

TRISTAN CALLED HAVEN OF REST

Isolated Spot of Contentment is Visited by British Cruiser

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 5.—The island of Tristan da Cunha is described as "an unspoiled haven of rest for the weary soul, a Mecca for those who long for relief from worries of life," by the chaplain of the British cruiser Dartmouth which has just returned from a visit to that isolated spot.

"No need to worry over money there for there is none," said the chaplain. "There are no taxes, no doctors, no lawyers, no clergymen, no policemen, not even a head man. Newspapers and mail arrive with luck about once every two years."

"There is not even any medicine, for the last supply of medicine was thrown into the sea by

the inhabitants, who are remarkably healthy. Epidemics are unknown.

"Tristan is a British possession in the South Atlantic between South Africa and South America. Its snow-capped peak towers nearly 8,000 feet above sea level. It is only 21 miles in circumference. The nearest inhabited place is St. Helena, 1,200 miles away. The island itself is of volcanic origin, the only habitable portion of it being a tongue of fertile land at the foot of the precipitous cliffs.

"Sufficient potatoes are grown in plots to meet the need of the inhabitants. Cattle and sheep were introduced years ago and many cattle now run wild. Cothes are only to be obtained by bartering from ships that call. For protection to the feet the people make moccasins of bullock hide. Wonderful socks are made by the women from wool carded by themselves.

From June to October of this year the people had been without bread, tea, coffee and sugar, but they all looked pretty well nourished.

The reason there is no bread is that 50 or 60 years ago a shipwreck near the island allowed rats to get ashore so that since that time no wheat has been raised. But the men say that they are going to try again when the next mail in a year or two brings them some seed wheat. In the meantime they are in no hurry; if there isn't any bread they can be contented on potatoes. And to supplement their potatoes fish are abundant, and cattle, and birds with their eggs, and seals. They want for many things, says the chaplain, nevertheless "there appears to be little discontent and few ever wish to leave the island."

Indian and Bride Are Content With Marriage

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 5.—Jackson Barnett, aged 72, reputed oil millionaire and said to be the wealthiest Indian in America and his white wife, formerly Anna Laura Love, aged 30, have defeated a suit to have their marriage cancelled. By living amicably throughout a month's honeymoon in the Indian's humble domicile near Henryetta, Okla., they swept aside all evidence presented in the Kansas supreme court and suit to annul the union has been crossed off the calendar.

The suit was brought by Carl J. O'Hornett of Henryetta, Okla., the Indian's guardian, and Cato Sells, United States commissioner of Indian affairs. It is set forth that Barnett was illiterate and that last May he and his bride eloped in an automobile furnished by the woman, crossed the Kansas line and were married in Arkansas City. In the original proceedings instituted in the Kansas supreme court, Guardian O'Hornett petitioned that his wife be restored to him. It was charged that the bride had kidnapped her husband and that she was an adventuress.

Barnett, characteristic of his race, is a man of few words. He made it plain to the court, however, that he was sane and content. "The Indian and his bride appear to have stood the test of matrimony," commented Judge A. M. Jackson, commissioner appointed by the supreme court to hear the evidence in the case. "It was agreed that Barnett and his wife be permitted to go on a honeymoon over they still maintain they are satisfied, so after conference with all parties concerned, it was agreed to recommend to the supreme court that the case be dropped."

The supreme court acted in accord with Judge Jackson's recommendations.

The Indian for many years lived on his land allotment near Henryetta, his horses and his dogs his only companions. He made little use of his land, his cash allotment from the government being ample to purchase his few worldly needs.

But a few years ago Barnett's farm began to yield oil. Under his state and federal guardians, the Indian's wealth increased from the royalties until, according to O'Hornett, it now exceeds a million dollars.

Use of Horses at Bull Fights is Protested

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 5.—There is a slight agitation here against the use of horses in bull fighting. One contributor writing to a local paper objects on the ground that the bull will kill so many horses that the supply of them for transportation in the city will be depleted.

Protest on behalf of the horses is confined to those who are not keen followers of the sport. A true bull fight fan will tell any one that a horse, even though he is gored and mutilated by an angry bull, is a necessary adjunct to the fight and plays a part in keeping with the picador who mounts him.

