WESTERLY OWNERS LOAN CARS

Thirty-five Machines Ready to Take Visiting New Jersey Press Club Members About—Appeal From Solomano's Sentence—Electric Motor to Run Stone Crusher—New Rector at St. Michael's Church.

Pasquale Salameno, a former constable of the town of Westerly, was before Judge Williams in the Third district court, Friday morning, in which court he had frequently acted as interpreter, charged with carrying a concealed weapon. This charge is in connection with one that preceded and for which he was indicted in the superior court for Washington county. The accused was charged with assault with intent to kill Charles Brown in Westerly and the grand jury found an indictment on that charge, but the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of assault with a dangerous weapon. Attorney John J. Dunn, counsel for Salameno, so stated in the Third district court, and added that sentence had not been imposed yet. Mr. Dunn said that after the trial in the superior court some of the jurors in the case, at least three of them, told him that the jury were not satisfied that Pasquale Salameno assaulted Brown with intent to kill him, and therefore decided upon a verdict of assault with a dangerous weapon and would have lessened that charge were the case wholly at their discretion. The case is still in the superior court and if punished for assault with a dangerous weapon he should not suffer two penalties for practically the same offense. Mr. Dunn said he had conversed with men who stood for the uplift of man and had consideration for the man who was down and out and that they expressed sympathy for Salameno, who was now at work for his wife and five children and trying to relieve the burden he has placed upon his parents. In the past Salameno has been a working friend of the police and has aided the prosecutor. He has also aided the court by his efficiency as interpreter, and ought to be given some favorable consideration in the present case, as he will undoubtedly be punished by the superior court in the original offense, the present being a part.

Harry B. Agard, town solicitor, stated that Salameno is charged with carrying a concealed weapon on February 10 and at the same time he committed the assault upon Brown and is one of the series of incidents at that time. Prior to the assault, for a period of several months, Salameno was without business or occupation and was always more or less under the effect of strong drink. A man like him, with scant amount of brains, becomes befuddled and dangerous and ought to be restrained. Proper punishment would probably have a salutary effect upon him.

Judge Williams said that the statement of Attorney Dunn in regard to his interview with the jurors in the assault case in the superior court, had but very little weight with him, as he had no encouragement for the jurors who violated their oath as jurors. The judge said while it would be a pleasure for him to extend the hand of assistance to Salameno, yet he had a duty to perform in this case, as in all others that were brought to him. He adjudged Salameno guilty and imposed a fine of $100 and all costs and imprisonment for thirty days in the Providence county jail. Attorney Dunn gave notice of appeal and bond was fixed at $500, which was furnished with the mother of accused as surety.

The boiler and engine of the town stone crushing plant, now located at the Smith Granite works, have served long and well and reached the limit of usefulness. The highway committee realizing that this portion of the plant must be replaced has decided to substitute a modern electric motor, in the interest of efficiency and economy. At present there is necessity for an engineer and the use of considerable coal, but with a motor this expense is eliminated, and the total cost of operation will be fully one-half less than has been paid for many years and the first cost of the motor will be considerably less than the purchase price of a new boiler and engine. It is evident that the new highway committee intends to depart from the old rut and will endeavor to conduct the department on a more economical and efficient basis, so that in the end the best results possible will come from the amount appropriated for the improvement of the public highways. The committee is composed of Councilmen Haswell, Flynn and Thomas.

During the past year over $600 has been paid for the repair work on the stone crushing machine, which is now in fair working order. Before these repairs were made and a short time before, the representative of a builder of stone crushers offered to furnish a new stone crusher to the town of Westerly in exchange for the old one and the payment of $600, delivered free on board car at Westerly, the town to have the old crusher placed on car for shipment at town's expense. This offer was declined, a sum about equal to the purchase price expended in repairs, and the town of Westerly still has an old machine, while a new one could have been substituted and at no increased expense.

Among those who took the competitive examination offered by Congressman Peter Goelet Gerry were Phillas Girouard of Hamilton and Harold E. McLellan of Westerly. Young Girouard received the appointment and McLellan was first alternate. Both passed satisfactory mental tests and Girouard went to Annapolis for the physical tests, which continued for two weeks. Owing to defective hearing Girouard was rejected and he has notified McLellan to that effect. McLellan has received no official notification to report at Annapolis for physical examination for a cadetship in the navy, but expects to receive such notice soon. Even before graduation from the Westerly High school, McLellan has aspired for appointment as cadet at Annapolis or West Point, and ever since graduation he has devoted his spare time to preparation for the competitive examination. His many friends sincerely hope he will succeed in the final physical examination.

