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LEONARD PORTER AYRES

(1879 - 1946)

The papers of Leonard P. Ayres, school administrator, economist, banker, general in the U.S. Army, economic adviser to the Dawes Plan conference, were given to the Library of Congress in March, 1956 by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Burgess, the former a nephew of Mr. Ayres and son of Mr. W. Randolph Burgess, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Monetary Affairs.

Biographical Note

1879, Sept. 15 Born, Niantic, Connecticut

 Unmarried

1902 Ph.B., Boston Univ.

1902 Teacher in Puerto Rico

1903-08 School administrator in Puerto Rico; superintendent, District of Caguas 1903-04; city superintendent of schools, San Juan, 1904-06; general superintendent of schools, Puerto Rico, and Chief Division of Statistics, 1906-08

1908-20 Director, departments of education and statistics, Russell Sage Foundation

1909 M.A., Boston Univ.

1910 Ph.D., Boston Univ.

World War I Director, Division of Statistics, War Industries Board, Priorities Board, Council on National Defense and Allies Purchasing Committee

 " Colonel, General Staff and chief statistical officer, U. S. Army. Chief statistician, A.E.F.

 Chief Statistician, American Commission to Negotiate Peace

1920- Vice President, Cleveland Trust Co.

1924 Economic adviser to Dawes Plan Conference

1940-42 U.S. Army, brig. gen. 1941, retired 1942

1932-41, 1944- Chairman, Economic Policy Commission of A.B.A. Also chairman of Research Council since 1939

1946, Oct. 29 Died; buried in Arlington National Cemetery

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