However, the sight of a gored animal running frantically around the arena, fleeing because of his blindness, for he knows not what has sent many hundreds home from the games before they were completed. This was especially noticeable when the United

'Y' CONFERENCE HERE JAN. 28-30

Oregon and Idaho to Have Annual Convention in Salem

Plans for the forwarding of the work of the Young Men's Christian association in Oregon and Idaho will be taken up at the 21st annual convention of the associations of those two states to be held at Salem January 28 and 30.

Addresses on various topics of interest will be delivered by speakers from all over the country. Among these will be two of the Y. M. C. A. leaders from New York city, John Brown, Jr., senior secretary, physical department of the international committee, and George Irving, religious work department of the international committee.

There will be three major convention themes: The religious field and opportunity of the association, volunteer service, and the association's program for health and recreation. Some of the features of the gathering will be group luncheons, men's mass meeting, boys' mass meetings, fellowship banquet and book table and exhibit.

Preparations for the event are in charge of W. W. Dillon, interstate secretary, with headquarters at Portland.

Among the speakers who have been listed are the following: John Brown, Jr., M. D., senior secretary, physical department international committee, New York city; George Irving, religious work department, international committee, New York city; Geo. D. McDill, executive secretary, Pacific region, international committee, Los Angeles; Charles Pfeiffer, industrial secretary, Pacific region, international committee, San Francisco.

Blaine Kirkpatrick, pastor First Methodist church, Salem; H. W. Stone, general secretary Y. M. C. A., Portland; C. L. Shaw, general secretary Y. M. C. A., Baker; A. R. Hodges, physical director Y. M. C. A., Boise; Hal Dennelly, student secretary, University of Oregon; Cash Wood, secretary Jackson county Y. M. C. A., Medford; W. W. Dillon, interstate secretary Oregon-Idaho Y. M. C. A.

States' excursionists were here for President Obregon's inauguration ceremonies.

President Obregon has given his sanction of the sport by appearing one Sunday afternoon when Rodolfo Gaona and Ernesto Pastore fought jointly. He occupied a ringside seat. When Pastor, playing the last bull, made what appeared to be a death thrust the president arose to leave and the band immediately struck up the national anthem. The bull, however, was not dead and started to charge. At the sound of the music, he stopped in his tracks, lowered his head and with Pastor standing at rigid attention not three feet from the bull's horns, the hymn was completed. A second Veteran fight-specter asserted the spectacle was the strangest ever seen in the local arena.

ROME PARADISE TO BE RESTORED

Vast Tract of Ancient Gardens Has Remained Idle Since Fall of Rome

OSTIA, Italy, Jan. 5.—Efforts are being made to reclaim and plant parts of the vast tract of land which stretches for several miles around Rome and goes by the name of the "Campagna Romana." It has been allowed to remain idle and uncultivated ever since the fall of the Roman empire.

Before that time it was a sort of terrestrial paradise; villas and gardens were dotted all over it as far as the eye could see. It was luxuriant with fruit and flowers, it supplied food and work for thousands upon thousands of men. It was one of the most beautiful and intensively cultivated spots in the world.

When Rome, however, was obliged to resign her position as "the mistress of the world," the "campagna" was abandoned and gradually became a marshy, malaria-infected desert, inhabited only by a few hardy shepherds.

Now, however, the law which was recently passed, decreeing that anyone who does not cultivate his land to the utmost of its capacity is liable to have the land confiscated, is beginning to have its effect. Prince Alderandini has engaged a company to reclaim a huge estate of several thousand acres, which he owns in the campagna.

The work has already begun, and an experimental station has been set up at Ostia. The land arrangements were made to obtain water from the Tiber for irrigation. Electric tractors to draw the plows were then bought and various kinds of fruits, vegetables and cereals cultivated in order to find out how fertile the land is and what kind of crop it is most adapted for.

The results were beyond the wildest hopes of any of the promoters of the company. The land, after lying idle for centuries, seems to have stored up its fertility throughout all that time and now yields crop upon crop with unassuming hand.

An attempt has even been made to grow cotton here, and the experiment has been successful, but how successful it has been impos-

sible to determine, as the cotton seed was of the poorest quality obtainable. This year, however, it is proposed to plant American or Egyptian cotton.

