

# DAMASCUS OLDEST CITY IN WORLD; NEWEST CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 21.—The oldest city in the world becomes the newest capital by the recent French proclamation creating the Republic of Syria.

Damascus, 4,000 years old, will be the center of the new government which is a successor to the proud Kingdom of Assyria, a name linked with dread and terror in the Old Testament.

"France has carved the Republic of Syria out of the Syrian Mandate granted her by the League of Nations," says a bulletin of the National Geographic Society from its headquarters in Washington, D. C.

"In creating the Republic," the bulletin goes on to point out, "France has followed in the footsteps of the Great Britain. Out of the Palestine - Transjordan and Iraq mandates Britain created the Kingdom of Transjordan and the Kingdom of Iraq."

### Does Not Cover Entire Mandate

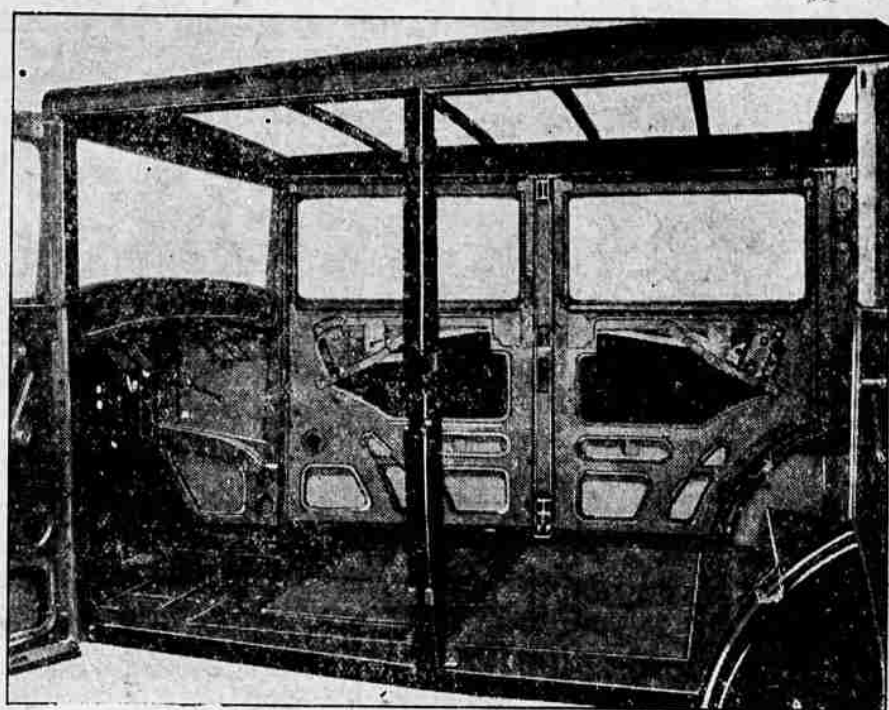
The Republic of Syria, however, appears seven years after the establishment by France of the first republic in her Syrian Mandate, that of the Lebanese Republic which includes the famous mountains of Liban or Lebanon and runs down to the Mediterranean shore. The new republic with its capital at the ancient Moslem center of Damascus, includes by no means all of the area of the mandate. In addition to omitting the Lebanese Republic it also excludes the State of the Alouites, and the State of Djebel Druze, mountain home of the fiery Druze tribesmen, the Unitarians of Islam.

"Religion draws the political boundaries in the Syrian Mandate. Not only is the independence of the Alouites and the Druzes recognized for religious reasons, but also the new Syrian Republic and the Lebanese Republic represent a Moslem republic and a Christian republic respectively."

"Four religious states in an area no larger than Georgia still leave many creeds out in the political cold. To recognize them all would require cutting Syria up into more pieces than Blue Beard ever chopped his wives."

"Syria's creeds and peoples are woven of many human odds and ends. Three-fourths of the population of 2,000,000 are Mohammedans but part of them are Sunnites and part Shites, and as different in point of view as Catholics and Protestants. Then there are the Alouites whose sect religion is believed to be halfway between Mohammedanism and Christianity, and the Druzes who usually attend the Unitarian church when they emigrate to the United States, and the heret-

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New construction which incorporates extra flanges on all channel pieces, box type steel dash—channel molded, steel body sills, ribbed steel toe-board and cowl panels, steel roof quarters and butt welding of all joints has been incorporated in steel bodies used on Hudson's Great Eight. This construction prevents weaving and body noises by stopping them at the source and is a big factor in Hudson's smooth operation.

ical Ismailis, who were the original Assassins of Crusader times.

### Land of Many Creeds

"Christians in Syria are even more numerous than the Maronite Christians in the Lebanon, but there are also Greek Catholics, Armenian Catholics, Syrian Christians, Chaldeans and Latins, not to speak of Greek Orthodox, Gregorian Armenian, and Protestants of various sects.

"Because it is the custom to vote and fight as one worships in Syria, the problem of bringing governmental order out of the racial and religious melee has been colossal.

"Syria, at the eastern end of the Mediterranean, finds itself wedged between Turkey and Palestine and with its back against Iraq and desert Arabia. Heavier rains give agriculture a better chance in Syria than in Palestine, so improved political conditions should see an increase in such standard crops as licorice, cotton, tobacco, and wheat.

