

CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA.

In the Footsteps of Sixteenth Century Celebrities.

Cartagena, Colombia, Jan. 2.—One of the most interesting places on the western hemisphere, and one of the least known or appreciated, is this old Cartagena—a city hallowed by history, romance and tragedy, but now wearing a pitiful air of decayed gentility. Consulting a map, you will find it near the Caribbean coast of Colombia a little way west from the mouth of the Magdalena river and almost due east from the Isthmian city of Colon. In the days of Philip II, Cartagena was the most strongly fortified town in the three Americas, the headquarters of the Spanish naval forces in the new world, the great rendezvous of the galleons that crossed the Atlantic for treasure; and until a comparatively late day it remained the commercial metropolis of the vast region known as "New Grenada." Its prominence was partly due to the celebrated mines just back of the town, from which many tons of gold were sent to Spain. Some idea of their richness may be obtained from reading the ancient records that yet remain in the archives of Cartagena. These faded documents set forth the fact that the king's share was one-fifth part of all gold produced, while another fifth went to the church, and during more than 300 years the king's portion averaged \$8,000,000 per annum. The royal galleons carried away tons upon tons of treasure; and hard and fast after the galleons followed the pirates for plunder. So much mischief did the latter commit that the Spanish sovereign thought it worthy while to build a wall all around Cartagena, so wide and strong that 40 horses could walk abreast on it, at an expense of more than \$90,000,000. These stupendous fortifications are still in tolerable condition, though no longer occupied. Their massive walls are to all appearance impregnable, and the subterranean passages, which lead outward to the foot of the mountains, communication with the interior used to be maintained in times of siege. Another ruin between the antique fortress on a nearby hill in-

to "hants" and spooks; but today it serves the ignoble purpose of a tobacco factory. Even the stately old castle, like everything else about Cartagena, has fallen into an mournful condition of decay, and is now utilized as a signal station, from which a flag is run up by a man on guard as soon as a vessel is seen to enter the harbor, thus notifying the captain of the port and merchants in the city of its approach.

There are several once magnificent but now dilapidated churches in Cartagena, which are well worth a visit; to say nothing of many desecrated palaces, indicating in their days of the yore and yellow leaf the grandeur of their prime. Most of the former abodes of

SPAIN'S PROUDDEST

graduates have degenerated into shabby tenement houses, and others have long been empty—the haunts of scorpions, centipedes, lizards and fever-germs. The greatest cathedral, one of the largest and architecturally most beautiful to be found on the hemisphere, now contains nothing worth mentioning but the big marble pulpit and a world of sacred traditions. The pulpit is a truly magnificent affair of purest Carrera marble, covered with exquisite carvings. Cartagena thinks not without reason, that there is nothing like it under the sun. The story of its early vicissitudes adds to its value and interest. About 200 years ago the pope of Rome, wishing to show especial favor to his devout subjects in "New Spain," ordered the construction of this marble pulpit for Cartagena's cathedral. It was designed and carved in the eternal city by the foremost artists of the day; and when properly consecrated, was shipped with solemn ceremonies on board a Spanish galleon bound for the western world. While on its way the vessel was overhauled by pirates, who ripped open the boxes containing the pulpit, and being angered at finding nothing but carved marble, for which they had no use, they dumped the whole thing overboard in mid-ocean. But wonder of wonders—by direct interposition of the saints, not one of those ponderous cakes of solid marble could be made to sink! The buccaners, frightened out of their wits by this miracle, fled from the galleon, piously crossing themselves and muttering prayers and curses. With great difficulty the Spanish sailors got the

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beach a few miles above Cartagena, Genoa. But they had not proceeded far before a second lot of sea-robbers overtook them and burned the galleon, having made way with all its valuables and murdered every one of the crew. However, the saints still preserved the precious pulpit, and while everything else was consumed or swallowed by the

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greedy waves, or carried off by the greedier robbers, the blocks of marble floated serenely upon the surface of the sea, and guided by unseen hands finally went ashore on an unfrequented beach a few miles above Cartagena. Then a priest was told all about it in a dream, and the entire pulpit recovered unharmed! In heretical minds the query may arise why the saints should did not spare human life time and trouble, by turning the pirate ships in another direction; but it is not your business or mine to question miracles.

