

VISITS TO Ambassadors.

In accordance with the plans outlined by the Trustees on the meeting of June 11, Miss Grant also visited several ambassadors. Her first visit was to the Ambassador of the Argentine, who was highly interested to learn that the October Exhibition of the International Art Center would be the Argentine graphics, and consented to act as the Honorary Patron and attend the opening.

On the subject of the Convention, the Ambassador expressed his great interest indicating that he saw no reason why there should not be accord and representation, and saying that he would transmit the invitation with his recommendation.

Then Miss Grant visited the Mexican embassy, and in the absence of Sr. Roa, at the London Conference, saw the Encargado de negocios, who is under secretary of education in Mexico, and is here during the absence of the Ambassador. This proved a highly satisfactory visit, because the Charge became most enthusiastic about the banner, as well as about the entire concept of the Museum. He will visit it in New York, and in the meantime suggested exchange exhibitions, which could be carried on between the Educational Department of the Mexican Government and the Museum, with the work of students. He was entirely of the belief that Mexico would send a delegation to the Convention, and expressed his utmost enthusiasm in the project.

Miss Grant then visited the Chilean Embassy. At the present time there is no ambassador, as the latter has been appointed only a few days ago and will arrive shortly. She saw, however, the Charge D'Affairs, Benjamin Cohn, who also expressed his enthusiasm. The Charge also seriously recommended that the project of the Banner of Peace be presented at the Pan American Peace Conference to be held in Montevideo in December, when he seemed confident that all the America republics would go on record as endorsing it. He himself will be the Chilean delegate. Miss Grant feels that this should be seriously considered and that the delegates of some country be interested in presenting this possibility, either through the Pan American Union, or one of the National delegations.

Miss Grant also saw the retiring Assistant Secretary of Latin American Affairs, Francis White who is now to be minister of the United States in Czecho-Slovakia. From her meeting and subsequent information received through newspaper friends, Miss Grant did not find him at all a sympathetic person, professing complete ignorance of the work of the Museum.

Following the arrival of Mr. Horch and Miss Lichtman, Miss Grant <sup>with Mr. Horch</sup> visited the Minister of Colombia, Fabio Lozano, a man of much prestige who spoke in the loftiest terms of the Roerich Pact and its imperative need, and promised to recommend it to his government.

Similar reactions obtains in the Embassy of Spain and the Legation of Venezuela, which Miss Grant also visited with Mr. Horch.

Miss Grant visited in turn the following Embassies and Legations: Brazil, Guatemala, Panama, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Honduras, Haiti, San Domingo, Cuba, Ecuador, and Uruguay, and Bolivia. On Thursday she lunched with Charge of Bolivia, a friend of long standing from La Paz, in whom Miss Grant has a close friend and who entertains the greatest enthusiasm for the Museum. On Friday, the Minister of Ecuador gave a luncheon for Miss Grant, at which the Charges of Colombia, and Mexico were present and other Latin American friends. All the Embassies without exception voiced their praises of the Roerich Pact and promised utmost support to the Convention.

With the view to interesting the Press later, and of ascertaining manners of approaching the Press, Miss Grant saw an old friend, associated with the Associated Press who promised his assistance. Through the Mexican embassy she also met a man from the United Press -- who she feels will be useful. Miss Grant also saw several women friends in Washington who have fine social contacts with the view of forming a Women's Committee, when the need arises.

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Miss Grant is pleased to report the following results of her trip to Washington, for the purpose of seeing as many of the Washington individuals and groups who could aid in the success of the Washington convention, and in arousing the city's aid and interest.

Immediately following her arrival, Miss Grant met a friend and prominent society woman Mrs. Imbrie, whose contacts are exceedingly broad in Washington. It was exceedingly fortunate that to have seen her because she was just leaving for a month's vacation trip in the country. This lady promised to help in organizing a women's committee and of enlisting women to help in spreading news of the convention, and in arousing interest. She will compile a list of the Washington women, both in the social world and diplomatic and governmental circles who are most active in such movements and whom she thinks would render us assistance.

Miss Grant next visited the headquarters of the General Federation of Women's clubs, and saw some of her friends. In view of the fact that the New York State Federation Convention will also take place on November 17th, and since Mrs. Poole, Pres. of the General Federation is to be the speaker at Elmira, it is very doubtful if she can speak at our convention. However, I was assured that Mrs. Poole would send around a letter to the constituent members of the Federation in September and October, on her return from Europe in regard to the convention, and making all the Federations and clubs of the U.S. aware of the Roerich Banner of Peace convention in Washington.

Miss Grant then saw the Councillor of the Pan American Union, one of the most widely acquainted men in Washington, who was most cooperative in advising Miss Grant and to whom to see in Washington, and giving her names and addresses of individuals and institutions to see. Through his assistance Miss Grant feels that much may be accomplished in coordinating the various national bodies and securing their aid for the convention. He also suggested the names of certain key people in Washington, whose prestige and aid might be brought to help the convention. Miss Grant was able to visit some of these. She also wishes to see the head of the Congressional Library on her next visit, and others ~~names~~ of ~~Miss Grant's~~ the Councillor's friends, for cooperation in the convention/

Miss Grant then visited the Dean of George Washington University, a close friend of Miss Grant, and a person of prestige, who promised her full cooperation, as well as that of his wife who is Executive Vice President of the National League of Women's Voters, one of the most important bodies of women in America. Miss Grant ~~will visit~~ ~~George Washington University in October~~ ~~she~~ greatly welcomes in view of the opportunity ~~to visit~~ of enlisting the aid of this group.

Miss Grant then saw the President of the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs--the local body under the Federation, from whom we may look for active help in the meetings, attendance and in the many other local responses which will be required.

At the suggestion of the Councillor of the Pan American Union, Miss Grant saw the head of the American Peace Society and the Interparliamentary Union, who expressed the greatest interest in the plan. He also asked Miss Grant to write an article for World Affairs of which he is editor on "Cultural Aspects of International Understanding" calling attention to the plan of Professor Roerich. Miss Grant regards this as a most valuable contact in view of the prestige of this Organization, ~~next~~ in Washington and of his head, Mr. Call, who is regarded as of much importance in international matters in Washington.

At the suggestion of her friend from the Pan American Union, Miss Grant also visited Dr. Abbot, ~~head~~ of the Smithsonian Institute and the National Museum, who expressed interest, and asked her to acquaint him with the further plans, so that some means of cooperation might be planned.

Through one of the Washington artists who is in touch with the artist societies, Mrs. Martin, prominent member of the artists' society, and contacts with American Pen Women etc., ~~Miss Grant has secured a list of~~ whom Miss Grant saw, the local artists and writers will also be asked to cooperate in the convention and in arousing interest in the Banner of Peace.

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Through a number of her friends in Washington, Miss Grant is to meet the heads of ~~some of the~~ other organizations of Washington --both men and women -- whom can be most useful in the convention, and whom she was unable to see this trip for lack of time.

Miss Grant is very pleased to have seen the response of these organizations, as the support of these bodies will be of the greatest help for the convention, she feels. She also believes that all national bodies devoted to cultural pursuits, could be aligned in ~~support~~ supporting the Convention, and of making it as is shall be, the most spontaneous and unanimous expression of the American feeling.

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