particular day.—(Signed) J. N. Leger, Delegate from Hayti.—Charles M. Pepper, Delegate from the United States of America.»

At the request of some of their Excellencies the Delegates, the Conference is asked whether said proposition shall be taken immediately into consideration.

His Excellency Mr. Bermejo, Delegate from the Argentine Republic.—Mr. President: I think that the above proposition ought to be subject to the provisions of the Regulations, that is, to be considered by the appropriate Committee. The Regulations provide that sessions shall be held every other day, and if this provision of the Regulations is not complied with, the Delegates will find it difficult to cast their votes.

His Excellency the President Mr. Raigosa.—I must inform the Hon. Mr. Bermejo that the authors of the proposition have expressed their desire to the Chair that the proposition which has been read be taken at once into consideration, and as the two Honorable signers of the proposition have the right to demand that the Chair should so rule, the Conference will be asked whether or not it will be taken into consideration.

His Excellency Mr. Bermejo.—I shall abide by the article of the Regulations; but if the Assembly decides to amend it in the above form, I will likewise abide by its decision.

His Excellency the President.—The article of the Regulations in question, shall be read in order that a reply may be given to the Hon. Mr. Bermejo.

Secretary Macedo read arts. 16th and 27th of the Regulations.

His Excellency the President.—In conformity with art. 16th, the Conference is asked whether the proposition of the Hon. Delegates Messrs. Pepper and Leger will be taken immediately into consideration.

Upon taking up the votes, the following were for the affirmative: Costa Rica, United States, Guatemala, Hayti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela; 10 votes, and for the negative: Argentine Republic, Bolivia, Colombia, Chili, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador and Peru; 8 votes.

His Excellency the President.—The proposition has not been approved by two thirds of the number of votes provided for by the Regulations. Let it then be referred to the Committee on Rules and Credentials.

SESSION OF THE 18th OF DECEMBER, 1901.

Secretary Macedo.—The Committee on Rules and Credentials has submitted the following report on the amendment to art. 5th of the Regulations of the Conference: «Your Excellency: The undersigned Committee having considered the amendment to art. 5th of the Interior Regulations proposed by Their Excellencies Messrs. Leger, Delegate from Hayti, and Pepper, Delegate from the United States, have the honor to present to Your Excellency the following amendment to said article, as it considers that the proceedings of the Conference shall thereby be facilitated:

«Art. 5th. The sessions of the Conference, shall take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week, beginning at ten o'clock a. m. sharp, and they shall not last more than three hours, unless the Chair considers it necessary to prolong them for two hours more, beginning at four o'clock p. m., in order to continue pending discussions. Furthermore, the



session shall take place on the days and at the times specially designated by the Conference.—(Signed) *L. F. Carbo.—F. Davila.—John Barrett.*

*His Excellency Mr. Carbo, Delegate from Ecuador.*—This being a reglamentary question, if there is no objection, I would propose that it be taken into immediate consideration, because there are some of the Delegates who so desire.

*Secretary Macedo.*—The Conference is asked if, as proposed by His Excellency Mr. Carbo, if the report just read will be taken at once into consideration.

The vote having been taken, there were eighteen unanimous votes in the affirmative.

*Secretary Macedo.*—The report in general is now under discussion. No one has the floor. Will it be approved?

The vote having been taken, the same was unanimously approved by eighteen votes.

It was then put under discussion in detail.

*His Excellency Mr. Walker Martinez, Delegate from Chili.*—Judging from the text of the draft, it appears that the postponement would be indefinite, inasmuch as it says that the President shall continue the session at four o'clock of the afternoon, until the discussion pending be terminated. Under these conditions, the President could not suspend the session, for the Regulation would compel him to continue it at four o'clock until the debate which remained pending from the morning sessions was terminated. To avoid this difficulty, I propose that there be inserted the following words: «for two hours more» between «four o'clock of the afternoon» and «to continue the pending discussions.»

*His Excellency Mr. Carbo.*—In conformity with the suggestion of His Excellency Mr. Walker Martinez, which is in accord with that of the Honorable Delegates from the Argentine Republic and Bolivia, I accept the modification proposed and present for the approval of the Conference the following final form:

«Art. 5th. The sessions of the Conference shall be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week; they shall commence at ten o'clock sharp, and not last more than three hours, unless the Chair deems it necessary to continue them after four o'clock in the afternoon, for two hours more, to continue pending discussions. Furthermore, sessions shall be held on the days and at the hours that the Conference may specially designate.»