Members of the New Jersey Press association, numbering about one hundred and fifty, will arrive at the New Watch Hill house at Watch Hill this morning for a three days' convention and outing. The party will arrive by boat from New York to New London and proceed as far as Stonington by train leaving New London at 7.40, and will go from Stonington to Watch Hill, where breakfast will be served. At 10 o'clock, upon invitation of the Westerly Board of Trade, the entire party will be given an automobile ride to the adjacent beaches and to the village of Westerly, under the personal escort of Major Arthur N. Nash, acting for the reception committee. The owners of thirty-five automobiles in Westerly have loaned their machines for the pleasure of the visitors.

Local Laconics.

William Clark and Dr. John Champlin are at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Bindloss of New London were in Westerly Friday.

The Oertel collection of paintings attracts many to the art room of the Memorial and Library building.

Mrs. Alice V. Tetlow and Mrs. Ralph Derbyshire, of Fall River, are guests of Rev. and Mrs. John G. Dutton.

Robert W. Perkins, of Norwich, attended the annual banquet of the Westerly Board of Trade at the Ocean house, Watch Hill.

More newspaper workers are expected in Westerly today than at any time in the past 869 years, or since the town was founded.

The Peace Dale and Clark teams of the Manufacturers' baseball league, are scheduled for a game on the Vose field this afternoon.

Rev. John J. Fitzgerald arrived from New Haven, Thursday, and assumed the pastorate of St. Michael's church, Pawcatuck, succeeding the late Rev. Patrick J. O'Leary.

In connection with the Dorr rebellion, Governor King proclaimed martial law in Rhode Island on June 26, 1842. The seventy-second anniversary was on Friday.

The members of the graduating class of the Westerly High school enjoyed a sail on Long Island sound, Friday, on steamer Westerly. The class dinner will be held in Mechanics hall this evening.

The members of the Westerly Ministerial association enjoyed their annual one day life on the ocean wave and home on the rolling deep, Friday, aboard the good ship Lucy Smith, with Captain Frederick Babcock at the helm.

Arthur McClellan Weeden, assistant janitor of the Memorial and Library building, spent Friday a-fishing off Watch Hill. He landed, unassisted, just thirteen blackfish, the largest weighing thirteen pounds and the smallest three pounds, which led him to remark: "Some fisherman's luck for a Friday."

The annual meeting of the Rhode Island National Guard Officers' association was held Thursday evening in Providence and these officers were elected: Lieut. H. D. C. Dubois, president; Lieut. Col. Frank Nolan, vice president; Lieut. E. W. Beagle, secretary-treasurer; Capt. F. E. Edgcomb, Capt. Charles Rittman, Lieut. Joseph Anty and Lieut. Samuel A. Hall, executive committee.

JEWETT CITY

Surprise Party for Miss Stewart—Quarterly Meeting of W. C. T. U.—Handsome Souvenirs from Worcester.

A number of friends of Miss Ruth Stewart gave her a surprise party Friday evening. The time was spent in playing games. Sandwiches, cake, ice cream and lemonade were served. Those present were Alice Moore, Agnes Brickley, Sadie and Ethel Thompson, Gertrude McLaughlin, Harold Spicer, Harold Jeffers, Charles Thompson, Everett Hiscox, Jr., Earl Hiscox, Wilfred LeClaire, George Davis.

Sunday Subjects.

Sunday morning at the Methodist church Rev. Samuel Thatcher's subject is How to Make a Vacation Useful.

Rev. W. H. Gane's morning subject at the Congregational church is Life's Tangled and Briery Spots.

Rev. Allan Spidell's morning topic at the Baptist church is The Real Christian.

The quarterly meeting of the W. C. T. U. is to be held in the evening in the Congregational church. An address is to be made by the Rev. Mr. Spidell, his subject being The Giant Destroyer. This will be a union meeting of the three churches.

WEDDING.

McArthur—Roode.

James McArthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter McArthur, of Jewett City, and Miss Edith Roode, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Roode, of Plainfield, were married by Rev. Samuel Thatcher at the Methodist parsonage at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. They left on the boat train for a trip to New York. They will reside in Jewett City, where Mr. McArthur is an electrician in Aspinook bleachery.

Various Interests.

Edward Allen of New York and Mrs. Samuel Carden and son Russell of Norwich were guests at Mrs. John Stewart's Thursday.

