

The New South America

Frank G. Carpenter Writes of His Tour Through Our Sister Continent to Be Opened Up by the Panama Canal—A Bird's Eye View of the Southern Half of our Hemisphere—The Immensity of the Countries and Their Magnificent Distances. Big Things in South America—Travels in the Highlands of the Andes and on the Deserts and the Pampas—How to Fill Uncle Sam's Bread Basket—The Sheep of the Strait of Magellan and the Wild Cattle on the Highlands of Bolivia—Letters About the Mines of the Andes and the Lost Treasures of the Incas—Something About the South American Indian—The New Cities Which Are Growing Faster Than Any in the United States. Some Mighty Natural Wonders—A Tour of 25,000 Miles for Our Newspaper Readers.

KINGSTON, Jamaica. I have stopped off at Kingston, on the island of Jamaica, on my way to South America. I am now in the center of the Caribbean sea. Two days later I shall be at Panama, and within a month I shall be amid the volcanoes and snows on the top of the Andes. I am just starting out on a tour of 25,000 miles through our great sister continent to write a series of letters for this paper. I expect to visit the principal countries of South America, going down the west coast from Panama to Patagonia, traveling for months in the Andes, investigating the possibilities of the South American desert, and writing of all the countries which face the Pacific. Later in the year I shall go around through the Strait of Magellan, or over the mountains to the great republics which lie on their eastern slopes, traversing the mighty plains and traveling up and down the principal rivers.

During this journey I shall describe the countries as they are today, and the mighty changes now going on in their civilization and industrial development. I expect to travel over all the new railroads, describe the new factories and mills, to go down into the mines, and to show the wonderful increase and the enormous possibilities of South American trade.

The Continent of the Future. The new South America. The world makes a blood thingle when I think of its future. South America is the greatest undeveloped world of the nineteenth century. It is the treasure of the universe and the mighty coming bread basket of the world. Argentina alone could supply enough wheat to feed all mankind. The plateau of Bolivia and Brazil added to Uruguay and the Argentine may in the future be our chief sources of meat, and the minerals of the Andes—silver, gold, copper, and tin—practically inexhaustible. As to cultivation, South America has vast unoccupied lands. South America has vast unoccupied lands. South America has vast unoccupied lands.

Some Big Things in South America. We are accustomed to boast that we have the greatest country on earth. North America seems about the only big thing on our hemisphere and the United States, in our opinion, stands out so prominently there as the bull on one's nose. We have no conception of the immensity of the vast continent which lies at the south, nor of the mighty countries which are there in the making. The man on the street thinks of Brazil only as a far-off locality, of minor extent, from where come the coffee he drinks of a morning and the rubber tire which eases his motor car ride to his business. The truth is Brazil is so big that it could cover the whole of the United States proper as with a blanket and have good lands left over equal to ten states the size of Maine to tuck in around the edges. Little Ecuador is twice the size of Missouri, and the low shoe-string of Chile, laid out in one block would more than equal seven states as big as Ohio, Virginia, or Kentucky. Argentina has one-third as much land as the United States, and nearly every foot of it will grow grass, grain or meat. Bolivia is ten times as big as the whole of New England and Columbia is bigger than France or the Spanish peninsula.

News for the American Farmer. Another part of my mission is to describe how farming is done in the various countries and to report upon the cattle and sheep and upon other foods which may be sent to the United States. I expect to make investigations along the same lines, as well as to report upon what they have found.

The Indians of South America. Another field of investigation will be the Indians of South America. We are prone to look upon our land as the chief home of the red man. The truth is, the United States was never thickly populated before the white man came, and its Indians never surpassed in number, it is said, more than 500,000. Some authorities put the population at 350,000. South America has always had millions of Indians, and they are of as many different kinds as we have peoples in America. There were the Incas, who were highly civilized, and who were the rulers of many other tribes, some of whom served as hewers of wood and drawers of water. In the north lived the Chibchas, who had an organized government and considerable civilization. They were skilled weavers, dyers and botanists, and they had paved highways and suspension bridges. They lived in houses and erected temples, and were also expert at tilling the soil.

As to the guano islands, they are scattered along the Pacific coast some distances above where the nitrate desert begins. They are frequented by millions of birds, and the droppings from these have already produced more than twelve million tons of manure as rich as that of your household. They have brought to the treasure vaults of the world a billion dollar gold mine, and although almost exhausted are still yielding guano.

Filling Uncle Sam's Bread Basket. Speaking of the sheep at the strait brings to the investigations I hope to make as to whether South America cannot cut down the cost of our leg of mutton and our tenderloin roasts. There is no doubt that frozen meats can be shipped from there to our country and be served just as fresh as though they came from the farm. I have seen them loading ships with frozen mutton in New Zealand for London. The distance between the two countries is far greater than that between New York and the South American ports. Nevertheless, the meat sells readily in the markets of Europe, and the same is true of the beef which goes to London from the Argentine pampas. There is no reason why the vast sheep and cattle ranches of southern South America should not aid in the supply of our American markets. The same is true of the wool which should not get cattle from the slopes of Venezuela and Colombia.

