

13 REPUBLICS IN LATIN COUNTRIES BREAK WITH HUNS

Conditions in South America and Central America Now Most Favorable to Allies.

Washington, Sept. 14.—There is good war news from Central and South America every day. Each report is more encouraging. Latest information is of special importance. It shows a record for growing pan-American solidarity that is surprising and carries a significance that should be heard all over the world.

What is the exact status of the 20 Central and South American countries in this world struggle? At this hour the situation is as follows:

Situation Reviewed.

First—There are 20 independent republics reaching from Cuba and Mexico on the north to Argentina and Chile on the south. Of these, 13, or a considerable majority, have actually, in an official manner, broken relations with Germany. These are, arranged alphabetically: Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Uruguay. Although Paraguay has not officially severed relations, its moral attitude is such that it might well be classed in this list, which would then make 14.

Second—The following six countries can be classed as officially neutral: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Salvador and Venezuela, but in strict terms Paraguay should be included, which would make seven, or about one-third of all the Latin-American governments.

Third—Differentiating between those which have broken off relations and those which have actually declared war in a formal manner against Germany, nine have actually entered the arena of warfare alongside the United States and the European allies. They are: Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama. If the position taken by Uruguay and Peru is equivalent to a declaration of war they would make 11 which have declared war.

Fourth—Stated in other terms, it can be said that two-thirds of the total area and three-fifths of the total population of Latin America have officially taken action in concert with the United States and the European allies.

Press Favors United States.

Everybody, however, should be fair in judging the attitude of the seven neutral countries. It is unjust to say that they are against the United States, or that they are pro-central allies. It is the honest belief of those familiar with the situation that the highest officials of each of the neutral countries, in determining the policy of their lands, are doing what they believe conscientiously to be right. None of them, in their opinion, has had actual official cause to declare war and therefore their present attitude is justified. They do not deny the right of any country to act as it sees best, and they contend that they have the same right.

A careful scrutiny of the leading newspapers in the neutral countries shows that an overwhelming majority of them are most friendly to the United States and the European allies. Only a very small minority are what could be termed pro-central allies. It is also believed by many that the so-called neutral countries are able to be of greater service to the United States and the European allies by being neutral than by declaring war. If they took the latter step they would be involved in vast expense, in conservation of their own supplies and in the shutting down on what they can send to the United States and the European allies. They would also require large sums of money for armament and protection, and these sums would necessarily have to be supplied to a considerable extent by the United States and the European allies.

