

PORTUGAL LARGE IN HISTORY.
The Nation Has Played Important Part in World's Affairs.

Portugal, the most recent nation to draw into the mad maelstrom of European war, was once a part of ancient Roman province of Lusitania, from which the giant Cunard steamer sunk by a German torpedo received its name, says a bulletin issued by the National Geographic Society, at Washington.

With a population scarcely exceeding the combined population of New York, Jersey City and Newark, and an area in Europe less than the State of Pennsylvania, Portugal has not played a major role in the politics of Continental Europe in many years, not, in fact, until the Duke of Wellington, landed his English forces, with the aid of native troops, defeated Napoleon's army at the battle of Wattle, in the two peninsula campaigns.

But the colonial empire of Portugal is out of all proportion to the importance of the home country. In fact, at the beginning of the war, three other countries in Europe—Britain, France and Germany—

whose flags floated over more territory beyond the boundaries of the home country. The combined area of the New England and North Atlantic States would equal less than one-fourth of the territory under the dominion of the tiny republic occupying the western edge of the Iberian peninsula, whose navigators in the 15th and 16th century were the wonders of the world. Yet all this vast territory is held by 5,000 Colonial troops, supplemented by native armies.

It would be difficult to estimate how much Portugal will be able to contribute to the strength of the allies' cause. Its peace strength is only 30,000 men, but there is a reserve of 230,000, while the unorganized military strength of the nation is as great as that of the Netherlands and more than a third larger than was Serbia's total unorganized war strength before the war began.

A curious anomaly is to be found among the peasants of Portugal who are classified as among the most illiterate of Western Europe, yet, are among the most intelligent. Many of the farmers—three-fifths of the population is devoted to agricultural pursuits—have a remarkable gift for versification, and many of the poems of the country are handed down from generation to generation without being recorded. The peasants also are noted for their sobriety, and yet the annual production of wine exceeds 25 gallons for each inhabitant. So great, in fact, is the product of the vineyards that in the cities the various qualities of water are discussed with keener interest than the grades of wine.

While Portugal's maritime glory is a thing of the past, a large number of Portuguese still follow the sea for a livelihood. The Portuguese sardines, however, are preserved in Italian olive oil, although one-fifteenth of the culti-

vated area of the nation is given over to olive groves, for the production of oils of a cheap grade.

The Portuguese peasant woman is an important bread-winner, but she receives for her day's labor of 16 hours, while the men get two shillings.

One of the profitable and extremely popular "industries" of the rural population is a placid lying-in-wait for tourists who attempt to motor through the country on the less frequented and often impassable public roads. With an ox-team the peasant waits at a favorable spot until a motorist, traveling in an automobile on which an import tax of \$120 has been collected by the Portuguese government, sticks in the mud. To haul out such an unfortunate is often more profitable than several days' work in the wheat, maize or rice fields.

The harbor of Lisbon, where the seizure of the German merchant ships precipitated Portugal into the war, is one of the most beautiful in all Europe, ranking scarcely second to Naples and Constantinople. The city is about the size of Pittsburgh, and has been the political center of the nation since it was wrested from the Moors in the middle of the 12th century by Alfonso Henriques, the founder of the kingdom. It was the English who aided Alfonso in his war against the Moors, and the following century the two countries effected an alliance which has existed unbroken during the succeeding several hundred years, save for such sporadic interruptions as when Napoleon forced the little kingdom to declare war against the island empire.

The Portuguese, especially those of Lisbon, are a pleasure-loving people. They are fond of sports of many sorts, including the bull-fight, but the torador is not the idol in this country that he is in Spain, nor are the contests as fierce. Horses are seldom if ever sacrificed in the Portuguese trocadero.

Lisbon is an even greater "night city" than Paris, the streets appearing at their busiest usually at 3 a. m. The principal thoroughfares are admirably kept nowadays but as late as 1835 a "clean up" campaign was in a woeful minority when he began to urge the authorities to put a stop to such practices as breaking horses in the streets, and slinging pigs in the main avenues of trade. He also protested against keeping pigs alive in the streets "or tied to the doors," while he thought it advisable to put an end to the custom of allowing dead animals to lie for indefinite periods in the streets.

There are about 100 journals published in Portugal, the majority of these being of a political nature, and many of them are owned by the leaders of the various parties.

It has been said that "if Lisbon turns Turk tomorrow all Portugal will wear the turban," so when the monarchy was overthrown in 1910, after 100 persons had been killed and 500 wounded in the capital, King Manuel taking refuge in England, it was a matter of course that the rest of the nation would quietly acquiesce in the new order of things. Portugal today was much the same outward form of government as our own. Each parliament is supposed to last three years, senators are elected for six years, and presidents for four years. The head of the government receives \$20,000 a year. Money, however, is reckoned chiefly in reis, and, therefore, even a day laborer's wage is sweet to the ear, for it takes 20 reis to make a penny.

Portugal's transcendent contribution to world history was the colonization of Brazil, the largest nation in South America and the third largest in the Western hemisphere. While Brazil was discovered by Columbus' companion, Pinzon and formal possession taken by him in the name of Spain, Cabral landed in 1500, a year later, and proclaimed it Portuguese territory. Portugal settled the country and ruled it until 1822 when, under the leadership of the Portuguese prince, Dom Pedro, independence from the mother country was declared.

