

COLBY URGES TIES WITH LATIN AMERICA

Says Peoples of This Hemisphere Now Realize Their Influence in World Affairs.

PLANES CHEER HIM ON WAY

Do Stunts Over Battleship as He Boards It at Hampton Roads for Trip South.

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ON BOARD U. S. S. FLORIDA, via Cape May, Dec. 4.—Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State, as he sailed south today to visit Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay as representative of President Wilson, said:

"The cordiality felt toward Latin America by the people of the United States cannot be too much emphasized. From year to year there is a growing realization among all the democracies, both of North and South America, that

they constitute in themselves a special sphere of influence and power in world affairs, and that a group of nations so closely knitted together by commercial and cultural interests and governed on lines so identical have a very definite duty to the security and order of the world to cultivate among themselves relations of confidence and amity which will make their joint influence effective for peace throughout the world."

The Secretary's party arrived at Hampton Roads aboard the Mayflower this morning and, coming on deck, was greeted with a most impressive sight. Apparently every airship and dirigible available was out for the purpose of greeting Secretary Colby on his mission to South America and to welcome the return of President-elect Harding. They circled overhead, doing daredevil stunts in order to show their good-will to the departing and to welcome the returning distinguished citizens.

At 10 o'clock the Secretary's party was transferred by the captain's pinnace to the battleship Florida. He was cordially welcomed by the ship's officers. After motion pictures had been made of the Secretary, accompanied by General Cronkite and Admiral Bassett, his military and naval aids, he went ashore to visit Hampton Institute. He was warmly greeted by Dr. Greig, principal of the school, who made an address, to which Secretary Colby replied in a most charming and courteous manner. Patriotic songs were sung by the student body, after which the visiting party returned to the ship.

Immediately afterward the order was given to weigh anchor, and Secretary Colby and his party were away on their 15,000-mile journey to the south.

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