Central Taxi Company to Serve Guests of Conant Hotel

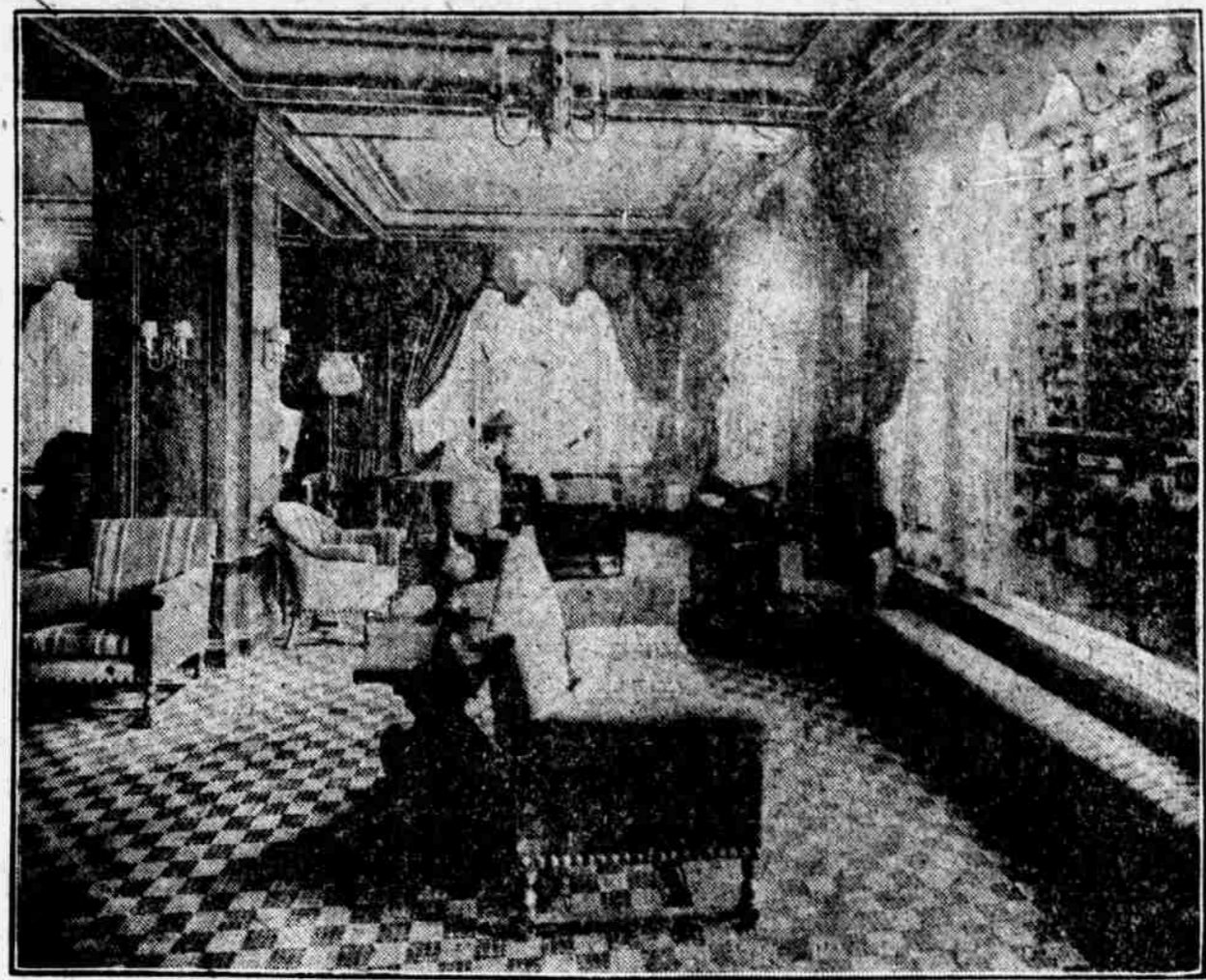
The taxi service at the Conant will be that of the Central Taxi company of which Hymie Borsky is president. Mr. Borsky has inaugurated a very high standard of taxicab efficiency and service during the years that he has operated his service from the Paxton hotel as his central location. The addition of the Conant will give him another splendid location in the very heart of the city.

Safety first is one of the mottoes of this company. In rainy or slippery weather the chains go on the taxi wheels according to orders to take no chances.

