The Donner Party

Rasputina

The similarities and situations between the Donner Party and th e colonial Pilgrims is both appalling, frightening, and incompl ete. In both cases you'll find, one, a fairly large group of il l-prepared greenhorns pitting themselves against nature and eac h other, two, an insufficient willingness to endure the very re al hardships of frontiering and, three, coinsidential misfortun e at every turn. Number three, coinsidential misfortune at ever y turn. Disasters at both camps were initially brought about by departure, delay, and desert inertia; which caused our heroes to begin their journeys at absolutely retarded times weatherwis e. If fantasy is the refuge of a frightened man, and a castle i n the air is a safe harbor for a foolish few, just imagine livi ng in a hut buried twelve feet below the snow, with the sight a nd smell of the scattered carcasses of loved ones at your feet; it is the lay of the land, just another day. I would like to p ropose that cannibalism was indeed rampant among America's earl iest settlers: The Pilgrims. For what does settler imply, if no t the willingness to settle? To settle for a meal of human fles h if my thoughts on the subject are to be believed. In conclusi on, spread the word of this. Look to the night sky, and hark ba ck to our forefathers' shortcomings, and your own, as you cut y our meat and lay the groundwork for a new tomorrow.

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