

Skagway. Mount St. Elias (18,000 feet in height), is in Alaska; while it is watered in part by the Yukon River.

LESSON XX.

Mexico and Central America.

Q. Point out the position and boundaries of the Republic of Mexico.

Q. Name the capital of Mexico.

A. Mexico, near Lake Tez-cu-co.

Q. Point out and name the two Peninsulas of Mexico.

A. Lower Cal-i-for-nia and Yu-ca-tan.

Q. What noted volcano is in Mexico?

A. Po-po-cat-a-petl, or Smoke Mountain, the highest mountain but one in North America.

Q. What is the area and the population of Mexico?

A. Area, 767,005 square miles; population (1900) 13,605,919.

Q. How many States, etc., are included in Mexico?

A. There are twenty-seven states, three territories, and one federal district. These are now divided into fifty departments.

Q. Name two seaports of Mexico on the Gulf of Mexico.

A. Vera Cruz and Tampico.

Q. Name two seaports of Mexico on the Pacific.

A. Acapulco and Mazatlan.

Q. Point out the position of Central America.

Q. What great mountain ranges extend through it?

A. The An-des of Central America.

Q. Point out and name the largest lakes in Central America.

A. Lakes Leon and Nic-ar-a-gua.

Q. What river drains Lake Nicaragua?

A. The San Juan.

Q. Where is the Mosquito Coast?

A. It extends from C. Gracias a Dios to the River San Juan.

Q. What Republics are included in Central America?

A. Guatemala, San Sal-va-dor, Hon-du-ras, Nic-ar-a-gua, and Costa Rica.

Q. What British colony is in Central America?

A. Belize, or British Honduras. Population, about 42,000.

Q. Name the island possessions of the United States with their areas and estimated populations.

A. The Hawaiian or Sandwich Islands, with an area of 6,500 square miles, and an estimated population of 154,000. The capital is Honolulu.

Porto Rico, with an area of 3,600 square miles, and a population of about 960,000.

Philippine Islands, with a total area, including Luzon and Mindanao, and also the Sulu Islands, of about 128,000 square miles, and an estimated population of 7,650,000.

Guam, one of the Ladrone Islands, 200 square miles in area, and with a population close upon 9,750.

The Samoa group of islands, which include Tutuila and Manua, with a united area of about 80 square miles.

The exports of these possessions include, besides the sugar cane and the coffee tree, bananas and pine apples.

Q. What small Republic lies between Costa Rica and Columbia?

A. Panama, on the isthmus. It is 35