

PARANA IS MOST ECCENTRIC RIVER

Tears Down Islands and Rears New Ones.

Washington.—Canada has a Kicking Horse river; Argentina has the Parana which performs that way, and just now is indulging in its perennial delta trick of tearing down islands and rearing up new ones.

A trip up this beautiful, eccentric stream is described by William H. Barbour in the following communication to the National Geographic society:

"We left Buenos Aires one cool, showery morning in December (early summer) on the side-wheel, 12-foot draft steamer Berna, and after being out of sight of land for hours, in a turbid, muddy sea, reached the confluence of the Uruguay and Parana rivers and turned northwest up the latter. The stream was miles wide, the color of coffee with cream, and broken by numberless marshy islands. The shores on the left were covered with plantations of poplar and willow.

Argentina's Second City. Next morning we made our first stop at Rosario, the second largest city of Argentina and a notable shipping point for grain and flaxseed. It is located on high clay bluffs west of the river along whose banks there lie huge grain warehouses and elevators which cut off our view of the city proper, with its 250,000 people, a large part of whom are Italians. The water beside the Rosario docks is deep enough for ocean freighters, and the city serves as port of outlet for a great agricultural section.

"About sunset imposing white stuccoed church towers came into sight ahead, and rounding a great bend we came to Parana, capital of the province of Entre Rios. It is a town of about 50,000 people, and exports large amounts of hides and cereals; its wharves are equipped with traveling cranes and backed by solidly built concrete warehouses.

"When day came the character of the country had changed. On each side stretched endless reaches of low, partially inundated country, densely wooded with strange tropical trees, interspersed with an occasional 'feather-duster' palm. The wide flood was dotted with islands, large and small, among which the buoyed channel meandered. Camalotes, which the Spanish dictionary defines as 'river plants in South America resembling a floating island,' began to drift by. Usually only a few would be joined together, but occasionally our boat would swing abruptly aside to avoid patches which had collected about some floating uprooted tree to form islands 50 feet across.

Stranded "Islands" a Menace. "These camalotes make their appearance in times of high water, being carried out into the current from the adjacent swamps. They always harbor many snakes. In 1905 a great flood brought so many of these 'islands' down the river that they stranded on the banks near Buenos Aires and thus constituted a public menace. Thousands of snakes, with an occasional wild boar or other animal which had become marooned, went ashore into the thickets between Palermo park and the river, and a large force of policemen armed with machetes had to be put to work killing them.

"By the third morning the territory of the Chaco lay to the west of us, its largely unexplored swamps and jungles covering an area of at least 200,000 square miles. In northern Argentina, western Paraguay, and southwestern Bolivia. Were it not the home of the quebracho, that tree which is so important a source of tannin, the region would be even less known than it is.

"In the forenoon we reached Corrientes, capital of the province of the same name. It is a typically Spanish-looking, sleepy old place, with its one-story whitewashed brick homes showing only blank walls to the narrow, filthy, roughly cobbled streets.

"Immediately above the city the river is very wide, but, thanks to high water, we were able to stay close to the west shore, behind a string of islands. Fresh-water gulls, small cranes, and large, dull-blue kingfishers vied for interest with the alligators basking on the sunny banks.

"Soon we reached the confluence of the Parana and Paraguay rivers, and continued up the latter."

Alda Thrills Radio Audience In Second Victor Presentation



The joint effort of the Victor Talking Machine Company and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company to present the radio public with programs of a higher musical standard had its second test on January 15 when Madame Frances Alda, prima donna of the Metropolitan Opera, sang to an unseen audience of more than 6,000,000.

The famous soprano, whose voice has been characterized as capable of remarkable color-shading, appeared before the microphone for the first time in her career of many triumphs, and before the last notes of her final selection had gone out on the ether she had scored another triumph. In fact, long before the program had come to a close telephone messages and telegrams of congratulation poured into the studio of station WJAF, New York, from which the prima donna broadcast.

On the program with Madame Alda were Frank La Forge, composer-pianist; the Florentine Quartette, and the Victor Concert Orchestra, Rosario Bourdon, conducting. Victor radio recitals, which began with the McCormack-Boel concert New Year's night, will continue for a time to be given twice monthly, according to officials of the company, to determine to what extent music of the highest character, rendered by the world's most famous artists, is desired by the public. In this connection, Victor officials have frankly stated that they hope to stimulate sufficient interest in the records of these artists, since this is the only return the public can make to the artist, to inspire a wish on the part of their listeners for constant contact with their favorites through the medium of the phonograph.

Be sure to watch the label on your paper.

City Paving Expected To be Extensive This Year

Ordinances providing for the paving of approximately 4,000 feet of the streets of the city were ordered drawn at the meeting of the council held Monday evening. In all instances this action was taken following written or verbal petitions from a part of the tax payers affected by the proposed improvements.

One project which the city expects to take up during the coming summer is the paving of south Sixth street from the end of the present pavement to the city limits. It is also planned to pave east Washington from Tenth street to the city park. Both of these streets will be finished with hard surface paving according to the present plans before the council.

According to the ordinance ordered drawn by the council at the meeting Monday the entire length of Chestnut avenue, from G to L streets will be paved with class A macadam. The ordinance has already been passed providing for the paving of an alley in Shields addition between Seventh and Eighth streets. This will be class A macadam.

It is the intention of the council not to advertise for bids on any of this paving until it is definitely settled whether the proposed street improvement now under consideration will be carried out or not. A better bid is expected from contractors where a large job is advertised than where the contract is let out in smaller portions.

In order to kill a measure providing for paving it is necessary for two-thirds of the property along the street to be represented in a remonstrance against the work.

That Proofreader Again. "What do you mean by implying that I have dishonestly covered myself with the people's money?" demanded the city treasurer, as he rushed into the office of the local paper.

"What's the trouble?" casually queried the city editor. "Here it is," indignantly continued the public official, pointing to a news item.

The item began: "William Biens, who is encrusted with the public funds. . . .—Everybody's Magazine for February.

University to Offer Work in History Of Canada

University of Oregon, Eugene, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—A course in Canadian history will be offered for the first time at the University of Oregon in the fall term with Dean Colin V. Dymont of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts as instructor. The course will cover the history of the Dominion from the time of Jacques Cartier, early French navigator and explorer, to the present, including the French discovery and occupation, the conquest by the English, and the political, military, and social development thereafter. The relationships of Canada to the United States will be an important part of the course.

Nine Delegates Going To O. A. C. Meeting

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 18.—Six students and three faculty members of Cottage Grove high school will attend the educational exposition there February 21 to 23 as official delegates. They are O. W. Hays, superintendent; Miss Myrtle Lay, instructor in domestic science, Miss Mandamson, instructor in domestic art, Bonita Begger, Dolly Pitcher, Kathryn McQueen, Dana McCargar, John Bartels and Dale Miller.

While on the campus the delegates will be entertained at fraternity and sorority houses. More than 600 high school student delegates, and faculty members attended the exposition last year and indications are that fully as many will attend this year.

Early to Rise. The chief—"H'm, late again; Smith!" Smith—"I'm sorry, sir, but last night my wife presented me with a boy." Chief—"She'd have done better to have presented you with an alarm clock." Smith—"I rather fancy she has sir."—The Passing Show (London).

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