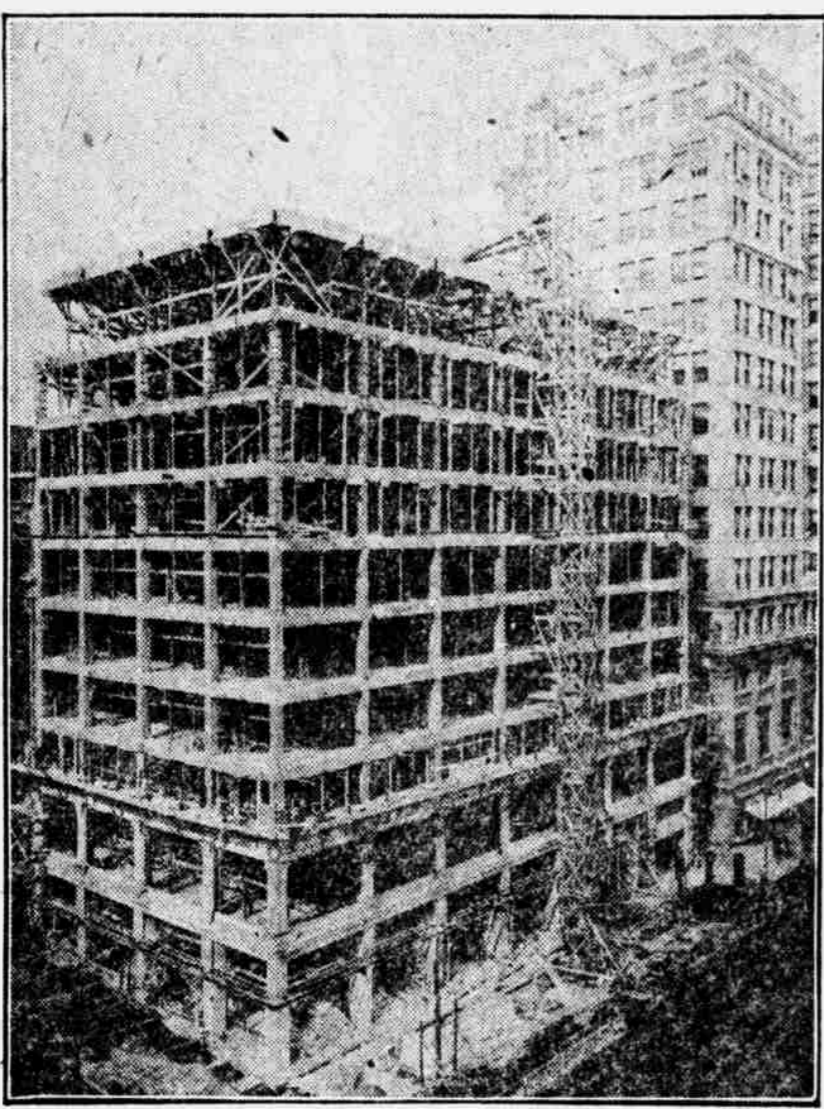
Books and Magazines

- VICKY VAN. By Carolyn Wells. J. B. Lippincott Co. \$1.25. Vicky Van is a bachelor girl with a gay humor. She is unconventional in her manners, but never a word is breathed against her reputation. One night Calhoun attends upon Vicky to celebrate her birthday. There is a host of friends present, and then the murder of a prominent man and a mystery, apparently unsolved. Suddenly the denouement is sprung. You are baffled and always amused by the brilliance of the yarn.
- GIRLS-NIGHT. By Stella G. S. Perry. Frederick A. Stokes Co. \$1.40. A sunshine story for girls.
- THE LURE OF THE NORTH. By Harold Bindloss. Frederick A. Stokes Company. \$1.40. A story of lost treasure in which the chief seeker is a fearless girl. Unusual and stirring adventures in the trackless forests of northern Canada add zest to the hunt for a lost silver lode and make the story one of intense interest.
- THE GHOST GARDEN. By Amelia River. Frederick A. Stokes Co. \$1.50. An extraordinary story of two lovers and a haunted garden in beautiful old Virginia—a new version of the eternal triangle with one of its points in the spirit world.
- VIRTUOUS WIVES. By Owen Johnson. Little, Brown & Co. \$1.50. This little volume gives the science and art of revolver shooting and instructions in rifle practice in a clear and comprehensive manner and will prove of real value to officers and

Lounge Room at New Conant Hotel is Marvel of Both Beauty and Comfort



Meyer Steelforms Are Used in Building Conant Hotel



Meyer Steelform construction was used in building the Conant hotel. This construction, designed and installed by the Concrete Engineering company of Omaha, has come into use as the most economical and satisfactory finished construction, for fireproof floors in buildings both large and small, not only in Omaha, but throughout the country.

In Omaha, representative structures in which this system of concrete floor construction has been used, are the Omaha Grain exchange, Blackstone apartments, Athletic club, Lee-Coit-Andresen warehouse, Castle hotel, Securities building, Conant hotel, and numerous apartments, garages, schools, etc.

More Economical.

The economy of this system of concrete floor construction, is based upon the principle embodied in the wood joist floor, namely, that the joist floor, either of wood or concrete, is the most economical construction, in that it requires less material to carry the given load. But, in the concrete joist floor, the cost of the form work into which the soft concrete is poured, increases the total cost of the floor, so that the economy of materials required, is not so apparent. It is in this item of form work that Meyer Removable Steelforms effect their greatest economy.

Since approximately one-third of the cost of concrete work is represented by the wooden form work into which the soft concrete is poured, and but little salvage is obtained from this form work after several times re-use, a great saving in the cost of

the form work is effected by the use of the heavy gauge Meyer Steelforms, which are removed and re-used in succeeding floors and in different buildings on a rental basis. In other words, the economy of Meyer Steelform construction lies, first in the economy of material required, and second, in the reduced cost of the form work.

Excellent Service.

Its popularity is due to these two features, and the genuine service which the Concrete Engineering company renders, in preparing complete structural designs for all types of concrete structures, furnishing and installing reinforcing steel, Meyer Steelforms, metal lath, etc.

This company was organized a little over five years ago, and today it is designing and installing its fireproofing system, and materials in by far the greater portion of the buildings of this character in this part of the country. With its large warehouse and fabricating shop at Eleventh and Nicholas streets, in Omaha, it is in a very secure position to live up to its slogan "Maximum Engineering Service." District offices have been in active operation at Chicago and Kansas City, for two years, and with stocks of materials and a large equipment of Meyer Steelforms in their warehouses at Omaha, Chicago and Kansas City, genuine service is easily rendered. Its metal lath organization, furnishing and erecting metal furring of all kinds, has kept pace with the growth of the other departments, and is one of the largest of its kind in the United States.

mentals excitement and emotional stimulus which her life of idle luxury creates leads her farther and farther into a world where the one aim is to seek amusement. Little by little Amy's sensibilities are dulled, her ideals fade and vanish and it needs the shock of tragedy to open her eyes to her own real status and that of her friends, virtuous wives though they deem themselves.