The Mines of the Andes. I shall also write about the actual live treasure vaults of the highlands. I shall go through the mining regions and show something of the big things now going on. The Andes are peppered with silver and gold from the isthmus to the strait, and of late several of the republics have been exporting vast quantities of copper and silver. A large percentage of all the tin, diamonds, emeralds, and rubies in the world comes from Bolivia, and the copper mines there are just at their beginning. Many of the old silver mines of the Andes are now yielding copper. This is so of Cerro de Pasco, which is now being operated by American capital. The silver mountains at Potosi in Bolivia. As to gold, Bolivia is one of the treasure vaults of the universe. It has already yielded over a billion dollars in gold, and it is said to have tin enough to supply the world in precious stones. Columbia gives us our most beautiful emeralds, and Brazil was the chief source of our diamond supply before the great mines of South Africa came to be known.

Big Cities of South America. When I traveled over South America fifteen years ago the biggest town on the continent was not larger than the Baltimore of today. Since then many of the cities have been increasing more rapidly than any United States municipality, and now there are two cities of over a million. The Argentinian city of Buenos Aires is the largest. It is the capital of Argentina, and there are few places in the world which compare with it in richness and beauty. At the last census it was estimated to contain more than 1,800,000. At its present rate of growth it will soon surpass Chicago, and it promises to be one of the most beautiful cities of this hemisphere. Within the past few years tens of millions of dollars have been spent upon city improvements. The congested business sections have been cut through to make wide avenues, and magnificent public buildings have been erected. The city has one newspaper building which is said to have cost \$5,000,000, and it has fine residences and parks galore.

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ver, so that it is now as safe for the traveler as any town of the world. Santiago de Chile is growing, and its famous public park, situated on a little table mountain in the heart of the city, one of the wonders of landscape gardening. Montevideo is a gem, and there are other cities which can give points to us in modern civic improvements and in municipal government.

Great Natural Wonders. It would take more than a letter to even mention the natural wonders of the South American continent. There is no mountain system except the Himalayas which compares in grandeur with the mighty Andes, and there is no river which is equal in volume and in its vast number of navigable tributaries to the Amazon. South America has the highest lakes in the world. Lake Titicaca, which lies between Peru and Bolivia. That lake is two miles straight up in the air above the level of the sea, and is as big as Lake Erie. It has snow-capped mountains about it, and its islands are filled with the ruins of unknown civilizations. The falls of the Parana in eastern Brazil are said to surpass the Niagara in their wonderful features, and the branches of the Amazon have mighty cascades almost unknown.

The Gateway to South America. I am sailing tomorrow for the isthmus of Panama to see the canal as it looks at its completion. I saw it first more than seventeen years ago. Then the French were in charge, and they had 3,000 negroes at work. I visited it again when Uncle Sam had organized his force under Engineer Wallace, and I have been on the ground from time to time while the greatest army of laborers the world has ever known, under Col. Goethals, has been piling down the mountains and damming the streams. The great ditch has now separated the continents, but at the same time it will for the future be the great gateway from one to the other. My next letter will describe it as it looks today, and as it will look when the ships go through.

FRANK G. CARPENTER.

Thoughts Teresely Told

Blessed is the man who has found his work.
The character of our thinking determines the nature of our ideals.
Do not make so much of the failures about you.
To widen your life without deepening it is merely to weaken it.
Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you.
The careless use of other people's names is one of the evidences of untrained thought.
What men want is not talent, it is purpose; not industry, the power to be done with the day when night comes. You have done your best. Forget the blunders.
Find your place and fill it. No matter how humble the place, treat it. Determine to be a "doer" of something.
Often I realize that as a hedge to keep us in the good pasture. Often prosperity is a gap through which we go astray.
Think of yourself as on the threshold of success. A whole, clear, glorious life lies before you. Achieve, achieve.
Resolve that, like the sun, so long as days last, you will look on the bright side.
There is one thing better than making a living. It is making life.
If bitterness has crept into the heart in the friction of the busy day's unguarded moments, be sure it steals away with the setting sun.
Study hard. But remember that study alone will not lead to heights of usefulness and success.
True greatness never happens. No man can fight another soul's battles. Self-distrust is the cause of many failures in this life.
Avoid the small view, the fault-finder's view. Run from gossip as from a pestilence. Fill your soul with great ideals.
The strength of your will is the measure of your life's strength. Behind the will lies the heart and its desire.
Good habits can be formed as easily as evil ones. Form good habits.
He who goes through life with a smile for every frown, a cheery word for every cross one and lending a helping hand to the unfortunate is, after all, a good soul.
A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man. Kites rise against, but not with the wind.
How soon the millennium would come if everybody would do today the things they intend to do tomorrow.
Do not say you are too old. Age is largely imagination. Ignore the coming years, smile and age passes you by.
That which is good to be done can

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