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There is too much Pan-American talk in the United States and not enough Pan-American speed.

So thinks William A. Benitz of the

La California ranch. Argentine Republic, who looked in on Fort Worth Saturday on his way home after a business tour of the United States.

Though born in Argentina, Benitz inherited something of the evident briskness of his American father, who emigrated from California to the South American republic forty-five years ago and built up a 15,000-acre ranch that is as up-to-date as any other in the world. He is frankly impatient with American business.

"Now is the opportunity of a lifetime for American capital to be invested in a country of inexhaustible resources," he said, "but the Americans are too slow. We people of Argentina want the Americans. We prefer them to the Europeans, but the Europeans have shown the better wisdom by taking advantage of our resources without doing a lot of talking about it."

Benitz called at the headquarters of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas and visited the stock yards. He will stop over at San Antonio on his

way to New Orleans, from where he will sail for home.

"Just tell the people," he said as he left, "that if they are interested enough in Argentina to come down there, to write me at La California ranch on the C. C. A. railroad and I will be glad to show them anything they want to see."

La California ranch has 9,600 acres in alfalfa, which provides grazing all year, and 5,000 acres in corn, wheat and flax. It has from 4,000 to 5,000 head of Shorthorn cattle, 2,000 head of hogs and 800 head of horses. From seventy to eighty men are employed even at the dullest season and in harvest time the ranch force is increased to from 200 to 250 people.