

MALTA IN HISTORY

Had Part in Each Step of Western Civilization.

Island Made Famous Forever When It Beat Back the Turkish Hordes in 1565—Deserving of Promised Home Rule.

"Perhaps no other by-product of the world war save the recovery of Jerusalem stirs the imagination so profoundly as the British announcement of home rule for Malta," says a bulletin of the National Geographic society, which explains:

"The Malta island group is a shrine of mythology, and of sacred and profane history. Calypso, vampire of Homer's word motion pictures, rescued the shipwrecked Ulysses, and employed her charms to make him stay on the island. St. Paul swam ashore there after his vessel ran aground. Publius, the island governor, according to Acts, 28, received and lodged him, and the apostle founded a Christian community before he departed.

"The date of Christ's birth is but the half-way point in Maltese chronology. Since its recorded history began ten nations have held sway over the coveted islands, beginning with the Phoenicians of Paul's time, and running a scale of Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Goths, Arabs, Germans, Spaniards and French, until the present sovereignty of the British.

"It has been said that Malta's chronicle holds, in microcosm, the history of Europe, and that its archeological remains mark each step in western civilization.

"But Malta was an actor, as well as a librarian of historic drama. Literally she became the savior of the western world when the Knights of Malta beat back the Turkish hordes during the famous siege of 1565. The alien knights, along with native Maltese, kept the blighted head of Moslem from crushing the lands which fostered those infant ideals of freedom which now are erected in England's concession.

"The thrills of that siege and the heroism displayed are unsurpassed. Of the 3,000 Maltese who fought with the knights, practically all were killed. Characteristic of the knights' valor was that of the defenders of Fort St. Elmo. Wounded and desperate, the few survivors of months of fighting went to a small chapel within the fort, embraced each other, received the eucharist, and prepared to die. The little company was cut off from all assistance, but fought on. Many fell with sword in hand.

"Fearing they would be exterminated before the assailants were beaten back, a Maltese was sent to swim across the harbor by night to inform the grand master of the danger. The messenger delivered his 'message to Garcia' by diving and swimming mostly under water. 'Hold the fort, or die fighting,' was the command he brought back. Every man obeyed—and died. But the consternation wrought by their frenzied resistance worked such havoc among the assailants that the news of it spread to other divisions of the Turkish forces, and turned the tide toward a Maltese victory.

"In command of the Turkish sea forces was Dragut, who rose from cabin boy and galley slave to be admiral of the Turkish navy, and was mortally wounded before Malta."

Deadly Snake in Bananas.
Patrons of a prosaic grocery store in a sedate Iowa community had an exciting taste of tropical adventure a few days ago. A bunch of bananas which had been ripening in the store for a week suddenly gave up a strange and brilliant snake, about three feet long and unpleasantly active. Taken in a glass-covered box to a local school, the reptile was identified as a bush master, most deadly of South American snakes. Its slender body is pinkish-yellow in color, with a row of large, diamond-shaped patches from head to tail, the latter being black, with stripes of pinkish-yellow. It is related to the better known fer-de-lance, but grows even larger than that six-foot carrier of swift poison. Because of local prejudice against the visitor, it was chloroformed.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Much Unproductive Land.
About one-fifth of a billion acres of the cutover land and woodland in the United States might be cleared up and the stumps removed so that the land would be available for productive farming. If all this agriculturally suitable forest and cutover land could be made into farms averaging 160 acres, it would provide 1,250,000 farms, an increase of about 20 per cent over the present number. It is believed unlikely that more than 50,000,000 acres, or enough for perhaps 300,000 farms, will be cleared of the stumps unless the government assumes responsibility.

Sardonic Suggestion.
"Did you tell the janitor we need more warmth?"
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"Did he pay any attention to the matter?"
"Immediately. He sent up a booklet of winter resort advertisements."

The Trouble With Villa.
Redd—Why don't somebody down in Mexico kill that fellow Villa?
Greene—They have, but the trouble is he won't stay dead.

CITATION NOTICE.

The State of South Carolina—County of Bamberg. By J. J. Brabham, Jr., Probate Judge.

