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2^m Leaving New York, the 11th of February, Mrs. Simons and I

enjoyed a cruise around South America on the Nieuw Amsterdam, flagship of the Holland-America Line. Good fortune attended us as the weather was perfect. We formed pleasant acquaintances on the boat and enjoyed meeting the people of the several countries visited.

2^m The letters which follow were written for the folks at home and published in the Journal-World so that those who read them might enjoy with us some of the many features of a most delightful trip. At all times we recognized that the visit was entirely too short for exhaustive studies of people and politics; yet we formed opinions which we believe to be sound, and in the last of our letters we write of both opportunities and hazards connected with the further development of trade between the Americas.

2^m The short article on Kansas was delivered by the writer in a three minute talk, when he represented Kansas in the roll call of the states. There were eight Kansans aboard, six of them from Wichita, and they outvoted the Lawrence delegation in selecting the speaker.

2^m In spite of the presumption that every reader knows his geography and could draw a map of the western hemisphere with his eyes shut, there may be some who will be interested in knowing that all of South America is farther south than Arabia, and practically all is south of the southern tip of India. A line drawn directly south from Florida would just about touch the westernmost portions of the continent, and the eastern borders are south of a point halfway between New York and London. The biggest surprise is that three of the four largest capital cities of South America--Montevideo of Uruguay, Buenos Aires of Argentine and Santiago of Chile--all lie below the southern-most tip of Africa--the Cape of Good Hope.