Another historic place which should be visited by the stranger in Cartagena is the crumbling old casa wherein Vasco Nunez de Balboa, the discoverer of the Pacific ocean, lived for a time, before his short and somewhat questionable career of fame began. He was a gay young nobleman, and having quickly dissipated his fortune in Old Castile, he sought refuge in the New World, to escape imprisonment for debt in his native land. A visit to our White Goods Department this week will mean an unexpected pleasure, for plain words cannot describe the array of loveliness which awaits you here.

abilities, and his creditors were on the point of arresting him when he hit upon the plan of escape with which every school boy is familiar. As the story is neither long nor prosy, and was really a part of

COLOMBIA'S HISTORY.

shall we briefly review it? I think it was in the year 1510 that Martin Francisco de Enciso came to Cartagena, and found it even then a thriving town. In its harbor was a brigantine, which contained the discouraged remnants of a Spanish colony that had been driven by hostile Indians from their settlements a little farther down the coast. Its leader was no less a personage than Francisco Pizarro, who had not yet entered upon his career of bloodshed in Peru. Enciso soon afterwards sailed for St. Sebastian and took Pizarro and his brigantine with him. Just before the vessel was to leave port, some men brough on board an ordinary cask supposed to contain provisions, that was lowered into the hold with the rest of the cargo; but hardly had the shore faded from sight when out popped the head of the cask, followed by the figure of a Spanish cavalier, high in armor, gaudily attired, and embroidered with intricate patterns, velvet breeches and top boots—the spendthrift nobleman, Don Balboa! At first Enciso was so angry at the deception practiced upon him that he threatened to leave the titled strangerway upon the first desert island; but he relented when Balboa swore eternal allegiance and promised to be a faithful soldier in the murderous expedition then on the tapis. On the way to St. Sebastian, Enciso's ship ran upon the rocks and was lost with all its cargo, but most of the crew escaped to Pizarro's vessel. While in this sorry plight, Balboa betrothed himself of an Indian village on the banks of a river called Darien, of which he had heard, together with the tale that the natives possessed plenty of gold. He guided the adventurers thereto; they easily captured the inhabitants and compelled the inhabitants to deliver up all their golden ornaments, worth many thousands of dollars. Enciso established a colony there and forbade anybody but himself to traffic with the natives, under penalty of death. This too arbitrary order caused a split in the hitherto peaceful party for Balboa's followers were quite as covetous as their leader. Hated by Balboa, they revolted, and in due course Balboa was made governor of the colony, with absolute authority, while Enciso was recalled to Spain in disgrace. The new governor ordered Pizarro to explore the neighboring provinces; and when that worthy had been driven back by the Indians, he headed a similar expedition himself. While cruising along the coasts of Colombia, Balboa picked up two Spaniards dressed as Indians, who proved to be deserters from another Spanish colony, and had long been living in an interior province under the protection of a great cacique named Careto. Though the latter had spared their

WORTHLESS LIVES

and treated them with unvarying kindness, they did not hesitate to betray him to the first Spaniards they met and to conduct Balboa and his band of adventurers to the Indian village in quest of gold. Careto's capital lay about 20 miles up the Caledonia river,



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near the present town of Careto. The cacique received them in good faith, and entertained them freely with the best his kingdom afforded, as long as they chose to stay. Finally Balboa, who had only 150 men, pretended to leave, having spied out the land to his satisfaction; but the same night he returned, surprised the city and made prisoners of the good chief, his family, and his noblemen. Careto at length made peace by yielding up a large amount of treasure and giving his young and beautiful daughter in marriage to Balboa, who had a wife already in Spain, and goodness knows how many others in the new world. The story of the next few years is full of interest, but we have not space to relate it. The always cruel and greedy Spaniards captured many rich villages and grew rich beyond computing. Meanwhile Enciso got into favor again with the king and returned to Cartagena. Balboa knew that the only way to save his precious head from his old enemy on the charge of treason would be to accomplish some great thing for the glory of Spain. His Indian father-in-law had heard tales of another great sea, beyond the western mountains, on whose shores were the people so rich that they ate from plates of gold. With all his followers and some Indian guides, he set out to find that sea

on the first day of September, 1513. They had a terrible stormy voyage, and suffering from sickness and lack of food, they reached the summit of a mountain from whose summit the golden stream that the ocean was visible. Enciso determined to have the first glimpse of himself. Balboa ordered a halt and went into camp for the night. Very day at the first peep of dawn, he ascended the mountain, with 60 chosen followers. Nearing the summit, he made them remain behind and walked forward alone—and there, before him, stretching away to the horizon, lay the mighty sea, whose shining waters had never before been seen by white men. His followers dashed after him. Francisco Pizarro among the first, and a young priest who at once set up the chant "Te Deum Laudamus," in which all joined on bended knees. Then, as usual, they set up a wooden cross on a mound of stones and by that means took formal possession of land and sea in the name of their king and the pope. But even this splendid discovery did not save Balboa. Returning in triumph to Darien, his arch-enemy, Enciso then governor of the province, had him ignominiously put to death by the marrote, at the age of 40.

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