

Ready to Try Niagara Falls Again



If he is offered sufficient money, Bobby Leach, the fifty-nine-year-old daredevil, may again undertake to shoot the Niagara Falls. He says he may use the steel barrel in which he performed the stunt on July 25, 1911, and on which he is sitting in the photograph.

EXPLORE LITTLE KNOWN ISLANDS

Expedition to Visit Channel Group in Pacific Off Coast of California.

RICH IN HISTORIC LORE

Islands Are Within 82 Miles of California's Shore, Yet Less Than 50 Persons Annually Visit Them—Discovered by Cabrillo.

San Francisco.—An expedition of scientific students has been made up in California and Oregon to explore thoroughly the channel islands off that part of the coast in California known as Santa Barbara and Ventura counties during the next six months.

The channel islands constitute California's only archipelago, with the possible exceptions of the rocky and scanty Farallone islands. They have been objects of romance, legends, curiosity and mystery for a generation.

The islands are within 82 miles of California's shore, yet are unvisited and years roll by with visits to them of less than 50 persons annually.

Discovery of Channel Islands. When Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, the Portuguese navigator, sailed up the coast of California in 1542, he stopped for a day or two at each of the channel islands, and his records

VETERAN FIGHTER AT 13



John Delocinski, aged thirteen, who has just arrived in America from Poland, where he spent two and a half years in the Polish army. He has been in more than a dozen battles.

bear testimony that on the islands of Santa Barbara, Catalina, Clemente and St. Nicholas there were a "vigorous and lusty race of natives, who thronged the shores of the little bays and necllands," and gazed in mute wonder at the white-sailed ship of the navigators.

Today the islands stand as they did more than 350 years ago, but the natives are only a memory, represented by immense quantities of stone implements, barrels of fine wampum and cart loads of human bones.

Petrograd Is 'No Man's Land'

Once Gay Capital of Russia Is Now a Nightmare of Horror and Death.

HOUSES WRECKED FOR FUEL

Death Stalks on Every Side, Waiting for Winter to Aid in the Grim Work of Mowing Down Thousands.

Paris.—A graphic, eye-witness description of the fearful conditions existing in Petrograd is given by the Finnish Red Cross in an appeal just issued to the Red Cross Societies of the World.

The documents tell the story of the agony of a dying city. Petrograd's present population based on the food cards, now is from 500,000 to 600,000, and the former capital of the czars is described as having shrunk to one-fourth its pre-war size.

"Death stalks on every side, waiting for winter to aid in the grim work of mowing down the silent, hungry sick, and dying by thousands. With streets and houses choked with filth that is already spreading spotted and intermittent typhus the cold weather will finish the task with pneumonia and abdominal typhus.

"Wreck Houses for Fuel. The fuel situation was never so bad. Wooden houses have been torn down for fuel. The material is distributed equally among the population but during the night the more active citizens steal the quota of wood from others.

"Attempts to repair the streets, which are full of holes, owing to bursting water pipes, failed because the wood blocks used for pavement had been stolen during the night for fuel.

"There is no means of transporting things by waterway, because the barges were long since demolished for fuel. The railway transportation is devoted almost exclusively to the distribution of flour. Only 200 persons are permitted to leave Petrograd daily by passenger train.

"Workers receive half a pound of bread daily; sometimes other food is given. The prices of foodstuffs continue to rise to incredible heights. Many products have almost completely disappeared from the markets.

St. Nicholas Island lies 80 miles or more to the west of the little city of San Buenaventura (recently called by the more modern and easy name of Ventura) and is the most interesting of all the channel islands from many points of view.

In 1825 the Franciscan padres in the Santa Barbara mission, learning that there were but 16 of the strange and almost extinct human race then living there, determined to rescue them from the island. They went over in a sloop and succeeded, as they thought, in getting all on board.

At the last moment an Indian woman returned for her child, and, one of the frequent storms of the channel islands springing up, the sloop was driven away without her. The sloop went on the rocks off Point Conception and all were lost.

St. Nicholas is 10 miles long and four miles wide at the widest point. Its topography shows a nearly level plateau, with an elevation of 800 to 1,000 feet. Two-thirds of the surface is covered with drifting sand, and the remainder grows a species of nutritious grass and moss, on which a thousand sheep find pasture.

As far as the eye can trace there are barren levels with innumerable circular depressions, showing where primitive dwellings once stood. Not a vestige remains of the materials used in the construction of these rancherias. Hundreds of shell mounds are scattered about and are found to consist of astonishing numbers of molluscs, the bones of every species of fish found in the channel, skeletons of seals, sea elephants, whales, sea otter, the island fox and various aquatic birds.

An examination of some mounds discloses all sorts of curious utensils—stone cooking pots, ovens, mortars, pestles, drills, bone needles and fish hooks, shell beads, charm stones, pipes, cups and a few arrowheads, spear points, and swords made of bone. The absence of many weapons proves the peaceful attributes of the islanders. Small imitations of boats and fish carved from crystallized talc and serpentine also show a rudimentary knowledge of the art of sculpture.

