

## Rescuing Robinson Crusoe

Sometime during the year 1704, a British sailing vessel, the Cinque Ports galley, dropped anchor near a small island about 400 miles west of the southern part of South America. Among her crew was a Scotchman, Alexander Selkirk, who had been convicted of insubordination. Rowing him ashore with a keg of water and a few provisions, the ship sailed away, leaving him to die of loneliness, despair, starvation, or as the prey to wild beasts. No one cared.

The castaway, however, did not choose to lie tamely down and allow his fate to swallow him without a struggle. With typical Scotch thrift he harbored his resources and made the most of his surroundings. The island he found to be absolutely uninhabited by man but there was an abundance of fish, vegetation and fresh water which insured him against dying of starvation.

For almost five years he lived there in solitude, using a cave at the ocean's edge for a home, planting crops, contriving to live somehow while hoping constantly for a friendly sail which would take him back to the world of men.

In 1709 the Duke, a British privateer, passed that way and seeing his signal, picked him up and took him back to England where he died fourteen years later while serving as a lieutenant on the H. M. S. Weymouth.

It was ten years after the rescue of Selkirk that Daniel DeFoe published his great school boy classic, Robinson Crusoe. It has been generally conceded by writers since then, that his story which has been translated into as many different languages as the Bible, was based upon the experiences of Alexander Selkirk on the island which is now known geo-

graphically as "Juan Fernandez," but more popularly as "Robinson Crusoe's Island."

Juan Fernandez is about four hundred miles west of Valpariso, Chile, and is so far off the beaten path of steamers that it has been totally overlooked by modern civilization. It has changed but little since the days when Robinson Crusoe climbed its rocky crags in pursuit of game or sat on its rock crags straining his eyes for a passing sail.

A little village of natives who make a living catching lobsters to ship to the mainland, now huddles on its low, rock coast and that is all. There is no farming or other industry to speak of, and except for lobster boats coming from the mainland once or twice a month, there is little to break the monotony.

The one big event of the entire year for Juan Fernandez, comes each Christmas time in the form of a Robinson Crusoe cruise conducted by the P. S. N. Steamship company as a treat for novelty seekers in search of something new.

The trip is planned so that just after sun-up, as the ship slowly steams past the uninhabited side of the island, the thrilled watchers crowding the rail, suddenly catch sight of a solitary figure at the top of a high cliff, waving frantically, evidently begging them to stop.

The captain of the boat issues loud orders. The engines are stopped and preparations made to send a boat to shore. There is much hurrying to and fro and jangling of bells while the rowers are stationed at their locks and the boat lowered into the water.

With the entire passenger personnel watching, the boat is rowed rapidly to shore where it pauses for a few minutes and then heads back toward the ship with a weird passenger—a man with long tangled hair and beard, clad in a skin tunic fastened at the shoulder with a thorn and tied about

the waist with a piece of rope. He is bare-footed and carries a rusty firelock of ancient vintage. With him is a dog, a goat and a parrot.

Robinson Crusoe and his partners have again been rescued from a grave of solitude and loneliness—furnishing the thrill of a lifetime to those crowding the rail, forgetful most of them, that it is but make-believe.

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#### SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for County of Marion, Dept. No. 2.  
Edna M. Reader, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Harry J. Reader, Defendant.  
To Harry J. Reader, Defendant:  
In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, namely on or before the 26th day of February, 1931, and if you so fail to appear and

answer, for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, viz:

For a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between yourself and the plaintiff and a divorce therefrom on the grounds of desertion; and for such other relief as to the court may seem meet and equitable in the premises.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof for four consecutive weeks in the Turner Tribune, pursuant to an order made on the 21st day of January, 1931, by Hon. L. H. McMahan, judge of the above entitled court. The date of the first publication of this summons is January 22, 1931, and the last date of the publication thereof will be the 26th day of February, 1931.

M. B. HAYDEN,  
Attorney for Plaintiff,  
Salem, Oregon.

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#### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

In the Matter of the Estate of Amelia E. Stockton, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of January, 1931, by order of the Honorable J. C. Siegmund, County Judge of Marion County, Oregon, Mr. S. B. Elliott was appointed executor of the above named estate and letters testamentary issued to him.

Notice is hereby given that any and all persons having any claims against said estate will present the same duly verified according to law to the said S. B. Elliott, executor of said estate, at the First National Bank, Salem, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, dated at Salem, Oregon, January 22, 1931.

S. B. ELLIOTT,

Executor of Said Estate.

M. B. HAYDEN,  
Attorney for Estate,  
Salem, Oregon.

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