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CORUMBA AND CUYABA

Vast Forests Alive with Wild Animals and Birds-How Cattle Take the Place of Horses-Curious Indian Tribes.

(Copyright, 1899, by Frank G. Carpenter.) ASUNCION, Paraguay, Jan. 10, 1899 .-(Special Correspondence of The Bee.)-The wonders of the Parana system grow upon mc. I am now on the Paraguay, which flows 2,000 miles from its source in Brazil before it loses itself in the Parana. The Paraguay has a network of tributaries above Asuncion up which you can sail for thousands more numerous and you are frequency parts of the Interior. There is a mule route to make three states as big as Ohio. a short distance and go out to the Atlantic through that mighty stream.

200 miles south, at the town of Corrientes, extends more than a thousand miles further north, bounding south Paraguay and running on into Brazil. It is navigable for small steamers during a part of its course. but it has 400 miles of rocky rapids, and in the future it may be one of the great picturesque routes of the world. It has Paraguay and Brazil, and are known as the Salto Guayra. They are, I am told, far more grand than the falls of Ygvazu, which are sometimes called the Niagara of

I have already written how in coming to York City to Omaha on large river steam-I can go just as much further by or further than from Philadelphia to Salt Lake City. The limit of steam navigation is now Cuyaba, Brazil, the capital of Matto Grosso, and the metropolis of a vast country of undeveloped resources.

The first man to penetrate this region by Captain Thomas J. Page. He was commander of the steam launch Alpha of our the globe, navy, and upon this little ship in 1859 he pushed his way inland 2,700 miles from the go over the same route twice a month, and there are steamers leaving here weekly for The Paraguay river for half the while its average depth is said to be forty-

In the Heart of Brazil.

In going from Asuncion to Cuyaba you pass through a region which is most picturesque. Crossing the boundary of Paraguay, you enter the great province of Matto Grosso, which is an empire in itself. As you go north the Paraguay river narrows, the scenery becomes wild, and you steam in and out among mountains upon the bases of which grow forn trees and giant palms. The banks are covered with a wooded mass of vegetation. The trees are tall and bound together with vines and creepers. You could not make your way through them with

an ax or a knife. get many shots from the steamer. There for a distance of 760 miles on that side of are alligators everywhere, and if you rise the river. So far all the actilements have early you may now and then see tigers been on the east bank of the river, the

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INTHE BACKWOODS OF BRAZIL soon rise on all sides of you and you can of Albuquerque, with low, wooded mountains behind it, and about 175 miles further half fill your boat. Here and there you the steamer stops at Corumba. pass farm houses cut out of the woods. At some of these the boat stops for fresh meat, taking the beeves on board and kill-

> of palms scattered along the river. About two days' ride from Asuncion, just island, 1,300 feet high, springs up ahead of and open your luggage. authorities states, even the trees are pot- palm trees growing here and there in the bellied and dropsical. Some of the fiuman garden. cings in the neighborhood certainly are. As you proceed further the animal life inamong them some almost pure white. The reds and blues. The alligators now become burg Jews,

can go in cances so close to the tributaries | for sale. A good skin will bring from \$5 to of the Amazon that you can carry your boat | \$10. In addition to this there is sometimes a bounty paid for such skins. There is one man on the river who has made quite a The Parana proper, which I left about little fortune by killing tigers. He has killed 193 and has received in the neighborhood of \$3,000 for them. He got \$10 apiece for the skins and the cattle owners paid him a bounty of \$5 per tiger.

Other things effered for sale are parrots can have them almost for the asking. You also for riding, a good riding bullock bringcan also buy bows and arrows, Indian ing a good price. The bullock is not a bad vaterfulls which are said to surpass those baskets and hammocks. The hammocks saddle animal. Its gait is a shambling of Ningara. These are on the borders of are expensive. Some are made of the bril- trot or pace, and, after you become used to Hant feathers of tropical birds and cost as it, it is not at all unpleasant. The animals high as \$200 apiece.

From Asuncion to Matto Grosso.

The province of Matto Grosso is one of the largest in Brazil. It is as large as one-Asuncion I sailed as far as from New sixth of the whole United States, not including our outlying possessions. It forms America was discovered.