JAPAN IMPORTS GERMAN DYES

Gets \$1,000,000 Worth of Product During August, Says Report to Department of Commerce.

Washington.—Japan imported \$1,000,000 worth of German dyes during August, according to reports received by the department of commerce.

Although their sale has been retarded by the business depression which has prevailed in Japan importations continue, importing firms fulfilling contracts made before prices slumped.

The department also was informed that the Japanese government has taken steps to halt the transfer back to Japan of funds held in other countries for the purchase of imports.

As a result of a decrease in the demand for imported goods specie to the extent of \$16,000,000, which had been reserved in America was returned to Japan during July by exchange banks, the department was advised.

Sunflower Grows in Trunk of Big Maple

Middletown, N. Y.—A curiosity which is attracting many persons in the yard of Mrs. Mary G. DeWitt here is a sunflower growing out of the trunk of a large maple tree some distance from the ground. It has a stem three feet in length and a flower in bloom the size of a saucer.

A bird is supposed to have carried the seed into the tree, where it sprouted and took root in the bark.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

SCORES OF EVENTS COVERED

The Alliance Country club has been organized and will be incorporated for \$15,000. Forty acres of land bordering the northern edge of Bronco lake, have been leased as the location of a golf course and the site for a club house which is to be erected next spring.

Mrs. Clayton Byam, whose husband has charge of an American packing plant at Montevideo, Uruguay, traveled 10,000 miles to her former home in Omaha in order that her baby might be born on American soil.

Harold Big Fire, Gordon, Neb., Indian, enlisted at the Omaha recruiting station recently. He was given a furlough to go after some more braves in his home town.

January 3 is the date set for the hearing by the supreme court of the mandamus suit against Secretary of State Amsberry involving a referendum on the code law.

The registration at the University of Nebraska, including the colleges at Lincoln and the medical college at Omaha, is greater than last year by nearly 150.

Casper H. Shrader, one of the few remaining civil war veterans in the neighborhood of Ravenna, is dead. Mr. Shrader was a pioneer farmer near that place.

A barn belonging to Joe Fisher at Columbus was burned to the ground when his automobile caught fire in the barn. He was unable to get the car out.

Lincoln was chosen as the place for next year's state gathering of the Odd Fellows' bodies at the session of the Grand lodge at Hastings last week.

Bonds for improving the waterworks and fire stations at North Platte were voted on at a recent election and carried by a large majority.

The harvesting of corn, potatoes, and sugar beets has begun, and the demand for corn huskers and laborers is good all over the state.

The Episcopal diocese of Nebraska will hold a special council at the church of the Holy Trinity, at Lincoln, on November 3 and 4.

At a special election at Nebraska City \$100,000 bonds were voted for the erection of a municipal community hall in that city.

Work on the Sherman county court house, which has been held up for over sixty days by lack of materials, has been resumed.

The Coulter farm southeast of Beatrice has been bought by Ben Kroos of Gage county for \$150 an acre, or \$27,300 cash.

A new cholera outbreak amongst Saunders county hogs is reported, but prompt attention has saved nearly every case.

The Nebraska Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Live Stock Association will meet at Omaha November 16 to 18.

The State Association of County Commissioners, Supervisors and Clerks will meet in Omaha December 7 and 8.

Nearly 200 persons were confirmed by Bishop James Duffy at St. Patrick's church at Grand Island last week.

The first snow for western Nebraska this season is reported on Pine Ridge between Alliance and Crawford.

Rev. Charles W. Savidge, "Marrying Parson," celebrated his 70th birthday at Omaha last week.

Thousands of acres will be planted to sugar beets in the neighborhood of Cozad next spring.

Over 300 blacksmiths attended the fourth annual convention at York last week.

Oil in paying quantities is believed to have been discovered in the vicinity of Genoa.

The next session of the grand lodge I. O. O. F. will be held in October, 1921.

Six autos, valued at \$25,000, were stolen at Omaha in forty-eight hours.

The government has declined to give Alliance a recount on her census.

Brayton farmers are raising funds to purchase a \$10,000 elevator.

Four oil wells are being sunk in the vicinity of Chadron.

Bayard is making efforts to secure a pickle factory.

A new Episcopal Cathedral to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000, is to be erected at Hastings. It is intended to begin work at once.

Nebraska cultivated land is now third highest in the big agricultural section of the United States, according to the 1919 yearbook of the Department of Agriculture. The average value per acre of plow lands is given by states as follows: Iowa, \$219; Illinois, \$170; Nebraska, \$125; Indiana, \$119; Ohio, \$105; Wisconsin, \$100; Minnesota, \$100.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Morrow, and three nurses employed in the Morrow hospital at Seward, narrowly escaped death when a water heater in the basement exploded. The building was badly wrecked.

