

UP THE MIGHTY ORINOCO.

An Impenetrable Forest Borders Nearly a Thousand Miles of the Majestic River—The Fabled El Dorado.

Special Correspondence.

Cuidad Bolivar, Venezuela, 20.—We have come 360 miles up the Orinoco to the one important city in all its course; yet have hardly entered upon the exploration of the majestic stream, which, as every school boy knows, is more than 2,000 miles long. It is impossible to give a satisfactory description of this Orinoco region, because there is nothing like it in the world with which to make comparisons. You find great difficulty in realizing that here, amid surroundings as strange and unreal as the fables and traditions connected with the locality, you are only a week's journey from New York city.

The easiest way to ascend the Orinoco is to go to Port-of-Spain, island of Trinidad, and there take one of the American scheduled steamers that regularly make the trip. The "Orinoco S. S. Line," having a virtual monopoly, charges a high price for its by no means princely accommodations—\$20 in gold for a run of 16 hours. From Port-of-Spain you proceed along the southern coast of Trinidad, through La Boca del Sierpe (The Serpent's Mouth), into the great Gulf of Paria, which separates the asphalt island from the mainland of Venezuela. Twenty hours later you reach the delta of the Orinoco and take on board a native pilot. The mighty river has several so-called "mouths." One, known as Rio Chacina, seeks the sea by a course nearly parallel to the main mouth, but is navigable only by vessels drawing less than ten feet of water. Another, called Rio Maricao, is perhaps two miles wide and flows through a beautiful jungle of tropical undergrowth, bordered by broad-leaved aquatic plants, but is regularly visited by many Indians. The real mouth is 20 miles wide, without a single point to break the glorious view; and as the steamer slowly makes its way up stream, new and delightful scenes are perpetually unfolded. The

thick, yellow current of the Orinoco is not unlike that of the Amazon, except that it does not carry oceanward the innumerable grassy islands and high tree trunks that are always to be seen flowing on.

THE SISTER RIVER.

The Orinoco, however, has many large islands, but they are stationary, and for a thousand miles its banks are much the same as those of the Amazon—an endless succession of tropical verdure, magnificent trees, set in verdant ranks close to the water's edge and draped, as with a gorgeous curtain, by an impenetrable network of vines, blossoming creepers and orchids in every conceivable variety. Often that splendid parasite, the maitaipo, (the word literally translated means "kill tree"), has wrapped its deadly folds around several adjacent monarchs, giving evidence, at least, of the repulsive life that would better be avoided. At rare intervals a company of Guaran Indians paddle out to meet the steamer, in canoes.

ROUGHLY HOLLOWED

from the trunks of mahogany trees. These wild folk, who come to beg of their self-styled conquerors, are in reality as independent of control as were their forefathers before the arrival of Columbus. Nobody disputes their possessions of thousands of miles of well-nigh impenetrable forest, whose foundation, set in slimy ooze or deep under water, are never seen by the sun and where the only neighbors are huge serpents, jaguars, alligators and a thousand deadly things that creep and crawl unhindered in the wilderness.

Many miles apart you see tiny villages, set close to shore, their straw-thatched huts huddled together for mutual protection. Being open on all sides, except a pole at each corner and the roof, the "interiors" are fully disclosed, showing the little household furnishings to be a few cooking pots of baked clay, grass hammocks along high, and various hunting and fishing implements of home manufacture. The naked Indians who own them are seldom seen inside their homes; the women are cultivating their nearby fields of banana and manioc, and the men are fishing from their pirogues drawn up near the shore. In these parts clothes are not counted among the necessities of life. For all native chil-

WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU.

Few People Realize the Importance of Good Digestion Until It Is Lost.

Many people suffer from dyspepsia and do not know it. They feel mean out of sorts, nervous, do not sleep well, do not have a good keen appetite; do not have the inclination and energy for physical or mental work they once had, but at the same time do not feel any particular pain or distress in the stomach. Yet all this is the result of poor digestion, an insidious form of Dyspepsia which can only be cured by a remedy specially intended to cure it and make the digestive organs act naturally and properly digest the food eaten. Bitters, after dinner pills and nerve tonics will never help the trouble; they don't reach it. The new medical discovery does. It is called Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and is a specific for dyspepsia and indigestion. It cures because it thoroughly digests all wholesome food taken into the stomach, whether the stomach is in good working order or not.

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Your nerves are all right but they are starved, they want food.

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But the nerves will not be nourished from a weak, abused stomach, but when the digestion has been made perfect by the use of this remedy all nervous symptoms disappear.

