UNITED STATES NOW OWNS 9,000 ISLANDS

All Are Outside the Boundaries of States.

Washington.—Acceptance by congress of the Samoan islands as part of the United States' territory definitely adds six more bits of land to the thousands of islands the nation now owns.

"The United States has acquired some 9,000 islands outside the boundaries of the 48 states," says a bulletin from the Washington, (D. C.) headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"This host of territorial islands is scattered from the South Pacific north across the Arctic circle. They sprinkle the seas of both hemispheres for a distance of 15,000 miles from St. John, in the Virgin islands, to Balabac island, on the outskirts of the Philippines.

A "Milky Way" of Islands.

"While 9,000 islands are few, perhaps, beside the island collections of Great Britain, Holland and France, yet American territorial islands decorate the oceans like star galaxies ornament the heavens.

"The Philippines are the 'Milky Way' of the United States' island constellations. They alone comprise approximately eight thousand islands. Everyone knows about Luzon, the monster Philippine island, as large as Ohio in area. Almost nothing is known of the seven thousand islets in the Archipelago having an area of one-tenth of a square mile or more.

"Then there is the scarf of Aleutians swung across the blue sea void toward Asia. The United States coast and geodetic survey does not know for sure how many Aleutians there are, but it is endeavoring to find out by airplane surveys. Then, down in the panhandle of Alaska lie many more islands behind whose protecting flanks, steamers thread their way up the inland passage. Other islands fret the Alaskan coast, including a famous little sandbar of an island behind which Wilkins and Eielson took off to fly across the top of the world.

"How large is Hawaii? That all depends upon how the territory is measured. By square miles of land the Hawaiian islands have an area equal to Connecticut and Rhode Island. By their spread over the Pacific ocean the islands occupy a region as long from east to west as the United States is wide. Wake island, of the territory of Hawaii, an uninhabited atoll 18 feet above sea level, lies nearly 3,000 miles away from the island of Hawaii.

"To American citizens who wish to be marooned on an uninhabited island with ten selected books, the United States offers endless opportunities. In the West Indies there are some very nice islands on which nature, barring occasional lapses, maintains the quietness of a good library. Wake island, previously mentioned, assures almost perfect privacy. The nearest bit of land is 300 miles away.

Choosing a Sequestered Spot.

"Rose island, in the Samoan group, has unusual advantages for the seeker of literary leisure. It is 80 miles east of its nearest neighbor; climate, equable; real estate, one island half a square mile in area comfortably situated within a coral breakwater; inhabitants, none; fishing, excellent, although many species are poisonous. New packets of ten selected books could be obtained by the small boat which comes to Rose island annually to deposit emergency stores of food and water for the use of sailors who might be shipwrecked.

"The Samoan islands loom large in the history of the United States' foreign policy. The joint agreement of Great Britain, the United States and Germany to establish a protectorate over the islands, represented, it was said, the first departure from our nation's historic attitude toward alliances. The joint protectorate did not work out well, so, by treaties in 1900 and 1904, the United States took control over the eastern half of the islands containing Pago Pago harbor, the finest in all the South seas. Congress, after all these years, has passed a resolution accepting the twenty-year-old gift of the islands from the Samoan chiefs.

"In the list of American territorial possessions one group of islands seldom appears. The status of 70 guano islands scattered all over the Pacific is indefinite. Even the position and existence of some of them is indefinite. By a law passed in 1856 the United States extended temporary protection to American citizens exploiting guano deposits on bird islands. While the United States is not obliged to maintain sovereignity over guano islands, neither has she surrendered all rights. Over some islets and banks such as Navassa island, between Jamaica and Haiti, Quita Sueno bank, Roncador cay, Serrana bank, and Swan islands, all in the western Carribbean, and Gente Hermosa or Swains island near Samoa, the American flag flies without question."

Loaded With Narcotics

Calcutta.—Narcotics valued at $35,000 were taken from a ship raided by police here recently. The vessel was from China and was found to contain firearms, besides the cargo of narcotics.

Golf Ball Explodes

Chicago.—Harold Carver, aged ten, threw a golf ball into a fireplace "to see what would happen." It exploded and his face was badly burned.

Goose Put Forward as Canada's National Bird

Canadian naturalists have been concentrating on the choosing of a national bird for Canada to commemorate the diamond jubilee of confederation. Mr. J. Miner, an authority on bird life, gives his vote to the Canadian goose, which he describes as "the noblest creature that ever lived on land, in air, or in the water."

Wild geese, he says, pair off for life. The male guards his mate on the nest. As soon as the young hatch he protects them from the opposite side of the mother, keeping the babies between the parents. He will leave his family for his mate, and for her only, but he will die for any of them. When traveling in the air the male Canada goose leads the way, breaking the air for his mate, who is quartering behind him, and his family travel next to her.

"In brief," says Mr. Miner, "he is one of the most self-sacrificing, godly-principled leaders the human eye ever beheld, and to know him is to love and admire him."

