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WEST BY SOUTHWEST

By W. D. BOYCE,
Owner of The Times.

If you were to travel from Indianapolis due west 180 degrees, or half way around the world, you would be directly north of the west line of Australia. Then if you were to travel directly south nearly 100 degrees you would be at the south end of New Zealand, which means you would have traveled more than two-thirds of the distance around the world. If you were to repeat this to return home you then would have traveled one and one-half times the distance around the world.

"West by Southwest," the title which has been selected for this expedition, possibly my last, indicates the direction we proceed from home. This corner of the world, which contains one-fifth of the globe's surface, water and land, is occupied by six million white people in New Zealand and Australia, and by millions of people who are yellow, or black, or all kinds of mixtures of colors, in the thousands of islands embraced in what are known as the South Sea Islands.

I expect first to give the readers of the Times the substantial courses of a full meal, the so-called roast beef and potatoes. That will be New Zealand and Australia. Then from a personally chartered steam or oil-burning yacht, equipped with wireless, I shall do many of the thousands of South Sea Islands. By this means I can get off the beaten track and away from the few well-known islands where novelists have spent their time and regaled their health, writing interesting fiction into which they have injected the lives of the people and things as they have seen them.

It is said that truth is stranger than fiction. For thirty-odd years I have been trying to find and publish true stories that were stranger than fiction.

The South Sea Islands have been the basis of many romantic stories in fiction. I am going to do my very best to investigate and explore enough of these islands to beat, if possible, the stories of fiction. This portion of our expedition will be the dessert of our full meal, and, if I am not mistaken, a great variety of dessert is appreciated on every bill of fare.

We sailed from Vancouver, B. C., Canada, on the steamship *Makura* of the Union Steamship Company line. When you read this I will be on the Pacific Ocean, and for the fourth time in the last ten years I will spend my Christmas at sea, in the interest of our readers. We should land at Auckland, New Zealand, within three weeks after leaving Vancouver.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season (and hoping to see you again), I will say goodbye.

WHAT we cannot understand about that usury among city employes is where the inspectors get the money to lend to the laborers!

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY seems to have resolved to unify the two telephone plants in 1921. Here's hoping the resolution survives better than some others.

WONDER what will eventually become of that 224 quarts of whisky abandoned in the streets? Perhaps it will reach consumers via the underground in the holidays of 1922!

AND WHILE POP LEPPERT is being tried on that blind tiger case, Prosecutor Adams might ask him if he is still grateful for the compromise of the judgments against him.

BUT IT OUGHT NOT be necessary, by speech and newspaper publicity, to remind the public of a law that has done as much for it as Jesse Eschbach et al. says has been done by the Goodrich Coal Commission act.

Just Be Patient, Please

Comes now the marshal of Greentown, a rather obscure minion of the law, who seems to be of the type that regards his oath of office as more than a mere joke, and captures two bootleggers whom the zealous Charles Orbison has overlooked.

With more or less difficulty the marshal succeeds in getting his accusations into proper hands and, in spite of the interference of the high sheriff of Howard County, in getting the liquor where it will neither be spared to extinction nor sold by the truck load to bootlegging negroes.

It is now in order for Mr. Orbison to write one of his famous letters of congratulation to this humble marshal, extolling alike his actions and the virtues of the Prohibition Enforcement Agent.

Then E. S. Shumaker, the titular head of the Anti-Saloon League in Indiana, may make an investigation, and in event the marshal be found to belong to the party of the "aristocracy of intellect and culture," which Mr. Shumaker serves so well, he may even be initiated into full membership in the League.

In fact, in the course of a few weeks we may have the pleasure of reading from the ready pen of Mr. Shumaker, a fulsome eulogy, not of the Greentown marshal, but of the wonder influence of the Anti-Saloon League, which in some occult way provided the motive that prompted the marshal to seize the bootleggers that evaded the clutches of the net that Orbison did not spread.

A New Political Element

An Indiana woman, who cast her first vote at the last election, recently refused to renew her subscription for a Democratic newspaper for this reason:

"You was sure that Governor Cox would be elected it caused me to vote the Democratic ticket and I lost every vote. And after the election I knew you did not know nothing about what was going on, so please don't try to get me to take your paper any longer."

Although the Times was never so foolish as to predict the election of Governor Cox, it extends its deepest sympathy to this woman.

She was deprived, by false representations, of the priceless privilege of political victory.

Some low-down editor who never gave a moment's thought to the pain she would suffer from having cast her first vote fruitlessly, deceived her.

He may have thought that the question of the late election was one of principle, nothing more. But he failed to reckon with the feminine mind. He did not give due attention to the fact that there is nothing that pleases a woman better than success. He cared not how serious a blow to feminine pride is involved in the awakening to the fact that the feminine stands with the minority.

What a fearful burden has been imposed on the mere editor by woman's suffrage!

Henceforth he must not only digest the issues of a campaign, but must look into the future or turn to the ouija board and duly ascertain who is going to win before each election.