So happy have the results at the experimental station been that it is hoped that soon work may be begun for the total reclaiming of the whole of the "campagna."

War Memorial To Be Raised at Salt Lake

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 11.—Appropriations for construction of a memorial building in honor of the men who fought in the world war will be considered by the Utah legislature. Several senators and representatives have stated they believe \$1,000,000 should be spent on the building.

Construction of the memorial building was first broached at the session of the legislature two years ago, and a committee was named by the governor to investigate the matter. To legislature voted the committee \$5,000 expenses.

The committee's report, it is believed, will be submitted at the next session. According to one member, it will call for a building to be erected here to contain a large auditorium, halls for relics and rooms for meeting places for service men and former service men.

Consolidation of several state commissions and departments, an economy move, probably will be taken up by the legislature. One discussed consolidation would bring together the state securities commission, which has charge of all stock sales, and the state bank commission.

Amendment of the workmen's compensation law to include agricultural employes has been recommended by the legislative committee and probably will be considered by the legislature.

Coast Line Defense Detects Ships at Sea

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—California's coast line of defense against a hostile fleet is now 250 miles at sea and before the end of the year a chain of stations will be able to detect a hostile fleet 24 hours before it reaches the coast, according to Lieutenant Commander Scott D. McCaughey, district communication superintendent of the 12th naval district here.

Direction-finding compass stations are operating off San Francisco bay, Eureka and Point Arguello. Within a month stations will be opened protecting Santa Barbara, San Pedro and San Diego and one close to the Mexican border. Before the end of the year stations will be erected along the Washington, Oregon and Alaska coasts, some thirty stations. Then a ship can be accurately located more than 400 miles at sea.

This new coast defense, a war invention which saved the British fleet in the battle of Jutland and saved London from Zeppelin attack, is said in peace time to save vessels from fogs and wrecks by errors in steering a false course.

Twelve hundred bearings a month have been given by the San Francisco radio-compass, or directing finding stations. These groups of radio compass stations intercept radio waves from vessels and can accurately locate the vessel by determining the direction from which the waves come.

Mariners, who were skeptical when plans for the stations were announced, today are co-operating enthusiastically according to Lieutenant Commander McCoy. Several wrecks have been averted. Recently a trans-Pacific liner ran into a shoal off San Francisco during a fog. The radio-compass stations gave the liner's bearings as ten miles distant from where the captain's dead reckoning placed it. Lifting of the fog proved the radio-compass direction right and the captain wrong.

REALTY MEN TO TURN BOOSTERS

Permanent County Organization of Real Estate Men Is Planned

A temporary organization of the real estate men of Marion county was formed last night at meeting held in the offices of Bell and Swegel, when Mr. Hayford was chosen chairman and Karl Beck was named as secretary. Plans for a real Oregon boosters' club were set on foot. Fred O. Brockman, secretary of the Interstate Realty association from Portland was present and gave his aid in the organization of the Marion land dealers.

At a banquet to be held in the near future a permanent organization will be perfected. Invitations will be sent to every licensed dealer in Marion county to be present and take a part in forming an organization which has as its primary purpose the boosting of the Willamette valley.

The meeting last night unanimously endorsed the proposed state real estate license bill which is to be presented at the present session of the legislature.

R. C. Paulus, sales manager of the Oregon Growers Co-Operative Association, reports the year pool for this season amounted to \$495,599.47. Bartletts ranked first, with sales of \$241,996.97, with the Bose second, its sales amounting to \$78,211.55. Anjo peers were third with sales of \$56,871.52, and Winter Nellis fourth with sales of \$14,000,000.

INDIA STANDS ON NEW LAWS

Elections For Government Post Go On According to Act Provisions

The new law for the government of India went into effect with the opening of the new year and for the first time in the history of India under British rule, the election for government posts are going on in accordance with the provisions of the new government of India act.

Responsibility government Planned The stated aims of the new act are "to introduce more responsible government in India." The preamble of the act sums up the general purposes as follows: "It is the declared policy of parliament to provide for the increasing population of India in every branch of Indian administration and for the gradual development of self-governing institutions, with a view to the progressive realization of responsible government in British India as an integral part of the empire."

