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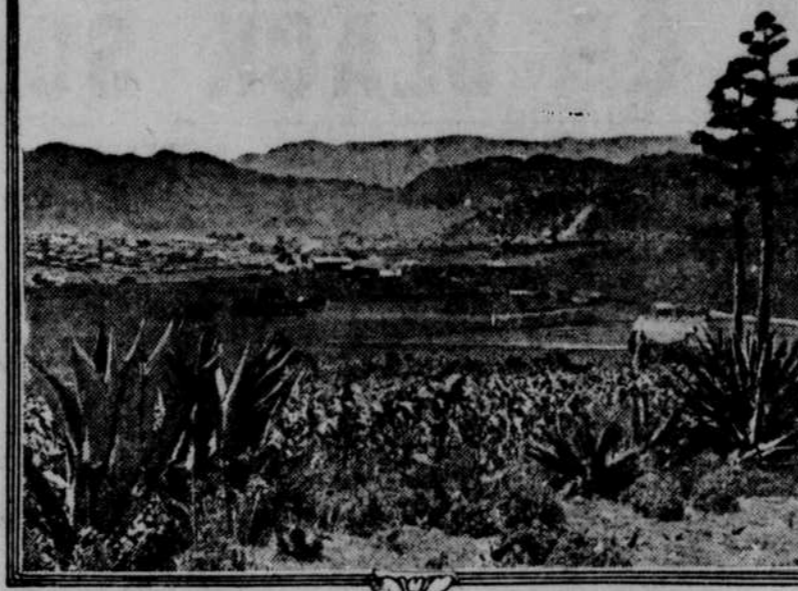
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Lands of the Caribbean



Scene in Settled Portion of Guatemala.

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The creation of a "United States of Central America," and troubles between Panama and Costa Rica which almost led to war, have drawn attention to the countries south of the Caribbean sea recently more strongly than at any time since the completion of the Panama canal. Nowhere else in the world has Nature been more bountiful in her blessings of natural resources than in the Caribbean region. Everything that her treasure-house holds has been bestowed with lavish, and also with impartial, hand. Someone has observed that if you tickle the ground with a hoe it smiles back with a yam and certain it is that in any one of these countries the ground of natural resources may be tickled with the hoe of foreign capital and it smiles back with yams of wealth.

These countries are nearly all favored alike in natural wealth, but there is a vast difference in the development of that wealth—a difference that may be attributed almost wholly to the character of the governments in the respective countries.

In some of these lands the milk and honey of plenty flows in a bountiful stream. Others are in wretched poverty, where the masses never have enough to keep the gaunt wolf of hunger from gnawing at their vitals day and night and year in and year out. In traveling through these countries, one is impressed with the fact that prosperity abides with good rule and poverty dwells with misrule.

Differences in Development.

Starting out with the easily demonstrated fact that there is very little difference between these countries in their natural resources, it is interesting to look around and notice what is being made of this natural wealth. One need not go out of the confines of Central America to see this. It would require six Salvadors to make one Honduras, and yet Salvador has twice the population of Honduras and a larger foreign commerce. Costa Rica is less than half as big as Nicaragua, and yet its foreign commerce is greater than that country's.

And yet, when Salvador and Costa Rica are compared with Porto Rico, they in turn seem to be slow in their development. Porto Rico is so small that seven islands like it would be required to cover an area equal to that of Costa Rica, yet it has a foreign trade more than fifteen times as great as that of the Banana Empire. Porto Rico is less than half as large as Salvador, yet it has a foreign trade over thirteen times as great.

Little Porto Rico is so small that it could be buried in a single Central American lake; it would take 57 islands of its size to equal Central America in area and yet Porto Rico enjoys about three times as much foreign trade as all Central America together from Tehantepec to Colombia. The reason? Because compared to these Central American republics Porto Rico has an ideal government. The trade of the island has increased sevenfold since Uncle Sam took possession there. The number of children enrolled in the schools has increased sixfold. The wages of the laboring class has multiplied threefold even before the war.

Honduras is a Laggard.

Honduras in some ways lags behind its neighbors. And yet it is rich in natural resources almost beyond imagination. With vast deposits of minerals of all kinds, with untold thousands of acres of the finest tropical fruit and vegetable lands in the world and with vast areas of magnificent grazing and coffee lands, Honduras is at our very doors. It is 700 miles nearer to Chicago than that city is to San Francisco; it is closer to Washington than Denver is; it is farther from New Orleans to Chicago than it is from Puer Barrios and Livingston to New Orleans. With a stable government, Honduras must become a kingdom of plenty instead of a principality of poverty.

