

WHERE AMERICA AND ASIA COME NEAR TOGETHER

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bering Strait, where Asia and America nearly meet, recently was spanned by air when an aviator flew from Nome to a vessel lying in the Arctic ocean beyond the north shore of Siberia.

"Less than 200 years ago, Bering Strait had not been crossed by a boat with a civilized navigator in command," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society. "Since then, whalers, Arctic explorers, and adventurers have passed through and across the strait."

Fog Hid America from Early Explorers
"About twenty years after the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock two Russian expeditions sailed along the western bank of Bering Strait without seeing the American side. Later a trading station was established on the Russian bank, but it was nearly a century later that Alaska was explored from the west."

"Rumors were current at the Russian trading station that there was an island in the strait, hidden by the fog that envelops the region and that America lay to the east. The 'island' proved to be two islands now known as Diomedes. Today one of the Diomedes belongs to Russia; the other to the United States, for the international boundary line runs between them. They are inhabited by Eskimos who make their living chiefly as 'go between' for American and Russian traders."

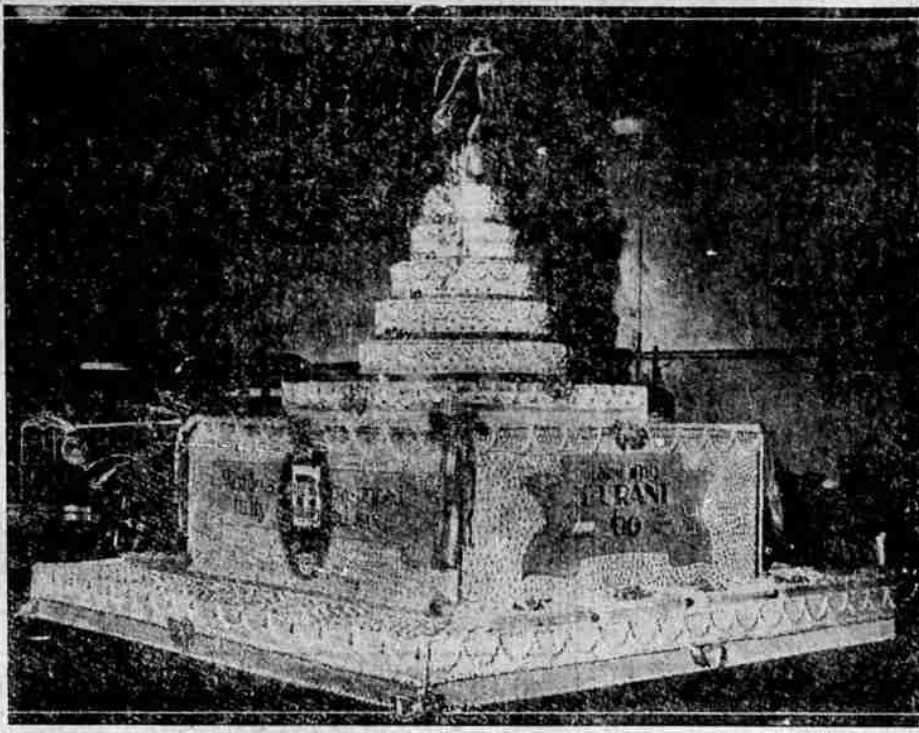
Strait, Sea and Island Named for Bering
"Bering Strait and Bering sea take their names from Vitus Bering, a Danish navigator who enlisted in the Russian navy in 1733. Peter the Great ordered him to the east coast of Siberia in 1725. He went overland to Okhotsk and then to Kamchatka where he built a ship for his explorations. He sailed up the Bering sea coast but America was hidden in the fog. On a subsequent voyage, in 1741, he saw the American continent for the first time. On his way back to Siberia, Bering's ship was wrecked on what is now known as Bering 'island' in the Commander group. Sailors who reached the mainland carried the story of the fur trade possibilities in Alaska and soon Russian trappers and traders moved to the new continent."

"If the international boundary line continued north and south as it does through the strait, half of the Aleutians would belong to Russia. But at the south end of the strait it veers southwestward, missing the western end of the Aleutian chain by about 150 miles. Priphilops are 'Treasure Islands' of Alaska."

"The Commander Islands form the only group on the Russian side of the line while the United States acquired the St. Lawrence, St. Matthew, Nunivak and the Pribilof Islands when Seward paid Russia \$7,000,000 for the famous 'Seward Ice Box,' as Alaska was called by critics of the purchase."

"Perhaps the most important

THE WORLD'S LARGEST CAKE



Said to be the largest monumental cake ever baked, this masterpiece is the creation of Georg Lloyd, internationally known artist in cakecraft. It was served to more than three thousand people in the city of Everett, Washington, by the

Klinefelter Motor Company, when that concern opened its doors as Durant dealer in that city. It was 14 feet square and 16 feet high and more than a week was required to bake and construct the cake.

and best known of the American islands are the Pribilofs where the United States Bureau of Fisheries maintains a sealing station and fox ranch. During the summer months, several hundred thousand seals inhabit the rocky shores of the Pribilofs, the world's largest fur seal breeding ground. Each year furs worth more than half a million dollars are shipped from the Pribilofs to the St. Louis market. A century ago the Bering sea was also a whaler's paradise, but, as in the north Atlantic, the supply of these huge mammals is scarce and the old whaling vessels are fewer in these waters.

"Bering sea is 38 times larger than Lake Michigan. The Gulf of Mexico could be swallowed up in its area. If the Bering sea were placed on a map of the United States with its northernmost point at Chicago, the Aleutian Islands, which form its southern boundary, would dot the northern shore of the Gulf of Mexico. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, without modern navigating instruments, the early explorers steered their frail ships over the vast sea, frequently imperiled by floating ice from the Arctic. During the winter months of the year a large portion of the sea is covered by its own ice."