*Secretary Macedo.*—The Conference is asked if, with the modification proposed and accepted by the Committee, the Article is approved in detail.

The vote having been taken, said Article was unanimously adopted by eighteen votes.

*His Excellency Mr. Walker Martinez.*—I desire to clear up a doubt, Mr. President. As the case has not presented itself as yet, I would like to make this point clear; reglamentary modifications in other assemblies are in force after the approval of the minutes of the session at which they were adopted; and I have to state that the one voted on to-day only, will be enforced after the approval of the minutes of the present session.

*Secretary Macedo.*—The Chair understands that, as has been expressed by His Excellency Mr. Walker Martinez, it is only proper that the amendment to Article 5 of the Regulations, just approved the Conference, should not commence to be enforced until

after the approval of today's minutes at the next session.

SESSION OF DECEMBER 30, 1901.

*His Excellency Mr. Foster, Delegate of the United States of America.*—For the purpose of facilitating the labors of the Congress, and in order that it may be in a position to take up new matters not only in the morning but in the afternoon as well, I beg to present the following proposed resolution:

«Resolved, that Article 5th. of the Regulations of the Conference be amended by striking out the words: «in order to proceed with the pending discussion,» so as to read:

Art. 5th. The sessions of the Conference shall take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week. They shall commence at ten o'clock sharp and shall not last more than three hours, unless the Chair should deem it necessary to continue them at four o'clock in the afternoon, for two hours more. Besides, sessions shall be held on the days and at the hours which the Conference shall especially designate.»

*Secretary Macedo.*—The Conference is asked if, as requested by His Excellency Mr. Foster, it will take his proposition into immediate consideration.

The vote having been taken, Secretary Macedo said: It is taken into consideration. It is now under discussion as a whole.

Without discussion, the resolution was approved as a whole and afterward in detail, by the unanimous vote of the Delegations present.

#### AMENDMENTS to articles 9, 16 and 19 of the Regulations.

SESSION OF JANUARY 20TH, 1901.

Secretary Duret read the following report of the Committee on Rules and Credentials:

With a view to facilitate the work of the Conference, the Committee on Rules and Credentials begs leave to propose the following changes in the Regulations:

Art. 9. At the opening of the session the Secretary shall read in Spanish and English the minutes of the preceding session, unless such reading shall be waived by the Conference. Due note shall be taken of the remarks the President or any of the Delegates may make thereon, and their approval will take place without discussion, before the adjournment of the session.

Art. 16. The propositions presented by the Delegates will be referred by the President to the respective Committee; unless it be ordered by the vote of two-thirds of the Delegations present that they be taken immediately into consideration. In this case the proposition will at once be put to discussion, and be voted on in general and in detail.

Art. 19. The reports of the Committees and the propositions and antecedents to which they refer shall be printed in Spanish and in English; they shall be distributed among the Delegates for their consideration.—(Signed), *L. F. Carbo.—F. Davila.—Charles M. Pepper.*

*His Excellency M. Carbo.*—The changes proposed in the Regulations of the report that has just been read, have not any importance; they are merely proposed to facilitate the labors of the Congress, inasmuch as only a few days now remain ere its close. So if the Chair has no objection, I would like to propose that the same be put immediately to debate.

*His Excellency Mr. Bermejo, Delegate from the Argentine Republic.*—Mr. President: It seems to me that a change thus made in the Regulations will not give any practical result, for in reality it would not greatly advance our labors; and although it is said that the proposed amendments are of little importance, inasmuch as they make a change in the procedure of the Conference, I think that it would be well and perhaps necessary to study them. I am not of the opinion that they should be discussed in such a hurry.

Furthermore, it appears to me that it should suffice each one of the Delegates to reflect that it is no longer possible to further prolong the sessions, in order to confine ourselves to the Regulations as they exist, without the necessity of any change whatever, which I judge only necessary if the practice of the subsequent sessions should demonstrate that there is in said changes some decided convenience.

*His Excellency Mr. Carbo.*—The Committee on Rules and Credentials, Mr. President, has no interest whatever in this matter; it believed simply that it was its duty to facilitate the debate; but in view of the fact that an objection is made, it believes that the better course would be to follow the propositions in the reglamentary course.

