

STRANGE COUNTRY IN UNKNOWN BRAZIL

Little Intercourse Between the Outside World and Upper Amazon Jungles

One of the most eminent statesmen and journalists of the great South American republic is the Hon. Leo Velleso.

He contributes to the December number of Appleton's Magazine an article on "Brazil To-day," which is full of information for the general reader. He says incidentally:

"Brazil is very little known to foreigners, who heretofore have been satisfied with knowing it to be the largest and most populous of South American republics."

"Brazil is indeed a large country, much larger than anyone realizes until he appreciates the fact that its territory covers as much ground in South America as does the United States in North, and that in the Eastern Hemisphere only the colossal empires of Russia and China can rival the dominions of this vast republic of the South. Its coast line, bathed by the waters of the Atlantic, extends north and south 3,600 miles and its inland plateaus in some places reach the watersheds of the Andes, which hugs the Pacific coast. This great block of territory, which borders upon every South American country except Chile, is situated between 5 degrees 10 seconds latitude north and 33 degrees 46 minutes 10 seconds south, and while most of lies in the torrid or tropical zone, there is a large tract which belongs to and enjoys all the advantage of the temperate zone."

"Nature has done all in its power to facilitate communication between the various parts of the country. It would take a fifteen-knot steamer ten days to cover its coast line. Brazil possesses the greatest river system in the world, the principal factor of which is the Amazon river, many of whose tributaries can be navigated for a thousand miles and whose main stream is penetrated for two thousand miles and more by ocean steamers plying between New York, Manaus, and Iquitos. In the South, starting from Montevideo, the capital of the Republic of Uruguay, Brazilian steamers touch the inland State of Mato Grosso and require only a month for the return trip. These two systems, those of the Amazon and those of the Plata, form a great network of waterways which, in Brazil, Paraguay and the Atlantic and forming the straits of the great low. The great St. Lawrence as river almost unobscured in America, supplies its navigable waters for over a thousand miles.

"Brazil's population is today calculated at 20,000,000, and this does not include the Indians, or savage tribes which still exist in large numbers in unexplored regions. These figures show how thin the country is populated and betrays the weak point in its development and progress. What Brazil needs is immigration, and former Government have spared neither money nor effort in bringing people from all lands.

Rio de Janeiro, the capital of Brazil, has approximately 1,000,000 inhabitants, and this figure is destined to increase rapidly owing to the great improvements which have been inaugurated and pushed to conclusion during the last three years. First in importance of these fundamental improvements is the fight for the complete sanitation of the city, which is being brought to a successful close.

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Prof. Lockyear when in the city last week, in a side conversation, remarked that every five minutes of sunshine had been carefully jotted down and Evansville had had but ten hours of sunshine in his month. It has been about the same way here until Friday last, and when the Prof. unbottled his sunshine at the banquet everybody felt as if they had gotten into a new atmosphere.—Kentuckian.

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OIL FIELDS ON DECLINE

Jamaica Earthquake Decreases Output in Texas Oil Fields. Seven- teen Wells Go Dry.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 24.—The gulf coast oil fields have decreased their production over 45 per cent. within the past week, and the cause is attributed to seismic disturbances associated with the Jamaica earthquake. The Texas-Louisiana fields have been on a steady decline for the past ten months, as shown by the decrease of 18,000,000 barrels for the year just ended compared with 1905. The sudden drop was noticed the second day after the Jamaica earthquake and seventeen wells in Texas and Louisiana went entirely dry, while every well declined perceptibly. After the Valparaiso earthquake the Texas-Louisiana oil fields declined and many wells ceased to flow, while an immense oil lake appeared out in the gulf. The fields never recovered from the Valparaiso shocks. Experts who have studied the situation declare that the shocks release the oil reservoirs or lakes in the bowels of the earth, and that the treasured product flows to some other section of the earth. While the South Texas and Louisiana fields have been on a rapid decline since the Valparaiso earthquake, the north Texas oil field have shown an increase of 100 per cent. in the same period, and the latter are the oldest field by many years.