Miss May Driscoll was in Willimantic to attend the silver jubilee of the normal school.

Miss Adelaide Burdick went to Brooklyn, Conn., on Friday to spend Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church held a food sale in the town hall on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. A. J. Tinker returned Friday from a week's stay at her son's in New Haven.

Miss Dorothy Gilligan of Danielson is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Fitzgerald.

Received Handsome Souvenirs.

A number in town received on Friday from David H. Fanning of Worcester, Mass., fac-similes of the certificate of the Institute of Hygiene, London, Eng., given to the Royal Worcester Corset company and a copy of the original letter of congratulation from the members of the Drapery and Allied Trades and associates of the Fashion Press; also the regulations governing literature referring to the Institute and issued by certificate-holders.

Was at Worcester Graduation.

Mrs. G. H. Prior returns tonight from Worcester, where she attended the graduation of Miss Frances Colesworthy.

Mrs. Annie Davis Haskell and son Harry returned to Deland, Fla., on Friday.

Mrs. Susan Kanahan and family went to the Willimantic camp ground Thursday to spend the summer.

Mrs. Charles Mabbott of Waterbury has been a guest at R. R. Willcox's in Sylvandale.

Moral Force in Politics.

President Wilson has shown that the steadfast pressure of moral force will win even in politics.—Chicago News.

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German Coffee Cake, each 8c-10c
All Kinds COOKIES, dozen 8c
Soda and Milk BUISCUIT, dozen 8c
Hot Baked Beans and Brown Bread

STAFFORD SPRINGS

Boy Lights Big Firecracker and Loses Sight of One Eye—New Vault Alarm at National Bank—Man Pays for Selling Carcass of Diseased Cow.

Charles Marchant, aged 9, lost the sight of one eye and may lose the sight of the other by the accidental discharge of a big firecracker at his home in Hydeville Wednesday. The boy lit the firecracker and threw it on the ground. As it did not seem to go off, he picked it up to see what was the matter, when it exploded, burning his face terribly. He was taken to a hospital in Hartford for treatment.

Thursday Half Holiday.

The stores will close Thursday afternoons beginning July 9th, and continuing until the Thursday after Labor day.

Street Corner Improvement.

The gutter at the corner of Church and High streets has been taken up and a drain pipe laid. This brings the street level and will be an appreciated improvement, especially by automobilists, to whom it has caused much annoyance.

The Faulkner mill site is about all cleaned up and the work of taking down the big chimney will begin at once.

New Vault Alarm System.

The installation of the new vault alarm system at the First National bank is completed, and it was given a tryout Thursday afternoon. The gong is in a big metal box on the outside of the building and weighs 960 pounds. A 22-pound hammer when released rings the alarm for 15 or 20 minutes. A copper cable about as thick as a lead pencil with strands as fine as silk thread is the main artery of the system, and a clock controls the system so that it is released in time to open the vault for business in the morning. If an entrance to the vault is attempted at any point the alarm will be released. In addition to this protection, push buttons are placed in advantageous positions so that in case of a daylight holdup the alarm can be released.

Congregational Sunday School Picnic.

The Congregational Sunday school had a splendid day for its picnic Thursday. The weather was ideal and the attendance was unusually large. The party went by autobus. The usual games and sports were enjoyed and there were plenty of refreshments.

Mrs. Louis Stevens is spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. S. Taylor, at West Newton, Mass.

Parley Patten has completed his course at Williston seminary and will enter the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Miss Margaret Burt has gone to Randolph, Vt., where she will spend the summer.

Sold Carcass of Diseased Cow

County Health Officer M. D. O'Connell was called to Tolland a few days ago to investigate the case of Henry Spardell, who, it was alleged, had sold to a meat dealer the carcass of a cow which had died of disease. The investigation showed that the complaints were justified and the health officer had a warrant issued for the arrest of Spardell. He was brought before Justice Edwin S. Agard Monday and a fine of $25 and costs imposed, which the accused paid. An examination of the cow's stomach indicated that she had probably picked up some poison. The meat was sold the day after it was bought to a soap factory in Hartford. It had become very much discolored and the dealer was afraid to sell it for the purposes of consumption.

STONINGTON

McGowan-Wood Marriage—Circus Attracts Crowd—Richmond Wallace Dies in Providence.

Thursday morning at St. Mary's church Miss Anna Wood and William McGowan were united in marriage by Rev. J. C. Lynch. They were attended by Miss Lillian Wood as maid of honor and Edward Denehey as best man. They are on a trip to Boston and on their return will make their home in Stonington.

