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Arthur H. Geissler Collection

Geissler, Arthur H. (1877–1945) Scrapbooks, 1895–1928. 1.50 feet.

Diplomat. Scrapbooks containing news clippings, magazine articles, government documents, pamphlets, photographs, handbills, and memorabilia accumulated by Geissler while serving as U.S. ambassador to Guatemala and reflecting events throughout Central America for the period 1922–1928.

Volume 1

This scrapbook contains newspaper clippings, magazine articles, pamphlets and handbills collected by Geissler, 1895 - 1922. This period covers Geissler's early political career in the Republican Party in Oklahoma. Newspaper articles are from the *Wichita Herald*, *The Oklahoma News*, *The Tulsa Daily*, *The Cleo Chieftain*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Herald*, *Guthrie Leader*, *Daily Ardmoreite*, *The Houston Tribune*, *Oklahoma City Times*, *Daily Oklahoma* and others.

Other items and subjects covered in Volume I are as follows:

- Three handbills announcing speeches to be given by Geissler for the Republican Party, 1895-1898.
- Articles concerning campaigning in 1896 to get support of the "German element" of the Republican Party.
- Republican Convention of Woods County to elect delegates to the Enid Convention.
- May 8, 1900 - Geissler chosen as a delegate to Enid.
- Wedding announcement - Arthur Geissler to Julia Henderson Adams on May 3, 1905.
- Daughters of the Republic of Texas 1902-1915, of which Mrs. Geissler was president. The Pinkey Henderson Chapter.
- Statehood convention 1905 - election of delegates.
- Articles (1912-1918) regarding Geissler's terms as Chairman of the Republican Party in Oklahoma; 1914 - State Republican Convention, the Harris-Geissler faction; Geissler as a delegate to the Republican National Convention, Chicago, June 7, 1916.
- Geissler as a delegate to the Republican nomination for congress, 1916.
- *Chicago Herald* - June 8, 1916 - contains articles about the Republican convention.

- Pamphlet, "Proposed Constitutional Amendments," August 1, 1916, regarding a literacy test, reductions of the number of jurors in civil and criminal cases, and compensation to the employee in the case of death, permanent or partial disability.
- "Hints on Planting Pecans in Texas," a bulletin of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, 1917.
- A speech by Theodore Roosevelt, April 28, 1917.
- Pamphlets of the National Security League, 1917:
 - "Basis for National Military Training"
 - "Issues of War"
 - "America, Wake Up!"
 - "What Victory of Defeat of Germany Means to Every American"
- Copies of *Harlow's Weekly*: April 8, 1916; May 22, 1918; May 28, 1919
- *The American Weekly*, May 23, 1917, including articles regarding the war and German-Americans.
- Articles reflecting anti-German sentiment in the United States, 1917.
- Senator Thomas Gore's statements on various aspects of the war, 1917
- African-American unrest during the war, and Latin American reactions to the war, in Mexico and Argentina.
- Articles about World War I, U.S. involvement, and the war effort.
- An April 26, 1918, attack upon Geissler as undesirable and not representative of the Republican Party; questioning his loyalty; and Geissler ousted a Republican State Chairman.
- Dec. 1930, move to right the "unjust" treatment of Geissler in 1918, and a call to re-elect the state chairman.
- Program of the Non-Partisan League of Oklahoma.
- *Washington Post*, 1921, President Harding taking oath of office.
- Oct. 10, 1920, campaign news from *Oklahoma Daily*-for Harding
- 1921, 25 million dollars for a U.S. Loan to Guatemala-Dr. Julio Bianchi is sent to Guatemala to evaluate the economic situation.

- 1921, shift in interest toward Latin America as a potential source of oil; concern over U.S. oil supply and England's grabbing of World's oil; petroleum possibilities in Guatemala.
- Geissler named minister to Guatemala May 20, 1922 by Harding: details of the appointment and the reaction in Guatemala.

Volume 2

This scrapbook contains newspaper clippings, magazine articles, government pamphlets, photographs and handbills collected by Ambassador Arthur H. Geissler for the years 1925-1926. Geissler was at that time ambassador of the United States to Guatemala. Newspaper articles are taken from *El Dairio de Guatemala*, *Guatemala News*, *Excelsior* and *Nuestro Diario* plus various other American papers and an occasional Central American newspaper. The scrapbook contains articles from the *American Foreign Service Journal*, *National Republican*, *Harlow's Weekly* and the *American Mercury*. A pamphlet, *Foreign Service of the United States-1926-Consular and Diplomatic* is included.