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Children "under age," absolute nakedness is the rule, while neither men nor women wear more than loin-cloths of restricted dimensions, each a rectangular scrap of bead-work fastened by a dirty string. Occasionally you see along shore a group of mud huts, tenanted by negroes or

LOW-CLASS CREOLES.

who are probably rubber-hunters, pearl fishers, asphalt diggers, or engaged in some other queer industry that pertains to the locality. They wear a scanty garment of two apiece and appear to live a little better than their neighbors of pure Indian blood; but as to morals and the common decencies of life, they are manifestly poor as the poorest.

The first stop made is at Santa Catalina, the seat of the powerful "Orinoco company," which has the modest cap-

ital of \$30,000,000 invested in Venezuela, and whose headquarters are at Fairbank, Minn. The company enjoys a concession to millions of acres of surprising fertility, besides mineral deposits of untold value and unlimited possibilities in the way of valuable timber, including "balata" the new substitute for India rubber.

The men who are employed to develop this splendid domain are housed in a two-story frame structure which looks like a hospital, or a summer hotel on the Jersey coast. Among other fine things on the Orinoco company's property is a mountain of iron ore, said to contain 47 per cent of metallic ore.

Another stop is made at Las Tablas, whence all the gold is shipped from the famous mines of "El Callao," which lie up the Caruru river 70 miles south of the Orinoco. In times long past, large amounts of treasure were taken from those mines, and they are still claimed to be among the richest in the world. El Callao was accidentally discovered by a Jamaican negro, named Stubb. He sold three-fourths of it to some Frenchmen who were poor as himself, but possessed of greater intelligence, and in a few years all were multimillionaires. Though working under

ENORMOUS DIFFICULTIES.

upwards of \$35,000,000 in gold were taken out of El Callao during the first 20 years. According to English and American mining experts, the Callao "zone" is one uninterrupted gold-field a hundred miles wide. Unfortunately, it is almost inaccessible.

Ten cents per pound is charged for transporting machinery, which must all be brought on the backs of men and mules through the pathless jungle from the river. Nevertheless, twenty-six mines are being worked today in the Callao district and a thousand miners are earning there at the present moment from four to twelve dollars a day.

The only thing that is a railroad, only 130 miles long. To more fully comprehend the Orinoco's magnitude, one must remember that modern geographers have divided South America into three great basins—those of the Amazon, the Orinoco and the Rio de la Plata. To dominate the mouth of one of these colossal arteries of commerce is to control one-third of the southern continent. Within the four hundred miles between the Orinoco's mouth and Ciudad Bolivar, its yellow side receives twenty other great navigable rivers; while still farther into the interior, its eastern bank lets in ninety-one large rivers, and the western bank between thirty and forty. It is not generally known, but is nevertheless a fact, that the Amazon and the Orinoco rivers rise at the same source, and that were a few snags and sand-bars and other impediments removed, a light draught steamer could enter the mouth of one river and

SAIL OUT TO SEA

through the mouth of the other, thus crossing the continent twice, from the Atlantic almost to the Pacific, by different routes. The Orinoco is now navigated to within a short distance of Bogota, the capital of Colombia, and the day is at hand when much of Colombia's trade, as well as that of Ecuador, (which at present goes mostly to England, via Cape Horn), will be seeking the United States through this new channel. Schemes for dredging out the snags and sand-bars have been some time under consideration, and if the Venezuelans and Colombians could only quit "revolution" for a few months, the longest line of fresh water navigation in the world would soon be opened—a system of water ways more prodigious than the mind can readily conceive. The upper Orinoco country has never been thoroughly explored, and to this day nobody knows what can be

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found or raised there; but ever since its discovery, the most astonishing stories have been told of it. Somewhere in the heart of those water ways lies the fabled El Dorado, which the world dreamed about for two hundred years. You have heard how it was alleged to have been discovered by that treacherous knight, Adelantado Gonzalo de Casada, when Francisco Pizarro sent on an exploring expedition after the conquest of Peru, under his brother Gonzalo, with a handful of soldiers; and how Casada, deserted, stole the food and ammunitions and set out on an exploration of his own, leaving young Pizarro to perish of starvation in the wilderness, or to make his way back to Quito as best he could. When Casada returned to Spain, he told the most fabulous tales of the land he had discovered; in order to escape the consequences of his treachery. At his investigation one Antonio Galvano wrote a book, describing these alleged "discoveries," which caused more brain-fever and heart-burning throughout all Europe than all the doctors of medicine or geography could cure. In it the city of El Dorado was minutely portrayed by

