

PARAGUAYANS HOPELESSLY LAZY.

Special Correspondence.

ASUNCION, Paraguay, July 18.—Nowhere is the influence of climate in forming the habits of the people more apparent than in Paraguay. It seems strange that continuous sunshine and unusual bounty on the part of nature should incline those thus favored to laziness and unthrift, and that ambition, energy and the spirit of progress should thrive best under cold and cloudy skies. But such is the history of nations. During those hours when North Americans are most actively engaged in business, all Paraguay is asleep; but the latter bestirs itself earlier in the morning, and from the first glimmer of dawn to perhaps 8 a. m., the streets of Asuncion are crowded with chattering citizens—going to mass, buying and selling in the market-place, or enjoying their morning "constitutional." Then the tide of life recedes, and from about 11 o'clock until past the middle of the afternoon every thoroughfare is deserted and you might traverse the town from end to end without meeting a soul. Immediately upon awaking, everybody takes the usual desayuno of Spanish-America, (a bit of unbuttered bread and something warm to drink—here a gourd of yerba mate instead of a cup of coffee or mug of chocolate, as elsewhere), and breakfast, like a dinner of several courses, comes on between 11 o'clock and noon. Before that time the heat of the day is in full blast, and everybody has sought the shade. Shops, which were opened before sunrise, are now closed and remain so for several hours, while proprietors, clerks and customers are napping in hammocks or inhaling gossip and yerba mate somewhere in retirement. The postoffice and all other places of business are locked; even the street cars stop running, and river boats lie up. Ladies in the privacy of home universally dispense with the double skirt, and in the negligence of the camisole enjoy their cigars in peace and comfort. The boy who blacks your boots must have his siesta, as well as the priest, the merchant, the lawyer, the gentleman of leisure. The cook leaves her pots and pans to take care of themselves or to be licked clean by the dog; market-women lie down among their yams and oranges; ox-drivers stretch themselves in the shade of their carts and the donkey-boys and their animals doze together.

ENERVATING CLIMATE RESPONSIBLE.

This happens on every day of the week, and during these siesta hours the wide-awake stranger, however urgent his business or pressed he may be for time, might as well resign himself to fate and alacumbure, for absolutely nothing can be done.

The fact is, these people are hopelessly lazy. Why should they toil and spin when the good mission fathers have given them the means of life and felicity—in the form of oranges, manna, tobacco and wild cane for rum—without effort on their part? So delightful is the climate that the people require next to nothing in the way of clothing and shelter; they have no soaring ambitions, to gratify, and changeable fashion has not invaded this remote Acadia to any harassing extent. The Indians are even worse than the mixed Guarani-Spanish race—that comprises the bulk of the population, for having no need at all of money, nor any thought for the morrow, they positively will not work unless driven to it by hunger, and then only until

their stomachs are filled. On the plantations, where oranges are the principal products, the fruit lies rotting a foot deep of no profit to the owner, because he cannot get it picked up and carried to market. It might be a good thing if the Paraguayan government were to have all the orange trees cut down, as that of Costa Rica caused the banana fields to be destroyed, so that the people could no longer depend upon spontaneous growth for "daily bread," but be compelled to wake up and earn it or starve. There is a palm-oil factory in the neighborhood of Asuncion, but it is closed the greater part of the time because of the difficulty of getting palm-nuts, though, literally, "the woods are full of them." Not a native will take the trouble to gather nuts and bring them to the mill, unless very much in want of a meal, a new poncho, a petticoat, or other bit of gaud and gear! and as soon as the object is attained a long interval of uninterrupted rest is required to make up for the exertion. I am told that it is the same way with the brick factory and kiln below the city. The universal building material here is kiln-dried brick, plastered inside and out. If a man desires to build a house, there is no knowing how long he may have to wait for the bricks, because workmen are not to be had—or rather, one should say work-women, for in nearly every case women are the laborers.

SOME QUEER TRAITS.

