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"Crusoe" Island Has Census Taken

Juan Fernandez Now Has 298 Inhabitants, Report Shows

The isolated, romantic island of Juan Fernandez, the domain over which the original "Robinson Crusoe" wandered with his Man Friday, has had its first census taken. Instead of the one white man carrying an umbrella made of goatskin and herds of wild goats, which were once the sole inhabitants of this volcanic isle, Juan Fernandez has now 298 inhabitants, according to the report of the Chilean Government, who have made the island one of the most fertile and most fruitful spots in the world.

The island is a little more than twelve miles long and amost four miles wide, situated about 300 miles west of Valparaiso. Despite its proximity to the mainland, however, Juan Fernandez differs remarkably in its flora and fauna from near-by Chile. The flora is particularly notable for a very large number of different species. A recent visit to the island by biologists has convinced many scientists that the geologic history of the isle is as remarkable as its romantic background.

Juan Fernandez, discovered by the adventurer whose name it bears in 1571, was the lonely home of Alexander Selkirk, a Scottish buccaneer, who lived on the island in solitude for the four years from 1704 to 1708. The story of Selkirk's unique adventure inspired Daniel Defoe to write "Robinson Crusoe," the childhood friend of multitudes.

Defoe's book had another effect besides providing childhood with a delightful story of romance and adventure. It served to focus attention on the isolation of that part of the world where Juan Fernandez was located and privateers, quick to take advantage of this fact, made the island their base for operations for many years. Several pirate ships were fitted out at the island to become the scourge of shipping in the South Pacific. Of the more famous pirates Sharp, having crossed the Isthmus of Darien and taken Santa Maria, rigged out a prize vessel at Juan Fernandez and then raided up and down the Chilean coast, making Robinson Crusoe's island his headquarters.

The activities of Sharp indicated to the Chilean Government that it was time to stop the use of Juan Fernandez as the haunts of pirates. Under the auspices of the government a small permanent settlement was established on the island. The Chileans have also used Juan Fernandez occasionally as a penal settlement. In 1810 the proclamation of the independence of Chile filled its caves with the most ardent of the patriots. The island, therefore, has been the refuge of all types of men since the day when Selkirk was rescued from his exile by a passing vessel.

The present colony has grown from the small settlement established by the Chilean Government. Life is easy on Juan Fernandez. The sea is alive with fish waiting to be caught for the dropping of a line. It is said that a fisherman can drop a line with three hooks and bring up three fish almost regularly. So plentiful is the fish supply that it has been reported that one may obtain a good supply without even fishing equipment, by merely sticking one's hand into the water and catching the fish as they swim by.

The inhabitants, in addition to fishing, raise cattle, grow grain and produce some of the most excellent fruits found anywhere in the world. The fruits come from fruit trees which were planted by pirates nearly two centuries ago.

For the benefit of tourists from all parts of the world eager to see where "Robinson Crusoe" lived, the Chilean Government has built a small hotel on Juan Fernandez. A regular steamer service from the mainland will take tourists to the island, where they may live in the same pleasant climate enjoyed by Defoe's hero but under much more comfortable circumstances.

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And boast his size and weight,
They stop their friends at night to say
How sorry was their fate.
Almost unto his net they'd brought
This beauty superfine,
It seemed to them they had him caught
And then he snapped the line.

Oh, yes, they had some fish to show
For all the time they'd spent;
Some luck they'd been allowed to know,
But they were not content.
The ones they'd caught seemed rather small
When put upon display,
And could not be compared at all
With that which got away.

He broke out once where sunbeams dance
Upon the waters blue,
And though at him they'd but a glance
His weight and size they knew.
Not one in all their splendid catch
Which came to them that day
For beauty could begin to match
The firsh which got away.

Perhaps against us one and all
Could lie the self-same charge:
The joys we catch seem very small,
The ones we lose seem large.
We pass our many blessings by
As though no worth had they,
And dolefully we magnify
The fish which got away.

—Edgar A. Guest.—Tit-Bits.

Absolute Monarch

The only monarch absolute both in theory and in fact is the king of Siam now visiting the United States. He will be the first oriental ever to enter the White House with the rank and dignity of reigning sovereign.

No other monarch has a cabinet predominantly composed of princes, his relatives. The magazine Time points out that the crown prince of Siam is now minister of interior, has been minister of marine. No other crown prince holds cabinet office and no other king is in effect his own prime minister.