Across the border is prosperous little Salvador. It is as different from Honduras as night is from day. It has a population so dense that if ours

Hospitality.

Hospitality must be for service and not for show, or it pulls down the host. The brave soul rates itself too high to value itself by the splendor of its table and draperies. It gives what it hath, and all it hath, but its own majesty can lend a better grace to oat cakes and fair water than belong to city feast. —Robert Walter Emerson.

Before and After.

Before he gets her he says: "How womanly!" when she does anything. But after he gets her he says: "That's just like a woman!" when she does a thing. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Diplomatic Youngster.

Harold was often allowed to visit his grandmother, but was always told he should return home. On arriving at his grandmother's one morning he was asked how long he could stay. "Well, grandmother, I don't remember whether mother said ten o'clock or three o'clock, but I'll be home after dinner and ask her."

To Dream of Mackerel.

Mackerel, especially if eaten, signifies that you will make the acquaintance of one of the opposite sex who will become very useful to you.

were of equal density we would have a population of 700,000,000 in the continental United States; and, although nearly half of the country is mountainous, the people are normally able to get their living out of what they produce and still have a comfortable balance of trade in their favor.

The Salvadorean people are different from those of any other Central American state. They have a middle class. There are thousands of little farms not much larger than a good-sized city block, and yet it is here that the real prosperity of Salvador is created. In no other way could a million and a quarter souls find subsistence on 8,000 square miles of territory, nearly half of it mountains.

Nicaragua and Revolutions.

Nicaragua is in much the condition of Honduras. There have been revolutions there since the memory of the inhabitants runneth not to the contrary. Here one sees a thousand opportunities for the development of great wealth. Virgin forests of all the precious woods in the category extending for miles on end; coffee lands where millions of pounds of splendid coffee might be grown; sugar lands which might yield hundreds of thousands of sacks of sugar; and yet all stand idle. Why?

Ask the American coffee growers of the Matagalpa district; ask the cotton growers of Campo Santo. The revolutions come along and leave their coffee to spoil ungathered and their cotton to go to waste unspun. Ask the financier from New Orleans who spent 20 years of hardships trying to gather together a competence, and who finally found his business wrecked and in the hands of the receivers.

Given good governments, then, no countries on the map would afford greater opportunities for profitable investments than those of Central America. With such governments as some of them have had heretofore all their natural wealth cannot offset the disadvantages of those governments, and an investment at 4 per cent in the United States has often been preferred to one yielding 100 per cent in some of these countries.

When we come to Costa Rica, things are beginning to be different, and Costa Rica does not like to be reckoned in the same class with Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala. Until recently she has had scarcely a revolution in a generation.

Panama which is geographically a part of Central America, though it has not been politically so since independence was gained from Spain, is blessed with some very fine farming and fruit-lands in the region next to Costa Rica; but nearly all of the Panamanians have gone down to the canal zone region for the time being. Some of the most beautiful tierra templada lands in America are to be found in the Chiquiri country, and when the people of the United States get acquainted with the possibilities there, some of them are going to settle in that region and make it a splendid example of the possibilities of tropical America.

It is not improbable that one of the results of the completion of the Panama canal will be the realization by the people of the United States that its safety depends in no small degree upon the good conduct of the governments of Central America. That will mean a demand for a new order of things in these countries, which in turn will mean safe investments for American capital.

Then will dawn an era of development in Central America comparable to that which has taken place in Porto Rico and in Cuba.

Around the World for a Nickel.

On the wall of a shop not far from Fifth avenue, New York, there is hanging in a frame a large envelope which has been forwarded from one point to another around the world. It reached as far south as New Zealand and north as far as Russia, where it touched some years before the disturbed conditions of war prevailed. The original inscription was hardly discernible at the end of the journey and a five-cent stamp carried it all the way.

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In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Ida May Johnson, Deceased.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court, praying for the probate of a certain instrument now on file in said Court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said Court on the 6th day of October, 1921 and if they fail to appear in said Court on the said 6th day of October, 1921 at 9 o'clock A. M., to contest the probate of said will, the Court may allow and probate said will and grant administration of said estate to Silas Johnson or some other suitable person, enter a decree of heirship, and proceed to a settlement thereof.

