

### Guam, Uncle Sam's Far-Flung Outpost in the Pacific.

Island Possession Has Been Little Developed, But Possibilities Are Great.

By CARL SCHURZ LOWDEN.

Right this way, ladies and gentlemen, to Guam and the Carolines. See Uncle Sam's far-flung outpost, the last stopping point on this side of the Philippines. Transfer at Guam and go south to the Caroline Islands. These are the spoils, or a part of them, that the Japs got for fighting against Germany. See Yap, little in name and size but mighty. Japan has a mandate over it, but our cable to the Philippines lands there. There are hundreds of islands in the Carolines. See what the Japs are doing there. See with your own eyes whether they are abiding by the four-power agreement to cease building fortifications. Right this way, ladies and gentlemen.

The ballyhoo man, the "barker" in the red cap, can be imagined or visualized as standing at the dock in San Francisco and exhorting his hearers to go West. But this young Horace Greeley can only be imagined. He wears no red cap; in fact, he is not there. If he were there he would be shouting the wonders of Hawaii. That place is established in the American consciousness. We have acquired the habit of going there.

Guam, still largely undeveloped, is only a diamond in the rough. Yap is just a pinpoint on the map. The Carolines are just half a thousand pinpoints. However, Guam has a length of 30 and a width of six or seven miles with a total area of approximately 200 square miles. It is a stopping point for Uncle Sam's transpacific ship route and one of his cable lines. He has also there a naval depot and some fortifications not yet finished, but as much finished now as they will be within the next 10 years if the status quo understanding of the powers lives.

Guam is hot; its mean temperature is 80 degrees. When it rains, it pours. When it blows, look out for a hurricane. When the ground shivers and you have a strange feeling of emptiness or uncertainty, you may know that old Mother Earth is quaking.

Hurricanes make no last impression on the natives. A furious storm destroys the fields and gardens, wipes out everything. The people are destitute and famine grips them. It has happened several times. Some ship comes in with food, and starvation is prevented. The farmers grow just enough vegetables for their daily needs. They never have a surplus; when disaster arrives, they are not prepared to cope with the emergency.

The situation may be peculiar but not entirely illogical. There must be an incentive of a positive character. Here in America we grow more than we need so that we can sell the surplus and buy other materials with the

money received. Guam is isolated. There is no market for the surplus. The wants of the people are extremely simple. The only possible need of a surplus would come with a catastrophe. The people are unwilling to anticipate a calamity, particularly so if two birds cannot be killed with the same stone.

Guam is not self-supporting, though every home has its garden or rancho, where the principal products are corn and sweet potatoes. Perhaps there will be a patch of tobacco or some coffee bushes stooping from the weight of the berries. Rice is grown. Coconuts are gathered from the palm trees. Copra, the dried meat of the coconut, constitutes the only item exported. By far the larger part of the population of 15,000 is engaged in agriculture.

The roads are poor, many of them little more than mere trails. Even the carabao, or water buffalo, and the cart it draws cannot travel some of them. This need for better transportation retards the development of the island. When roads are made, fine lumber obtainable in the interior and other materials besides copra will doubtless be exported.

The natives are a picturesque lot of mixed blood, with a range of complexion from white to dark brown. In other days Scotch, French, English and Spanish ships stopped in the harbor of San Luis d'Apra. When the ships departed, some of the men remained and married the native Chamorro women. If the tourist were required to guess or identify the place by the family names he would judge himself to be in the British Isles, France or Spain; if he heard the language and knew languages he would perceive it to be the common tongue of that section of the world; that is, of Miconesia.

The men wear trousers and shirts, but they vary the American style by keeping the shirt entirely on the outside. We may laugh at the custom, but they deem it a much more preferable method than ours. If we lived as near the equator as they do we might see more wisdom in their apparent madness. The women like ample skirts and waists, with sleeves, but they save their shoes and stockings for special events.

The Guamese impress the traveler as an amiable people. They are intelligent and eager to learn. Their enterprise in this respect must be regarded as astonishing; for the Spanish authorities frowned on education because they thought the natives, if left ignorant, would be more tractable and less likely to rebel against the government. Since the American occupation of the island at the close of

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the war with Spain, schools have been established.

A marked filial devotion may be noted between the parents and children. When marriage comes, the interested fathers and mothers plan and work together to give the young couple the right sort of a start in life. When the parents reach old age, the sons and daughters repay by taking care of them.

