

Hon. James M. Dobbs, Something About the New Consul to Valparaiso

A SAILOR BOY FOR THREE YEARS HIS WIFE

MRS. EMMA HAHR-DOBBS, WELL KNOWN AS A MUSICIAN -

THEY LEAVE FOR CHILE MAY 30TH VALPARAISO, CHILE, S.A. IS WHERE JAMES M. DOBBS, OF MARIETTA, LATELY APPOINTED CONSUL TO THE CITY NAMED, WILL SOON ADDRESS ALL HIS LETTERS FROM.

Mr. Dobbs, accompanied by his wife, will leave for South America on the 30th of May, sailing from New York city. In less than three weeks Consul Dobbs and wife will go to Chicago, where the world's fair will be visited in time to leave for Valparaiso on the date set.

The new and democratic consul succeeds Mr. William McCreary, of Michigan. James M. Dobbs is a native Georgian, having been born in Marietta, where he now lives. His appointment to the head consulship of Chile was a good one in every respect. He is well acquainted with the ways and language of the South Americans and is well versed in the commerce of the country.

It was his thorough knowledge of the physical and geographical nature of Chile that induced the president to appoint Mr. Dobbs consul to Valparaiso. Mr. Dobbs did not go after the office with a bundle of recommendations and a wagon load of petitions. He was introduced to the president by the congressman from the seventh, Judge Maddox, and Mr. Dobbs himself did the rest. He impressed the Washington officials that he was thoroughly acquainted with the language and the disposition of the people with whom he would have to deal, and that was all that was necessary.

Valparaiso, where Consul Dobbs will make his headquarters, is the seaport of Chile and is some one hundred miles distant from Santiago, the capital of Chile. Valparaiso has something like two hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants, and is a hustling business-like city. It is the largest port in the South Pacific. The town is quite a pretty one, but is by no means as handsome a one as Santiago. The Chileans are the foremost nation of South America, and are very progressive. The principal industries of the country are stock raising and mining. Phosphates and copper about the largest mining products. Taken all in all, Valparaiso is a delightful place to spend four years or more and the stay is made none the less pleasant when a salary of \$3,000 a year, besides the perquisites of the office, is involved.

James M. Dobbs was born in Marietta thirty-three years ago, and was a son of Mr. David Dobbs, who was a member of the first class to graduate from the State university. While he was quite a youngster the support of his mother devolved upon young James, and he decided that he would strike out, and, boy-like, thought that in a few years he would have a fortune to place at his mother's feet.

"Jim," as he was called at home and about the little village, was just sixteen years old when he was struck by the desire to emigrate. Jim's mother was favorably impressed with the idea, but between the mother and son there arose a difference of opinions, in which the mother was upheld by all the friends of the family, all failing to see the making for the future consul in Jim.

And Jim -- well, he wanted to go to sea, and unlike Caesar, he was not able to say anything except that he went to sea, and he saw.

Argument after argument was thrown at the stubborn-headed youth, but he refused to give up his cherished plan. He was told of the horrors of a storm at sea, the terrors of the shipwrecked mariner who gradually starved to death; the cruel cat o' nine tails, too, was brought forward, but all this did not deter Jim. He wanted to be a sailor boy, swear like a bo'sun, and hitch his trousers in a way not known to lubberly ways. These and many other sailor-like things was he ambitious of doing, until finally his mother unwillingly consented that he should go.

It was from New York, on board of a sailing vessel bound for South America, that Jim shipped. He went before the mast in regular novel form, and was the pet of a very tough crew. Gradually Jim became exceedingly weary of a sailor boy's life, and he waxed exceeding homesick, but he was full of sand and determined to stick it out.

For three years he played the role of sailor-lad, and finally gave it up to become a landsman. He dropped his sailor life in South America and went to work to get rich. He traveled through Brazil, the United States of Colombia and Chile, picking up the Spanish language until he could talk like a native, still not forgetting his mother tongue. For ten years Jim remained in South America, returning home as James M. Dobbs, Esq., and now he changes his title to Hon. J.M. Dobbs, consul to Valparaiso.

For some time he owned an interest in the Fulton Lumber Company, but he has now sold out.

Mrs. Emma Hahr-Dobbs, the Consul's Wife Mrs. Emma Hahr-Dobbs is possibly better known than her husband, having acquired before her marriage a national reputation as a musician of the highest repute. As Miss Hahr she was an Atlantian. She is a pupil of the famous Carl Klindworth and other such masters as Von Bulow and Lizst and was for several years in Germany.

Mrs. Hahr-Dobbs appears in Moulton's [sic; i.e. Willard, Frances]

"Women of the Century," which contains a thousand of the most prominent women of the times.

The latest work of Mrs. Hahr-Dobbs is a beautiful piece entitled "Lullaby."

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