For if, perchance, he does not advocate a winner, then indeed is he guilty of heinous offense!

To fail is to admit that he "don't know nothing about what is going on," and in addition to being conscience stricken he must also suffer the apalling calamity of losing a subscriber!

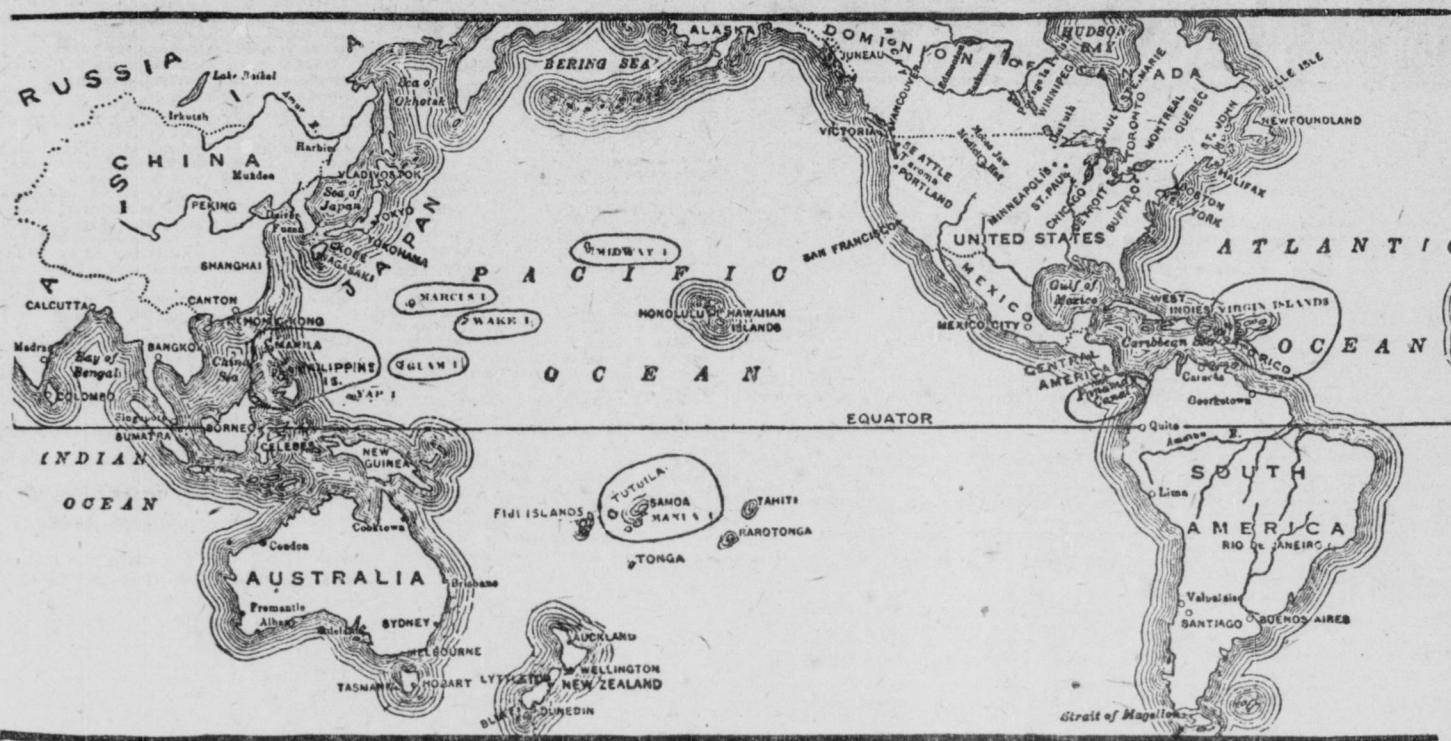
Boston's Blind Clerks

An effort is being made in the city of Boston to place blind clerks in a number of stores of that city. Particular attention is being paid to those who became blind during the last war, and it is believed that with the proper training, these unfortunate persons will be able to fill the positions allotted them as well as those who possess their sight.

This move is intensely gratifying to those who feel sympathy so acutely when they watch the endeavors of a blind person. It is a fact that persons who have lost their sight have made a success in life, in spite of the handicaps. New York once boasted of a very successful merchant who conducted a large wholesale business on Broadway. Indeed if the blind person has sufficient character to banish self pity from his mentality and determine to succeed, he can do so.

It is a matter of congratulation in this State that the number of blind is constantly on the decrease in proportion to the population and while possibly there will always be persons who are so unfortunately situated, it is gratifying to know that the education afforded them despite the nature of their handicap is such that they can be very useful citizens and fill lives of service. Contrasting this with the old time lot of a blind person who, devoted himself to begging, there has been a great advancement. The experiment in Boston will be watched with a great deal of interest.

Vast Field of Commercial Possibilities for America in Pacific to Be Sounded by Expedition Under Direction of W. D. Boyce



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