

much less when success depends on the action of several countries affected by different influences and conditions, I have no doubt that the meeting in Washington of an assembly of all the American nations was as greatly advantageous both to the Government and the people who promoted the meeting as to the Governments and countries who participated in the same more for its future than for its present results.

Conclusion.—I sincerely hope that the preceding paper will be taken as a proof of my interest in anything affecting closer social, political, and commercial relations between the United States and her sister American Republics, even in case that all the views which I have expressed and I hold in good faith are not accepted as sound or correct.

The documents which are included in the following Appendix, I consider as the complement of this paper.

APPENDIX.

I now append the most important of the several documents mentioned in the foregoing paper, which I consider useful to form a complete idea of what is stated in the same, namely: 1. Act of May 24, 1888, Convening the American International Conference; 2. List of Delegates, Secretaries, and Attachés; 3. List of Committees; 4. Ex-Senator Henderson and the Arbitration Project; 5. Facsimile Copy of the Amendments made by Mr. Blaine to the Argentine Plan of Arbitration; 6. Arbitration Plan of the Pan-American Conference as reported by the Committee; 7. Right of Conquest; 8. Treaty of Arbitration signed by the Delegates to the Pan-American Conference, recommendation to European Powers to accept Arbitration, and recommendation on the right of conquest; 9. Recommendation of Reciprocity Treaties; 10. Recommendation on Railway Communication; 11. Recommendation of the meeting of an American International Monetary Commission; 12. Censure from Mexican Press and a Mexican Writer because a Mexican Delegate did not follow in the footsteps of the Argentines; 13. My answer to Señor Pierra published in *Las Novedades*, of New York, of July 7, 1890.

1. ACT OF MAY 24, 1888, CONVENING THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

An Act authorizing the President of the United States to arrange a Conference between the United States of America and the Republics of Mexico, Central and South America, Hayti, San Domingo, and the Empire of Brazil.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested and authorized to invite the several Governments of the Republics of Mexico, Central and South America, Hayti, San Domingo, and the Empire of Brazil, to join the United States in a Conference to be held at Washington, in the United States, at such time as he may deem proper, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, for the purpose of discussing and recommending for adoption to their respective Governments some plan of arbitration for the settlement of disagreements and disputes that may hereafter arise between them, and for considering questions relating to the improvement of business intercourse and means of direct communication between said countries, and to encourage such reciprocal commercial relations as will be beneficial to all and secure more extensive markets for the products of each of said countries.

SEC. 2. That in forwarding the invitations to the said Governments the President of the United States shall set forth that the conference is called to consider:—

First. Measures that shall tend to preserve the peace and promote the prosperity of the several American states.

Second. Measures toward the formation of an American customs union, under which the trade of the American nations with each other shall, so far as possible and profitable, be promoted.

Third. The establishment of regular and frequent communication between the ports of the several American States and the ports of each other.

Fourth. The establishment of a uniform system of customs regulations in each of the independent American States to govern the mode of importation and exportation of merchandise and port dues and charges, a uniform method of determining the classification and valuation of such merchandise in the ports of each country, and a uniform system of invoices, and the subject of the sanitation of ships and quarantine.

Fifth. The adoption of a uniform system of weights and measures, and laws to protect the patent rights, copyrights, and trade-marks of citizens of either country in the other, and for the extradition of criminals.

Sixth. The adoption of a common silver coin, to be issued by each Government, the same to be legal tender in all commercial transactions between the citizens of all the American States.

Seventh. An agreement upon and recommendation for adoption to their respective Governments of a definite plan of arbitration of all questions, disputes, and differences that may now or hereafter exist between them, to the end that all difficulties and disputes between such Nations may be peacefully settled and wars prevented.

Eighth. And to consider such other subjects relating to the welfare of the several States represented as may be presented by any of said States which are hereby invited to participate in said Conference.

SEC. 3. That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the same to be disbursed under the direction and in the discretion of the Secretary of State, for expenses incidental to the Conference.

SEC. 4. That the President of the United States shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, ten delegates to said Conference, who shall serve without compensation other than their actual necessary expenses, and the several other States participating in said Conference shall be represented by as many delegates as each may elect. Provided, however, That in the disposition of questions to come before said Conference no State shall be entitled to more than one vote.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary of State shall appoint such clerks and other assistants as shall be necessary, at a compensation to be determined by him, and provide for the daily publication by the Public Printer, in the English, Spanish, and Portuguese languages, of so much of the proceedings of the Conference as it shall determine, and upon the conclusion of said Conference shall transmit a report of the same to the Congress of the United States, together with a statement of the disbursements of the appropriation herein provided for.