At the meeting of Ruth chapter, O. E. S., Thursday evening, 37 were here from Mystic and a large number from Pawcatuck.

Circus and Wild West.

Cooper and Whitby's circus, with Tompkins' wild west combined, gave exhibitions here yesterday on the Stanton lot. The street parade at noon attracted quite a crowd from the rural districts.

Big Yacht in the Harbor.

The yacht Esperanza, owned by Mrs. Darlington of Pittsburgh has been in the harbor. The yacht Elreba, owned by Harry Darlington will arrive next week, when the Darlington family arrive at Watch Hill for the summer. The Elreba has been kept in the harbor many years during the summer as she is too large to go in the channel of the bay.

INJURIES FATAL.

Boat Fell on Richmond Wallace Four Weeks Ago.

News has been received here of the death of Richmond Wallace, 67, at the Rhode Island hospital at Providence. About four weeks ago, as Mr. Wallace was launching his boat, the boat slipped and rolled on Mr. Wallace, breaking his leg below the knee. This occurred here in the harbor, where Mr. Wallace has lived for many years, staying in his boat winters, on the land and cruising about during the summer months. Encouraging news had been received right along, but owing to weakness of his heart, death came.

Heard and Seen.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams of Boston have been visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Allen returned to Worcester Friday after a visit at Ledward's Island. At present there are nine tents on Wamphassett Point that being an ideal place for camping.

Oliver Babcock of Minneapolis is on a visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Sylvester of West Haven are visiting here, guests of Mrs. Scofield.

F. LeVerne Burdick has returned from the Isle of Pines, where he passed the winter.

Richard Loper of New York is at his home here.

BALTIC

St. Mary's Parochial School Holds Graduating Exercises in St. Jean Hall.

St. Mary's Parochial school exercises were held Thursday evening in St. Jean's hall, the finest the school has had. An interesting programme had been arranged by the Sisters of Charity; teachers of the school who have labored untiringly the past month preparing the fine exercises. The new scenery for the hall was used for the first time and with the decorations of flowers presented a very beautiful setting. Following is the programme: Salutatory, Eva Marchesseault; chorus, Chantons en choeur, school; girls' hoop drill, Lisa Charron, Florence Caron, Amanda Lemoine, Eva Arpin, Fleurdina Charron, Gertrude Quinn, Victoria Cardin, Louise Lemoine, Yvonne Blais, Beatrice Gareau, M. R. Talbot, Blanche Bernier; duet, New York Glide, L. Charron and B. Cardin; Vive le General, Leo Legros, Hormidas Bienvenue, Agnella Gareau, S. Bissonnette, A. Bernier; We Love Our Flag, Howard Brown, A. Simoneau, E. Faucher, Edward Brown, Jacob Gliot, G. Cadorette, W. Hines; chorus, Your Flag and My Flag, school; boys' drill, Ovila Charron, Francis Lynn, Roland Viau, Leo Filiatreault, Gilbert Lacroix, Emile Bibeau, William Blouin, Arthur Chretien, Alfred Talbot, Rosario Leconte, Arthur Charron, Joseph Talbot; distribution of prizes, by Rev. Father Belanger graduates, Gertrude Quinn, Irene Roy, John Farrell, Emma Simoneau, Adrien Baril, Eva Marchesseault, Beatrice Gareau; valedictory, Gertrude Quinn.

Award of Honors.

First Grade—The prize for catechism was awarded Louis Florent; prize for application awarded Wilfrid Chamberland; prize for arithmetic awarded Rhea Laliberte; prize for scholarship awarded Philippe Blouin.

Second Grade—Prize for catechism awarded Simonne Bissonnette; prize for application, awarded Geraldine Gareau; prize for scholarship awarded Bertha Leconte; prize for arithmetic awarded Carinna Lessard.

Third Grade—Prize for catechism awarded Alice Miley; prize for application awarded James Hines; prize for arithmetic awarded Alfred Florence; prize for scholarship awarded Howard Brown; prize for catechism awarded Florence Caron; prize for application awarded Marguerite Beauregard; prize for scholarship awarded Marie Louise Lemoine; prize for arithmetic awarded Roland Vian.

Fourth Grade—Prize for catechism awarded Marguerite Charron; prize for application awarded Anna Talbot.

During the evening the tickets to Canada were given, the first ticket going to Noe Caron; second, Miss Kate McCarthy.

Rev. Father Belanger had charge of this and thanked all those who helped in the work.