Javanese Delicacy

"Rystaffel" is a dish peculiar to Java, writes Nellie M. Scanlan, in John O'London's Weekly. In a Java hotel you order Rystaffel. The waiter brings in a large bowl of rice. You take a generous portion on to the soup plate provided. Behind him in a row are from 10 to 15 other waiters, each with a dish or two, from which you take a sample. There are curried chicken, fried bananas, dried fish, meat balls, hard-boiled duck eggs, preserved ginger, chopped onions, chunks of pineapple, raw herring, sliced cucumber, peppers, chillies—sometimes up to 30 varieties. The diner helps himself to all his capacity will allow.

Difference in Rainfall

There is uncertainty about what constitutes a day's rainfall. At London, for example, popularly regarded as a wet place, it seems that the best the clouds ever have done was 3.32 inches of rain in 24 hours. In France, however, there was a shower at Joppeuse which checked out at 31.17 inches in the same time. At Genoa the best rain was 30 inches for a day's job. Gibraltar has a record of 33 inches, but it took 36 hours to get down. In the Khasi hills, India, the record drizzle is 30 inches a day for five consecutive days. This foots up at 15,000 tons on every acre.

Legends of "True Cross"

There is no authentic information as to the composition of the cross on which Jesus was crucified. Legends on the subject are legion. The alleged fragments of the cross preserved as sacred relics are composed of pine. According to one legend, the true cross was made of four kinds of wood—palm, olive, cedar and cypress—representing the four quarters of the globe. A more poetic legend says the cross was made of aspen, supposed to account for the almost constant quivering of the leaves of that species. —Pathfinder Magazine.

Explaining "Curb Market"

"Curb" is the abbreviation of the word "curbstone." A curb market is one wherein the brokers buy and sell securities on the curbstone or in the middle of the street, as in the curb market in New York. It is in this market that stocks of a great many companies are dealt in which have not applied to the New York Stock exchange for listing, or which cannot be listed there, and where stocks are dealt in "when issued"—that is, between the time of their issue and listing on the New York Stock exchange.

Your Niche

Have you found it? There is something for you to do and you can do it better than anyone else. If you don't know where to hunt for it and are unconcerned about it, then it will never be done and you will be the loser. Don't let anyone deceive or discourage you. When you were created it was for a purpose, and it is up to you to find your field of greatest activity and begin your lifework. You can, if you will determine and shape your own destiny.—Woodmen News.

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WALLED LAKE MAN HAS PAPER OF 1865

H. G. Roach of Walled Lake, has a copy of the first edition of the Elk Rapids Eagle. This paper, printed on March 31, 1865, is very interesting for reasons other than its age.

It gives the news of Lincoln's assassination under a heading, "Particlars of the Horrible Tragedy," and an editorial on the assassination. It contains stories about the surrender of Lee's Army, a letter from a soldier to his brother and other stories about the war.

The last paragraph of the editorial reads as follows:

"With clean hands and pure heart he sought the welfare of the whole country. Through years of darkness and struggle—laboring without seeing the result—sowing, but not reaping, he has followed the law common to the highest characters of history. We live too near the great events in which he was chief actor to know all his greatness; but future generations will cherish the names of Washington and Lincoln side by side, the Father and the Preserver of the Republic."

The copy of the Eagle was among a number of papers belonging to Mr. Roach's father and which have recently come into this possession.

POOL ROOM IS SOLD

Louis Gow has taken possession of the pool room formerly owned b Lou Thayer on Grand River avenue. Mr. Thayer operated the business for a numebr of years.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wagner, Winifred Walling and Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Barrons were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Severt of Berkley, Saturday evening. Mrs. Severt entertained in honor of Mrs. Barrons.

The first transatlantic phone call from Atlanta to Vienna resulted in the sale of 300 bales of cotton.

Send in your news items.

Around the Home

By MARGARET BRUCE

WNU Service

The Conserve Closet

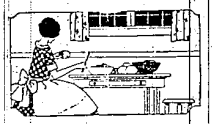
"What in the world are you doing, Clarisse? You look as if you were putting up your summer preserves, and here it is only the middle of February!" The alert young woman on the threshold looked questioningly at the pot of boiling sirup, sniffed the fragrant air, and peered into the array of jelly glasses on the window sill.

"Making orange and grapefruit marmalade this morning," was the reply. "Tomorrow I'm going to make my year's supply of apricot-pineapple marmalade. There's a delicious combination for you, by the way."

"Well, it certainly sounds good. But I never heard of putting up a year's supply of any preserve-closet stuff at this time of year."

"Why, this is the ideal time to make all sorts of marmalades and conserves that can be made without the fresh summer fruits," responded the little housewife. "Oranges and grapefruit are plentiful during the very early spring, and this year they have been cheaper than ever before, it seems to me. I am making some bitter orange marmalade, some grapefruit, and some combined orange and grapefruit.

