

Honduras Ports Await Development

With the Construction of a Canal or the Establishment of Inter-oceanic Railway Traffic, Trade, It Is Shown, Would Increase.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras.—Amapala, the only Honduran port on the south or Pacific coast, and which looks to be brought 12 days nearer to New York with the railway, is a little town situated on "Tigre Island" at the base of a conical mountain which rises to a height of about 1,000 feet. In the immediate vicinity are the islands of "Managuera," "Exposcion" and "Zacate Grande." All, of course, are in the Bay of Fonseca, and placed somewhat to the northeast of the little island called "Paralones."

The island called "Zacate Grande" is separated from the mainland by a narrow channel, across which the construction of a railway viaduct would offer no difficulty to modern engineers. The track could be laid over the island to its western side, where there is deep water, and where large vessels can approach the shore more easily than they can do at Amapala. It might even be possible to build a landing stage for the direct discharge of freight from car to ship, and vice versa.

Picturesque Bay of Fonseca.—These trains would run straight from Tegucigalpa to the water's edge of a protected harbor at "Zacate Grande," where the principal port would be, and the existing town of Amapala could continue to serve as the residential and business center, retaining its present local coasting connections.

The Bay of Fonseca, especially where the above-named islands are situated, is exceedingly picturesque. Steamship travelers who arrive there on a fine day, can enjoy one of the most beautiful scenes in the world. The climate is not unduly tropical. There is usually a breeze blowing inland from the sea which increases at night. From November to January, inclusive, there are nights when the mercury drops to below 60 degrees.

All of the commerce of El Salvador, and most of that of the other four republics, with Europe and the United States, is obliged to travel down south on the Atlantic side to Panama, where it crosses the Isthmus and returns northward by the Pacific in order to be delivered at its respective destination. The same occurs with traffic between the western parts of South America, although not having to return northward, still has to traverse the isthmus at one point or another. In the event of canals becoming available the route by Honduras is by far the superior.

Inter-oceanic Possibilities.—It is believed that the Inter-oceanic Railroad of Honduras offers the cheapest and most expeditious method of carrying traffic between the two oceans, especially as regards United States traffic, and as a dependable alternative to sea routes, either as their auxiliary or competitor. Heavy passenger and cargo boats could discharge their loads at Puerto Cortes and at once return to their ports of sailing. The fruit company steamers, carrying bananas to the United States, might return loaded with freight for the Inter-oceanic Railroad. The latter in a few hours could carry over a ton of light coasting boats would not act as distributors to the Central American ports, and in all probability would extend their radius of action down to South America.



Not Putting Out Enough. "They're raising Cain with the boot-lickers in my town." "Putting out so much bad liquor there?" "No—not putting out enough."

Britain Banished Barbarous Rite

When Britain, a few years ago, banished from India the "suttee" rite, an unusually cruel practice that had long been in vogue was put to an end. "Suttee" was practiced when a prominent man died, and by the traditions his numerous widows had to sacrifice their lives in his funeral pyre or live a life of shame and disgrace, treated like outcasts ever after. The rite was a torturous one. After the pyre had been erected and the body of the man placed upon it, the wives would march about it, bowing each time they passed the man's head. Finally they would be helped upon the pyre, where they would lie down. Assistants at the ceremony would then pass ropes over the bodies and fasten them securely. Then the fire would be kindled and soon afterward the pyre would be reduced to ashes. In the Chandigarh district of the Central Province there is a remarkable suttee stone. It commemorates the burning of 42 wives at the funeral pyre of the Gend Rajah Balal Shah in 1567.

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Expedition Seeks Forgotten Jews

Colony in Abyssinia Reported Dwelling in Isolation

One of the most interesting ethnological expeditions that have been planned for many a day is that which is going "off the map" in the wilds of Abyssinia, to investigate the Falashas or Black Jews, large numbers of whom are reported to be dwelling in an isolated little world of their own behind the ranges, writes a traveller in the London Daily Mail.

Americans are supplying the main part of the capital and undertaking the leadership, but some Palestinian Zionists are co-operating and British Jewry has been invited to send learned representatives to join the party. Queer things have happened to more than one straggling colony of The Chosen People when it got cut off from its base. Do you know, for instance, about the 300 Chinese Jews, herded together at the city of Kai-feng-fu, in Honan province, sadly contemplating the ruins of their synagogue, and carrying on, by word of mouth, the teachings of their last rabbi, who died 80 years ago? They are very poor and dejected. None of their wealthy fellow communities elsewhere in the world lends them a hand, nor does any museum or archaeological institution take steps to preserve what remains, and records are still to be found there. The British Museum, at all events, knows about them, for it has a number of Hebrew manuscripts from Kai-feng-fu, and there are some, I believe, in the Bodleian Library.

