

International Gathering

Notable Event to Occur at Spokane this Summer.

SPOKANE, WASH., April 4.—Apostles of irrigation, deep waterways, drainage, good roads and conservation of resources and recruits from various parts of this continent, England, Germany, France, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, the Latin republics, and China and Japan, representatives of foreign nations and colonial governments, officials of the federal reclamation, forestry and agricultural departments, governors and members of state and territorial legislatures, railroad and bank presidents and members of agricultural, horticultural, commercial and fraternal organizations will gather in Spokane, August 9 to 14, where the National Irrigation Congress will have its 17th sessions.

"To save the forests, store the floods, reclaim the deserts and make homes on the land," are the four primary objects outlined in the official call, issued by George E. Barstow of Barstow, Tex., president, B. A. Fowler of Phoenix, Ariz., secretary of the national organization, and R. Insinger, chairman, and Arthur Hocker, secretary of the local board of control, adding.

"We aim to demonstrate to the west the wonderful development possible through irrigation, drainage, forestry, deep waterways, good roads and home-building, and to show to the east the economic importance, to the whole country of this development."

Arrangements have been made by the board of control for the entertainment of 4,000 accredited delegates, in addition to which it is expected there will be between 35,000 and 40,000 visitors from the irrigated districts in Kansas, North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, Texas, California, Nevada, Oklahoma, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington and the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba, and from districts in the middlewestern, southern and eastern and New England states, where forestry, deep waterways, drainage and good roads are the chief problems in the development of the country.

The regular program will consist of addresses by officials of the reclamation, forestry and agricultural departments of the United States, statesmen and scientists, railroad and financial men, promoters of the Carey act reclamation projects and officials of pri-

vate irrigation enterprises. The call says:

"Speakers will be allotted to exceed not 20 minutes on any one subject and addresses will be followed by general discussions by delegates, limited to five-minute talks.

"It is planned to make this a practical, live congress for the consideration and discussion of the question in which the delegates are interested and whose action will be of great value in the promotion of the objects for which this congress is working."

The federal department of agriculture has taken charge of a 20-acre tract of land in the Spokane valley, where there will be demonstrations of the latest approved methods of supplying the soil with moisture by artificial means demonstrated by irrigation experts. In this connection the call states the following:

"The selection of Spokane was peculiarly fortunate for this congress, as it provides every opportunity for the study of all methods of irrigating and various systems of irrigation projects. Within a few minutes' car ride of the city are gravity canal systems, pipe distribution of water and modern electrical pumping plants.

"The irrigated areas in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington produce every kind of fruit and vegetable that can be grown in the semitropic zone, also the perfection of the red apple, as was demonstrated at the first National apple show in Spokane in December, 1908."

The board of control will maintain free information departments for the convenience of delegates and visitors, and it is officially announced there will be no advances in rates at hotels during the convention.

The open air features of the congress will be the parade of the Irrigation Army of 10,000 and the industrial parade, in which Indians from four of the reservations in the Northwest will participate. In the latter it is designed to show the progress of the western country in the last quarter century. One day has been set aside for the governors of states and territories, and there will be a series of banquets, receptions, theatre parties and excursions to nearby lake and river resorts.

The personnel of the congress will be permanent officers of the organization, the president and vice president of the United States, members of the cabinet, members of the United States senate and house of representative, governors of states, territories and insular possessions of the United States, members of state and territorial legislatures, ambassadors, ministers, consuls and other representatives of foreign nations and colonies and members of pri-

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Embassador James Bryce
on Roosevelt

Confining myself to only a few reflections on the United States, twenty years after I wrote the "American Commonwealth," and twenty-six years after my first visit to California, what strikes me most now is the extraordinarily firm mind with which you are attacking great problems. In this attack you have received nowhere greater help than that from the man who yesterday quit American shores for Africa. I know there are great differences of opinion in regard to Theodore Roosevelt, but the longer I have seen him the more I have admired the versatility of his mind and the purity and elevation of his purpose.

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