"It is not unusual," says one man who has studied this aspect of Guamese character, "for a man or woman of 40 or 50 years to ask permission of the parents before engaging in a business transaction. The spectacle of old women, abandoned and forgotten by their children, acting as water carriers in Samoa and among our Indian tribes, is unknown in Guam."

Many of the houses have roofs of colored tile and are constructed of wood, stone or stucco. The Americans introduced corrugated iron as a good roofing material, which some of the natives have taken as an example worth following. The older residents or those of a conservative mind stick to the customs of their forefathers as good enough for themselves; they prefer dwellings tatched all over with palm tree leaves.

Agana, the seat of government, is an industrious little city that sets the pace for the few others in Guam. The houses are more modern and the streets more spacious and better surfaced than those of its sister towns.

In the public square you will see the principal church of Agana and of Guam. Founded in 1669, the earthquake of 1902 shattered it; as yet it has not been restored to its former glory, but the native give it the same degree of adoration.

"Its great bell," a former governor of the island once said, "tolls every morning at 4 o'clock calling the people to matins and to their daily tasks. The church is a sacred possession hallowed by the worship of generations. The people could not be parted from it nor from the daily observances connected with it."

The island imitates Italy in shape, though if that country can properly be compared to a boot, Guam must be reckoned as a pair of hose such as men wear. The toe of Italy points downward, and that of Guam takes a similar position. There is a dissimilarity, however, because the Italian boot projects northwest, while the Guamese upper prefers the northeast direction.

San Luis d'Apra, 10 miles from Agana, has a better harbor than those of Pago and Tarofoto, which are on the other, or eastern, side of the island. Agana's own harbor gives no assurance of safety in a storm, inasmuch as an anchor will drag readily in the coral bottom. Apra has a clay bottom. Consequently, we have the queer situation of the capital using the Apra harbor regardless of the disadvantage of location entails.

Would you pick cotton from trees? Then go to Guam where three varieties grow wild. The tree cotton flourishes at a height of 60 feet.

Guam has other remarkable trees besides those that yield cotton. The women take the long leaves of the pandanu and braid them into mats and hats. From the hau tree, the men manufacture a strong rope impervious to water. The coconuts here are the best in all the tropics, the pineapple are juicy and the breadfruit delicious. The jungles contain many hardwoods valuable for shipbuilding or cabinet work.

The island, of course, is administered by our Navy Department, because of its great importance as a naval station.—The Dearborn Independent.

#### RADIO STATION

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#### NOTICE OF DISCHARGE

I will apply to the Judge of Probate for Clarendon County on the 17th day of April, 1922 at 11 o'clock A. M. for Letters of Discharge as Administrator of the Estate of Shadrie Rush Mims, deceased.

Charlton E. Gamble,  
Administrator.  
Turbeville, S. C., March 14, 1922.

#### NOTICE OF SALE

State of South Carolina, Clarendon County. Court of Common Pleas. Notice of Sale.

H. J. Harby, Plaintiff, vs. Susan E. Gaymon, Israel Gaymon, Sarah Lawyer, Madison Gaymon, Wallace Gaymon, Jr., Susan Cordes, Ocie Washington, Moses Cordes, Ruth Cordes, Eleanor Stukes known as Norvel Stukes, Sallie Ann Cantey, Rufus Gaymon known as Moss Gaymon, John Calhoun Gaymon and Eliza Gaymon, Defendants.

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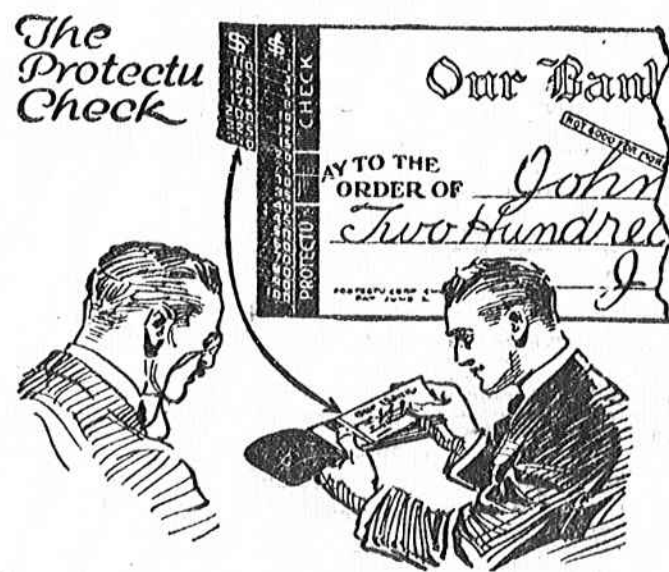
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