Whereas, Mrs. Ethel Hiers hath made suit to me to grant her letters of administration of the estate and effects of A. J. Hiers.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said A. J. Hiers, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the court of probate, to be held at Bamberg on the 14th day of April, next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 30th day of March, anno domini 1920.
J. J. BRABHAM, JR.,
Judge of Probate.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of J. D. Copeland, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same duly itemized and verified to the undersigned executor, and all persons indebted to said estate will make payment on or before the 15th day of April, 1920.

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These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Mrs. Mollie E. Herndon, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the court of probate, to be held at Bamberg, S. C., on the 3rd day of April, next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this the 18th day of March, anno domini 1920.
J. J. BRABHAM, JR.,
Judge of Probate.

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Whereas H. C. Herndon hath made suit to me to grant him letters of administration of the estate and effects of H. W. Herndon.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said H. W. Herndon, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the court of probate, to be held at Bamberg on the 3rd day of April, next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

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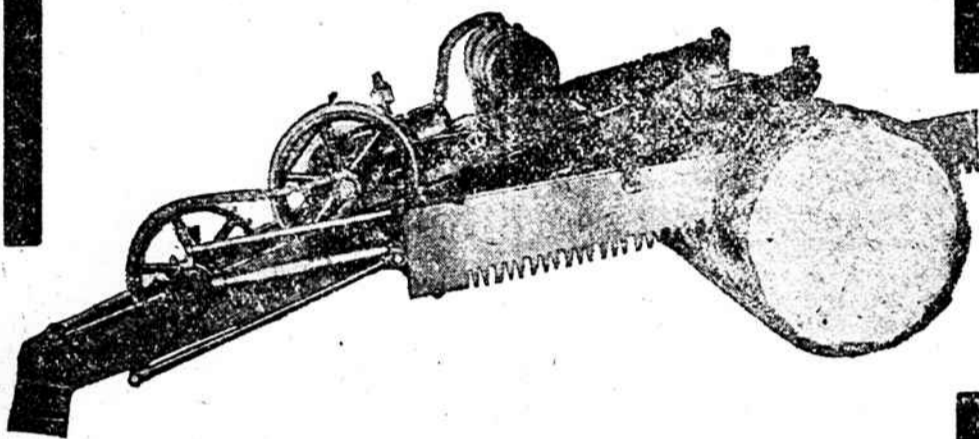
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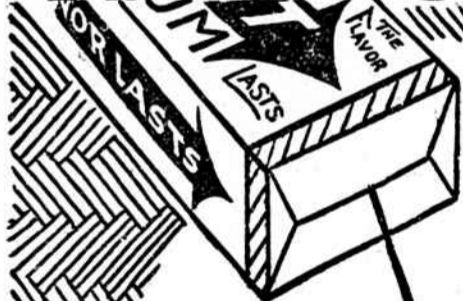
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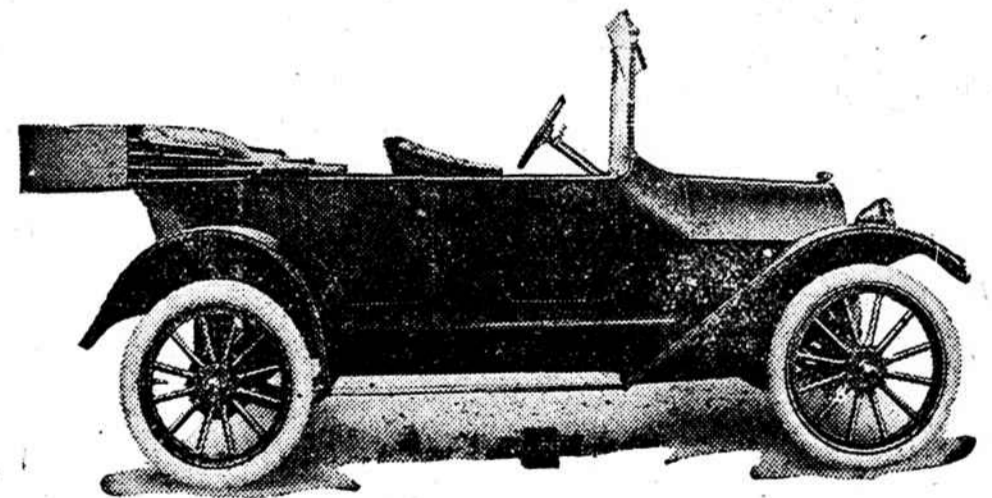
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