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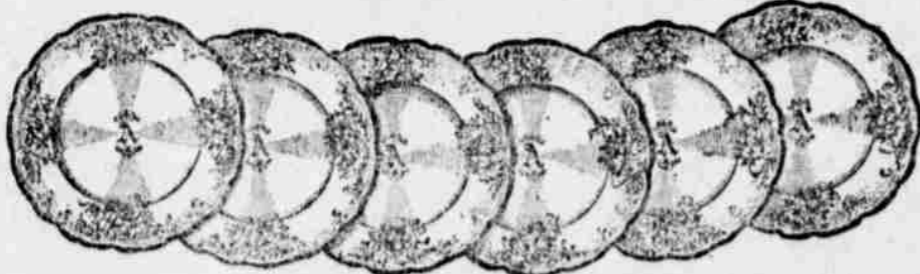
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WESTERN CONGRESS OPENS

SECRETARY ROOT TALKS OF COMMERCIAL UNION.

FEATURE OF OPENING SESSION

Premier in President Roosevelt's Cabinet Recites Deductions From His Recent Trip to South America—E. H. Harriman Delivers Address.

Kansas City, Nov. 21.—Before the Transmississippi commercial congress here, Elihu Root, secretary of state, delivered his second speech in this city within two days. His speech was the feature of the first day's session of the congress. Mr. Root again dwelt upon our relations with the South American republics, telling of his recent trip through those countries. He said the time had come for the expansion of trade between the countries of the north and south that

would result in the peaceful prosperity of a mighty commerce. He declared that the means of communication between these countries must be improved and increased, and said the "woeful deficiency in the means to carry on and enlarge our South American trade is but a part of the general decline and feebleness of the American merchant marine."

The representatives of Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Brazil and Chile also spoke, following Mr. Root's theme closely, speaking of the possibilities of investment of American capital in their enterprises, and dealing also with the political aspect of the situation.

Secretary Root's speech was "Commercial Union With South American Republics."

An interesting incident of the session was the demand of a Colorado delegate that he be allowed to answer the speech of E. H. Harriman, which was delivered soon after the session convened. Mr. Harriman criticised the present laws regulating railroads, asserting that such power as is now given the interstate commerce com-

mission is dangerous, not only to the welfare of the railroads themselves, but to the industrial interests of the country, with which the railroads have mutual interests. At the conclusion of his speech George J. Kindel of Denver arose and asked permission to answer Mr. Harriman's speech. Chairman Francis refused to give Mr. Kindel the privilege of the floor, on the ground that a proper interpretation of the rules of the congress and a due regard to courtesy did not allow a delegate to answer the speech of an invited guest. Mr. Harriman, however, insisted that Mr. Kindel be allowed to speak, and the chairman called him to the platform. Mr. Kindel's speech was not a direct answer to the arguments of Mr. Harriman, but an arraignment of the railroads for alleged unfair rate discrimination. Mr. Harriman, who had intended to leave for Topeka immediately after delivering his own speech, waited patiently until Mr. Kindel had concluded, when the two men shook hands and Mr. Harriman left the hall to go to his train.

Every state in the union is represented at the congress, the states in

the Mississippi and Missouri valleys and those making up the western half of the country being represented by a greater number of persons than ever before in the history of the organization, while from the east also the attendance exceeded that of previous years.

ALLEGED SWINDLERS ARRESTED

Fraudulent Underwriting Concerns Raided at Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—Several underwriting companies, which are alleged to be the largest fraudulent concerns of the kind ever operated in Chicago, were raided by United States marshals, assisted by postal inspectors, and seven men, accused of promoting the fraudulent enterprises, were arrested. According to the federal authorities, the men accused of operating the swindles had many victims and obtained nearly a million dollars by the scheme. The names of the men arrested and the companies with which the federal authorities say they are connected follow:

W. J. Root, president; W. H. Welch, vice president, and W. D. Hulbert, secretary of the Central States Underwriting and Guarantee company, Charles Endicott Brown, president of the Prudential Securities Corporation Brokers, Frank S. Winslow, president of the American Corporation and Security company, Ezra C. Barnum, president of the National Stock and Guaranty company and the Bankers' Credit and Mercantile company, David C. Owings, National Stock and Guaranty company.

Hulbert, Root and Welch were taken to the United States district court and gave bonds of \$5,000 each for their appearance for trial. The other men who were arrested were locked up in jail because they were unable to obtain bonds.

The alleged fraudulent operation of the men, as explained by the postal authorities, is that the underwriting companies were in league with certain of the brokers, with whom they divided the fee taken for the supposed underwriting, which was never done by the alleged underwriters.

SEVEN KILLED IN LANDSLIDE

Italian Trackmen Swept Down Mountain Side and Into River.

Bluefield, W. Va., Nov. 21.—Seven trackmen of a gang of nineteen, engaged in removing a slide on the Dry Fork branch of the Norfolk and Western railroad, were killed as the result of a big slip of land. The men were swept down the mountain side and into the river. Twelve escaped. The bodies of four of the victims were recovered and three of the bodies are buried under hundreds of tons of earth. All of the victims were Italian laborers and were known only by numbers, not names.

HOTEL WRECKED IN CANADA.

Man and Woman Killed and Ten Injured in Explosion of Dynamite.

Grand Forks, B. C., Nov. 21.—At Niagara, a railway village seven miles up the North fork of the Kettle river, unidentified persons wrecked the Canadian hotel with dynamite.

The explosion killed Louise King, aged eighteen, and a strange Italian, and injured nine other persons. Three boxes of dynamite were used. The explosive was stolen from the storehouse of a contractor named Tierney.

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