PRIVATE, and to all individuals who are interested in shooting.

DR. FRANK CRANE'S OPINION OF ASTROLOGY, Astrological Research society, \$1.00.

PICTURES BURNED INTO MY MEMORY, by Charles W. Whitehall, The Saalfield Publishing Co., 75 cents.

The author has seen destruction, suffering, death—but, more wonderful, he has seen the love and sacrifice for fellowman as is demonstrated only in the trenches and in this little volume he brings this message home to America in that forceful and masterful style all his own.

THE ABOLITION INHERITANCE, by Herman Eugene Reed, The Macmillan Company, \$1.50.

In part I, Mr. Reed states his proposition that inheritance of wealth is unjust to the disinherited, to the public welfare and morally wrong. In part he examines the privileges of inheritance in detail; in Part III inheritance is looked at from the standpoint of economic results; in Part IV he turns his attention to certain basic social problems involved in the question of inherited wealth; in Part V and VI are given over to all the arguments usually presented in defense of the present system and in Part VIII he pictures the results to mankind that are certain to follow the abolition of inheritance.

Terse Facts About Conant Hotel, Just Opened for Business

Cost of ground \$ 600,000
Cost of building 500,000
Cost of furnishings 100,000

Total cost \$1,200,000

It is the largest building in Omaha standing on leased ground. It was built in record time. Ground was broken June 1, 1917 and the roof was on in November.

Ground on which it stands was bought in 1915 by the Union investment company (First National bank interests) with the intention of building there. When the Board of Trade building burned the First National bank found it possible to get that lot, which it preferred.

George Joslyn then bought the ground on which the Conant now stands for \$600,000. He leased it to the Harry A. Wolf interests which erected the hotel.

Among the furnishings are 9,000 square yards of carpet, costing \$20,000; 1,500 sheets, 1,500 pillowslips, 3,000 towels; 500 bedspreads, 500 blankets.

The capacity of the hotel may be doubled by razing the building just west of it, which has a 66-foot frontage on Harney street. An option for at least on this property is already held by the owners of the hotel.

BRITISH SPINNERS STRIKE.
London, Sept. 14.—The spinners in the Yorkshire and Lancashire cotton mills quit work at noon today in accordance with the decision reached at a week ago by the Amalgamated Association of Cotton Spinners to strike for the abolition of the rota system.

The Big, Beautiful Drug Store

When that versatile realtor, Harry Wolf, commissioned the wise and skillful architects, John and Alan McDonald, to make plans for a building at 16th and Harney streets, it was not just a "building." The instructions were to draw the plans for a suitable home for a Hotel, a ladies' apparel establishment, a shoe store de luxe, and last, but by no means least, a drug store which should lack nothing in modern equipment and potentials.

The first branch of the Sherman & McConnell Drug Co., was established at 16th and Harney streets some 10 years ago under the name of the "Owl" in the little pudgy building that was torn down two years ago to make room for the magnificent structure which now adorns this corner.

The new drug store to occupy this most important corner must be one to meet every requirement of modern merchandising in the drug line, and so we believe it does. The modern proper is a double store with three entrances, two at the corner and the other one on 16th street. As one enters at the corner immediately at the right is a beautiful Mexican Onyx Fountain, extending from the corner entrance to the one at the north side of the store. This is a quick service fountain, provided with no seats whatever, and is intended for the busy man or woman who wants to quench his or her thirst and run. The salesroom, which is unusually high, is shelved to the ceiling, and provided with running ladders so that every square inch of wall space is utilized. The fixtures throughout the store are of mahogany, inlaid with marble. The north side of the store is used for storage and display of the ten thousand and one medicines and toilet goods which comprise the stock and trade of the modern drug store. The center square presents a most magnificent display of the choicest of perfumes and toilet articles, and of this particular portion of the store, some thirty feet is used for a candy department. The Cigar Department is located at the north side of the store, which is at the right of the 16th street entrance, and has every modern appointment. The south or Harney street side of the store is occupied solely as a Gift Department, this being one of the modern ideas in drug store arrangement, where may be found an assortment of attractive articles, especially appropriate for birthday and holiday souvenirs, and as every day is someone's birthday, and holidays are becoming more frequent, this department bids fair to become a busy one. At the west end of the salesroom is found the Stationery and Photograph Goods Department.

The Downstairs Soda and Lunch Room De Luxe.

