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orod Amerigo Vof Gutonborg Hon. Using His Name as Titlo For Recent Iy Discovered Continent For First Time In History of Earth.
The liftle town of St. Die, in the
Vosges department of France, is Vasges department of rracte, is pre-
paring to ceielorate the fact that in a
book ica was first given to the western
world. M. Pichon, ministre affiairs, is to preside at the celebration
and to ment.
Ine tifteenth century there ex-
isted the isted at St. Die a college of learued
canons who formed the Gymnase Vosgien. Which became famous and at-
tracted many scholars to the town About 1507 , or some thirty-five years
after the death of Gutenberg, this so ciety determined to set up a printing
machine, the first or possibly the sec. ond installed in the province of Lor-
raine. Two learued strangers who had recently arrived in the country encour-
aged the canous in their undertaling. furnishing some of the mones needed
and supervising the worts and supervising the works. These
strangers were Martin Waldseemuller of Fribourg-en-Brisgau, a noted geographer, and Mathias Ringmann, born
at Val dorbey, at Val dOrbey, a schoolmaster fr
Strasburg, aged twentr-five. Strasburg, aged twenty-five.
Lorraine Assists In Work.
The printing shop was established In a house on the Place Pierre Hardie, now called the Place Jules Ferry. The Duke of Lorraine, Rene Il., looked
with favor on the undertaking, aud having received from Itals a descrip-
tion in French entitted "Quatre gations d'Americ Vespuce" he passed It over to Canon Jean Basin de San-
dancontt for trauslation into dancon't for trausiation into Latin.
At this time Waldseemuller and Ringmann were at work on a repro duction of trolemys treatise on geog.
raphy, to which ther were adying raphy, to which they were adding a
preface entifled "Cosmographine Inpreface entitited "Cosmographiae In-
troductio." They determined to incor porate the story of A merigo Vespucct's Voyages into this work, and Ring.
mann, who was acting as editor, wrote an introdu ction becegiming:
"'There is wortd which Amerigo Vespucci has
discorered and whict discovered and which for this reason
we can call 'America,' or the land of Further on be wrote:
Further on be wrote:
"We do not see why the name of the man of genilus, Amerigo, who bas dis.
covered them, should not be siven to covered them, should not be given to
these lands, as Europe and Asia have these lands, as Europe and Asia ha
adopted the names of women." Books Bring High Prices. The work appeared on Aprit 25,1507 .
Thder under the title "Cosmographinae Intro-
ductio." It went through three editions, and copies nowadass bring high
prices, over $\$ 600$. Something lite prices, over $\$ 600$ Somet hing like
dozen are known to exist, but the brary of St. Die, though rich in rar The lown of St. Die has often been
The town recognized as the godmother of Amer
ica. In July, 185. Heari Bardy. president of the Vosgian Philomathic societ,y, was inviled to the international
congress of Americanists as the repre congress of A mericanists as the repre
sentative of the little town. sentative of the little town.
In 1891 Frank Mason. general at Paris, published a work on "The Baptismal Font of A merlica." and
In 1802 a special hall was reserved at In 1802 a special hall was reserved a
the Chicago universal exhibition for St. Die. where with many riews the town a copy of the celebrated work
was shown, open at was shown. open at page 30, where
the name ". America" he name ament made tis ap$\overline{\text { Announced Himself. }}$ While looking for stragglers just as Welsh regiment was about to sall
rom Cape Town for England an off er found a private standing at atten tion in a shed. "What are you doing here"" he was asked. "Flease, sir., was the reely. tha a lunatic, and He was right: he was a lunatic, and his guard bad forgotten him.
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