

in case of death or of promotion to the higher title.
Appointment to the order is said to be rare in this country and seldom made by a diplomatic representative at a formal function. Lower titles and presentation by mail are said to have prevailed in the other instances. Letters and telegrams paying tribute to the Old Spanish Trail leader were received from all over the United States.

Don Ubarri's Speech

Don Ubarri spoke briefly and in his native tongue. His remarks, translated, were as follows:

"Senor Harrel Ayres:

"I come to this old and traditional city of San Antonio, responding to your gallant invitation, to present to you in my official capacity as representative of Spain, the worthy condecoracion of Comendador de Isabel la Catolica, which his majesty King Alphonse XIII, my august sovereign, has graciously bestowed upon you as a reward for your work, and its sympathy and unselfish remembrance toward Old Spain, thru your success after years of untiring activities in securing the construction of the highway which links the Atlantic with the Pacific (from San Augustin to San Diego), thru the lands of our ancient heroes and conquerors: De Soto, Galvez, Onate, Menendez, Cortes, Balboa, Coronado, the missionary fathers and others, and which the Americans have so fittingly christened with the name of "Old Spanish Trail."

The Spanish government seldom bestows the high distinction that I am about to bestow upon you. It was created in memory of the great Queen of Castilla, Isabel I,

year later he had to resign & again had so established his ability he was given a farewell banquet attended by the executives representing \$30,000,000 of interests. While at Webster, Mass., he headed the Liberty loan campaigns and so easily carried the quotas "over the top" his organization methods became a model in New England.

He was again so near collapse he took passage on a ship sailing for Galveston, Texas, because it was the longest sea voyage he could find—and thus he landed in Texas. A year of battling for his health followed.

A Tooth Caused It All

Doctors did not then know of pus-breeding teeth but in his wanderings he had found doctors who had hazy suspicions of something of the sort. One day in 1913 he hunted an X-ray photographer and discovered that his big role-crowned grinder was a virulent pus breeder. When pulled the doctors held an interesting conference over the discovery. His health immediately started on the up-grade. He had carried that tooth and battled with illnesses for 20 years. The best years of his life had been spent wandering from place to place, always hiding his weakness because people had little regard for hiring an ill man and he had to work to live.

Then the Old Spanish Trail work offered itself. His health was coming back and the work gave opportunity to stay outdoors, tho it did not offer anything worth while in compensation nor a competence for his old age. However, health and strength amazingly restored he stayed with the enterprise and finally achieved the success now recognized as a great accomplishment.

It is indeed a mighty highway, the Old Spanish Trail, stretching across the continent from ocean to ocean, a highway apparently

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