

OUR SOUTH AMERICAN DIPLOMATS

The following news items from the social departments of the Washington papers will be of interest to the readers of The Commoner:

THE DE GAMAS WELL KNOWN

The only North American member of the Latin-American corps is Mme. da Gama, who was Mrs. Hearn of New York, before she was married to the ambassador from Brazil about two years ago. Mme. da Gama is a handsome woman, fond of society, and has splendid facilities for entertaining in the new embassy in Massachusetts avenue.

The Brazilian Ambassador was the presiding officer of the mediation conference at Niagara Falls. He was minister to Argentina and also to Peru and ambassador to Chile. He has been serving his country abroad these twenty-four years, twenty-two of which in the diplomatic service in Europe first, and then in America.—From the Washington Post of December 23, 1914.

SAUREZ-MUJICA FAMILY

The Chilean Ambassador and Mme. Saurez-Mujica, who were in this country about three years before the recent raising of the legation to an embassy, already have made for themselves a distinct place both in diplomatic and social circles. The Ambassador will be long remembered as one of the A. B. C. mediators at Niagara Falls and for the help he has given in establishing a new relationship between the American republics.

Madame Saurez-Mujica is a fine-looking woman, radiating kindness, and noted for her charm of manner. She is a native Chilean and was educated in her own country, which is justly famed for the excellence of its women's universities. She is traveled and cultivated, — there is no more finely cultivated person in the world than the educated and traveled South-American,—and speaks French and also English.

There are three children in the Chilean embassy, a boy, George, aged twelve, and two girls, Eugenie and Adriana, about 16 and 14 respectively, one tall, slim, and very graceful, the other petite. Mme. Saurez-Mujica is now busy getting settled in the new quarters of the embassy, in 16th street. — From The Washington Times of December 6th, 1914.

THE NAONS IN HIGH POSITION

Mme. Naon, wife of the ambassador from Argentina, is one of the beauties of the diplomatic corps, and possesses unusual personality and magnetism. The Ambassador himself is of distinguished appearance, and he and his wife are a remarkably handsome pair. Don Romulo S. Naon, also a mediator in the Mexican troubles, held high place in his own country before being sent here. He was largely instrumental in raising \$1,000,000 exchange fund to facilitate trade between Argentina and the United States during the war crisis.

Ambassador and Mme. Naon have five children: Isabel, Felisa, Romulo, John, Joseph, and Charlotte. The children speak English fluently and attend Washington schools.

The Argentina embassy is in New Hampshire avenue, not far from Dupont circle. It is adapted to entertaining on a generous scale.—From the Washington Post of December 23, 1914.

THE PEZETS FAMILIAR FIGURES

The Minister from Peru and Mme. Pezet are familiar figures in Washington. The Minister is very tall and dark and his wife a petite and blonde, an unusual type for a Spanish-American. From her appearance one would not suspect that she has celebrated

the silver anniversary of her wedding and has a grown son.

Mme. Pezet was the daughter of the late Jose Maria Corbacho of Lima and was married when she was hardly out of the schoolroom. Senor Pezet is a writer of distinction. He has been in the service of his country since he was a mere boy, first, in the army during the war against Chile, 1879-1883, and since 1886 in the consular and diplomatic service. He is doing all in his power to foster trade between his country and the United States. His son, Alfonso Washington Pezet, was born in Lima, Peru, on February 22nd, hence the name in which he was christened. He is a playwright, being the author of the comedy, "Marrying Money," seen in New York last year.—From the Washington Post of December 23, 1914.

MR. BRYAN

The chief thing with which the American people are concerned about their state department is whether it is getting results. It is by that standard that Mr. Bryan and his chief both

will have to be judged. Have Mr. Gerard and Mr. Walter Page and Mr. Thomas Nelson Page and Mr. Whitlock and Mr. Morgenthau and our other representatives abroad failed in the trying duties thrust upon them by the great war? Has our Mexican policy been a failure? What are our relations today with the nations of South America and of Europe and of the Orient? It is the answer to these questions which counts. and Mr. Bryan need not be afraid of it. Conceding the sincerity of some of his critics, the fact remains that many others oppose him because they are inherently opposed to democracy and the popular rule for which Mr. Bryan stands. And others oppose him because they wish to discredit or hinder the Wilson administration. They recognize the fact that without Bryan the Wilson program could not have been put through at the last session of congress. They believe that without Bryan the program for the present and future sessions can not be put through. What easier way to thwart Wilson than to force Bryan out of the cabinet or to create

trouble between him and the president?

Fortunately, the motives of this class of the secretary's accusers are pretty well understood and are proportionately harmless. — Baltimore Sun.

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