The material in this scrapbook covers the following subject areas:

- The 1925 visit to Guatemala of Professor L.S. Rowe, General Director of the Pan-American Union.
- The arrival of Ambassador Geissler in Guatemala.
- The Mitchell court martial, December 1925.
- The 1925 death of Julia Geissler.
- Guatemala-financial success; banking reform and stabilization of currency; offer of loans by Blair and Coe, 1922 and 1924.
- Articles concerning the proposed formation of a Banco Central; statements made by Geissler concerning this move; reaction of Guatemalan leaders to alleged meddling of the U.S. in their internal affairs, January 1926.
- Chamorro's peaceful revolution in Nicaragua in October 1925.
- A revolution in Honduras: fighting between dictator Lopez Gutierrez and generals Tosta and Ferrera; the formation of a constitutional government under Dr. Paz Barahona and its acceptance by the United States; the subsequent revolution and disturbances led by Caristas, Tosta, Martinez Funes, Alcerro Castro, Anduray, Diaz Zelaya and others; and the repercussions in Nicaragua.
- January 13, 1925 International Financial Conference in Paris
- Conflict between Sect'y of State Kellog and Mexico's Calles concerning the exercise of American influence in the internal affairs of Mexico, and the illegal seizures of American-

owned business in Mexico, June 1925.

- Reception of the Diplomatic Corps in honor of General Orellana, President of the Republic, January 1926.
- Feast on board the ocean liner "Seattle" on honor of Orellana, March 1926; and a reception in honor of Admiral Robinson, March 1926.
- Death of don Jose Maria Orellana, President of the Republic of a heart attack; funeral rites, September 1926.
- Articles regarding the new president, General Lazaro Chacon. Includes articles about the political agitation over the question of whether or not the president should hold more than one term, and whether or not the Washington Treaties of 1923 should be complied with in full.
- The arrival of don Alfonso Craviota, Ambassador of Mexico in Guatemala, and the establishment of a Mexican embassy, 1926.
- A frontier dispute between Honduras and Guatemala, January 1927. Historical antecedents given.
- The case of Nicaragua before the council of World Affairs, 1926.
- Handbill: Obreros y Campesinos de Guatemal Salud! 1926
- Handbill: Partido Independiente: Propaganda in favor of Alvarado Tello.
- Handbill: Announces the candidacy of Bernardo Alvarado Tello as President of the Republic. El Club Occidental Independiente, November 1926.
- Handbill: Pueblo Liberal de Chiantla call to elect Tello as President of the Republic, October 1926.
- Handbill: El Club Liberal de Todos Santos Cuchumatan, supporting the candidacy of Alvarado Tello, October 1926.
- Handbill announcing the candidacy of Tello for President, term 1927-1933.
- An open letter to the pueblo of Guatemala by Manuel Cobos Batres, regarding political problems, the autonomy of Guatemala, the immediate future of her institutions, and relations with the government of the United States, March 1926.
- Guatemala: Platform of the "Partido Progresista" October 1926.
- Manuel Cobos Batres (leader of the Conservative Party). Call for a silent, non-violent

demonstration on 19 May at 5:30 P.M. to show the people's support that the Pactos of Washington of 1923 be complied with in full, April 1926 .

- Invitation to all citizens who were active in the "Partido Unionista" in 1920 to a public reunion, November 1926.
- The "Partido Unionista" Sanchez Latour, Ministro de Guatemala concerning the legality of Chacon's position as president, November 1926.
- Photograph: "Partido Progresista" demonstration, November 1926.

Volume 3

This scrapbook contains newspaper articles, magazine articles, bulletins, handbills, pamphlets and other miscellaneous material collected by Ambassador Geissler from 1922-1924. At this time Geissler was Ambassador to Guatemala, and Jose Maria Orellana was President of the Republic. Newspaper articles are from the following papers: *Guatemala Tidings*, *Washington Times*, *El Cuarto Poder*, *El Imparcial*, *Diario de los Altos*, *Diario de Centro America*, *Diario Nuevo*, *Excelsior*, *New York Times* and others.

