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FETT, appearing in 1908, under the title
“A Capitol for the Two Americas:”

A ceremony of profound significance was performed on May 11, when the corner stone of the new palace for the Bureau of American Republics was laid at Washington. The construction of the building had been made possible by the generosity of Mr. ANDREW CARNEGIE, who gave three-quarters of a million dollars for that purpose, and contributions from the various Republics raised the fund to nearly a million. President ROOSEVELT, Secretary ROOT, and Mr. CARNEGIE delivered addresses of interest, but the historical importance of the occasion was best expressed by Mr. NABUCO, the Brazilian Ambassador, when he said:

“Gentlemen, there has never been a parallel for the sight which this ceremony presents—that of twenty-one nations, of different languages, building together a house for their common deliberations. The more striking is the scene as these countries, with all possible differences between them in size and population, have established their union on the basis of the most absolute equality. So many sovereign States would not have been drawn so spontaneously together if there did not exist throughout them, at the bottom or at the top of each national conscience, the feeling of a destiny common to all America.”

On Capitol Hill rises the splendid national shrine of a Republic of forty-six States. The more modest but still beautiful building at the other end of the Mall may become a capitol for a still grander ~~federation of twenty-one States~~ of which the forty-six shall be one.