The famed sacred white elephants of Siam were never white, are rapidly losing in popular Siamese opinion their sacred character, and have disappeared entirely from the national flag which today is red, white, blue, white and red (five horizonal stripes).

A member of the U.S. cabinet recently asked a representative of Siam: "How far is it from the coast?" But Siam is not in fact, an island, quite the reverse. Shaped like a plumb spider, Siam squats between French Indo-China and British Burma on the mainland of Asia, faces the Gulf or Siam and darts a narrow tongue of Siamese territory 600 miles down the Malay peninsula. Population, 11,506,200. Area, more than four times that of the state of New York.

Young Indian Prince Shows 'Em How

Amrit Kumari Khan, grandson of Maharajah of Burdwan is developing true Anglo-Saxon mode of hauling off and socking Doric Bosson at a London children's garden party boxing bout in London, recently.

Care of Flowers After Cutting

Should Be Taken From Garden Only in Morning or in the Early Evening

These are the months that many cut flowers are obtained from the garden. A few precautions will prolong the blooming period of these and also lengthen the time the blooms will be beautiful in the home.

Those plants which furnish cut flowers should not be allowed to produce seed. This is a devitalizing process which will soon decrease the blooming and shorten the period of usefulness. If it is desired to leave blooms on the plants in the garden these should be removed after they have wilted. This will encourage the development of new flowers for a longer period.

Flowers should be cut in the early morning, if possible, or in the evening. Do not cut them during the middle of the day, as they are not then filled with water and will wilt more quickly. Always cut the flower stems from the plant with a sharp knife and make a slanting cut. Do not break the stems or cut them with dull shears.

Immediately after flowers are cut they should be plunged in water up about two-thirds the length of their stems and placed in a cool place (35 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit) for an hour or two. In arranging the flowers in vases remove all the leaves that would be immersed in the water and place the stems as deeply in the water as is practical. Do not expect cut flowers to last long in a hot and dry room.

Change the water on cut flowers once a day to keep it from becoming foul. Two or three drops of formalin (formaldehyde) for each quart of water will assist in keeping the water free of bacteria.

Sling Similar to David's Used By Indian Tribe in Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn.—Civilization makes slow progress on the Pigeon River Indian Reservation, hidden away in the northeast tip of Minnesota, with the Pigeon River its northern boundary and the rugged north shore of Lake Superior its southern.

Among a collection of tools and deapons recently acquired from the Indians by the Minnesota State Historical Society is a leather sling of pattern similar to that with which David slew Goliath.

The Search

What I go seeking how should I
To any chance inquirer tell,
Who to myself can make reply
Only in symbol, knowing not well

What I have lost?—a birdlike thing
Flown out of words and to be sought
Not only in wide fields of thought,
Where is no mark for wandering.
—David Stevens, in the Glasgow Herald.

Take Him for a Ride

When a certain officer of the Governor's staff died, there were some applicants for the post, and some were indecently impatient. While the dead colonel was awaiting burial, one impatient aspirant buttonholed the Governor, asking:

"Would you object to my taking the place of the colonel?"

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Northern Trader Outlasts Eskimos

St. John's, Nfld.—The loss of two of his Eskimo companions and all of his dogs were part of the gruelling experience of a private trader, Captain Herbert Hall, in the Canadian northlands last winter, according to Captain Alexander, of Hudson Bay.

Hall, Alexander said, had two trading posts, one at Dana Bay and the other at Sugluk. He left the latter post on February 23 with two Eskimos and a dog team for Cochrane, Ont. With only half the distance covered, some of the dogs died of distemper, while the rest disappeared, apparently joining a wolf pack which had followed the party for a number of days.

Captain Hall then decided to return and started for Sugluk with all the provisions he and the natives could carry. The Eskimos succumbed to the privations of the trip, but Hall reached his destination on April 11. The fact that his weight was reduced from 245 pounds to 135 indicates the hardships endured by the courageous trader on his 600-mile trek.

A New Method

London—Lost property is such a huge proposition here that the police, who handle all articles left by careless ones in the many transportation systems in the capital, have at last drawn a line. They refuse to become custodians of property left in motor coaches. Instead motor coach owners must accept the responsibility. To them people seeking to retrieve their lost goods should apply, within three months, ready to pay a quarter to the owners and one-eighth of the article's value to the conductor of the coach in which it was left. This payment must not be less than a shilling—and not more than five pounds. With a two-shilling minimum as the price of recovery it looks as if a whole lot of lost articles are going to stay lost.

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