Another queer trait of the Paraguayans is their habit of carrying everything on the head, from the smallest parcel to the heaviest weight. Call at a house and send up your card—the servant claps the bit of pasteboard on her head and hastens to find her mistress. Ring your hotel bell for a fresh towel, a napkin, a glass of water, an orange—it is brought to you on the top of somebody's cranium. In the street every woman you meet is "toting" something on her head as inevitably as the clear in her mouth. It may be lettuce on the way to the wash-house, a closed umbrella, fan, bonnet, a side of bacon, a shoulder of mutton, a pan of milk or basket of eggs, or a big red jar holding a gallon of water. There is never a break or spill, though the hands are not employed to steady the things thus conveyed—as in India, Egypt, Mexico, one or both hands are brought into requisition. When it comes to empty water jars, as on the way to the spring, the women tilt the jars coquettishly on one side of the head at an angle of 45 degrees, so that one wonders how on earth they retain the balance. No doubt this habit of carrying things on the head strengthens the spine and imparts a Juno-like grace of gait; the same for which Hindoo women are justly celebrated. The constant drowse of shoes and stockings gives to the women a fan-shaped effect. Now and then you meet a tall, stately Guarani girl, serene of countenance, with skin of brown stain, piercing black eyes, heavy hair falling in braids below her waist, beautifully formed and graceful; but you are shocked to see the inevitable coarse cigar, an inch in diameter, between her pearly teeth, and you know that she, too, at early middle age, will be as hideous a specimen of humanity as her mother is now—scrawny, big boned, bleary eyed, crook backed, and wrinkled like a dried fig.

EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVOR.

The present government of Paraguay is making an honest endeavor to educate and elevate the masses, and considering its poverty and scanty revenues, is expending a large amount of money in free schools. It has adopted

RECONCILIATION BETWEEN VARIOUS VANDERBILTS.



Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., for love of whom her husband sacrificed his father's millions, and became ostracized by the family, is said to have so appealed to the Vanderbilts that a reconciliation is about to take place. The cynical ones say that her great social success here and abroad has had not a little to do with it.

the Argentine system of public education (primarily copied from that of the United States), and has imported several New England young women teachers to inaugurate the good work. These ladies are furnished a fine large house and necessary apparatus, and are paid good salaries. The children of the "first families" in most cases attend these free schools, as well as those lower in the social scale. Compulsory education was made a law in 1881, when Gen. Cadallero was president. Five years later the statistical year book recorded that only 14 per cent of the population could read and write, including all the children attending school when the estimate was made. Within a year after the passing of the law, there were 175 public elementary schools, attended by 8,722 pupils. Those figures are more than doubled in these first years of the twentieth century; and in addition to the original annual grant of something like \$40,000 reckoned in United States money, taxes have been levied on fines, rentals of all public lands, and yerba mate (farms where yerba mate is cultivated), auction sales, etc., which, all together, bring the educational fund up to a creditable sum.

Besides these public free schools, the government has started and subsidized more than a hundred private schools. In Asuncion alone there are six of these

(free) for boys and nine for girls. But as yet secondary education has made little advance. The most important of the few establishments that are comparatively well attended are the National college, with its staff of fifteen professors, mostly imported from Europe, the Seminario de Asuncion, under the direction of the Lazarist Brotherhood, with Father Montague, a Frenchman, at the head; and the College of Padre Nabilas at Esperero. The board of education has recently established a high-class training college, which all the teachers in elementary schools are required to attend one year, certificates of qualification being granted only to such as pass the prescribed examinations. Secondary provincial schools have recently been built in Villa Concepcion, Villa Rica and Villa del Pilar. There is also a large training college for the theological instruction of young priests. The few English and German residents have a Protestant church at Asuncion, in connection with which a mixed school has been opened. Roman Catholicism is the only recognized religion of the country, although the amended constitution guarantees perfect liberty of worship.

DESOLATE CHURCHES.

In the time of Lopez there were more

than 100 parish churches scattered over the republic. Most of them were demolished during the war, and it is a common thing to come across these desolate and deserted sanctuaries, half hidden by the rank vegetation that has grown about the ruins. As in all tropical countries, nature soon repairs the ravages of war. Within six months' time fields strewn with carcasses, blackened by fire and trampled by the hoofs of cavalry horses, are seen waving with luxuriant harvest, every scar obliterated. In the more populous parts of the country some of the dilapidated churches have been carefully restored, but their number is limited and inadequate to the requirements of the population. One morning I followed the crowd to the cathedral—a fine old edifice, with two towers and a roomy interior. Some of its windows are beautiful with stained glass, and in spite of the poverty of the people, the high altar is covered with plates of silver and loaded with ornaments of the same metal. The altar is flanked by candles, arranged in designs like set pieces of fireworks, and the holy water basins are curious blocks of old sculptured marble brought from Rome. There was a large congregation—men, women and children. Among the latter were two schools, in the care of several sisters of charity. I noticed that, although the small girls were all dressed precisely alike, it was easy to tell which was the charity school and which the school of the aristocrats, for while the members of one wore shoes, all the others were barefooted. There were a few fashionable ladies in the

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audience—resplendent in black silk dresses, high-heeled slippers and fashionable hats, heavily plumed à la Paris—but the vast majority were without shoes and stockings, dragged in the universal combed and double-flounced skirt of white cotton, with a black or white manta drawn over the head.

