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SPECIAL NOTE.

Mr. John Barrett, the Director General of the Pan American Union, an institution devoted to the development of comity and commerce among the American nations, and which acts incidentally as the office of the International Sanitary Bureau, presents his compliments to the readers of this volume, and, in expressing the hope that they will enjoy a perusal of its contents, desires to state that if they care for special information concerning the Latin-American Republics they can obtain it by addressing him at the Pan American Union offices, Washington, D. C.

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CALL FOR THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL
SANITARY CONVENTION.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the Third International Sanitary Conference, held in the City of Mexico, December 2-7, the date December 25, 1909, to January 2, 1910, has been fixed for the assembling of the Fourth International Sanitary Conference in the City of San José, Costa Rica.

The following official correspondence in regard to the call and the provisional program of the Conference are printed in the interest of the Conference.

INTERNATIONAL SANITARY BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, D. C., U. S. A., June 12, 1909.

HON. JOHN BARRETT,
Director, Bureau American Republics,
Washington, D. C.

SIR:

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the Second International Sanitary Convention of American Republics authorizing biennial conventions, and in accordance with the action taken at the last convention in Mexico City, December, 1907, I enclose herewith a call for the Fourth International Sanitary Convention of the American Republics to meet in San José, Costa Rica, December 25, 1909, to January 2, 1910.

In accordance with paragraph 7 of the resolutions relating to international sanitary police, adopted at the Second International Conference of American States in Mexico January 29, 1902, I have to request that you take such measures as you deem advisable to make announcement of this call.

It is also requested that the Bureau of American Republics in making this announcement also make representations to the government of Costa Rica in order that there shall be issued through its Department of Foreign Relations invitations to the several countries to be represented.

Respectfully,

(Signed) WALTER WYMAN,
Chairman, International Sanitary Bureau.

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL SANITARY CONVENTION OF THE
AMERICAN REPUBLICS,

TO BE HELD IN SAN JOSÉ, C. R., DECEMBER 25, 1909, TO JANUARY 2, 1910.
INTERNATIONAL SANITARY BUREAU OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLICS,

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14, 1909.

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the Second International Sanitary Convention of the American Republics, which authorizes biennial conventions, and in accordance with the action taken at the Third International Sanitary Convention, it is hereby announced that the Fourth International Sanitary Convention of the American Republics will be held in San José, C. R., December 25, 1909, to January 2, 1910.

It is respectfully urged that every Republic of the Western Hemisphere be represented at this convention, both those that have been heretofore represented and those which have not taken part in the previous conventions.

In accordance with resolutions adopted at previous conventions, there will be considered practical means for the adoption of measures intended to obtain the sanitation of cities, and especially of ports. This subject has, therefore, been included in the provisional program, which has been prepared by the President-elect of the coming convention with the view to continuing the work of previous conventions.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SANITARY CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLICS, TO BE HELD IN SAN JOSÉ, C. R., DECEMBER 25, 1909, TO JANUARY 2, 1910.

1. Reports presented by the different delegates in regard to the sanitary regulations and laws adopted, and in force, in their respective countries, since the last meeting.
2. Special report by each official delegate regarding the manner in which the resolutions adopted in the three previous Conventions have been put into practice in their respective countries.
3. Reports in regard to sanitary conditions in ports, and measures proposed for the improvement of such sanitary conditions (with special reference to the principal ports).
4. Reports relating to the registration of the movement of population and the rate of mortality in each country, specifying those of ports and principal cities.
5. Sanitation of cities, and especially of ports.
6. Measures for the protection of passengers that embark in vessels from infected ports.
7. Discussion of measures against the introduction of diseases not included in the Convention of Washington of 1905.
8. Sanitary models or forms to be adopted by nations forming part of this Convention.
9. Discussion on sanitary measures relating to yellow fever, bubonic plague, tuberculosis, malaria, and other diseases, in conformity to new discoveries or experiences.
10. Discussion on measures relating to venereal diseases.
11. Discussion on the necessity of the adoption, by the European nations, of the Convention of Washington and other sanitary measures subsequently adopted by this Convention, with respect to such colonies as they have in America.
12. Discussion on new discoveries with respect to the transmission of yellow fever and malaria, besides the mosquito bite.
13. Organization in each country represented at this Convention of a commission of three physicians or health officers to act as delegates of the International Sanitary Bureaus of Washington or Montevideo, and to form part of the International Sanitary Information Committee of the American Republics.

By direction of the International Sanitary Bureau of the American Republics.

WALTER WYMAN,
Chairman.

JUAN J. ULLOA,
Secretary.

As requested in the communication of Dr. Walter Wyman, Chairman of the International Sanitary Bureau, the Director of the International Bureau of the American Republics has addressed a letter to the diplomatic representatives of the countries interested in the Conference transmitting a copy of the call, and the Provisional Program, which has also been given to the press, and will be printed in the Bulletin of the Bureau.