THE MERCILESS FIBBER.

who pretended to have seen it, "in the midst of a great white lake." (Did he refer to the ancient Maracibo?) Said he: "Its meanest houses surpass in grandeur all the Inca temples and palaces which Pizarro overthrew. In them are numerous statues of solid gold, large as giants; and other golden figures in proportion. Of the boats, birds, fishes, trees and herbs of the kingdom. Even the vessels and kitchen utensils are of gold and silver, studded with diamonds and other precious stones; and there are robes and chests and bags and trunks of solid gold. There is a pleasure garden in the midst of the city, where the Indians are wont to recreate themselves, in which are also figures of gold and silver, of an invention and magnificence the like of which has never been seen. And the king of this country, you, and all his court, wear apparel of the most famous texture, so that it doth appear like garments sprinkled with the dust of gold and silver and diamonds, from his golden sandals to his golden crown."

ABSURD STORIES.

Strange to say these absurd yarns were read and believed in all the courts of Europe; and they cost the lives of the bravest men of two centuries, who

following the alluring phantom into the wilds of the Amazon and the Orinoco, never to return. Having had our glimpse of the treasures which Pizarro brought from Peru, and the big lumps of virgin gold which Casado himself picked up in Chiriqui, no tale was too extravagant to be believed. Even John Milton, and even Stern, gave the whole of their credence in his "Paradise Lost." Believing that Cortez and Pizarro would be mere beggars beside the fortunate fellow who should find El Dorado, men staked their lives and fortunes on the chance, and the pope gave his blessing to the search. But no valor nor persistence could discover what never existed, and most of the seekers perished miserably.

The phantom king of El Dorado sits on his golden throne in the heart of Venezuela, and is searched for in divers ways as diligently as ever. Norse rovers with their yellow curls, who were the first to find America, Columbus and his following of greedy Spaniards, buccaniers and "bad sea dogs" such as Drake, Raleigh, Hawkins, Gilbert, each had their innings in the chase and long since vanished to the land of shadows; and in this twentieth century the quest has been taken up, with better chance of success, by cool and calculating Yankees, whose modern methods have nothing of romance about them.

RICHEST CITY IN EUROPE.

The richest city in Europe, and probably the richest in the world, is Basel—so it is used to appear in the school geographies in Switzerland.

The returns published by the tax administrator show the assessed valuation is more than \$17,000,000 and the total population is 124,000, an average of more than \$1,400 for each man, woman and child in the city. The assessed valuation of Basel equals the total revenue of the 85,000 houses and buildings in Paris.

Of the 124,000 inhabitants of Basel, there are 180 who are rated as millionaires. Inasmuch as the amount is reckoned in francs, this means that the wealth of these 180 persons exceeds \$200,000. There are 175 who have between \$100,000 and \$200,000, 150 who have \$100,000, and 895 who have from \$20,000 to \$100,000.

Within 15 years the wealth of Basel has increased \$50,000,000 and the population has almost doubled, which is a most remarkable showing for a town that is 1,500 years old. "It has always been famous. It was the important stronghold of Helvetia in the eleventh century and Erasmus died there in the sixteenth century."

The manufacture of silk ribbons is the chief industry. Basel producing more of these ribbons than any other city in Europe. Much machinery is also made there and many chemicals.—New York World.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Wonderful presence of mind saved the life of Edward Hand, a 16-year-old boy, over whom a Pennsylvania railroad train passed last night at Twenty-ninth street and Ridge avenue. By pressing hard against the ties young Hand escaped with a bruised back and a few scratches.

Hand was playing with some other boys in the Ridge avenue station yard, Frank Mitchell, a friend of Hand, it is said, pushed him on the tracks just as a train came backing up. Hand realized that he had no time to get up and jump and quickly made up his mind to "duck." He pressed his body flatly against the ties, laid his head sideways,

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stretched his arms out in front of him and closed his eyes.

"After that I don't know what happened," said the plucky boy later in the German hospital. "I just heard an awful noise on top of me for about an hour—maybe longer—I don't know—I just put me to sleep like. Then I got one good and hard squeeze over my back that waked me up and hurt me a little. The train had passed me and the boys picked me up. I can hear that noise yet, though."

Dr. Bryan examined every bone in his body, but "not a thing one is broken," said the doctor. The boy's back was bruised and sore, though, and he was wrapped up in cotton and liniment before he was sent to his home at 1205 South Forty-eighth street.

"Maybe Mitchell won't be glad when he sees me all right!" he said, "and I don't particularly sorry myself, either."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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