The following is a general listing of the contents of the scrapbook:

- Geissler's June, 1922, appointment as U.S. Minister to Guatemala, and the details of the appointment, the trip to Guatemala, and a visit to White House; an article on Geissler from *Harlow's Weekly*, 1922; his arrival in Guatemala, and visits to Ambassador Benton McMillan.
- Presentation of the ambassador to General Orellana, and the details of his reception in Guatemala, August 1922.
- The visit of William Jennings Bryant in Guatemala, November 10, 1922.
- The financial and economic situation in Guatemala, submitted by a special committee formed at the request of Felipe R. Solares, July 31, 1922.
- From *The Nation* "Guatemala-Our Blow at Pan-Americanism", June 21, 1922.
- *North American Review* "The New Central America" by Mary Williams, 1922; and the negotiations of Guatemalan minister of finance Felipe Solares for a loan of 8,000 dollars to stabilize their exchange, September 1921.
- A newspaper interview of Don Francisco Lorenzana from prison, August 24, 1922.
- 1922 Sept. 7-Gov't reports of uprisings of the Conservative Party in several towns, Aug. 20 -copy of Decree No. 798 by Jose Maria Orellana Sept. 6, 1922 which exiled Archbishop don Luis Munoz y Capuron and individuals belonging to the Compania de Jesus (Jesuits) and foreign priests who directly or indirectly take part in the politics of the country-

expulsion to be carried out by the Secretary of the "Gobernacion y Justicia". Public reaction to the decree.

- Informative articles from "La Prensa" 1922 concerning Hispanic America.
- Central American Conference in fall, 1922 in Washington
- American consular bulletin Oct., 1922-
- HR12543, September 1, 1922, a bill for reorganization and improvement of the Foreign Service of the U.S.
- Reception, February 192, given for Orellana at the American Embassy.
- Geissler's mediation in the 15 year dispute between Guatemala and the international railways of Central America; resulting in immediate construction of missing link in the Pan-American Railroad system 1923.
- Death of President Harding August 1923, tributes by Geissler and Orellana; funeral rites.
- Geissler takes trip to United States, Europe and returns to Guatemala.
- April 9, 1923, The discussion of the Association of Lawyers of the pacts of Washington which were formulated at the Central American Conference 1923.
- May 1923, work on the Zapaca railroad question and its settlement.
- Photograph: delegates to the Conference on Central American Affairs, 1923.
- January 1923, Guatemala; Manifiesto to the workers of Guatemala.
- February 1923, Program of the Fifth Pan-American Conference "Guatemala's National Museum Now an Assured Fact" by William G. Carey
- 1923, Exposition of U.S. Pan American Policy
- 1923, miscellaneous articles from *The Current History Magazine*:
 - "The New Generation of Women"
 - "The Versailles Treaty and After"
 - "The Changing Morality of Women"
 - "The Real Face Behind Hungary's Janus Mask"
- 1923, *The Saturday Evening Post*, "The World Struggle for Oil" by Isaac F. Marcossou
- January 20, 1923, *The Literary Digest*, "The World Race for Oil".

- January 1923, American Consular Bulletin
- Death of Woodrow Wilson, 1924
- Definition of the Monroe Doctrine by Charles E. Hughes, Sect'y of State.
- Tulane University Glee Club - reception for them at the Presidential Palace, 1924
- The "Central American Flight" February 1924 - a flight from Panama to Guatemala; stopping in the capitals of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala; diplomatic move to strengthen American relations.
- President Orellana's trip to Zapaca (1924) to inaugurate the "Estacion Inalambrica" of the United Fruit company.
- Tour of the U.S. of Eleanor and Conchita Orellana (1924) chaperoned by Mrs. Geissler.
- May 3, 1924, *Harlow's Weekly* "A Good Idea and How It Worked" by Rex F. Harlow.
- Full text of the 1924 Republican Platform
- Political appearances made by Geissler in 1924
- 1924, published discussions between Geissler and President Orellana.
- October 16, 1924, text of the speech of Sect'y Hughes at Carnegie Hall.
- July 21, 1924, demonstrations in Los Altos
- Inauguration of Inalambrico de Puerto Barrios Aug, 1924
- 1924 Washington treaties with Central American countries
- April, 1924 *Bulletin of the Pan American Union*.
- "On certain Antiquities in Western Guatemala" T.T. Waterman
- Reports of the Convention of the Establishment of International Commissions of Inquiry
- February 1924, severing of diplomatic relations between Honduras and the United States; March - landing of American Marines in Tegucigalpa, Honduras to stabilize the situation; civil war between 3 proclaimed presidents; mediation efforts by the Central American governments.
- January 12, 1924, *The Saturday Evening Post*, "Making Friends With Our Neighbors," David Lawrence