This territory is to be reached only by the Parana and Paraguay river systems. It Today Brazilian mail steamers tas to railroads connecting it with the rest of Brazif, and its people rely for their supplies upon the steamers of the Parana system. Every bit of imports is brought over 2,700 miles by river boats, and the officials, who as a rule come from Rio Janeiro, must

> travel a thousand miles further. Leaving Asuncion on your way to Matto Grosso, you first pass Villa Conception, the biggest city of north Paraguay. There is a white custom house on the banks, and back of this the town. Conception contains about 5,000 people. It is made up of sturcoed buildings and thatched buts. It is a business center, exporting large quantities of Mate or Paraguayan tea, and hides. There are more Indians and negroes there than in Asuncion, and you find that the Indians and

negroes increase as you go north. At Colmbra, Brazil, 1.810 miles from Buenes Ayres, you see upon the west bank of Further north, if you throw a dynamite | wild. At Colmbra there is a Brazilian fort.

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and Italians, who are engaged in raising that when one of the Tobas wants to marry sugar cane and sweet potatoes and in manu- he paints his check bones, lips and the hollows of his eyes red. He then struts There are two large rivers which run about the tent of his sweetheart, and later present. If she accepts them the marriage happy, that the women are faithful and that

These Indians are not very intelligent.

The Wigwams of the Chaco.

The wigwams of the Chaco are different its possibilities, one of the richest lands of enter the Cuyaba river, up which you steam the globe.

The inhabitants of the Chaco are thus from those of our savages. A village often almost altogether Indians. There are said has its huts built together, so that one The steamers are always crowded, 200 to be more than 100,000 of them. They are thatch can cover a number of dwellings. ften being taken in one little boat. The among the most curious of the Indians of One of these common houses looks much whole journey from Corumba to Cuyaba re- | the world, and some tribes are practically like a great hay wagon, several families livis one of the cheapest steamship trips of Chaco Indians go naked from one year's One part of each but is used for cooking e world. This price includes your meals- end to the other, and some are so opposed and another for sleeping. The people sleep offee in the morning, breakfast at 10 a. m. to any covering that they will not even upon skins when they have them, other-ad dinner in the evening. They pull out wise on the hare ground. The buts are so The scenery of the San Lorenze and Cuy- every hair on their bodies except those on well made that they do not leak. They are ba rivers is very tropical. There are many their heads. Their faces, arms, become, built by the women, and when completed palms. There are cotton trees which have legs, and in fact all parts of their bodies, one of the braves crawls upon the roof and balls of cotton upon them as big as oranges. are kept as hairless as they were when stamps about to see if he can make the Others have blossoms of a silky fiber which they were born. I have heard it often thatch break through. If he cannot, the hang down in great cones of white. This stated that the people of a certain tribe are but is all right; but if the roof gives, be stuff is used by the people for making naturally halvless. It is said they are born tells his wife to get up and go to work

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island, 1,300 feet high, springs up are stored in the store store stored to the store store stored to the store store stored to the stored to you and seems to stop your prostrain and the young braves are among the noblest you approach it you see that there is a get a good view of the city. It is situated trouble. There are also diamond mines not of their race. Both sexes age early, and channel at the west side wide enough for the on a hill, commanding the country for miles, channel at the west side. This island is known. There are woods about the city, and the the best diamonds have so far been found after 30 the women look old, as the Mountain Gate. The land about it is place is picturesque. It has the usual much further north, said to be so unhealthy that, as one of the Spanish buildings of stucco and tiles, with

There is a beautiful plaza in the center of This is the vast region known as the Chaco. Corumba, about which are some of the prin- lying west of the Paraguay river and south creases. Deer are frequently seen and cipal stores. There is a great deal of thrift of Bolivia. The northern part of it belongs to be observed among the merchants. The to Paraguay and the rest to the Argentine birds are of the most gorgeous plumage, the city does a large business, the most of which Republic. The part belonging to the Argen-

de Chuquito, which is 280 miles away. The are along the Paraguay. They consist of can use the skulls for drinking cups. As a journey takes fourteen days, and it is very here and there an estancia or farm and a rule they kill the grownups of the tribes expensive. Mules are costly, and you cannot get a good one for less than \$100 in gold. You must lay in a good supply of canned goods, for those who try to live off has now about ninety-one families of dans are strange. Giovanni Pel'aschi, an the Halligan university. the country fare poorly. There are few horses. They are subject to a peculiar disease, which affects their hind quarters, and their place has been largely taken by cows and monkeys. The prices are low and you and bulls. Bullocks are used for carts and are directed by reins which are tied to their horns. They are often used to pack goods,

> have in our country. Brazilian Town of Cuyaba.