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FOR CONGRESS.
Mr. W. F. Stevenson authorizes us to announce that he will be a candidate in the Democratic Primary during the coming summer for Congressman from the Fifth Congressional District, and to thank his many friends for their very substantial support in the last primary for the same position.

FOR SOLICITOR.
We are authorized to announce the name of W. H. Cobb as a candidate for re-election as Solicitor of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, comprising the counties of Kershaw and Richland, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.

For Sheriff.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kershaw County in the Primary election to be held in August, and promise to abide by the result of said primary.
Ben. P. DeLoache.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kershaw County, subject to the rules of the coming Democratic primary. I shall appreciate the support of all the people, and if you honor me with this high office, I promise to fill it to the best of my ability.
H. D. GOFF.
(Better known as Policeman Goff)

We hereby announce the name of F. L. Truesdel of Kershaw for Sheriff of Kershaw County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.
Many Citizens.

I am a candidate for the office of Sheriff for Kershaw county and will abide the result of the primary election.
J. F. BATEMAN.

After considerable thought and meditation, I have concluded to make the race this summer for Sheriff of Kershaw county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary, and I will appreciate the support of the voters of the county.
Yours truly,
R. B. WILLIAMS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kershaw county. I will abide the result of the Democratic primary.
G. C. WELSH.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kershaw County in the primary election to

be held in August, and if the voters of Kershaw County give me this office I shall fill it to the best of my ability and will try to make them a Sheriff they will be proud of. I also pledge myself to abide by the rules governing the Democratic Primary.
J. R. BELK.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Kershaw County, subject to the rules and regulations of the county primary.
W. W. HUCKABEE.

At the suggestion of some of my friends, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kershaw county at the ensuing primary election and will abide the result of the same.
D. G. FLETCHER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kershaw County, subject to the rules of the Primary election.
S. H. MICKLE.

At the solicitation of many friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff of Kershaw County, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.
K. T. ESTRIDGE.

To the Voters of Kershaw County:
At the solicitation of friends throughout the county, and following my own inclination and ambition, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the high and honored position of Sheriff of Kershaw County, subject to the rules and regulations governing the primary. I shall make a clean race, and expect to win on my own merits, and not by the shortcomings of any one. I solicit the support of the voters of my county, and pledge a faithful performance of the duties of Sheriff, should I be so fortunate as to win. Respectfully,
R. B. HUMPHRIES.

For Supervisor.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Supervisor of Kershaw County, subject to the rules governing the primary.
J. ROBT. MAGILL.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Supervisor for Kershaw County. If re-elected I promise the same faithful attention to the affairs of Kershaw county in the future as in the past.
M. C. WEST.

FOR CLERK OF COURT.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of Court for Kershaw County. I pledge a faithful discharge of the duties pertaining to said office and will appreciate the support of the voters of the county.
JAMES H. CLYBURN.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the House of Representatives for Kershaw County. I will appreciate the support of the voters of the county.
D. T. BLACKMON.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the House of Representatives for Kershaw County, subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary.
GEORGE G. ALEXANDER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives from Kershaw County, subject to the rules of the primary.
J. M. MARTIN.

For Superintendent of Education.
We, the many friends of Mr. Allen B. Murchison beg to announce him as a suitable candidate for Supt. of Education, Mr. Murchison is well qualified to serve the people of our County in this capacity.
Friends.

I hereby announce myself as a candi-

date for the office of County Superintendent of Education of Kershaw County, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic primary. I am thoroughly competent to fill this position, and if elected I shall do all within my power for the advancement of education in our county and state.
GROVER C. GASKIN.

Appreciative of the call of friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Superintendent of Education for Kershaw County. My preparation and experience fits me for good work and if elected, I shall do all within my power for the advancement of education in our county and state.
I. J. MCKENZIE.

The friends of Mr. Thos. H. Young do hereby announce him a candidate for Superintendent of Education. Mr. Young has been teaching for the last fifteen years and we believe he, if elected, will make us a good and faithful Superintendent.
Many Friends.

For Magistrate.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Magistrate of DeKalb township, subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary.
SAM'L N. NICHOLSON.

At the solicitation of many friends and voters throughout the Township I announce myself as a candidate for the office of Magistrate for DeKalb Township and will appreciate the support of the voters.
D. F. DIXON.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Magistrate for DeKalb Township, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.
H. M. FINCHER.

For Township Commissioner.
The many friends of Mr. D. S. Trapp do hereby place his name in nomination as a candidate for Township Commissioner for DeKalb Township, and solicit for him the support of the voters of said Township. Mr. Trapp is a thorough-going young man and if elected will make us a good and up-to-date officer.
Voters.

Flat Rock Township.
At the solicitation of friends I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Township Commissioner of Flat Rock Township.
J. S. BARFIELD.

Advocates Rural Credits.
Mr. W. F. Stevenson, candidate for congress from this district, calls attention to the fact that the Democratic, the Republican and the Progressive parties all endorsed Rural Credits in their platforms in 1912.

Congress has passed a general banking bill for mercantile purposes, and boasts that it is the greatest in the world. Why did they forget the party pledge of all of the parties to take care of the farmer? Is the law now proposed calculated, if passed, to relieve the need?
He will have more to say later about this proposed law.—adv. 62-1

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