The programme closed with remarks by the pastor, Rev. Father Belanger, and former pastor, Rev. Father Bellerose, who was greeted with applause as he spoke in an eloquent manner of the good derived from a Christian education.

FITCHVILLE

Children's Day Exercises at Baptist Church—Interesting Program Carried Out.

Children's day was observed in the Fitchville Baptist church Sunday, when the following program was finely carried out:

Invocation; song by school, Welcome, Children's Day; Scripture; Psalm 100, school; prayer by Rev. J. C. Young; remarks by Supt. G. A. Kahn; song by school, Crown Him; recitations, The Boy with the Barley Loaves, Percy Adams; Children's Day the Best Day, Evelyn Eastland, Evelyn Wilburil Bernice Chapman; duet, A Smile and a Song, Miss Alta Crassy, Miss Florence Phillips; recitation, Smile Whenever You Can, Charlotte Bentley; In a Friendly Sort o' Way, Ernest Smith; trizo, A Flower Song, Jennie Thompson, Evelyn Eastland, Maude Adams; recitations, Little Rosebud, Stella Kilroy; Children's Day, Grosvenor Allyn, Louis Wilbur, Witter Wheeler; song by school, Tell the Glad Story; recitation, Two Pennies, Alton Kilroy; song by younger scholars, A June Carol; recitation, Little Things, Bertha Miner; Watch Your Words, Lucy Gray; motion song by primary scholars, The Children's Prayer; recitation, Watch the Corners, Helen Kahn; address by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Lamphere; offering; emblematic exercise, The Water of Life, by several young ladies; song by school, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name; benediction by pastor.

PLAINFIELD

A. C. Tillinghast appeared on the streets Wednesday with a new automobile, E. Dougherty of the Junction house acting as pilot. The machine is warranted at 65 miles an hour.

Charles H. Barber of Campbell's Mills has been here for a few days, staying with his aunt, Miss Sarah Spalding, who is suffering from an attack of erysipelas in her eyes.

School closed Thursday for the summer vacation.

WANDERING ISLES OF THE RIO GRANDE

Changing of The Course The Cause of Much International Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., June 26—Mrs. Albert S. Burleson, wife of the Postmaster General, in a communication to the National Geographic Society, at Washington, D. C., describes the wandering islands of the Rio Grande, whose migrations from side to side of the water course have caused years of diplomatic correspondence and discussion between the United States and Mexico.

"The refusal of certain small bodies of land to remain permanently attached to one or the other of the river's banks deprived them of a fixed legal status as either Mexican or American territory and brought about their participation in many illegal and uprightedous adventures, which in turn led to misunderstandings between the two countries," writes Mrs. Burleson.

"In no river is spirit more evident than in the Rio Grande. Along its sinuous route below Rio Grande City it pushes its way through miles of level sand in its final reach for the Gulf, twisting and doubling upon itself like a sea serpent. In 1848 it was fixed upon as the boundary line between the United States and Mexico. The boundary was to be the 'middle of the river, following the deepest channel.' But the river possessed characteristics that had not impressed themselves upon the framers of the convention as possible causes of friction between the people living along its banks. In addition to its eroding power, exercised through long months of low and mean water, it could during flood periods leap with torrential force across a narrow neck of land at the base of one of its long loops and cut for itself a new channel. Through such avulsive action of the river, Texas soil would sometimes become Mexican, and on occasions a plantation occupied bp jacals and Mexican citizens would over night find itself a part of Texas.

"An example will serve to show both the extraordinary actions of the river and the difficulties in the way of any satisfactory adjustment of conflicting interests. A certain Josiah Turner began to farm the Galveston Ranch, on the Texas bank. Eight years later he was surprised when 221 acres of Mexican land came across the river and attached itself to his ranch. An arrangement was effected by which he became the owner of this land. Six years later the river cut off a piece of Mr. Turner's land and took it to Mexico. Twenty-one years later the river made up its mind to repay the farmer for what it had taken from him and so caried back into Texas a piece of land far larger than the tract originally lost. The Mexican owners claimed possession, and a new convention, dealing with the questions under dispute, became necessary.

