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IN SPEECH IN CONGRESS

Cong. Hull of Peoria Who Recently Visited in S. A. Is Much Impressed With Progress There

Honorable William E. Hull, member of Congress from Peoria, Ill., attended the Pan-American Highway Congress, Buenos Aires, Argentine, last October as a member of the delegation appointed by President Coolidge to represent the United States in this Congress. On Friday, January 29th Congressman Hull delivered a speech in the House of Representatives giving his views on the South American question. Congressman Hull said in part:

North and South America are both of the Western Hemisphere. They should hold out the hands of friendship, and trade with each other. What North America produces that South America needs, she should take. What South America produces that North America needs, she should take. They are like brother and sister, and should walk hand in hand to the future prosperity of the western world.

South America with its great triangular formation is larger in land area than North America. The geographical formation of the two is as similar as their outline.

Three-quarters of South America lies within the Tropics. This includes all of the North Coast, a large part of Brazil and the countries on the West Coast including Northern Chile. It is true that the products in tropical countries are much different than in the temperate zones, and without doubt the North American production of cereals will always excel not only in production but in profits. However, minerals, oil and nitrates of South America are being discovered in large quantities and they are easy of access, so in time it may be that the west coast of South America will lead the world in copper and nitrates, and be a close second in oil. Coal is a scarcity in all parts of South America so the country may experience a great handicap when it comes to competing in manufacturing unless water power can be developed to furnish electric current. It will be the only solution in my judgment to develop the country industrially.

Stock Raising Industry
Stock raising is today the chief commercial pursuit. Cattle of good quality are abundant. Sheep and hog

raising is also increasing and it would not surprise me to learn at some not far distant day that South America was leading the world in raising cattle, hogs and sheep. This is proved by the fact that Armour and Swift have large packing houses in all parts of South America, and have built them with the thought in mind that they are to be permanent. They are all Spanish speaking nations with the exception of Brazil, and there the Portuguese language prevails. These countries are all more or less prosperous, some more progressive than others but each country is anxious for any information that will improve its conditions.

In Peru, one of the oldest countries of South America, a new development is in progress. Peru is a republic and its president, Leguia, who rules with an iron hand will in time, if he lives long enough, develop not only the country but also the people into a progressive nation. It has oil and copper and the Chicama valley, famed for its splendid estates, produces more sugar than the Island of Porto Rico, and this of the finest quality.

Tacna-Arica Territory
Tacna Arica, the disputed territory between Peru and Chile, is one hundred miles along the coast and ninety miles inland. This most barren worthless country, without minerals or agriculture, has been the stumbling block between these two countries of South America. The land is worthless, the inhabitants are about equally divided, half of each nationality. All speak the same language. The control of the territory is sentimental, although there is strategy in Chile holding it. In case of war again with Peru it would give Chile a tremendous advantage.

Chile has on the north the largest copper mines in the world. The Anaconda company of Montana has purchased them and is spending millions for their development. They can lay Chilean copper down in New York as cheap as they can put it on top of the ground in Montana.

Argentine Progressive
Argentine is fifth in the world in stock raising. The country is more in line with the United States than any of the others and at some future date we may have to reckon with Argentina as a competitor in agriculture products. The cities are large and well equipped. Buenos Aires, the largest of South America, with a population of 2,000,000 rivals Paris in many respects.

Uruguay is the smallest republic of South America and is practically surrounded by water, having 120 miles on the Atlantic ocean. Uruguay is one country where the money is worth more than the American dollar; they have a gold standard but no gold was coined, and no bullion is carried by

the state. But when I exchanged a hundred dollar draft I only received ninety-eight dollars of their money for it. Their credit is excellent and their bonds often sell above par.

Brazil Larger Than U. S.

Brazil, the largest of South American countries is much larger than the United States exclusive of Alaska. The nation is divided into states and they each have their own government but with a great deal more individual power than states have in the United States. There is much less federal control. The revolutions which we hear about are not of national scope but usually in the states. They should not be termed revolutions as we understand it but riots. They generally last but a short while and afterwards a friendly feeling exists. The two principal cities are Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, the first being the capitol and the larger and is located on the finest harbor in the world. Sao Paulo, which is the capitol of the state of its name, is a real business city. It is the city of the coffee growing district and can rightfully claim that 60 per cent of the coffee of the whole world grows there.

The observations of the different countries visited bring to the mind of the North America who is always alert and looking for opportunities for his country that many good bets have been lost sometimes for one reason and again for another. However the United States is fairly well entrenched now and the door is open for more business. We should cultivate every opportunity to increase existing business and gain new.

Communication With U. S.

The Merchant Marine now established by the United States is the most important of all. You can now write a letter to the United States from Buenos Aires with an order and have the goods at the store door in 44 days and before three to four and sometimes six months was necessary to make the delivery. Quick mail delivery, quick service in the transportation of United States products and reliable guaranteed goods will gradually win the South American and make him our friend and customer. Whatever may happen we should never allow our boats now going to South America to be sold to irresponsible people and when they are sold we should in some way subsidize them so that they may not be run off the seas by the competition of our rivals.

The Spanish language is spoken in practically every South American country except Brazil, and there they understand it, as well as in Mexico, Central America, the West Indies and the Philippines. It is the universal language of these countries and should be taught in all the schools of the United States. This language is worth more to us than all other for-

sign tongues. We should encourage our schools to teach it and likewise encourage the teaching of the English language in the South American schools, and, if possible, offer scholarships in our colleges, agricultural and engineering schools to South America would spread propagandas that would be far more reaching than any advertising that could be done.

When the South American learns the English language as he does the French then our boats will be loaded for New York and the traffic will be diverted from Europe. We as a nation should be glad to have the South American step his foot upon our soil and partake of the genuine hospitality that should be graciously offered, and as the progress of the world compels all nations to participate in trade with each other, let us hold out the hand of friendship to our neighbors of the south and march with them to a great future prosperity.

THE HARD-WORKING FARMER

One day a farmer, says The Country Gentleman, went to the county fair and his hard-working wife remained at home to see that the farm suffered no loss during his absence. He returned about dark and coming out on the porch he inquired:

"I'm about tired out, Mary. Is the cows in the barn?"

"Yes, long since," replied the wife. "Is the hoeses unharnessed and fed?"

"Yes."

"Fowls locked up?"

"Yes."

"Wood chopped for morning?"

"Yes."

"Be them ducks plucked and dressed for market?"

"Yes."

"Wagon wheel mended and ready to start in hauling wood tomorrow morning?"

"Yes."

"Well, then," he concluded, with a sigh of relief, "let me have my supper, Mary, and I'll turn in. Farmin' is gettin' to tell on me."

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