How the Black Jews happened to get cut off in a remote part of Abyssinia has still to be ascertained. The origin of the Chinese Jews is known; they themselves have commemorated it. They were camp followers of a Persian king who was driven out of his country and energetically pursued by the armies of the Caliph Othman, 1,300 years ago. They lost their way and failed to keep in touch with what was left of the Persian army when it ventured to go home. There is to-day a stone in the ruined synagogue that records the construction of the first place of worship in 1163, and its rebuilding about 355 years ago.

It would be a matter for keen regret if this extraordinarily interesting, and diminishing, group of marooned representatives of an ancient civilization were allowed, through sheer ignorance and apathy, to disappear without any steps being taken to make a thorough investigation of their relics and recollections.

It is only by labor that thought can be made healthy, and only by thought that labor can be made happy; and the two cannot be separated with impunity.—John Ruskin.

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SMILES

Peppery. Beet—"Whatcha' so hot about?" Pepper—"I'm always hot. I'm a red hot pepper!"

Cautious. She—"Roger, you've been so kind to me that I feel indebted to you. You can take me to dinner to-night." He—"Does your mother know we are coming?"

Both in Error. "If I'm not mistaken, which I think I am, your name is Murphy." "You're mistaken, in that you're not mistaken; my name is Murphy."—Ladies' Home Journal.

"Women," declares a dress expert, "do not worry about their clothes like they used to." But then there's not so much to worry about.

"So you were in the arm, 'ikey?'" "Oh, I was in the army." "Did you get a commission?" "No; only my vages!"

There is said to be keen competition for the position of ship's barber. Evidently a life on the permanent wave has its attractions.

Mrs. Blunt—"Man's a tyrant, isn't he, John?" Blunt—"Really, my dear, I hardly." "Is he, or is he not?" "He is."

A prosperous market gardener has now started a laundry. He ought to make a good living out of the soil.

Angry Customer in Restaurant: "Hey, I've found a tack in this doughnut!" Waiter—"Why, the ambitious little thing! It must think it's a tire!"



No Practice Needed. Mother (severely)—"Do you practice flirting with men on the street?" Daughter—"Why, of course not, mother. Do you think a girl of my experience needs practice in such light amusement?"

The Modernized Motorcycle

The "modernized motorcycle" is the description given the 1928 Harley Davidson, by Walter Andrews, Toronto, Ont., agent for that line of motorcycles. In pointing out the many new features on the 1928 models, Mr. Andrews is particularly enthusiastic about the fore-wheel brake, which is of the internal expanding type. This additional breaking surface when used in conjunction with the present rear-wheel brake, affords the ultimate in safety for all road and traffic conditions. Another improvement of importance is the all-speed other which is controlled from the throttle. As the speed is increased through opening the throttle, the oil pump is caused to feed more oil to the motor. The 1928 models are on display at Walter Andrews, Ltd., 346 Yonge St., Toronto, and should be seen when visiting the Exhibition.

Turkey Enters Liquor Trade, Selling a Special Intoxicant

Constantinople—Turkey is about to market a special alcoholic beverage called "People's Raki." Although the Turkish Constitution declares Islam the State religion and alcohol is forbidden to Muslims, the Turkish Government now is in the liquor business. The Government originally agreed to grant an alcohol monopoly to Polish financiers, but confiscated the monopoly two months ago because the Poles failed to meet financial obligations. Moreover, the public complained that the liquor was adulterated and caused blindness. During the Polish monopoly secret stills became common as a result of the people's effort to obtain pure stuff. Raki, a popular intoxicant in Turkey, is drunk like whiskey.

No state scurrilous than that of the man who keeps up a continual round and prides into "the secrets of the nether world," as saith the poet, and is curious in conjecture of what is in his neighbor's heart.—Marcus Aurelius.

Prestige High

The name of Canada to-day stands high throughout the world, and it is with a feeling of pride that a Canadian asserts his citizenship. Everywhere our country enjoys great prestige, and a brilliant future is predicted for her among the great nations," stated Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice and Canada's representative at the opening of the new Australian capital, Canberra, and the sessions of the League of Nations at Geneva, upon returning to this country recently.

Canadian National Running Trophy



As a means of fostering interest in middle distance running in Canada, the Canadian National Running Recreation League has presented to the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada the above handsome bronze statuette and medals. The trophy is a handsome bronze statuette, on a base of native Canadian wood. It is a perpetual award and will be held for one year by the winner of the one-mile race at the Dominion Championship meet at Toronto, Saturday, August 2nd. The runners who are first, second and third will receive gold, silver and bronze medals respectively. The presentation of the trophy and medals was made to the A.A.U. of C. on behalf of Canadian National officers and employees who are members of the Canadian National Recreation League, of which Sir Henry W. Thornton is Patron and A. J. Hills, President. The League is representative of Canadian National sports activities from Coast to Coast in Canada.

