Our Neighbors of South America!

A Continent Rich in Natural Resources

- South America has matured without the busy outside world knowing much about it—has become of age virtually overnight, after surviving a multitude of infantile ailments known as revolutions.

- South America's last vestiges of colonial possessions in South America proper, not counting islands, are represented by the British, Dutch, and French Guianas, the ownership of which was established finally in the settlement following the Napoleonic wars in Europe. These three countries combined cover only 175,000 square miles of the continent's total of about 7,500,000 square miles. From this last figure it can be seen that South America is almost as large as North America, the area of which is roughly 9,000,000 square miles. In totaling North America's area, however, all of Central America, beginning with Panama at the south, is included.

- From the lofty, lengthily, and once-crowned ridges of the Andes to the steaming jungles of the Amazon and Orinoco basins South America has virtually every type of terrain and every kind of climate that can (Continued on page 55.)