"To the fine discrimination, patience and tact of Brigadier General Anson Mills, U. S. A., appointed to represent the United States, we owe the final solution to the problem. He recommended that the 'cut-offs' be forever eliminated from the boundary line, all those occuring on the right of the river to pass to the jurisdiction of Mexico, those on the left to that of Texas. The inhabitants, if any, should retain their citizenship in the country from which they had been so suddenly and violently detached, or they might acquire the nationality of the country to which they were now attached. Any cut-off exceeding 650 acres in area and having a population of over 200 souls was not to be considered a banco, and the old bed of the river should remain the boundary. A convention embodying his recommendations was finally ratified by both countries. Thus the great turbid, silt-bearing river is left to pursue its way untrammeled; but the terrors so long synonymous with its name have through the operation of this equable arrangement become a part of the storied, romantic past."

THE LAND OF "EL DORADO" LOCATED

Tale of How the Story of the Existence of Such Was Started.

The lure of gold has ever been the basis for brave exploits and bold adventure, and often about it has been woven the enticing web of mystery and myth to add to the zest of its pursuit. The ancient Argonauts sailed in search of the mythical Golden Fleece, while the golden apples of the mysterious Hesperides lured on the giant Hercules. The bold Phoenicians sailed to the shores of Spain to gather a golden harvest for the merchants of Syria, and the old Semitic navigators sailed out from the Red Sea to seek it at Tarshish and in the famed mines of Ophir, whose location is even now a mystery. The Portuguese as early as the middle of the 15th century brought gold from the west coast of Africa, and it was to find a sea route to the gold and spice laden shores of the Far East that Vasco da Gama sailed around the Cape of Good Hope and Columbus finally embarked to venture into unknown seas upon that memorable voyage of 1492. The discovery of the New Word but added a new stimulus to the unceasing, restless search for wealth, and in the marvelous tales of pearls and jewels rare and glittering golden ornaments decorating simple savages who knew but little of their value, the adventurous and credulous conquistadores saw a glorious land of promise.

Among the most enticing of these tales was the one the Coquetios Indians told the earliest settlers of the colony of Coro, established by Juan de Ampues in 1527 on the narrow isthmus that connects the peninsula of Paraguana with the mainland about the Lake of Maracaybo in Venezuela. According to their stories, a tribe of fierce but wealthy Indians dwelt in the mountains some distance to the south, with whom gold was so abundant that they powdered the whole body of their chief with its dust. And thus was started the tale of "El Dorado", the gilded one, a tale which in its repeated telling grew into most wonderful fiction but which was founded in its first instance on a fact, according to the sketch of the life and work of the late Adolph Bandelier, by Edward Albes, in the June number of the Monthly Bulletin of the Pan American Union, Washington, D. C. Bandelier, it seems, established the fact that "a chieftain who was gilded for a certain ceremonial occasion once really existed on the table-land of Bogota, in the Province of Cundinamarca, in the heart of ..ew Granada."

On this high plain dwelt the agricultural village Indians known as the Muysca. They wove cotton cloth, mined emeralds, and also salt. These products were exchanged for the gold of other tribes, and by thrift and industry the precious metal was accumulated to superfluity on the table-land of Bogota. On the plateau were several lakes which were regarded by the Muyscas as holy places. Each of them was the supposed seat of a special divinity, to which gold and emeralds were offered by throwing them into the water. Among these the Lake of Guatavita became famous. Near the lake lay the village of Guatavita, whose inhabitants about the year 1490 constituted an independent tribe. A legend was current among them that the wife of one of their earlier chiefs had thrown herself into the water to avoid a punishment, and had subsequently become the goddess of the lake. When a new chief of Guatavita was chosen an imposing ceremonial was observed. The male population marched out in a long procession to the lake. In front walked wailing men, nude, their bodies painted with red ochre, the sign of mourning. Groups followed, richly decorated with gold and emeralds, their heads adorned with feathers, and braves clothed in jaguar skins. Some went uttering joyful shouts, others blew on horns, pipes, and conchs. There were priests in long black robes adorned with white crosses, and tall black caps. Behind them came the nobles of the tribe and chief priests, bearing the newly elected chieftain upon a barrow hung with disks of gold. His naked body was anointed with resinous gums and covered all over with gold dust. This was the gilded man. Arrived at the shore, the gilded chief and his companions stepped upon a balsa and proceeded upon it to the middle of the lake. There the chief plunged into the water and washed off his metallic covering, while the assembled company, with shouts and sound of instruments, threw in the gold and jewels brought as offerings. The ceremony completed, the chief returned to the shore and all went back to the village to close the festival with dancing and feasting. Thus was the occasion ceremonial of a primitive tribe of Indians the real basis of a legend which passed from tongue to tongue until it lured men from far beyond the seas with the vain hope of conquest and of spoils.

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