*Secretary Duret.*—The Chair rules that this report be printed and distributed among the Delegates.

SESSION OF THE 24TH OF JANUARY, 1902.

*Secretary Duret.*—The report of the Committee on Rules and Credentials on the amendments to articles 9th, and 16th of the Regulations is under discussion, as a whole, said report having been submitted at the session of the 20th. instant.

*His Excellency Mr. Anadon, Delegate from the Argentine Republic.*—It would be desirable, that at least we should be told what those amendments provide, because having been read so rapidly, it is not possible to understand their true meaning.

*His Excellency Mr. Pepper, Delegate from the United States of America.*—Mr. President: There were three changes proposed, the idea being to facilitate business of the Conference. The change in Article 9th is simply to permit the waiving of the reading of the minutes, in Spanish, if it should be so desired. The American Delegation has been waiving their reading in English. The suggestion was made that it might also be well to waive their reading in Spanish, so that no questions would arise and the Conference could continue with its business. Following that is the suggestion that a Delegate shall have the right to correct the minutes at any time before the closing of the Conference, the idea being that if the minutes are not read in Spanish, the Delegates can make any corrections they may wish in the printed copy. The change in Article 16th is simply in suppressing the latter clause which provided that any proposition could be postponed at the request of a single Delegation. The really important change is in Article 19th, which suppresses the clause providing that reports after being printed should not come up for discussion until the following session. In suppressing that provision, we will be able to proceed with the reports which are now printed, as otherwise we would probably have to adjourn this session to-day for lack of business. All of these changes are proposed with the idea of facilitating business.

Upon taking up the votes, the report was unanimously approved as a whole.

It was afterwards put under discussion in detail.

*His Excellency Mr. Walker Martinez, Delegate from Chili.*—I believe, Mr. President, that the amendment to art. 9th., as well as that to art. 16th., are entirely useless. The Hon. Delegates from the United States have already been kind enough to waive the reading of the minutes in English; their reading in Spanish takes some time any way, and whether they are read at the beginning of the session, or afterwards, the time to be lost will be the same. I therefore believe that it would be a good thing to confine the amendments to the third point. The Chilean Delegation will vote against said amendments.

*His Excellency Mr. Pepper.*—The idea, as I have already stated, was simply to facilitate business; but, really, the amendment to the first two articles are not important, and if the Conference desires that they should stand as they are, I think the Committee on Rules will agree to withdraw said amendments, and that action should simply be taken on the amendment relating to art. 19th.

*His Excellency Mr. Carbo, Delegate from Ecuador.*—In accordance with the wishes of the Hon. Mr. Pepper, member of the Committee, and in view of the remarks made, the Committee withdraws the amendments to the first two articles and confines itself to that on art. 19th.

*Secretary Duret.*—As the Committee has withdrawn the first two articles, 9th. and 16th., article 19th. is under discussion.

Art. 19th. Having been placed under discussion, it was unanimously approved by the votes of all the Delegations present.

#### AMENDMENT to Article 17th. of the Regulations.

SESSION OF THE 16TH. OF DECEMBER, 1901.

*Secretary Macedo.*—His Excellency Mr. Davis has submitted the following proposition, relative to amending article 17th. of Regulations: «All amendments or substitutes which may be proposed, before a question has been considered, will be referred to the appropriate Committee, provided that the Conference should not decide otherwise; and they shall be put to vote before the article or proposition, the text of which they may tend to alter.» The Chair decides that this proposition be referred, for its consideration, to the Committee on Rules.

SESSION OF THE 18TH., OF DECEMBER, 1901.

*Secretary Macedo.*—There has been submitted the following

#### REPORT of the Committee on Rules and Credentials, on the amendment to article 17th. of the Regulations of the Conference:

«Your Excellency: His Excellency Mr. Davis, Delegate from the United States of North America, has submitted an amendment to Article 17th. of the Regulations; and, as the undersigned Committee believes that said amendment tends to facilitate the transaction of business, it takes the liberty of recommending to Your Excellency its adoption in the following terms:

«Art. 17th. All amendments or substitutes which may be submitted before a matter is taken into consideration, shall be referred to the appropriate Committee. If upon taking a subject into consideration,