- *Current History Magazine*, November 1924, "Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm II Breaks the Silence"
- May 1924, *Current History*, "Assessing the Blame for the World War" by H.E. Barnes.
- *The New Republic*, January 23, 1924, "France and Her Black Empire"

Volume 4

This scrapbook contains newspaper clippings, magazines articles, pamphlets and other material collected by Geissler for the years 1927-1928, when he was Ambassador to Guatemala. Newspaper articles are from *The Imparcial*, *Nuestro Diario*, *El Guatemalteco*, *El Liberal*, *Excelsior*, *El Mundo*, *Diario de Guatemala*, *Diario de Centro America*, *El Dia* and various American newspapers.

Topics covered include:

- March, 1927-Geissler is insulted by articles in *Nuestro Diario*. The U.S. protests these attacks and calls for a retraction; the reaction in Guatemala to these incidents; a letter written by Manrique Rios, Sect'y of the Association of University Students, to Geissler disapproving of his involvement in the internal political affairs of Guatemala and the Ambassador's action in the face of attacks by *Nuestro Diario*; the subsequent arrest of Rios who was later released; reactions to his arrest and letter.
- January 17, 1927, comments in *Excelsior* on the article of Carleton Beal about Guatemala.
- November 1927, death of Sanchez Latour, Guatemalan minister to the U.S.
- Message of the President of the United States, January 10, 1927, concerning conditions in Nicaragua; and a historical background of the Central American situation 1912-1927.
- Articles concerning the American 4th of July celebrations in 1927; and the personal life of Geissler, including a visit to Europe and the United States.
- *Collier's* October 22, 1927, "The Three Musketeers."
- October 1927, Cuban sugar situation
- December 1927, Lindbergh's flight into Latin America: Mexico; Guatemala City-interviews with Lindbergh; El Salvador; Honduras. (A number of clippings from this flight reflect admiration of the Central Americans for Lindbergh); Lindbergh chosen "adoptive son" of Guatemala; and poetry written in his honor.
- Issues of *No Nos Tientes* April 8, 1927 and 30 March 1928.
- Studies of the White Engineering Corporation concerning paving and sanitation in the capital, April 1927.

- May 1927, conference in El Salvador between ministers of Central America.
- January 23, 1927, Guatemala welcomes U.S. goodwill fliers
- A poem by Calixto Torres C. to Orellana, 1927 (in memoriam)
- Articles against the Orellana administration, 1927
- Reaction to Coolidge policy on Nicaragua as set forth on January 10, 1927; criticism from Stokley M. Morgan, Chief-Latin-American Division, Department of State.
- Attempt to assassinate President Diaz December 24, 1924; Diaz appeals to U.S. to intervene to maintain order; proposal that U.S. direct the 1928 ballot; and reactions in Central America to the situation in Nicaragua.
- January 15, 1927, steps toward a settlement of the Mexican-Nicaraguan crisis.
- February 15, 1927, the U.S. is urged to take over safety of Nicaragua
- Memoranda for press conferences, January 27, February 2, February 9, March 27-8, Department of State, regarding the Nicaraguan crisis.
- February 26, 1927, Unofficial memorandum for President Chacon concerning Guatemala's recognition of the government of Nicaragua.
- April 26, 1927, Coolidge defines America's foreign policies.
- February 1927, *Nuestro Diario* El Retorno de Nuestro Ministro en Nicaragua.
- July 1927, *The Annals*... "Geographic Determinism in Nicaragua" by Whitney Williams.
- *New York American* November 16, 1927, the Mexican situation
- *San Francisco Examiner* November 16, 1927, "Mexico sent 1 million to push anti-American revolt in Nicaragua".
- Relations between Mexico and the United States, 1927
- "As Latin America Sees President Coolidge," *Literary Digest* June 4, 1927
- "Central America" by Samuel Crowther, *The Saturday Evening Post*, November 1927
- "Revolutions" by Alfred Batson
- Commission at Cuyalmel (discussion of the Honduras-Guatemala border dispute) April 1928

- A section of the *Congressional Record* 1928
- January 17, 1927, *The Nation* "My First Press Conference as Secretary of State", by William Hard
- Foreign Policy Association, Information Services, February 2, 1927, "United States Policy in Nicaragua".