"Progress in giving effect to this policy can only be achieved by successive stages and it is expedient that substantial steps in this direction should now be taken.

"The time and manner of each advance can be determined only by parliament upon whom responsibility lies for the welfare and advancement of the Indian peoples.

"The action of parliament in such matters must be guided by the cooperation received from those on whom new opportunities of service will be conferred and by the extent to which it is found that confidence can be reposed in their sense of responsibility.

"Concurrently with the gradual development of self-governing institutions in the provinces of India, it is expedient to give to those provinces in provincial matters the largest measure of independence of the government of India which is compatible with the discharge by the latter of its own responsibilities."

Under the terms of the act, elections are being held for seats in the provincial legislative councils and the Indian legislature, which the act provides for popular elections. About 5,000,000 people are enfranchised by the act, or about 1.5 per cent of the entire population.

The executive government in India consists under the new law of a governor general appointed by the secretary of state for India in London, an executive council of nine, three members of which shall be Indians (heretofore only one member of six was an Indian) a council of state, comprising 60 members elected and appointed; and a legislative assembly of 140 members, of whom 100 shall be elected and the rest appointed by the governor general of India.

CHANGES IN SCHEDULES OREGON ELECTRIC RAILWAY

On and after Sunday January 9th, changes in the passenger schedules of the Oregon Electric Railway will be made as shown below:

No. 12 will leave Salem at 11:15 a. m. instead of 11:30, arrive Portland, Jefferson street 1:05 p. m. instead of 1:30 and North Bank station 1:20 p. m. instead of 1:45.

No. 17 will leave Portland, North Bank Station 6:25 P. M. instead of 6:05, Jefferson Street 6:40 P. M. instead of 6:20, arrive Salem 8:25 P. M. instead of 8:05.

No. 19 will leave Portland, North Bank Station 9:30 P. M. instead of 9:20, Jefferson Street 9:45 P. M. instead of 9:35, arrive Salem 11:35 P. M. instead of 11:20.

No. 23 will leave Woodburn 2:30 P. M. instead of 2:07, arrive Salem 3:15 P. M. instead of 3:05.

No. 5 from Portland will arrive Salem 10:15 A. M. instead of 10:11.—J. W. RITCHIE, Agent. (adv.)

navy affairs remain under the soft control of the governor.

The provincial government consists of a governor appointed by the secretary of state for India in London, an executive council of two members, one of whom is an Indian and the other a European; and a legislative council, 70 per cent of whose members shall be elected and 30 per cent appointed.

Governor Chooses Ministers From the members of this council the governor chooses ministers for the various departments.

The act does not confer upon the Indians complete responsibility over all governmental affairs but reserves certain subjects to be administered by the governor in council. The subjects over which the Indians are given jurisdiction include: education, agriculture, except irrigation, land revenue and water storage, industries, except factories, mines, railways, shipping, navigation, customs, currency and coinage. The exceptions are included under the reserved subjects which will be administered by the governor in council.

South Americans Welcome Secretary Colby's Visit

SANTIAGO, Jan. 11.—The newspaper, La Nacion, commenting on the visit of Ralbridge Colby, American secretary of state, to Brazil and Uruguay, suggested that it be arranged so he would visit Chile.

"It is worthy of notice that the imperialistic tendencies which seem to dominate the spirit of some North American public men never appear to remain in the minds of public figures in the United States after they have traveled among us and thereby obtained a fairly exact personal impression of our republics," the paper asserts. "It would seem that a voyage to this continent of a prominent North American converts him immediately to respect and esteem these young republics."

"Every effort to draw closer the ties with other countries of America on a basis of just equality is a praiseworthy one," it adds. "The voyage of Mr. Colby presents an opportunity to do this with the United States and we should not overlook the occasion."

Bulgarian Politicians Wives Called on Carpet

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The wives of prominent Bulgarian politicians and generals are being called to account by the Bulgarian government whenever it is proved

that their influence over their husbands has caused a political or military disaster to the nation. The wives of several public men and generals have already been made responsible by the Bulgarian government for the disastrous results of the war owing to the influence they exerted over their husbands, says the newspaper Atré, published in Sofia.

It is believed in Sofia that the sentiments of a number of Bulgarian movement for a greater Bulgaria to enter the war on the side of the central powers.

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