MUNICIPAL AND STATE ARCHIVES OF MEXICO

A summary of a dispatch from the Honorable Josephus Daniels, American Ambassador at Mexico, provides curious information on the regional archives of Mexico:

A news article appearing in El Nacional, August 26, 1940, states that the Ministry of Gobernación has sent a circular to the State Governments for the information of Municipal Authorities, warning them that for no reason must they sell or dispose of their archives, whether these be of an official nature, of churches, parishes, etc. It is said that agents of the Company "Beneficiadora de Papel" have been going through the country trying to obtain such documents for industrial purposes. The State of Jalisco it is said has refused to sell its archives, but other States did make sales. The circular points out that the destruction of these archives means the disappearance of important data of the history of the country, and for that reason they must be preserved with care.

INTER-AMERICAN BIBLIOGRAPHICAL AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Pan-American Union has issued invitations to the fourth annual meeting of the Inter-American Bibliographical and Library Association to be held February 20-21, 1941, in the city of Washington. Detailed programs will be sent to all those who signify their intention of attending. The proceedings of this convention are printed and the first three volumes can still be ordered from the H. W. Wilson Company in New York City. Mail should be sent in care of the Library of Congress.

CORONADO CUARTO-CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION

From May 1 to September 15 the Coronado Cuarto-Centennial Exposition was held to celebrate the coming of the Spanish explorers to the Southwest. Many scholars collaborated. George P. Hammond of the University of New Mexico and Agapito Rey of the University of Indiana prepared a book on Oñate, first colonizer of New Mexico. Also, The Narratives of the Coronado Expedition, 1540-1542, were released in May by Rey and Hammond.

In a similar manner Professor Herbert E. Bolton, professor emeritus of the University of California, made a study of Fray Silvestre Velez de Escalante.

ACCESSIONS

Research materials relating to Latin America are to be found in several recent accessions of the National Archives. Included, for