"Another delectable marmalade, as I just said, is made of dried apricots or peaches (apricots are better, I



think), combined with fresh or canned pineapple. To make it I cut up a half-pound of the apricots and soak them overnight. Next morning I drain them and add the grated pulp of one large pineapple or two small ones. Add a cupful or less of water and boil the fruit ten minutes. Then add the sugar—one scant cupful of sugar to one full cupful of fruit—and simmer slowly for an hour or an hour and one-half. Keep the gas very low.

"I put up several dozen of these marmalades during the cold, raw days, when it is a pleasure, instead of a torment to work in the warm kitchen and bend over the boiling fruit. This saves me many hours of work during the summer, and fills my shelves with delicious conserves for breakfast and afternoon tea."

Regiment's Wooden Sword

Whenever the Tenth infantry of the United States army appears on parade either at its home station, Fort Thomas, Ky., or in Cincinnati, near by, one noncommissioned officer always marches along carrying a wooden sword.

This sword was carved from a tree which still stands at Devil's den, on the Gettysburg battlefield, where the forerunners of the present regiment took part in the decisive struggle. The sergeant who has served longest in the regiment is accorded the honor of carrying the sword.

The Verdict

A prominent politician who has a grand oratorical style is generally known by his Christian name, which happens to be Charles.

One day he rose before a crowded meeting and in a forceful and solemn tone began his speech as follows:

"Heaven is my witness, and you, my fellow countrymen, are the jury."

Here came an oratorical pause, and then the silence was suddenly broken by a high-pitched voice ringing down from the gallery:

"You're guilty, Charlie!"—London Answers.

Her Idea

Little Mary, almost six years old, came home from kindergarten all thrilled, happily saying:

"I modeled in clay today, mother."

"Well, Mary," said mother, "What did you make?"

"Oh, I made the Statue of Liberty."

"Why, dear," said mother, "you never saw the Statue of Liberty."

"I know that," replied Mary. "I just made it anyway and put a pipe in his mouth."

Green All Right

A department store executive relates: "We put a green boy in the shoe department yesterday. A lady came in and said she wanted to see misses' mules. "I don't think Mrs. Mules works here," said the boy.—Exchange.

Banish Worry

Worry is one of the greatest burdens we can carry through life. It saps more of our strength than any other one thing. And it is so cowardly. Care seldom rides on the back of the man who faces his problems with courage. —Grit.

An ounce of spider web will reach 350 miles.

Clock Made for Pope Marvel of Ingenuity

The most beautiful clock in England is said to be found in the British museum. It is believed to have been made by Pope Sixtus V, that pontiff, brought up (as some tell) a swineherd, who amassed when he reached the holy see such treasures as eclipsed the wealth of Europe; to whom much of the magnificence of Rome is owed.

Three stories high it stands, telling on its dials the fast days, the signs of the Zodiac, the motions of the sun and moon in their course. Besides the minute dial a cherub raises a sickle as the hour strikes, while his neighbor turns an hour-glass over.

But you will need all your eyes for the topmost story, divided into four balconied tiers. On the lowest the gods of the days of the week pass slowly round. Above, the Virgin and Child are seated, before whom angels make obeisance as they pass by. Next, the four ages of man strike the quarters on a bell. On the topmost balcony Death comes forward at the hour and strikes a bell, the figure of Our Lord retreating meanwhile.

Crowning it all a beautifully molded cock perches on the dome; and when the chimes have rung he flaps his wings and crows!

Scene of Bloodshed

The famous Sigriya rock of Ceylon has a story of blood behind it, says an article in the Times of India.

Standing 11 miles from Duambulla on the Trinco road, it rises sheer to a height of 450 feet above the surrounding plain and was the stronghold of one Kassapa who seized the throne after killing his father and attempting the life of his brother.

Kassapa lived there for 18 years and during that time he built cisterns, courtyards and palaces on the rock. Eventually he was defeated and killed in battle by his brother.

War Tank's "Innards"

Generally speaking, the major part of the inside of a war tank is taken up by the engine or motor. There is enough room at the sides of the motor to let the mechanic get around for adjustment. In front there is space for the driver. In front of the driver is either a machine gun or a light six-pounder gun which shoots through a port in the armor. The machine gun is usually mounted in a sort of tower which can be moved so as to give an all-around fire. There are sometimes additional guns with ports on either side of the tank.

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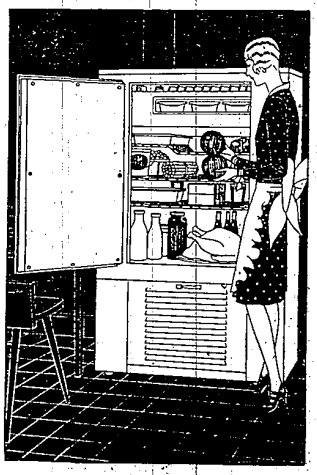

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