As one enters at the corner immediately to the left, are the broad, marble stairs leading to the beautifully tiled downstairs soda room. This room is 55x85 feet, and seats comfortably 300 people. The tiled floor represents the acme of this art, while the handsomely tiled columns inset with mirrors leaves nothing to be desired, both from the standpoint of beauty and utility, as every inch of this room may be and is kept immaculately clean. A handsomely appointed and easily accessible retiring room for ladies, forms part of the accoutrement of this department. This room is also provided with a special balcony for the orchestra, and during the busy hours music is furnished for patrons. There is also a model kitchen and stock room. The colored waitresses in the Soda Cafe are becomingly costumed in pink and white. An artificial ice plant furnishes coolness for drinks and food as needed.

The Prescription Room.

The drug store, like ancient Gaul, is divided into three principal parts, and the last, but not the least portion, is, strange to say, not in this new building at all, but by the art of the architect and builder, another room, 22x132 feet in the building immediately west is joined on to this handsome salesroom, and serves as a rubber goods and prescription department. This room, which is really larger than most drug stores, is a few feet only lower than the level of the 16th street salesroom, and is in plain sight and reached by a half dozen marble stairs. To describe this properly would require a knowledge of the art of Galen, and more space than Sherman & McConnell Co. care to pay for, but if there is anything in the medicine and chemical line that is not kept in this room, it must have been discovered either in prehistoric times or within the last hour or two.

This store has been mentioned occasionally since it was opened, two months ago, as being "Big, Beautiful and Potential," and after the scribe who writes this, had given it a thorough optical analysis, he was convinced that it was indeed Big, Beautiful, Potential, and then some.

CONSERVE MAN POWER, CUTTING OFF ACCIDENTS

Officers of Railroads, Mines, and Great Industrial Plants to Discuss Problem at Meeting.

By Associated Press.
St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 14.—Conservation of man power by greater precautions against accidents in America's big war industrial plants will be one of the outstanding objects of the seventh annual Safety Congress of the National Safety Council, which opens here tomorrow.

Officers of railroads, superintendents of large steel mills, factories and mines and representatives of employees' associations from various parts of the country began arriving tonight for the five-day session, at which nearly 200 speakers will outline plans for a concentrated drive against accidents during the next year.

President Wilson will deliver a brief address by telephone, while the delegates are assembled for the annual dinner Wednesday night.

The president's message will emphasize the pressing need for conservation of man power and will commend the work being done by the council.

Lane to Speak.

Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, at the Monday session will speak on "Safety as an Asset in Winning the War," and will be followed by Charles M. Schwab of the Emergency Fleet corporation, who will take as his subject, "Democratization of Industry."

The annual address of David Van Schaack, president of the National Safety Council, will deal largely with the progress made in the last fiscal year. Reports of officers will be submitted and directors elected.

A series of sectional and general round table meetings will open Tuesday and continue until final adjournment. At these meetings new ideas for lessening the risks of employees in various lines of work will be submitted to committees for consideration and recommendations.

Safety Experiments.

Special attention will be given to the report on Wednesday of Julien H. Harvey, director of the six months' experimental public safety campaign at Rochester, N. Y. A careful analysis of the experiment, the first of its kind ever made, will be submitted and the congress will take action on recommendations for similar campaigns against accidents in the large cities of the country.

A symposium on a co-ordinated plan for national employment will form a part of Thursday's program, and on Friday there will be a round table for government employees, with Lewis T. Bryant, commissioner of labor of New Jersey, one of the principal speakers.

"One of the most interesting reports to be presented will be that of the

Pershing Wants Alsace Free.

Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 14.—General Pershing, in reply to a congratulatory address from Alsace-Lorraine residents in Switzerland, concerning the American advance, expressed his thanks and the hope that the lost provinces eventually would be restored to France.

committee having in charge the promotion of safety education in technical schools and colleges," said W. H. Cameron, general manager of the council. "Important conferences with leading educators in the east and middle west indicate the early establishment, as a permanent part of the curriculum in a number of colleges, of a series of lectures and the necessary laboratory work to train young engineers as specialists in the newest of the professions."

Special Meetings.

Special meetings will be held in parks and at public playgrounds during the convention for the purpose of teaching children proper precautions against accidents. Films depicting accidents and showing how they can be prevented and "safety" addresses on phonograph records will form a part of the campaign.

Mr. Cameron's annual membership report sets forth these figures: Gain in membership for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1918, 306 Present membership 3,606 (Including 16,000 representatives and 6,000,000 employees.) Income, \$117,000; surplus, \$25,000; no debts.

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