

ORIGINAL AZTECS.

Fanciful Story of the first Welsh Colony in America—The Founders of Mexico and Peruvian Civilization.

A New York paper says: On Monday appeared a communication from Col. Thomas Pictou relative to the origin of an Indian tribe which reside in the neighborhood of the river Gila, and which have generally been taken for a remnant of the old Aztec nation. A reporter visited Col. Pictou, to obtain some further information on this interesting subject. The Colonel is a nephew of Sir Thomas Pictou, of Waterloo fame, was commander of the 38th New York, and is entitled to the rank of Count of Badajos. Being of emocratic tastes, he is content with the American prefix of Colonel. He has traveled extensively in the Territories and Mexico, and has rather a startling theory as to the origin of the semicivilization of Mexico and Peru.

"The founders of the Mexican empire which Cortez discovered in such a flourishing and at the same time such a defenseless condition," said the Colonel, "were Welshmen. About five hundred years before Columbus, Madoc Ap Owain Guneid, a Welsh prince, determined, on account of the inroads of Christianity, to seek a home beyond the ocean. Madoc was a heathen, a Druidical worshipper, and wished to remain one. Powell's history tells about his leaving Wales. Southey says that Madoc landed somewhere down near Mexico. The fact is, the Welsh landed here in the State of New York, perhaps in this very bay. There were four boat loads of them—about four hundred and fifty souls. No doubt they had Druid priests along, and perhaps some women.

"I have satisfied myself by personal research that they landed in this State and stopped somewhere in the neighborhood of Onondaga, where that giant fraud was perpetrated. They kept themselves isolated, and were pressed by the surrounding tribes of Indians. They gradually worked back through Ohio, and built those fortifications on the Mississippi."

"How could so few men build such great mounds, or fortifications, as you call them?" asked the reporter.

"They were driven from post to post. When forced from one they erected another. They worked down the valley of the Mississippi, leaving their marks behind. The Welsh are stubborn, and they held together as long as they could. Gradually they retreated across the south-western country, and halted on the Gila river. There they found themselves compelled by circumstances to become amalgamated with the Indian tribes," replied the Colonel.

"How do you make out that these Welshmen founded the Mexican Empire?" required the reporter.

"The whole body of Welsh exiles did not move into Mexico, and commence a warfare on the Indians. Nor did they form one of the seven tribes which went from Aztlan to Mexico. It was undoubtedly Welsh blood which gave superiority to the Aztecs over the other tribes. It has been stated before that Aztlan was situated in the neighborhood of the Gila, and in the neighborhood of the Gila is resident that strange and peculiar tribe, the Mohaves, who I am convinced are the mixed descendants of Madoc's Welshmen," said the Colonel.

"In what particular did the Aztecs resemble the Welsh?" asked the reporter.

"Their religious worship was almost entirely Druidical," he replied. "They worshiped the sun and they sacrificed human beings. By the way, the impression conveyed by some historians that human beings were indiscriminately sacrificed is entirely incorrect. The sacrifices were of criminals collected from all parts of the country, and all killed on the same day to make a religious exhibition. I have seen Aztec remains, their monuments and their temples, and the only difference I can see between them and the Druids is the inscriptions on the Aztec monuments. The Druids had no inscriptions. They preached from a blank monument. But I account for the Aztec inscriptions by the probability that the priests had all passed away, and the descendants of the Welsh had lost the purity of the old Druidical worship," replied the Colonel.

"The Welsh must have sadly degenerated to be used up by Cortez as easily as they were?"

"Well, I'm a Norman," replied the Colonel, coloring. "They call me a Welshman, and I will say for the Welsh that Cortez couldn't have conquered the Mexicans. But the Welsh element was no more to the Mexican empire than the Tartar element is to the Chinese."

"How do you make Welshmen the founders of Peruvian civilization?"

"Manco Capac was undoubtedly a Welshman, who had wandered off or been lost from his companions. He introduced into Peru the sun worship and human sacrifices of the Druids," said the Colonel.