change at Corumba do not draw over five, will hardly be developed before railroads eigner she has to divide it with her sisters, Matto Grosso is a land of gold and dia- it takes about twelve hours to reach the are built, and today there are not, I venture, her cousins and her aunts. mends, of vast pastures, of impenetrable San Lorenzo river from Corumba, and you 50,000 white people in the whole territory. steam was an American. His name was forests, of rubber and cacao, and, in fact, in sail a day and a half upon it before you | Hairless humans of the Chuco.

pillows.

treet car line and a cathedral. In its col- | Some of these Indians are fine looking, gourds for spoons, forks are unknown and formia district; John F. Shafroth, represent-There are all kinds of wild birds, and you the Paraguay the first village of any size to make the paraguay t

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lantic. It is almost as far inland by water have been mining gold in this part of blanket about the waist, that is, when they meat, taking the beeves on poard and the meat and the meat taking the beeves on poard and the meat as Salt Lake City is from New York by Brazil, but so far none of them have struck are in full dress. The men are satisfied it very rich. It does not need very sharp with a band tied about the head. I have About two days' ride from Asuncion, Just the province, and the officers come on board tropical rain the boys go out and search nude for publication. for grains of gold in the street. It is said far off in the interior, but I am told that

The Chaco. In going to Matto Grosso you skirt one of the least known parts of South America. be from the fact that the women do all the toucans being resplendent in the brightest is managed by French, Italians and Stras- line lies south of the Pilcomayo river and comprises a territory bigger than California are skilled in the use of the bow and are,

> The only settlements in this vast region few scattering villages. The chief town in they conquer, but save the children for the Paraguayan Chaco is Villa Hayes, braves and wives. which is in sight from Asuncion and which | The marriage customs of the Chaco Inforeigners. They are chiefly Swiss, French Hallan, who has traveled among them, says

facturing brandy. through the Chaco. The Pilcomayo winds on brings all the streep, chickens, skins and about like a corkscrew from the Bolivian other property which he possesses to the Andes to the Paraguay river. It is full of young woman and offers them to her as a rapids and can never be navigable. The Vermejo or the Vermillion river enters the is on and he can come in and live with her the bottom of the country. Its waters are hut of his own. If she refuses he goes elseso red that they discolor those of the Para-guay for some miles. The Vermejo is about and, indeed, take the places that horses 1,200 miles long and is navigable for only

a short distance. It is shortly after you leave Corumba that | Just what these countries contain in the the southern central half of the country. you pass out of the Paraguay river and way of resources is yet to be discovered. I They cannot count more than four. They steam into the very heart of this continent. The greater part of it has never been ex- enter the San Lorenzo is have met men who have traveled over parts have no money and their trading is altoplored and it is as wild today as it was not so big as the Paraguay. In the of them. They tell me that the forests have gether by barter. A community of interwhen Sebastian Cabot made his way up the Paraguay proper steamers draw as much much fine timber, and that there are good ests seems to prevail, and if one of the Paraguay river only a few years after as nine feet, while those to which you pastures scattered among them. The land women gets a piece of finery from a for-

> quires six days, and the fare is \$7 in gold. unknown to our ethnologists. Some of the ing in the different apartments under it. dillows.
>
> So, and the bairs never grow except on again.
>
> Cuyaba has about 20,000 people. It is a surtheir heads. This has been often reported. The Indian women are said to be good liam S. Mosick and John J. Lentz, represent-

ege French, English and Portuguese are Take the Tobas, for instance. I have seen the man is happy who has his own knife. ing the First Colorado district; David H. aught, and in its orphan asylum there are many of them during my travels on the Some of these Indians have odd ways of Mercer of the Second Nebraska district; that the boys. The town was founded in 1722, Paraguay river. They are as fine looking taking care of their dead. If a man is rich William H. King, representative at large suit. the river. So far all the settlements have been on the east bank of the river, the country to the west being armost entirely wild. At Colmbra there is a Brazilian fori.