Bryce Crawford County Judge

31-9-15, 22, 29-21

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA. Doc. 186 No. 27

NOTICE

In the matter of the estate of Ernest C. H. Wicke, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of an order of the Honorable L. B. Day, Judge of the district court of Douglas County, Nebraska, made on the 2nd day of September, 1921, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, there will be sold at public to be secured by note and mortgage on vendue to the highest bidder and upon the following terms, one-third cash, and the balance on three years' time, with interest at six per cent per annum the premises sold, at the east door of the court house in the city of Omaha, in said county, on the first day of October, 1921, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. the following described real estate: Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4), in Block Two (2), in Hyde Park, an addition to the city of Omaha, Nebraska, as surveyed, platted and recorded. Said sale will be dated this 12th day of September, 1921.

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A REASONABLE REQUEST

WE have a reasonable request we would respectfully make to American dailies in general and to those of Omaha in particular. It is this: that they abandon a custom which is doing untold damage to the self-respecting, industrious, law-abiding and progressive colored citizens, by branding them and stigmatizing them with the crimes or alleged crimes charged against individuals of their race. The custom of headlining and making prominent the race of the offender, if he be a Negro rather than the crime, does this very thing; and unless the daily press willfully and wantonly desires to damage us, which The Monitor does not for one moment believe, we see no reason why this rule, which is used almost exclusively in the case of colored people, should not be abandoned. This should be done primarily upon the ground of justice and fair play. It should be done in the interests of amity and good-will which the press should be foremost in promoting. Some dailies, like the Cleveland Plaindealer, never mention the nationality or race of the accused. This, in our judgment, is the better plan; but if this is too much to hope for at once, and it is deemed absolutely essential to call attention to race why could not this be casually mentioned in the body of the article, rather than headlined and made prominent as the present custom is? A moment's sober reflection will make it perfectly plain to any one that there is a psychological impression made to a race, nationality or religion. If, for example, one frequently saw it mentioned that a Catholic, or a Jew or a German, or a Swede or a red-headed man, were charged with this or that crime in newspaper articles bearing headlines of this character, "Catholic Bandit Holds Up Train"; "Catholic Snatches Woman's Purse"; "Catholic Shoots Policeman"; "Catholic Assaults Protestant Woman"; "Catholic Lynched"; etc., what would be the conclusion of the average reader? Why, a most natural one, that the whole group is a bad lot, and therefore fit subjects of suspicion, distrust, ostracism and discrimination. This would be the natural conclusion. Of course such generalization would be wrong and a wicked lie, but this would be the result. The effect would be damaging, painful and embarrassing to this whole group of people. And so it is in the case of the Negro. He is today the victim of discrimination and humiliation, due largely, if not exclusively, to the popular, but manifestly unfair custom of the daily press to lay emphasis upon the race of the accused, if he be a Negro, rather than upon the crime.

How It Started

THE FINGER PRINT SYSTEM.

THE British authorities in India, desiring to impress the natives with their omniscience, hit upon the idea of taking the finger prints of everybody. Later the scheme was brought to Scotland Yard, the police headquarters in London. From there it spread till it is now in universal use.

A Long Wait.

Father (as he starts to carve).—"By the way, my dear, I've got to attend a bankers' dinner tomorrow. They expect over a hundred. Tommy—"Gee! I'd hate to be the youngest where there's that many to be helped."—Boston Transcript.

ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE

Old Mr. Multirox—And so, you are willing to make me happy by becoming my wife?
Young Miss Goldilox—Yes, I suppose I'll have to be your wife in order, eventually, to become your widow.

Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

WORD "GENTLEMAN."

A FRENCH critic, discussing the recent famous battle for the boxing championship of the world, expressed surprise that so many Americans should have favored the challenger from abroad. Perhaps if he had stopped to think for a moment he would have realized that, after all, this is in the true sporting spirit. That spirit is at times hard to cultivate. It is natural for a city to want its home team to win in baseball, and for a college to wish to see its young giants sweep all before them on the diamond, the links and the gridiron. "To have and to hold" is the motto of national or international sport from jockeying to polo.

It is reasonable for a nation not to wish to lose any championship once it has obtained it. Various explanations have been given of the popularity of Carpentier, the best small man who stood up to the best big man in their business in the world today. A ray of light is thrown on the matter by a word that was used by several experts in describing the affair. They said that the Frenchman fought like a gentleman and lost like one.

The Finest Language. The finest language is chiefly made up of unassuming words.—George Eliot.

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