

### TELLS HISTORY OF TACNA-ARICA CASE

#### DETAILS OF THE DISPUTE

History Professor Reviews Interesting Story of the Famous Tract Claimed by Chile, Peru

Regarding the history of the Tacna-Arica dispute between Chile and Peru, Professor Cox of Northwestern University in a recent lecture says:

"Spain bequeathed to her colonies a number of unfortunate legacies, among them a series of territorial disputes. This particular controversy concerns a strip of 300 miles along the west coast of South America. The strip was originally regarded as of no value and consequently no attempt was made to set limits for it. However, after the middle of the 19th century this land acquired considerable value because of its deposits of bird guano and of nitrate of soda, both of which have an important bearing on agriculture and are in demand as fertilizers.

"Three countries claimed the land as soon as it acquired value—Bolivia, Peru, and Chile, and of these Chile had the least important claim but was the most important factor in the development of the products of the region because it was Chilean energy and British capital that gave the region value. Proposals were made to divide the territory, to permit its exploitation under Chilean direction, and to submit the question to arbitration, but all were in vain. Peru and Bolivia took alarm and made a secret treaty to help each other in case of attack by a third party. Chile was frightened enough to develop her navy and establish military training for her citizens; a training in which she employed German officers.

"The War of the Pacific was started when Bolivia placed taxes on the nitrate exported from the disputed territory, contrary to a treaty with Chile, and that country lost no time in occupying the disputed territory in 1879. Peru made some attempt to mediate but when Chile demanded that she cast aside her secret treaty with Bolivia she refused to comply, and Chile declared war against her.

"During the war which followed several important naval engagements took place which were won by Chile, which immediately occupied Atacama the coastal area of Bolivia, and Tarapaca, a Peruvian province. With the fall of Iquique, both Peru and Bolivia broke out in revolt against the established governments, which soon gave way to new ones. Tacna was occupied by the Chileans in May 1880, and Arica in the following month, after battles which were marked by the great bravery of the Peruvians.

### NOTABLE GROWTH IN BUSINESS ACTIVITY

Employment Increasing Since July, 1925; High Mark for Year in November

Employment in the United States has been steadily increasing since July 1925 according to the National Industrial Conference board, which has been making a study of the subject. In addition to this the wages of those employed have been increasing steadily. In November the average employment had increased 1.8 per cent over October and six per cent over July.

Most notable during the month of November, says the survey, was the increased activity of the agricultural implement industry, showing a gain in employment of eight per cent, the employment index for this industry rising from 71.3 to 77.0 in November, while the average working week in this industry increased from 49.6 to 50.5 hours. Substantial increases in employment were also reported by the chemical, electrical manufacturing, iron and steel, meat packing, paint and varnish, wool and rubber industries. In all, eighteen of the twenty-five industries covered by the study showed gains in employment. Average work hours per week in all industries showed a slight gain, from 48.3 to 48.5 hours.

Average weekly earnings of all wage earners included in the study in November were 116 per cent greater than in July, 1914. "Real" weekly earnings, indicating the amount of goods the worker can buy with his wages in supplying the ordinary needs of his family, in November were twenty-six per cent higher than in July, 1914. Owing to slight increases in the cost of living in October and November, "real" hourly and "real" weekly earnings showed a slight decline of November.

#### Mother Knows

Friendly Friend: "And how is that fine family of boys and girls of yours?"

Motherly Mother: "Oh, they're at the powder puff age now. The girls are powdering and the boys are puffing."

### FAMOUS INCIDENT IN WEBSTER'S LIFE

#### IS IN MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Writer in National Republic Enthused Over Reply of Pioneer Statesman to Hayne

The historic career of Daniel Webster with quotations of many of his brilliant orations is found in the current issue of the National Republic in an article by Frank P. Litschert. Telling of the historic occasion of Webster's reply to Hayne the article says:

The question of nullification had come to the forefront, and the friends of the Union everywhere were rendered uneasy by the actions of Senator Calhoun and his supporters. They felt that the country was in danger, and that the constitution needed a champion.

"It is a critical moment," Mr. Bell, of New Hampshire, said to Webster on the historic morning of the speech, "and it is time that the people of this country should know what the constitution is."

"Then," Webster answered, "by the blessing of heaven, they shall learn this day, before the sun goes down, what I understand it to be."

#### Famous Reply

And then came the famous reply to Hayne which sent a thrill of patriotism over the country, and strengthened the hearts of those loyal to the constitution and the Union.

The setting was complete. The senate galleries were crowded, and everyone filled with expectation. Webster began in a calm even tone, perfect master of the situation. Then, says Senator Lodge, "the strong masculine sentences, the sarcasm, the pathos, the reasoning, the burning appeals to love of state and country, flowed on unbroken. As his feelings warmed, the fire came into his eyes, there was a glow on his

swarthy cheek; his strong right arm seemed to sweep away resistlessly the whole phalanx of his opponents, and the deep melodious cadences of his voice sounded like harmonious organ tones as they filled the chamber with their music. As the last words died away into silence those who had listened, looked wonderingly at each other, dimly conscious that they had heard one of the grand speeches which are landmarks in the history of eloquence; and the men of the north and New England went forth full of the pride of victory, for their champion had triumphed, and no assurance was needed to prove to the world that this time no answer could be made."

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