Another strange feature about the earthquake is that the production of 50 per cent. higher in volume was changed from dark brown to a light yellow.

The Charming Woman

"What a charming woman!" said the idiot, "I suppose it would be next to impossible to etherize the whole city government before you began to grapple around in its insides after the offending vermin, but if it could be done wouldn't it be fine? Just think of getting rid of all the useless and inflamed members of the body politic as easily as man now sheds his personally conducted trouble with his humors."

A Good School.

Miss Bertha Moore's school was out Jan. 4. We scholars were sorry that school was out, and Miss Bertha taught us a fine school and every patron in the district was pleased. That's more than I ever heard said by any district.

ELZA TRAVIS.

Jewish Banker—I hear that Count B. wants to marry my daughter?
Client—So he did, but he's changed his mind.
Banker—Has he found somebody else?
Client—No; he has come into some money.—Kolee.

Her—They say that old Goldbug, with all his millions, is money mad.
Him—He isn't half so money mad as some of his relatives.
Her—Have they as much money as he has?
Him—Oh, no. They are mad because they can't get any of his.

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"THE IDIOT" ON M. O.

A Suppressed Chapter of "Coffee and Repartee" by J. K. Bangs.

Glorious Times Coming. When Each Passenger Will Be Paid For Riding on the Street Cars—Morris Chairs, Desks and Carnegie Libraries to Be Provided—The City to Pay the Bill.

"I see," said the idiot as he folded up the morning paper and sat on it so that his fellow boarders might not come into possession, "that the municipal marshmallow and peanut brittle plant at Hoboken has been sold to the county trust, and the dream of comparatively free and absolutely pure marshmallows and peanut brittle under the control of the city fathers has turned out to be a mere bit of bankrupted riddle-coin."

"It's all iridescence—the whole municipal ownership scheme," said Mr. Brief, the lawyer. "It's a bubble without even the soap."

"Oh, I don't think that," said the idiot. "Seems to me it's a pretty good scheme, only they ought to make it comprehensive. What I want to see is the day when the municipality owns everything that now fills the individual."



EACH PASSENGER WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A MORRIS CHAIR.

and with care, from the toothache and appendicitis up to the trolley, theaters and theology. Did you ever think, Mr. Bangs, of what a fine thing it would be to operate on the body politic for a case of municipal appendicitis?"

"I have never let my mind dwell upon so fertile a field for thought—no," said the doctor. "It would be rather difficult, wouldn't it?"

"I suppose it would," returned the idiot. "I suppose it would be next to impossible to etherize the whole city government before you began to grapple around in its insides after the offending vermin, but if it could be done wouldn't it be fine? Just think of getting rid of all the useless and inflamed members of the body politic as easily as man now sheds his personally conducted trouble with his humors."

"Do you really believe that government could run the trolleys as well as they are run by individuals?" asked Mr. Brief.

"If they couldn't they'd better get out of business," said the idiot. "I don't see why they can't run street railways as well as they run the street maintenance department. And think how nice it would be—how quiet, clean, neat and well run—how much better off the people would be if they had municipal ownership of the trolleys. When you see old William's trolley, which is his own job and I can't get a nickel out of it because he hasn't anything of the kind to loan to any one, and before the police corps of all the companies—Cattanooga and Kennelbuck, we're supposed to pay even for that long and tolerably consistent scow that has in the trail of it, and we gnash our teeth to think that we never can get our pictures in the Sunday papers because we shall never own one of those machines. But if we as citizens of this metropolis owned the trolleys it would be different. When the Green Avenue and Gumpers square cars go by we would look at its brilliantly lit interior and smile with satisfaction. That is my new Wilmington; we'd say to our country cousins who were visiting us. Then we'd nod politely to the chauffeur, and he'd stop and take us aboard, and by and by the conductor would come through and hand us all a nickel."

"What in thunder are you talking about? What on earth would the conductor hand you a nickel for?" demanded the lawyer.

"For riding on the car, of course," said the idiot. "That's the scheme, isn't it?"