Further on you come to the little village cartridge into the water the dead fish will Further on you come to the little village agriculturally, and I am told there is much! The Tobas commonly wear no clothes ex-

gold in the hills about the city. The cept when they come into the presence them, and in the case of the poor the corpse cathedral is said to stand over a gold lode, of white people or cross over to Paraguay is buried in the hut and the family live and on the edge of the town there are to trade. At such times the women wear outside until the body has so far decom-At home they have nothing except a eyes to see that gold exists, for after a heavy many photographs of them, but all are too The younger women are very fine looking,

Among most of the tribes polygamy is common, but I am told that the women get along peaceubly and that a new and young wife is welcomed into the family. This may work, and the more women the less work. It is the woman who plants the crops, cooks the meals, makes the fishing nets and weaves

the blankets. The men only hunt, fish and fight. They more numerous and you are frequently | Goods are sent out from here to different and Massachusetts combined, and enough it is said, very brave in battle. They do not scalp, but cut off the heads of their dead and cure them in such a way that they

they make good mothers.

prisingly good city for its location and very but until I see an Indian grown to order to cooks. They use puts and spits for cooks ing Michigan districts; Winfield E. Kerr much up-to-date. It has newspapers, test the matter I shall continue to doubt ing, and I am told they always wash their and Marriott Brosius, representing Ohio dispois after using them. They use shells or tricts: Marion De Vries of the Second Cali-

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GOSSIP ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE. Although General Wade Hampton is more han 80 years old he performed a feat the ther morning that proved him to be still ctive and vigorous. Discovering that the o be awakened, he hastened out and himself receeded to climb to extinguish the flames. was not until the breakfast hour that any of the household were aware of the fire men out of the ministry. or of the aged soldier's risky but effective

limb upon the roof.

"When the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Park- on the scene." ourst was in Amherst," says the Springfield Union, "he boarded in the home of Mrs. Charles B. Adams. In those days the colege boarding houses were far different from A tramp, who said he was out of work temwhat they are now. When the 'boys' were porarily, called at the kitchen door of a resa part of the family, and if need were the idence in West Philadelphia. He was all landlady'-then an unknown term-played ashiver with cold and face, hands and poorly the role of mother. Dr. Parkhurst, Henry clad feet were benumbed. It so happened Paraguay further south. It is at just about family, shortly afterward removing to a Ward Beecher, General Thomas, and many that the cook and other servants being away another student who since became famous, the mistress of the house opened the door roomed in the Adams homestead. Helen and heard his plea for a "bit to eat." Being liunt, when a young woman, unwittingly a good woman, and remembering the day eft a relic which since became noted. In and the greatest of the three Christian viran lifle moment she scratched her name with tues, she went to the larder and then re-

> North Dakota man, "is a hustler, for he give it to you not only for your own sake, struck Dakota in 1889 without a dollar to but for Christ's, for this is His day." his name, but check full of law and determination. He had an office in a shack that he extended his hand and looked the good hadn't more than \$10 worth of lumber in it. Samaritan in the eye, "but don't you think all told. McCumber, however, buckled that for His sake you might put some butter down to work in that shanty and gave the on it?" fellows with \$5 cases just as good and just take long for his reputation as a worker to spread from Wabpeton all over the state. He was just the sort of man the Dakotans wanted, for he worked for them day and night just as hard as he worked later when he was after the 'blind pig' proprietors."

gan men in the Fifty-fifth congress. One of these is in the senate and the other thirteen were in the house of representatives. They are Senator Cushman K. Davis of Minnesota and the following representatives: Samuel W. Smith, Horace G. Snover,

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The craze over heroic advertisement seems to have been run into the ground Robert B. Halligan of Chicago, who is said by some ardent crank in Jasper, and. A have made a sudden fortune in Wyoming | notice of a religious revival at that place opper mines, has begun to talk and says, reads as follows: "Struck by lightning! imong other things: "I'm so rich that I Jasper all on fire! Fire started in the can't count my money, but I have an offer 'Amen corner' of the Free Methodist church of \$20,000,000 for mining property that I kmsy last Sunday, assisted by the Rev. Laberis worth at least \$40,000,000. I'll have teaux of Jasper, assisted by the Ram's John D. Rockefeller beaten to a standstill Horn band of Adrian and others. The devil's in a year's time, and yet six weeks ago I fire department from hell, assisted by hook was worth only \$25,900, and had to pawn my and ladder company, can't stop it. Glowatch one Saturday night for \$5." Mr. rious display of light and heat every night! Halligan has offered the University of Ken- All are invited to come and have the icicles tucky \$500,000 if it will change its name to melted from their souls. Mothers have special invitation to come and bring their cry-

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Detroit Journal: Intercourse with Christmas had given the savage a taste not only for rum, but for dialectic subtleties as I spare your life," he said to the cap-

"Well, then, if I take your life I won't be stealing, will I?" exclaimed the say-

propensities

it, we know not.
"Think of the millions," he exclaims. "that are spent to send missionaries to

"It makes me feel guilty!" falters the tter. "Really, I suppose we ought to get Wisconsin and Porter J. McCumber of North along with refrigerated beef during the hard