"The Mohaves are a small, isolated tribe, perhaps not more than a thousand all told. They are different from all other Indians. The women are tall, well formed, cleanly, and less servile than most Indian women. Their language is peculiar, and has Welsh words in it. In fact, there are Welsh words in more than one Indian dialect, which is accounted for by the probability that the Welshmen got scattered. Then near El Paso del Norte is a stone which I believe to be 'Druidical.'"

Col. Pictou further assured the reporter that he did not hold to Catlin's theory that the Mandans were of Welsh descent. He thought the probabilities much more in favor of the Aztecs. He thinks that the canoes which are represented on the Mexican monuments as crossing an ocean are Madoc's vessels floating on the Atlantic from Wales to America.

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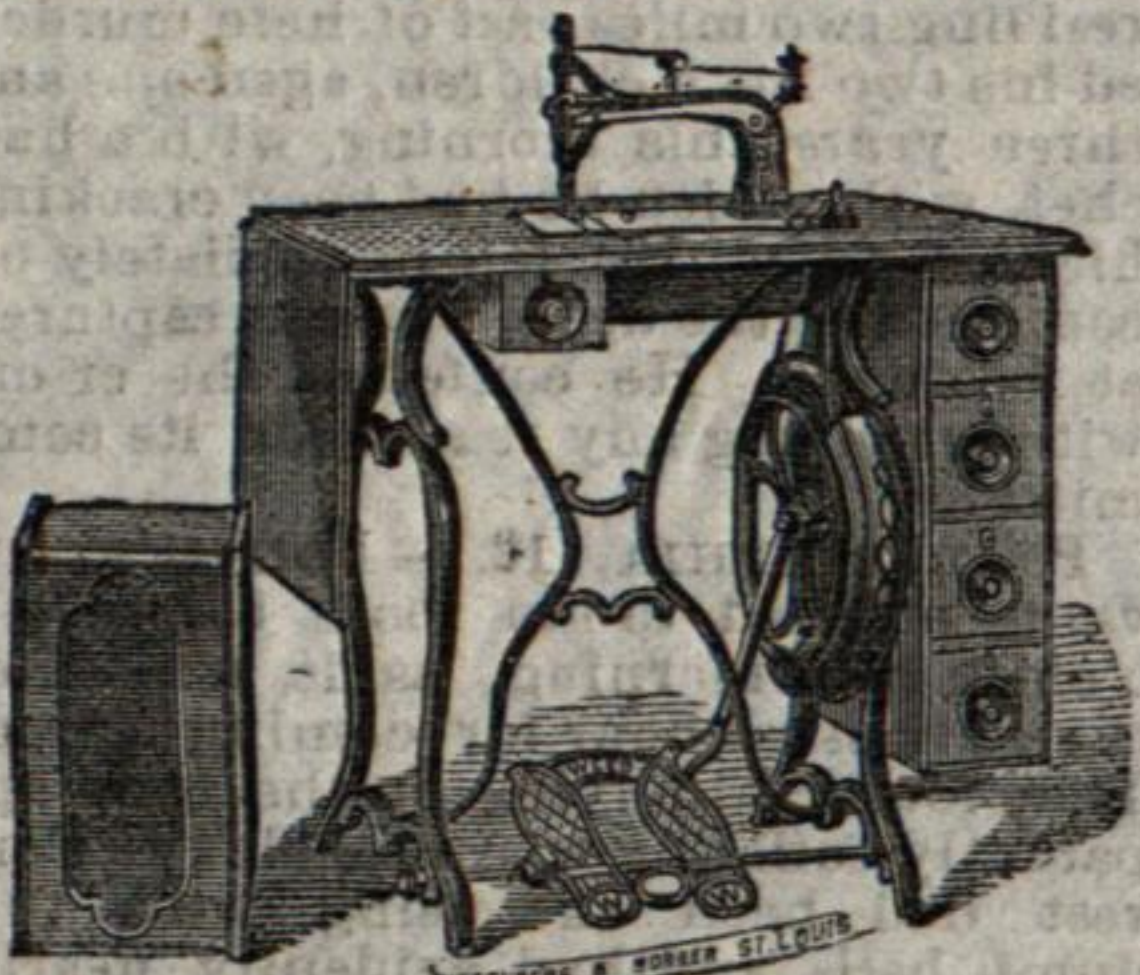
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