Guard the Child

Fear Makes Liars of Us All Says Lane

That most of the lies of childhood are based on fear of the parent is a statement made by Winthrop D. Lane in the September issue of "The DeLinerator Magazine" that will startle many grown-ups who have been in the habit of laying their young son's "tales" to pure cussedness. Pointing out that parents often frighten—even if inadvertently—their children into lying, Mr. Lane continues: "Fear of parents is one of the most distressing fears of childhood. Why should the child be afraid of his parents? The parents' anger, the parents' mild disapproval—hangs over him like a cloud. When a parent discovers that his child is afraid of him, he ought to do almost anything to remove the fear and establish a better relationship."

According to Mr. Lane, children will also lie from fear of being teased, from fear of ridicule, from fear of being thought incompetent and a booby. "almost any fear will produce a lie. Occasionally children lie in order to escape comparison with others. They even lie from fear of giving offense, a sort of "lie of convenience" of childhood. Again, a lie can be a form of wish fulfillment. We say things are true which we would like to have true, adults often tell their children that lying and children frequently frequently do. "Why do we object to children's lying?" asks Mr. Lane. "The reason ought to be, I think, that lying makes life with other people entirely unendurable. This reason, I am aware, is not the one usually given to children. We tell children all sorts of things. We say: 'Lying is bad.' We say: 'You will be happier when you tell the truth.' Perhaps we mention the ninth commandment—and then try to tell the child what it means. "I am not sure just how much all of this rings true with children. To be happy simply because you have told the truth, and then had all sorts of trouble as a result of telling it, is a strange sort of happiness to him. He would rather lie and get out of the difficulty. The method of those parents who tell their children that lying is not liked, that lying makes them unpopular, is to be preferred. This, at least, is based on true emotional response; people do not like a liar so well."

Preserving Small Crab Apples

Use the very small crab apples that have long, slender stems. Make a syrup of a pound of sugar to a pound of fruit. Add to the sugar a half teaspoonful of water. When this boils put in the fruit and let it simmer till the apples are cooked through and have a shiny pink appearance—till they look clear—then boil hard for a minute or two. Take the fruit out and place it in glasses; pour the syrup over it. Cover with a net and stand the glasses in the sun for a couple of days before putting them away. It should not be necessary to put crab apples up airtight that are preserved in this manner. It is best to prepare only a small quantity of fruit at a time when this recipe is used. Be careful not to let the syrup boil too long, as it might candy.

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London Times (Ind.).—(Women are occasionally deterred from settlement in the Dominions by the fact that they are invited by Dominion notices to undertake work as domestic servants (understand work as domestic servants) or household workers.) There is a natural commonsense feeling against crossing the world to scrub floors. . . . (But) the truth is that that homely phrase "household workers" denotes what is the beginning and not the end of the career overseas. Behind its drab suggestion lies a new world offering almost boundless scope. It is, so to say, the way for the assisted settler to matriculate into the life of the Dominions. It is the field in which she gives her proofs that she can make a sound contribution to the common life of her new country. We can understand what seems at times the over-exacting attitude of Dominion officials when we remember that they are taking to their country the future mothers of their people.

Teach Children Kindness

This teaching kindness to animals may seem a simple thing; but the more one looks into its merits the more penetrating this spiritualizing influence proves to be, causing a change of conduct, inspiring justice and compassion in the place of selfishness and cruelty; training the mind to apprehend, and the heart to sympathize with the needs of the lowly creatures who form the theoretical object lesson of such surpassing interest to the young; obviously the protection sympathy which a child may be taught to feel towards his helpless dumb companion, may in after years inspire the life of the philanthropist. "How much teaching is needed is demonstrated by the incredibly cruel deeds perpetrated by children even of tender years, which call forth either remonstrance nor reproof from parent or guardian."—Miss G. Kendall.

These Two Found Relief by Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Ayer's Cliff, Quebec.—"I have been teaching for three years, and at the end of the year I always feel tired and have no appetite. I was a full sick each month, too, having pains in my back until sometimes I was obliged to stop working. A friend recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to me and I heard many women telling how good it was so I thought it would help me. And it did. Now I take six bottles every year and recommend it to others."—DONALDA FANTOUX, Ayer's Cliff, Quebec.

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Canning, Nova Scotia.—"I had irregular periods and great suffering at those times, the pains causing vomiting and fainting. I was teaching school and often for some hours I would be unable to attend to my work. Through an advertisement in the papers I knew of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and it has been of great benefit to me, the troubles being completely relieved."—LAURA J. EATON, Canning, King's County, Nova Scotia.

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