"The country hopes to regain its ancient privileges and perquisites as doorkeeper to Asia. That Damascus should recover the prestige that enabled it to stamp its name 'damask' on silk and Damascus on fine steel, is out of the question. But the regular desert caravan using American automobiles that plies between

Damascus and Baghdad on the Tigris and the regular air mail service from Cairo over Syria to Baghdad, hint that the trade of Syria is cracking open again.

### Needs Railway Completion

"Beyrouth, capital of the Lebanese Republic, and principal seaport of Syria, has been bartering for the Mediterranean terminus of the oil pipe line Iraq may eventually lay across the country. The vast trade of both Persia and Iraq with Europe and the New World that now goes clear around the Arabian Peninsula, could find a short cut across Syria if only the Berlin to Baghdad Railroad could be finished. Recent completion of the last link in the Asia Minor rail line which makes possible through service from Cairo to Calais, has already brought Syria into a more favorable position.

"But at present the country is living on hope and America. Thousands of Syrians have come to both North and South America. Whole villages in the Lebanon have been abandoned for fruit stands in the New World. Sometimes the ex-Syrians send back money; sometimes they go back with their money and live like lords; and in honor of the source of their wealth rename their streets. One town now has a Brazil Street named so by returned and retired emigrants.

"Stabilization of the government of the Syrian Mandate will undoubtedly bring a higher tide of tourist travel because Syria, although eclipsed in European interest by the Holy Land to the south holds some treasures worth going miles to see. Baalbek's ruins are second only to Athens' Acropolis. Palestine holds no surviving Crusader castle to equal Kalat el Husn into whose banquet halls keeps, and battlemented towers the Arabs have moved like hermit crabs. Damascus, an overgrown oasis on the edge of the desert, still lives and breathes the atmosphere of the Arabian Nights, while not far to the west a new summer colony develops on the cool heights under the shade of the cedars of Lebanon. American visitors are always interested in Beyrouth because the college on the promontory overlooking the Mediterranean that has educated many of the modern Near East leaders of every creed is an American college.

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## Scanning New Books

By RICHARD MASSOCK  
NEW YORK, June 21 — At a White House dinner once Theodore Roosevelt leaned over the table and interrupted the conversation with a characteristic ejaculation: "Oh, aren't we having a good time!"

This remark is recalled now by one of the guests, Owen Wister, the western story teller, who was a close friend of the rough-riding president for almost 40 years.

Wister has written a record of those years in a book entitled "Roosevelt; The Story of a Friendship," a charming collection of letters and reminiscences, containing almost as much of Wister as it does of Roosevelt.

It seemed that they nearly always were having good times, the natural consequence in T. R.'s case of an exceedingly active life.

It is Roosevelt the man, rather than the President in his office, whom Wister reveals in his narrative of a friendship that began in the Harvard days of college theatricals and club initiations.

Roosevelt relaxed his mind in his letters, knowing that what he wrote his friend would be free of political effect. Thus he could make the admission that perhaps he acted unwisely in the dinner to Booker T. Washington and the appointment of a negro to be collector of the port of Charleston, "though each was absolutely justified from every proper standpoint save that of expediency."

### Alluring Lands

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## Vacation Equipment Inspection Advised



Before starting on an auto camping trip, it is advisable to check over the automobile and camping equipment, making the necessary additions and changes to prevent inconvenience and delays, states the Western Auto Supply Company. The tires and storage battery should be in good condition, and if necessary, replaced, to insure success to a motor vacation trip.

Above photos show a family checking over their camping and automobile equipment prior to starting on their camping tour.

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### SCIENTISTS SEEK PRETTY FISH ON REMOTE ISLAND

CHICAGO, June 21.—(AP)—An expedition to Abukaki, a remote island of the Pacific ocean, has been organized by the Field Museum. Scientists, led by Philip M. Chancellor of Santa Barbara, Cal., will collect beautiful fish which abound around the coral reefs of the island.

Rarely has a white man set foot on the island. It is populated by a few natives whose lives are unmodified by civilization. Underwater pictures, both motion and still, will be made.

### NEW CHINESE RAILROAD WILL COST \$18,873,000

SHANGHAI, June 21.—(AP)—Construction is scheduled to start soon on a new 317-mile railroad line from Hangchow to Kiangsi. Orders for construction materials will be placed with foreign companies, it is reported. The total cost of the line is expected to reach \$18,873,000.

### 20,000,000 CUT SHOWN IN GERMAN RAIL TRAFFIC

BERLIN, June 21.—(AP)—German railways carried 1,980,000,000 passengers in 1929, or 20,000,000 fewer than in 1928.

More than half of these passengers traveled at reduced rates. Only three in every 10,000 passengers rode first class.

WARSAW, June 21.—(AP)—The Warsaw Nursing School, intended to carry American nursing methods into all parts of Poland, was opened here. The Rockefeller Foundation gave \$100,000, but the first contribution was \$10,000 by Mrs. Simon Jamaica, an American nurse.

ROME, June 21.—(AP)—Summary of a recent royal decree reveals that 13,456 honor badges, with accompanying bits of ribbon, will be distributed before the end of the year to Italians and foreigners. Of these 12,981 will grant membership in the Order of the Crown of Italy.

BRISBANE, June 21.—(AP)—An Australian eagle, measuring eight feet between wing tips, interrupted wire communication between this city and Sydney by getting entangled in the lines. The bird strangled itself trying to escape.

More than 70 foreign countries are using American-made bathing caps and slippers.



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