Approved, May 24, 1888.

2. LIST OF DELEGATES, SECRETARIES, AND ATTACHÉS.

(Arranged in order of precedence, as determined by lot, November 20, 1889.)

President, JAMES G. BLAINE.

Secretaries: { H. Rensen Whitehouse,
Fidel G. Pierra,¹
José Ignacio Rodríguez (succeeding Mr. Pierra).

HAYTI.

Delegates:

Arthur Laforestrie,²
Hannibal Price.³

Secretary:

H. Aristide Preston.

NICARAGUA.

Delegate:

Horacio Guzmán.

Secretary:

R. Mayorga.

¹ Resigned February 14, 1890. ² To March 5, 1890. ³ From April 1, 1890.

PERU.

Delegate:

Felix C. C. Zegarra.

Secretary:

Leopoldo Oyague y Soyer.

Attaché:

Manuel Elguera.

Secretaries:

José Augusto Ferreira de Costa,
Joaquim de Freitas Vasconcellos.

Attachés:

Alfredo de Moraes Gomes Ferreira,
Mario de Mendonça.

HONDURAS.

Delegate:

Jerónimo Zelaya.

Secretaries:

E. Constantino Fiallos,
Richard Villafranca.

MEXICO.

Delegates:

Matias Romero,
Enrique A. Mexia.

Secretary:

Enrique Santibañez.

BOLIVIA.

Delegate:

Juan F. Velarde.

Secretary:

Melchor Obarrio.

Attachés:

Alcibiades Velarde,
Mariano Velarde.

UNITED STATES.

Delegates:

John B. Henderson,
Cornelius N. Bliss,
Clement Studebaker,
T. Jefferson Coolidge,
William Henry Trescot,
Andrew Carnegie,
Morris M. Estee,
John F. Hanson,
Henry G. Davis,
Charles R. Flint.

Secretaries:

Edmund W. P. Smith,
Edward A. Trescot.

VENEZUELA.

Delegates:

Nicanor Bolet Peraza,
José Andrade,
Francisco Antonio Silva.

Secretary:

Nicanor Bolet Monagas.

¹ Resigned November 27, 1889.

URUGUAY.

Delegate:

Alberto Nin.

Secretaries:

Dionisio Ramos Montero,
Henry Dauber.

COLOMBIA.

Delegates:

José M. Hurtado,
Carlos Martínez Silva,
Climaco Calderón.

Secretary:

Julio Rengifo.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Delegates:

Roque Saenz Peña,
Manuel Quintana.

Secretaries:

Federico Pinedo,
Ernesto Bosch.

COSTA RICA.

Delegate:

Manuel Aragón.

Secretary:

Joaquín Bernardo Calvo.

PARAGUAY.

Delegate:

José S. Decoud.

BRAZIL.

Delegates:

Lafayette Rodrigues Pereira,¹
J. G. do Amaral Valente,
Salvador de Mendonça.

CHILI.
Delegates:
 Emilio C. Varas,
 José Alfonso.
Secretaries:
 Carlos Zañartu,
 Paulino Alfonso,
 Domingo Peña Toro.

SALVADOR.
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(Appointed December 13, 1889.)

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 Mr. Romero, Second Vice-President, of Mexico. Mr. Mendonça, of Brazil.
 Mr. Bliss, of the United States. The President of the Conference, ex-officio.
Secretary, William Eleroy Curtis.

Committee on Customs Union.
 Mr. Valente, of Brazil. Mr. Martinez Silva, of Columbia.
 Mr. Henderson, of the United States. Mr. Alfonso, of Chili.
 Mr. Saenz Peña, of the Argentine Republic. Mr. Guzmán, of Nicaragua.
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Secretary, J. Vicente Serrano.

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 Mr. Saenz Peña, of the Argentine Republic. Mr. Mendonça, of Brazil.
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 Mr. Laforestrie, of Hayti.
Secretary, Arthur W. Fergusson.

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 Mr. Guzmán, of Nicaragua. Mr. Antonio Francisco Silva, of Venezuela.
 Mr. Calderón, of Colombia.
Secretary, William Eleroy Curtis.

Committee on Railway Communications.
 Mr. Velarde, of Bolivia. Mr. Andrade, of Venezuela.
 Mr. Davis, of the United States. Mr. Caamaño, of Ecuador.
 Mr. Mexia, of Mexico. Mr. Zegarra, of Peru.
 Mr. Cruz, of Guatemala. Mr. Varas, of Chili.
 Mr. Zelaya, of Honduras. Mr. Quintana, of the Argentine Republic.
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Secretary, Arthur W. Fergusson.

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Secretary, Edmund W. P. Smith.

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