The new constitutional amendment provides that after January 1 of next year no state lands shall be sold except at public auction. Under the present constitution and statutes state lands are sold at their appraised value, to be fixed by the county commissioners.

Rev. Roland Mackintosh and wife of North Platte were presented with a chest of silver by the Episcopal congregation at that place on the eve of their departure for Houston, Texas, where they go in search of health. Rev. Mackintosh having been gassed while in service over seas.

Two large drills are operating on the George Cox farm six miles northwest of Fairbury. An eastern cement company is paying for the experiment. Sixty holes will be drilled, some of them to a depth of 75 feet and samples of the earth at different depths sent east for analysis.

Fall cultivation is one of the prime essentials of a good garden, says the State College of Agriculture. Since many insects pass the winter in weeds or vegetation and rubbish, a thorough cleaning of the garden will decrease the amount of pest trouble next year.

Eggs are now retailing at from 60 to 65 cents a dozen in Nebraska cities, and some selected Nebraska eggs have been sold in New York City for 90 cents. With declining feed prices, a carefully managed poultry flock should return good profits this winter, says the Nebraska College of Agriculture. Express charges from Lincoln to New York are 7 cents a dozen, leaving a return of 83 cents. This is an example of what can be done with properly managed poultry and the grading of eggs.

Bills requiring that each motion picture theater in the state be required to register in the office of the state fire marshal and that hereafter no theaters be allowed to open without such registration and a consequent approval of the state fire department, and also a bill fixing a penalty for the violation of the law which prohibits motion picture machine operators from smoking while in the machine booths will be recommended to the next state legislature.

The State Farm Bureau has announced that it considers 6 or 7 cents a bushel a fair price for husking corn. This announcement came after a series of conferences with county farm bureaus to learn the sentiment of farmers in the different sections of the state. Six cents is the figure agreed on where an elevator is provided for unloading and seven cents where there is no elevator.

Otoe, formerly called Berlin, suffered a disastrous wind storm last week, in which a number of buildings were badly damaged. On March 23, 1913, the town was practically demolished and seven persons were killed by a tornado.

The new constitution of Nebraska will give soldiers of the regular army who are legal residents of the state a right to vote. Under the old constitution, every elector in the actual service of the United States and not in the regular army was entitled to vote.

When D. C. Hubbard, Potter farmer, could obtain no cars in which to ship his grain to the Omaha market he loaded 110 bushels of wheat on his two-ton truck and hauled the wheat 450 miles to Omaha over the Lincoln highway.

Florence Detmeyer, a cripple, was burned to death at her home near Osceola, when a gasoline can exploded. Her crippled condition prevented her from extinguishing the flames, which enveloped the upper part of her body.

Armistice day, November 11, will be celebrated in Grand Island in an elaborate way, if the present plans of the business interests of the city in conjunction with the American legion are carried out as contemplated.

An enormous porcupine, weighing nearly 60 pounds, was shot and killed by Ben Price, a farmer near Henningford. Old residents cannot recall seeing one of the animals in the neighborhood before.

The federal grand jury for the district north of the Platte has been called to convene at Omaha November 3. A very large number of criminal cases awaits the action of this body.

Ord recently voted bonds for, and will begin the erection as soon as possible of a city hall and fire station, 40x50 feet in size, two stories and basement, of semi-fireproof construction.

A cottonwood tree, measuring seven feet in diameter and twenty-three feet in circumference, and claimed to be the largest in the state, is growing on the Ryan farm in Dodge county.

Preparations are being made to entertain 3,500 teachers from over the state, who will be in attendance at the teachers' convention which meets at Omaha November 3 to 8.

If plans under way materialize, a special train will accompany the University of Nebraska football team on its tour east, where they play Rutgers and Penn State.

Every hour 2,000 automobiles enter or leave Omaha, making a total of 20,000 a day, according to figures compiled by the Chamber of Commerce publicity bureau.

The state free poultry show will be held at Omaha November 22 to 27. More than 1,000 exhibitors are expected from all parts of the United States.

A field of potatoes from which the tubers average slightly over a pound in weight is the result of three years' experimenting by R. H. Murray, a Holt county farmer. The yield is unusually heavy, even in a most productive potato country, and the spuds exceed in size the prize specimens of the irrigated sections.

A baby show, under the auspices of the county medical association, was the feature of the Johnson county fair at Tecumseh. There were twenty-five entries, and of this number eight girls and thirteen boys were awarded premiums.

A statue of Abraham Lincoln will mark the Lincoln highway through Fremont. The statue will be life size, six feet four inches high, of bronze, standing on a base seven feet from the ground. Beneath the figure will be a bronze tablet with Lincoln's Gettysburg address. It is the intention to have the unveiling on Lincoln's birthday.

One of the longest parades ever seen in Hastings was held by the Odd Fellows in the annual convention at that place. A number of cities sent floats and there were many uniformed men in line.

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