

HENRY STEAD'S LAST ARTICLE—MEN OF MARK. (From Page 2)

Australia, where he interested leading men in the idea. In 1914 he again toured the Pacific, and completed his previous work. He then organized branches of the Union in all Pacific lands. In 1920 he persuaded a party of Congressmen to visit the Orient, and establish points of contact with the leading men in Japan, China and the Phillipines.

Mr. Ford has managed to secure the heads of all the Pacific Governments as honorary presidents of the Union. All admit that such a Union is a potent force for peace in the Pacific. There can be no doubt about that. The business of bringing about a state of friendship, instead of a state of distrust, is a job which ought to be undertaken by the Governments who would suffer severely the moment peace was broken. Yet, whilst all the Pacific nations are busily engaged in voting great amounts for defence and armament purposes, not one of them has set aside a single penny to be spent in fostering that friendship and mutual understanding which would altogether obviate the need of squandering huge sums on navies and armies. Every Pacific Government has a war organization. Ministers of War, and of the Navy, direct the activities of these fleets and forces, which will only be required should unfortunate misunderstanding occur between their various peoples. But there is no Minister of Friendship. No one thinks of urging that the spending of money on bringing about mutual understanding by means of reciprocal visits of workers, and leading men of different countries, the dissemination of correct information, and the hunting down of lies and rumors which inflame public passion, would be well worth while. A thousand pounds spent on explaining the true attitude of Australia towards Japan, in informing Australians about the considered views of Japanese, might easily make unnecessary the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of pounds for war material and equipment. Mr. Ford is endeavoring to do by means of the Pan-Pacific Union what the Governments ought to be doing themselves. He is doing it, too, without any assistance whatever from these said Governments, beyond, of course, their general blessing, which is not translatable into £ s. d. Already, however, he has achieved results.

Conferences have been held in Honolulu, where representatives of different Pacific nations have met, and got to know each other. A Scientific Conference was held last year, when some hundred scientists met, and organized themselves to discuss the scientific problems of the Pacific. Early this year, Mr. Ford sent out a call for the first Pan-Pacific Educational Conference. Many representative educationalists gathered together, and under the presidency of David Starr Jordan, did splendid work. The Conference laid down an extensive and costly programme to cover the next few years. A special executive secretary has been engaged to see the programme through.

A Press Conference has just met in Honolulu. In his message to that gathering, President Harding urged the press of the world to abandon propaganda "Which aims rather at shutting up the mind," and to take up instead "its real task—that of opening the minds of the people to the truth, and educating them in it." He continued, "If your deliberations shall inspire a larger, better, or more humane view of the elements which enter into the problem of peace, and at least a measurable disarmament—if you can encourage the ideal of a world permanently at peace—then you will have given a vast impetus to the efforts of the statesmen, who are presently to consider these problems in Washington." There is no doubt that the Conference has done its best to give the men who meet at Washington on November 12th a strong lead; but it is doubtful if press men will be able to do much more. They will be quickly scattered to their homes

again, and will leave behind them no organization to carry out the pious resolutions they carried.

Mr. Ford was quick to see this, and he took advantage of the presence of the delegates from all Pacific lands to summon a Pan-Pacific Press Conference, the main object of which was to devise some machinery whereby the press of the countries washed by the great ocean should be organized to disseminate truth, and hunt down the wild and malicious rumors which cause so much of the misunderstandings which occur between peoples. I learn that he has successfully established this, but have no details. I imagine, though, that the Pan-Pacific has once again been called on to lend its assistance toward organization, and to supply finance. Obviously the Union ought to be able to summon a Conference of press men when the situation in the Pacific demanded it, and it might well be the body to charge itself with the distribution of news about one Pacific country in another. As far as Australia is concerned, the shocking mail service, and the high cable rates, will make it very difficult to get hold of topical stuff, but there is much we should like to know about Japan, and this we might well get through the trusted representatives of the Pan-Pacific Union in that country.

To show how poor is the mail service I mention that, although I left Sydney on September 6th, no Australian mail will reach me until October 27th. That is due to the fact that the two lines of steamers which ply between the Commonwealth and America are rivals, and, instead, of arranging to give fortnightly mail service, run their vessels once a month, within a few days of each other. High cable rates are maintained by the cable companies, who are able to prevent wireless entering the field as a competitor. That is how monopolies and stupid rivalries prevent news from circulating freely around the Pacific. In Honolulu the papers enjoy

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