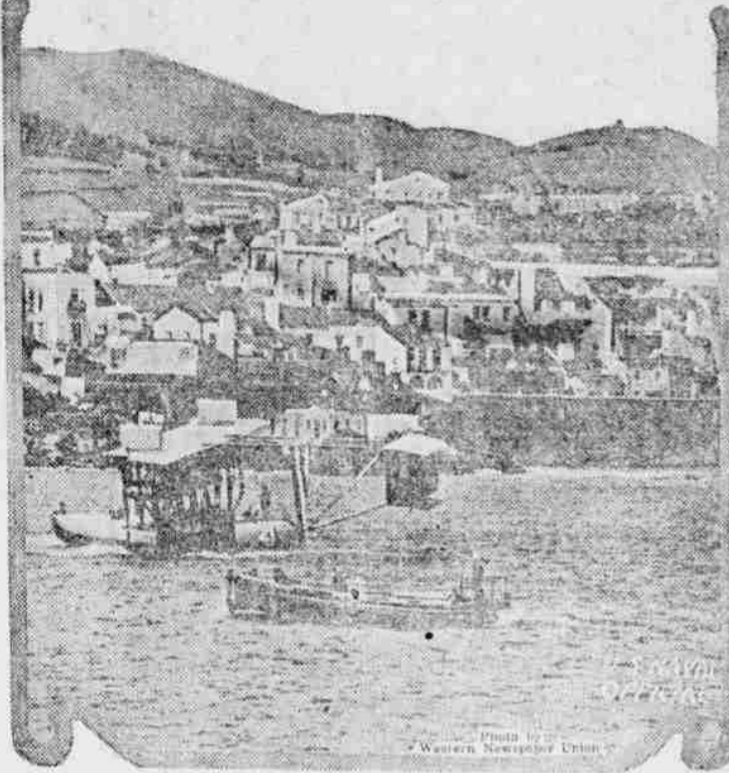


"Next Stop, the Azores"



Ponta Delgada, With NC-4 in Harbor.

ARMEN are preparing to make the Azores islands the aerial function of the future. They predict that this garden spot of the Atlantic, with its mild climate and other health giving qualities, will become the stopover for all overseas travel by airplane and dirigible. They point out that the exploit of the United States navy in effecting a crossing has virtually put the islands on the map, as far as the general public is concerned; that for many years problems of construction will limit the overseas route to the Azores, where fuel and other supplies may be replenished, says the New York Tribune.

Rising to a height of more than 7,000 feet—in the case of Pico—and at the lowest 350 feet above sea level, as the island of Corvo, the islands form an oasis in a desert of water and mist and heavy banks of clouds—clouds that rise off the water in the morning and blot out everything from view, narrowing the horizon to a few feet for the anxious aerial pilot and his navigator.

Already navigators are at work on instruments to eliminate these difficulties. They count on the Azores with all of its mists and clouds to furnish them with correct weather reports, radio stations and rescue ships in case of accident to the planes.

Pleasant Place for Stopover.
And a stopover at the Azores will not be in the nature of a hardship to overseas passengers. What would a tourist find, for example, if his plane dropped him at Ponta Delgada, the capital of St. Michael's? On approaching the island he would find a great cloud of dense, gray mist resting on the horizon. Nearer it becomes a reddish brown dotted with moldy green.

Veering to the southeast toward Ponta Delgada he would see the city first as a formal white line, or, if the gaze could pierce the cloud, it would be a broken line extending back from the sea wall with a series of white patches, small conical hills of bright green and stiff white houses edged with black trimmings.

The white lines would become walls the next instant, disclosing orange gardens, and the passenger would drop into a little harbor cluttered with tramp sailing ships and a half-dozen nations. The harbor is a busy one, far superior in commercial aspect to the town itself, which has been maintained in all its primitive state by the early Portuguese settlers. The admixture of Moorish and Flemish has not served to quicken the pace of the community, nor that of any other in the island groups, for that matter.

The clouds are most dense in the morning. Toward noon the humidity is a source of discomfort if one is in the city, but not so on the mountain slopes.

The thermometer has never been known to go below 48 degrees in January, the mid-winter month, and it never has risen above 80. The average is 72 degrees the year round.

Weather is Always Mild.

Some of the finest homes in the world have been built there by wealthy and often titled continental, principally Portuguese. In the farming districts (and there are large farms among the various islands) many of the natives wear costumes entirely rpd—short jackets, vests and knee breeches, with gaiters buttoned over the feet, which are often bare. When anything at all is worn on the soles it usually consists of leather sandals.

These people are of retiring disposition, rarely visiting the communities for fear that some one will laugh at them and their dress. In the towns, however, German, English, Portuguese and American commercial visitors have introduced modern modes of dress and influenced social and business life.

The natives do not overwork, unless in caring for the many trav-

elers who come over the sea in search of the health they always find, either climbing the volcanic slopes or bathing in the warm baths of Furnas.

As for security, where will one find pine and elm trees growing in the same neighborhood with oranges, bananas, citrons and pomegranates? Long known only as the little islands where there are no snakes, the Azores are believed to have a destiny as replete with adventure as they are full of volcanic crevices and craters, all extinct, but alive with possibilities.