"Oh, is it?" laughed the lawyer. "Well, I guess that's the way some people look at it. What is your precise idea of municipal ownership, anyhow?"

"Why," said the idiot, "as I understand the propaganda of the M. O. paper as expounded on the editorial pages of the sporting extras of the New York Evening Tribune and the Chicago Daily William Randolph, municipal ownership means the grabbing of everything in sight that has a cash register and a meter attached to it, sending the original owners to jail for life and managing what's left for the benefit of the people. In the case of the trolleys all the enormous profits derived from the nefarious practice now in operation of carrying a passenger ninety miles for a nickel are to be

PARIS HAS BALLOON FAD.

New "Sport" a Favorite in the French Capital.

"It is impossible, on a fine day, to look up into the sky above Paris without seeing two or three balloons, like red or green moons, float against the blue."

The speaker, a member of the Aero club, resumed:

"On a September Sunday, standing by the Arc de Triomphe, I counted nine balloons afloat above my head. They were beautiful in color—scarlet, blue, gold, green, white—and nobody watched them, for they were an ordinary spectacle, like a horse or a peddler."

"The balloons, keeping together, floated past the Eiffel Tower. Then a gust of wind seized them, and they rushed with incredible rapidity towards Montmartre. You could see them dropping sand. It looked like a rope made of cloud, a rope that quickly melted against the blue sky."

"Ladies run balloons in Paris. Children go up in them. But for the expense, I believe that every Parisian would take a Sunday balloon ride."

THE DEMAND OF LABOR.

Request That Seemed at First to Savor of Extortion.

It was formerly the custom of a paper mill in Massachusetts to pay the workers semi-monthly, and the operatives having found the practice somewhat inconvenient from their standpoint, it was decided to send a delegate to the head of the firm to state their grievance. An Irishman, rather well known for his sagacity and persuasive powers, was selected for the task. He duly waited on the "boss," who said: "Well, Michael, what can I do for you?"

"If ye please, sor," said Mike, "I've been sint as a dilfiate by the workers to ask a favor of ye regardin' the paymint of our wages."

"What do they want?"

"Sor, it is the desire of meself an' of every other man in the establishment that we resayve our semi-monthly pay every week."—Lippincott's.

So Unreasonable.

Two pretty girls about 16 years each were confiding to each other their views upon life in general, and upon affairs of the heart in particular. The blonde had evidently been recently receiving some maternal advice, for she remarked, with a slight pout:

"I think people are just too unreasonable."

"Of course they are," the other readily agreed. "What are you talking about?"

"Why, kissing."

"Who is unreasonable about kissing?"

"Why—er—everybody. They only begin to think it's wrong for a girl to let herself be kissed when she begins to get old enough for it to be interesting."

Love and Life.

"Love is hurt with jar and fret," "Love is hurt, written by the English poet years ago, sums up the truth that boys, even more than girls, are to be injured and finally lost from the influence of empty love."

"It is especially in more sensible and steady, it is a matter of more respect and stability; when one gives, one gives all, and so others after sleepwalk if things go wrong."

Love is hurt with jar and fret, and when two people come into possession of this most precious treasure they should resolve that no amount of man, if heaven's harsh words and the agreement should not occur between them.

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Revival of the Bridegroom's Price.

As if the millions of evils from which the Brahmin community is suffering are not sufficient, a new evil of a very formidable and demoralizing character, in the form of a varadakhana (bridegroom's price) has appeared among us. The rich and the poor who have the good fortune of having sons have been shamelessly extorting money and concessions from the parents of the brides, irrespective of the means and circumstances of the latter, taking unduly mean advantage of the Shastric injunction that girls should be married before they attain puberty.—Indian Review.

A New Idea.

In place of the tiny cards used to announce the little one's advent, "christening boxes" have now come into favor. They at least have the quality of novelty and are as dainty as one could wish. The boxes are about five inches square, and covered with white satin. Embroidered in the right hand corner is a bunch of forget-me-nots, and in the lower left hand corner is the baby's monogram done in silver.

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