



APPENDIX

CORRESPONDING TO NUMBER 20 (ARBITRATION) OF SECTION V.

SESSION OF JANUARY 20, 1902.

The minutes of the sessions of the 16th. and 17th. days of the present month of January were read and approved without discussion.

His Excellency the President said: that as an act of justice, he ought to make an addition to the remarks made at the previous session, by His Excellency Mr. Pardo, in thanking His Excellency Mr. Guachalla for his kind phrases of acknowledgment as to the aims and labors of the Mexican Delegates, which have had the result of bringing about a happy termination of the delicate question of arbitration, without leaving any sign of resentment of bitterness. That addition refers to making known in a public manner the very important part which in the success attained belongs to His Excellency Mr. Lazo Arriaga, Delegate from Guatemala, initiator of the fundamental idea of entering into two conventions, one of voluntary arbitration for those nations who desired to so stipulate, and the other of compulsory arbitration, more or less restricted, among those that did not consider the voluntary form sufficient according to their convictions. The idea of His Excellency Mr. Lazo Arriaga had been communicated to the Mexican Delegation during the first days of the month of December, just at the moment when the greatest fears were entertained by the several groups, into which opinions were divided, that no result

would be obtained, which idea originated the negotiations, that thereupon were opened through a new channel, the result of which is already known to the Conference. The Mexican Delegation has therefore the pleasure of offering, through me, to the Hon. Mr. Lazo Arriaga, a testimony of just acknowledgment for his valuable initiative, and for his constant endeavor in contributing to the work of harmony among the nations of the American Continent.

His Excellency Mr. Lazo Arriaga said: that he appreciated the manifestation of the Mexican Delegation, expressed by His Excellency the President, considering it an honor to his country; that it is quite true that he suggested the idea to the Secretary General, Mr. Casaus, that two conventions should be entered into, and that the latter communicated it to the Mexican Delegation and to the Mexican Government, that both conventions had been accepted by it, in harmony with the United States Delegation so worthily represented on this occasion by His Excellency Mr. Buchanan, and that these had succeeded in carrying the idea into practice, and that therefore the honor of the result obtained belongs to the Delegation and the Government of Mexico, as also to all the Delegations represented in the Conference, and whose labors will result in the peace and prosperity of America.

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CORRESPONDING TO NUMBER 30 (ARBITRATION) OF SECTION 7.

The history of the session of the High Court of Arbitration, which was held in the month of January, was not only a success in itself, but also a success in the result of which is already known to the world. The Mexican Delegation has therefore the pleasure of offering, through me, to the Hon. Mr. Laso Araya, a testimony of just acknowledgment for his valuable initiative, and for his constant endeavor in contributing to the work of harmony among the nations of the American Continent.

The Hon. Mr. Laso Araya said: that he appreciated the administration of the Mexican Delegation, expressed by his Excellency the President, and that he was proud to have participated in it. He suggested the idea to the Secretary General, Mr. Casares, that two conventions should be held, one in Mexico and one in the United States. He said that the latter communicated to the Mexican Delegation and to the Mexican Delegation and to the United States Delegation, and that these had been discussed on this occasion by the Hon. Mr. Laso Araya, and that the result obtained belongs to the Government of Mexico as a result of the Convention in the Convention, and whose terms will result in the peace and prosperity of America.



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