MOSCOW—(AP) The commissariat of trade announced that 88 per cent of the 16,000,000 tons of Soviet exports in 1928 were carried in foreign vessels. The government is considering organization of a special soviet chartering company.

SPRING IS HERE IT'S PLANTING TIME

Betty Holmes of the Bass-Huetter Paint Co., says:

"Spring is here, the lawns are green, trees put forth their leaf buds."

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"And if one need to paint must it be in staid forbidding gray? Must the roof be less noticeable than a Quaker's gray bonnet? Can't the doorway invite with colors? And why shouldn't the window sashes frame the gay colors of the inside curtains? It's all a matter of choosing color harmony in paints just as you would in decorating a room."

"So next time the family discussion turns on 'painting the house' announce bravely that gray is a sad color and you want your home to express happiness and joy in living."

yellow and blue!

"But for the timid in adventures in exterior color there is a much easier way to satisfy a feeling for color. I have on my desk an exterior color harmony selector which takes all the guesswork out of house painting. It is made up of shades of house paint both for wood, stucco and roofs, arranged in eighteen gradations of the spectrum. Over this disc revolves a slotted mask. The largest slot represents the body color, the smaller slots complementary trims, roof color and possible accents of color in awnings or flower groupings."

"One need only consider the type of house to be painted, choose a suitable body color from one of the many shown on the selector, turn the mask until that color appears in the largest slot and automatically the remaining colors proper to use with the body color appear in the other slots. What could be more practical and yet so simple? Such charts are available to everyone and well worth having."

VIENNA—(AP) Two of the largest theaters in Vienna, the Wiener Buhne and the Roland theater, are to be converted into garages. Hard times forced suspension of operations as play houses.

MILAN, Italy—(AP) This capital of Lombardy is now the largest city in Italy. Latest census figures give it 842,114; Naples, 840,133; Rome, 870,571; Genoa, 612,035; Turin, 570,900; Florence, 275,397; Venice, 225,316.

TATTOOING LOSING ITS VOGUE AMONG HARDY SAILORMAN

NORFOLK, Va.—(AP) The popularity of tattooing is waning. This is the opinion of the needle and in artists who follow the trade here.

"Tattooing has seen its best days," one veteran holds. "The late czar of Russia was tattooed and there was a time when many society folk took to it, but now our work is confined chiefly to sailors."

Designs of wide variety adorn the walls of the "parlors" where the tattooers play their calling. One finds girls' heads, representative of many races; caricatures; vignettes of clumsy steamers sinking in heavy seas; religious images; arrangements of hearts and doves with the word "mother" or "sweetheart" intertwined; bathing beauties; butterflies and battle-ships.

The veteran needleman believes people get tattooed because "they are still savages underneath, and they like to get themselves up to look pretty."

He says, however, it is "just a sort of tradition with sailors."

MODEL A FORD WINS FIRST ECONOMY RUN

The grand sweepstakes award as well as first prize in its own class were both won by a Model A Tudor sedan in a gasoline economy contest among women drivers held recently in southern California. Thirty-seven cars of various makes participated under American Automobile Association supervision, and a distance of 170 miles was covered, including an ascent of a mountain 6000 feet above sea level.

In describing the winning car, the Los Angeles Herald said:

"The lion's share of the honors was won by Mrs. Paul Lawrence, piloting Ford car No. 1, Tudor sedan with four people as passengers. She won the trophy in class 1-A and the sweepstakes trophy for the best gasoline record and no oil or water, regardless of class. Under Mrs. Lawrence's able handling the car only used 7 1/2 gallons of gasoline and no oil or water. The Ford averaged 35.5 ton miles per gallon."

The contest was open only to private owners driving strictly stock cars. No manufacturer was permitted to participate. It was staged on a circuitous route to Long Beach, down the coast and back, thence to San Bernardino and up the Cajon Pass.

There were five different classes, in each of which a prize was awarded, and one grand sweepstakes prize for the best performance regardless of class. The next nearest car made 33.7 ton miles per gallon, and the third was 33.3 ton miles.

Medford is the county seat and metropolis of the Rogue River valley and gateway to Crater Lake.

President Eight Has Roomy Interior



The luxurious comfort of the new Studebaker closed car interiors is reflected in the roomy rear compartment of the President Eight sedan. Wider seats have French pillow-type upholstery of rich Bedford cord. Heavily upholstered arm rests flank the rear seat. Silk toggle grips, engraved jewelry hardware, vanity case and smoking set are included in the appointments. The tasteful interior of the President Eight reflects the

alert performance of its 115 horsepower motor. It was the President Eight that last year established the greatest record of speed and endurance in history, by traveling 30,000 miles in 25,326 consecutive minutes.

A new high altitude all-metal fighting airplane built for the British air ministry can climb to an altitude of four miles in 12 minutes.

HEIR TO MILLIONS MADE FROM DAIRY QUILTS HIS FOOLING

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas.—(AP) The play boy of the gulf coast has gone to work.

Gail Borden Munall, heir to portion of the riches of the Borden Milk company is building a pleasure resort on the sandy wastes of Mustang island near here. When the colony of cottages is completed the 24-year-old sportsman will emerge as a full fledged promoter. Munall came to Corpus Christi from Yale. He came to drive speed boats, shoot ducks and catch deep sea bass. His exploits along the 1000 miles of south Texas coast have made history. Nothing traveled too fast for Munall, nothing was too daring, no adventure too arduous. Now he has settled down to business.

Aside from his sporting proclivities, Munall collects guns, swords and rapiers. He also studies poetry.

Twenty-six candidates are seeking the republican nomination for jailer of Perry county, Kentucky. Twenty of them are named Combs.

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