

IS THIS CORONADO'S STONE CROSS?

The narrative of Jaramillo, a lieutenant under Coronado (14th Report Bureau of Ethnology, Vol. 1, p 590) says:

"We reached what they said was the end of Quivera, to which they took us saying that the things there were of great importance. Here there was a river with more water and more inhabitants than the others. Being asked if there was anything beyond they said there was nothing more of Quivira, but that there was Harahey, and that it was the same sort of a place, with settlements like these, and about the same size. The general (Coronado) sent to summon the lord of those parts and the other Indians who they said resided in Harahey, and he came with about 200 men—all naked—with bows, and some sort of things on their heads, and their privy parts slightly covered. He was a big Indian, with a large body and limbs, and well proportioned. After he had heard the opinion of one and another about it, the general asked them what we ought to do, reminding us of how the army had been left and that the rest of us were there, so that it seemed to all of us that as it was already almost the opening of winter, for, if I remember rightly, it was after the middle of August, and because there was little there to winter for, and we but very little prepared for it, and the uncertainty as to the success of the army that had been left, and because the winter might close the roads with snow and rivers which we could not cross, and also in order to see what had happened to the rest of the force left behind, it seemed to us all that his grace ought to go back in search of them, and when he had found out for certain how they were, to winter there, and return to that country at the opening of spring, to conquer and cultivate it. Since as I said, this was the last point which we reached, here the Turk saw that he had lied to us, and one night he called on all these people to attack us and kill us. We learned of it, and put him under guard and strangled him that night so that he never waked up. With the plan mentioned, we turned back it may have been two or three days, where we provided ourselves with picked fruit and dried corn for our return. The general raised a cross at this place, at the foot of which he made the letters with a chisel, which said that Francisco Vazquez de Coronado, general of that army, had arrived here."

The Cross of Coronado? Where was it? Where is it today?

From far-off Idaho comes a letter which raises the query of the caption of this article.

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