FANNIE B. WARD.

GULLS WHICH FLY ACROSS PACIFIC.

WE ARE proud of our great ocean liners and the speed that they make, a speed which has made foreign countries ridiculously near, and has brought the nations close together. To the people of a hundred years ago the story that a vessel could cross the broad Pacific within a month would seem like the sheerest fancy of a romancer. Yet, at that time, sea gulls existed as they do at the present day and they made their long trips without provoking any especial comment. Today it is looked upon as nothing very marvelous that birds are able to fly from America to Asia and back again. But, if we pause to consider it, the feat is really something after all.

These birds are especially fond of the United States army transports, for these ships carry many men, who, denied the taste for books which renders an ocean journey less tedious, and having limited facilities for deck sport, take to feeding the gulls as a pastime. When one of the big vessels leaves the Golden Gate and passes the Farallone islands, a hundred or more brown bodied birds with long sweeping wings leave their resting-place and take up the flight in the wake of the transport.

Then some soldier who has made the trip before, says: "Here come the sea gulls. We'd better feed them, if we want a quick passage this trip." And many soldiers invade the steward's premises and gather up the waste bread and victuals.

The birds seem to know when they are to be fed, for they come flying in ever narrowing circles until they are within a short distance of the ship. Then the food begins to fall on the waters and the brown-winged forms swoop eagerly down upon the waves and seize what has been thrown forth. This is continued until the food is exhausted, and then the soldier goes below, leaving the gulls to get away with their food as they fly. They never seem to rest, these queer birds. Day after day, they follow the ship, cleaving the air with swift wings, flying easily and without apparent effort. Indeed, it

seems as though they were not made to rest.

On the last trip of the transport Logan one of the gulls had its wing muscles injured in some way and dropped fluttering upon the deck, where, like a gosling, it opened and strange squawks coming from its throat. A soldier spied it, and took it to his bunk, where he fed it daily until it became strong again. Then he allowed it to fly away. But the bird had not forgotten his benefactor. Every day it would alight on the deck and allow none save this particular man to touch it. It followed the boat to Honolulu, to Guam, and finally to Manila. Where it rested during the two weeks the Logan lay in Manila is not known, but when the vessel turned on its homeward course, bound for Nagasaki, the first day out found this gull, easily distinguishable by a flock of white on its neck, resting on the deck. As its favorite soldier did not appear, the gull graciously allowed others to feed it and continued its trip with the ship until the Logan passed the Farallone islands.

A peculiar incident was one that occurred on the R. M. S. Athenian on her last trip from Yokohama to Vancouver. Five days out, 1,000 miles from land in any direction, a little owl alighted on the deck and was captured by the second steward. It was a baby owl, a little bundle of brown and white feathers, and it blinked its eyes in the daylight, as if now contentedly in the cage which the steward provided.

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NEW MAP OF UTAH JUST OUT.

This map has just been finished for the Desert News. It shows Utah brought up to date, including the Lucin cut-off across the lake. On the margin is given the list of the cities, towns, villages, and counties in the state, arranged in alphabetical order with the population of each. On the reverse side is a map of the United States of 25,000 population. The map of the United States being marked in red letters with its electoral vote in the coming presidential election. This map is for sale only by the Desert News Book Store. It is of the style that retails in the east at \$1.00, but it will be on sale for a short time by the Desert News Book Store at 50c; special terms to agents and canvassers.

COLORADO EXCURSIONS. August 20th to 21st.

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From 9 to 12 o'clock.

Misses' Tailor Suits.

Just See How Very Low We Price Them For Monday Morning.

30 Little Misses Tailor Suits of all wool venetian in navy blue and black, elaborately trimmed, sizes 12, 14, 16 and 18 years, values \$6.75 and \$7.50. Choice Monday morning, 9 to 12, at... **\$4.44**

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All 60c Hemstitched Damask Tray Cloths, size 20x28. All 60c Hemstitched Linen Squares, size 18x18 and 20x20. Some with drawn work and some with spoke stitch, and all 60c Hemstitched Linen Scarfs, size 18x45. While they last at... **39c**

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Children's finest imported lace Hose in pink, blue, white or black; not a complete line, but nearly every size; best 60c grade at... **35c**

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Good quality gingham Petticoats, reduced... **47c**
Gingham Petticoats in blue or pink ground, with fancy stripes, at... **88c**
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