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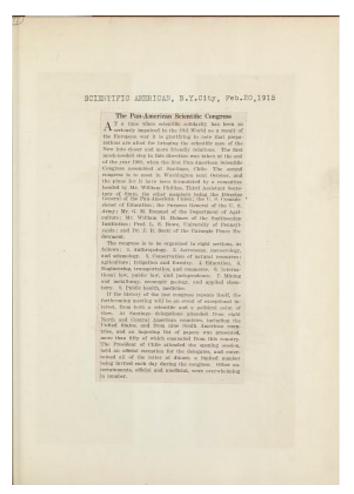
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The Pan-American Scientific Congress

At a time when scientific solidarity has been so seriously impaired in the Old World as a result of the European war it is gratifying to note that preparations are afoot for bringing the scientific men of the New into closer and more friendly relations. The first much-needed step in this direction was taken at the end of the year 1908, when the first Pan-American Scientific Congress assembled at Santiago, Chile. The second congress is to meet in Washington next October, and the plans for it have been formulated by a committee headed by Mr. William Phillips, Third Assistant Secretary of State, the other members being the Director General of the Pan-American Union; the U.S. Commissioner of Education; the Surgeon General of the U.S. Army; Mr. G. M. Rommel of the Department of Agriculture; Mr. William H. Holmes of the Smithsonian Institution; Prof. L. S. Rowe, University of Pennsylvania; and Sr. J. B. Scott of the Carnegie Peace Endowment.

The congress is to be organized in eight sections, as follows: 1. Anthropology. 2. Astronomy, meteorology, and seismology. 3. Conservation of natural resources; agriculture; irrigation and forestry. 4. Education. 5. Engineering, transportation, and commerce. 6. International law, public law, and jurisprudence. 7. Mining and metallurgy, economic geology, and applied chemistry. 8. Public health, medicine.

If the history of the last congress repeats itself, the forthcoming meeting will be an event of exceptional interest, from both a scientific and a political point of view. At Santiago delegations attended from eight North and Central American countries, including the United States, and from nine South American countries, and an imposing list of papers was presented, more than fifty of which emanated from this country. The President of Chile attended the opening session, held an official reception for the delegates, and entertained all of the latter at dinner, a limited number being invited each day during the congress. Other entertainments, official and unofficial, were overwhelming in number. [[/newspaper clipping]]



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