VICTIM OF TURKS' RAPACITY

Dead City of Farmagusta, on Island of Cyprus, a Monument to Their Savagery and Hate.

Farmagusta, "the place of the goddess," is in a desolate corner of the far-famed island of Cyprus. One look at the wrecked city shows plainly that the goddess has forsaken her altars. It looks as though a sand-storm had struck the place and buried its glory beneath a dune, from which rise the remains of churches, towers and a cathedral.

It was not, however, the sands of the tropic that laid the ancient metropolis low. The Turks, wrathful at this city of 300 churches, attacked it in a siege which might have rivaled the lengthy Trojan episode had not hunger overcome the city's defenders. The pillaging of the conquerors completed the ruin wrought by battering rams, fire and stones.

Earthquakes followed and settled the shattered stones further into the sand. But through the city's days of destruction, even today, the outer walls and bastions stand firm. The harbor stronghold of Farmagusta would be a formidable obstacle to attack even in this day of 50-mile guns and scientific artillery fire.

In one corner of the wall stands a tower said to have been the scene of Dido's death at the hands of Othello.

Aside from the strong walls there are few bits of intact architecture among the debris. An occasional palm tree growing up through the ruins adds to the effect of abandonment. A few Turks hold the city against time, the only enemy left to it.

Chihuahua is Smallest.

The smallest of all recognized breeds of dogs is the Chihuahua, which is also one of the most intelligent of all the canine family. This breed is a product of Mexico and is named after a northern country where there are thousands of these little dogs running wild and multiplying each year. It seems a remarkable thing that in spite of the fact that they have never had any dog shows in Mexico, one only has to visit that country and try to purchase a really good, typical little Chihuahua from a native to realize that the Mexicans know the worth of this dog of his own country. How these dogs were bred probably never will be known. Some authorities have intimated that they were bred some generations back from large squirrels, and this view is borne out by the fact that at one time these dogs ran wild in the woods and that the Chihuahua is nearly as proficient in running up trees as the squirrel.

Personal Influence.

To influence others one must have a hearty fellow feeling for them, be willing to extend a helping hand on occasion demands, to cheer, to comfort, to console. Which means that imagination also counts for much in the exercising of personal influence. The unimaginative can never be genuinely sympathetic. Sincerity, common sense, forcefulness, courage, self-confidence, decision, sympathy, keenness of imagination—these above all else are the qualities that need to be cultivated by all who would draw on the aid of personal influence in pressing forward to the goal of success.

Shells Help Oil Geologist.

The little jellylike animals which the scientist calls Foraminifera swarm so abundantly in the sea that their tiny cast-off shells in some places make up a considerable part of the sediments which are laid down on the sea bottom and which in time may become beds of rock in a land area. The small size and the compactness of these shells protect them from some of the accidents that befall the remains of larger animals, so that in many samples of well borings the Foraminifera are the only shells that have survived in recognizable form the vicissitudes of drilling. In the hands of the specialist trained to identify fossils, the Foraminifera may furnish the only available clue to the age of rock inclosing them and consequently to the existence of strata or structure favorable or unfavorable to the accumulation of oil, gas or water, according to the United States geological survey.

How Word "Booze" Originated.

In the Pennsylvania museum, Memorial hall in Fairmount park, Philadelphia, can be seen a collection of highly decorated old bottles, and the one which attracts most attention is the log cabin whiskey bottle, molded in the shape of a house. On one end is the inscription "130 Walnut street, Philadelphia," together with the date, which is "1840" on the front of the roof. On the back is stamped in bold letters, "E. G. Booz's old cabin whiskey."

This erstwhile vendor of spirituous liquor is said to be responsible for the use in America of the slang appellation "booze," by which all kinds of intoxicating drinks are known today. Although some etymologists give it as being derived from the Hindustani word "boozan" meaning to drink, while others claim it is from the Dutch "boozen" to tipple. The term was good English in the fourteenth century.

Confectionery of Ancient Egypt.

The invention of confectionery, an English writer guesses, is due to Noah, who first hit on the idea of boiling down the starch of the wheat and the juice of the grape. The result was a paste, said to be the original of our present day 'Turkish delight.' Among the ancient Egyptians whole fruits, particularly figs and dates, were used for flavoring purposes, the latter especially for preserves and cakes. In old tombs date sweetmeats have been found, also records of honey jellies. The making of confectionery, in fact, goes back 3,000 years, proof of which is to be found on the walls of Egyptian tombs.



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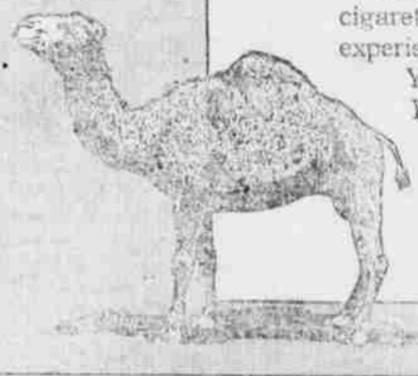
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