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A Country of Many Revolutions and Numerous Political Changes.

WAS ONCE PART OF VENEZUELA

How Her Liberator, Simon Bolivar, Saw Future Importance of the Isthmus—The Cities of Panama and Colon.

THE recent revolution and secession of Panama from Colombia enjoys the unique distinction of being the only bloodless revolution on record among the chaotic and hot-blooded people of the South American countries. Revolutions and uprisings are of frequent occurrence. The people are, as it were, to the manner born. They were brought up in the school of bloodshed and turmoil by their Spanish conquerors, and have never unlearned the lesson so cruelly taught. The news that a revolution has started in a certain country excites no wonder and commands little attention. It is what is expected. The revolutions come and go with almost as faithful regularity as the changes of the moon. And the revolution which has just severed the isthmian province from Colombia would be no more noteworthy than the dozens of other revolutions which have torn the nations of South America apart, changed the map many times, if it were not that in this instance not one drop of blood has been shed, and the United States in

turn, on August 14, 1815, the republic of Colombia was solemnly created. Two years later the battle of Carabobo, near Valencia, which proved to be the Yorktown of the war of the patriots of the north of South America, was fought. Five days later Bolivar, the president of the republic of Colombia, entered in triumph the city of Caracas, and the Spanish yoke forever cast aside. But a new tyranny arose in the republic thus formed—the tyranny of internal strife and bloodshed. The union between Venezuela and Colombia lasted only until 1831, when the former withdrew, and since that time the relations between the two countries has ranged from that of a state of cordiality to bitterest hate and antagonism. But the history of the two countries is inseparably linked, and although Bolivar was born at Caracas and hence a Venezuelan, he was the liberator and founder of the republic of Colombia.

But following close upon the separation of Colombia from her union with Venezuela came almost a continuance war between the federalists and liberals for 30 years, and since 1863, when the present constitution was adopted, revolutions have occurred almost faster than the historian could record. Back and forth, up and down, over the country has bloody, petty warfare, until the last outbreak in 1901 and the very recent bloodless revolution, which gave to the world a brand new republic.

Bolivar had large visions of the future of the countries of South America. And the important relation of the isthmus to the welfare of Colombia and Venezuela was realized even at that early day. He declared it: "This magnificent position between the two great oceans shall be in turn the emporium of the world. Its canals shall shorten the distances of



THE CATHEDRAL AT PANAMA.

A peculiar way is involved in the political upheaval.

It was only two years ago that Colombia was kept desperately busy by Gen. Uribe-Uribe and his anti-government forces. Things got pretty hot on the isthmus at that time, and the United States was forced to warn Colombia to observe the international treaty and keep the traffic by way of the railroad across the isthmus open on pain of intervention and the landing of marines to take charge of the railroad. In November of that year, after the revolution had been raging for over three months, the insurgents captured Colon, the terminus of the transisthmian railroad on the Atlantic ocean side, and the United States landed marines to preserve order and keep the railroad open. The close of November saw the retaking of Colon by the government troops, the surrender of the insurgents and the suppression of the rebellion. During the fighting on the isthmus the use of the railroad for the transportation of troops was denied both to the government forces and the insurgents.

The revolution of 1901 was marked by international complications, and while actual war did not occur between Colombia and Venezuela, they came dangerously near it several times, and both countries contributed to the cause of the insurrections in the two countries, for Venezuela was torn by internal strife as well as her western neighbor and former partner in government. In both countries there has always been a bitter struggle between the liberal party and the clerics. At the time of the troubles of 1901 the clerical party was in power in Colombia, and in Venezuela the liberals held control. Colombia was in sympathy with the insurgents of Venezuela and the Venezuelan government entertained a similar feeling towards the revolutionists of Colombia. Gen. Uribe-Uribe, of the latter country, sought and obtained the help of President Castro of Venezuela, and in turn the revolutionists of Venezuela were accorded active assistance by the government of Colombia. Colombians led by the Venezuelan rebels invaded Venezuela at Las Cumbros. President Castro protested, and then, following the example of the sister republic, he sent arms and men to the Colombian revolutionists at Cuenca. On another occasion 800 Venezuelans went to aid Gen. Uribe-Uribe at Rio Hacha. Thus it went back and forth until the final suppression of the insurrections in both countries.

The spectacle of these two countries so bitterly antagonistic to each other would never suggest that once they were joined in the close bonds of political unity. But history brings to light many contrasts, and we find that in 1819 under the patriot Bolivar the two countries were welded into one republic. Colombia was then known as New Granada, a name given it by the Spanish conqueror Quesada in 1533 in remembrance of his native province of Granada. After a bloody struggle of years, which is only equalled by the efforts in Peru and other South American countries to throw off the yoke of the cruel Spanish oppressors, New Granada succeeded in gaining her liberty under the leadership of Bolivar, who then proceeded with his army to Venezuela, where, at Angu-

Everything is in the name when it comes to Witch Hazel Salve. E. C. DeWitt & Co., of Chicago, discovered some years ago how to make a salve from witch hazel that is a specific and all skin diseases or piles. For blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, eczema, cuts, burns, bruises and all skin diseases DeWitt's Salve has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeits. Ask for DeWitt's—the genuine. Sold by Metzger's drug store.

Asheim's Nine Days Wonder. Travelling like novel writing, is but a modern form of activity, and tourists, like novelists, are increasing at so fearful a rate of speed that foreign countries and literary shelves are said to be equally overrun. There was a time when good men looked askance both upon the parts of fiction and upon those far countries where reality was stranger than romance. "I was once in Italy myself," confesses the pious Roger Asheim, "but I thank God my abode there was but nine days." Nine days seem a scant allowance for Italy. Even the businesslike traveler who now scampers "more Americano" over Europe is wont to deal more generously with this, its fairest land. But in Roger Asheim's time nine days would hardly have permitted a glimpse at the wonders from which he so swiftly and fearfully withdrew.—Agnes Repplier, in Lippincott's.

Telephones and Hair Styles. The connection between hairdressing and telephones seems at first sight to be somewhat vague, but in Stockholm it has become so acute as to lead to an insurrection of sorts. In plain English the telephone girls of the Venice of the north some little time ago adopted the fashion of wearing their hair well over their ears, and the public very soon started complaints that it was difficult to get them to hear; in other words, that the new fashion made them all slightly deaf, with the result that the officials who control the various public telephone offices issued an order that the hair should in the future be worn brushed back instead of brushed over the ears.—Lady's Pictorial.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Switzerland and southern France are using their glaciers to turn their mills. At certain altitudes in various localities these mighty fields of ice and snow as they come booming down the mountain side melt into slush and water. This is now diverted into pipes and ditches and carried thousands of feet to the electric plants and mills in the valleys below. Hydraulic engineers in France say that the water power in the mountainous districts of that country alone can produce electrical energy equal to 10,000,000 horse-power.—London Mail.

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Billed Fish Now See. In a cave in Silesia a pool was filled with sightless fish. About a year ago the place was utilized as a store, when the electric light was installed. Since then many of the fish have actually developed normal-looking eyes. Formerly, when the cave was pitch dark the eyes of the creatures were covered with a thick film.—Nature.

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