

Spanish Tongue Circles the Globe

Laws, Customs and Culture of Spain Given to Vast Region of Earth.

Washington.—The Spanish monarchy has passed, but the "Spanish-speaking empire lives on, says a bulletin from the Washington (D. C.) Headquarters of the National Geographic society. Spain has given its language, laws, customs, and culture to a vast region of the earth, the bulletin points out, and continues:

"This Spanish culture empire, that covers five million square miles and numbers close to a hundred million people, was once a political empire—one of the greatest the world has known. It sprang into existence quickly in the stirring days of the close of the Fifteenth century and the beginnings of the Sixteenth, when Europe was being electrified every few months by some new discovery or daring bit of exploration.

Spain Looked to the West.

"It grew to the west rather than to the east, for two reasons. Portugal, by previous voyages, had marked out the East by way of the south for her sphere. Therefore Columbus—also intent on reaching the East—sailed westward. From that moment he returned from his first voyage, reporting hitherto unknown land, the interests, imagination, and activities of the Spaniards all faced west. In the second place this westward trend to Spanish exploration was confirmed immediately by a bull of Pope Alexander VI marking out in general the Western hemisphere for Spanish activity and the Eastern hemisphere for that of Portugal. The dividing line in the Atlantic was fixed, after a period of dispute, along a meridian 70 leagues west of the Cape Verde islands. Brazil had not then been discovered, but the line fell well inland from the Brazilian coast and so legitimized Portugal's later claim to that portion of the New world, leaving to Spain all the remainder.

"The adventurers and gold-seekers who rushed westward in the footsteps of Columbus had soon carved out for Spain all the West Indies, most of South America and large areas in Central and North America. The island of Hispaniola, now called both Santo Domingo and Haiti, was the focus from which Spanish influence radiated. Jamaica and Cuba soon came under Spain's wing, then the Isthmus of Panama, Florida, and the coast of Argentina were reached in 1513. The same year Balboa crossed the Isthmus, waded into the Pacific, and claimed it and all its bounding lands for Spain. Six years later the Spaniards sent Magellan across this newly found ocean. He found little land in crossing, but did set up a Spanish claim to the Philippines, which Spain later made a colony.

"In the meantime Spanish control was spreading in the New world. The conquest of Mexico began in 1519. Panama City was founded the same year and became a starting point for expeditions north and south along the shores of the Pacific. Peru was invaded in 1532 and Chile came at least partly under control soon after. The

California coast was explored in 1542 and land expeditions went about the same time into regions that are now New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and even Colorado. Settlements had previously been established in Venezuela and Colombia on the Caribbean coast of South America.

European Gains Soon Lost.
"At the same time Spain was the great power of Europe, controlling the Low Countries, much of Italy, and later Portugal, with all her eastern empire. But over all these European and eastern portions of her empire Spain had only tenuous control, and when the empire broke up they passed on to new or old sovereignties, little colored by Spanish culture. Spain made her deepest impression on her New world territories and on the Philippines. These regions fell heir to the Spanish language, religion, law, customs and architecture; and in the former at least these factors remain today as Spanish as in the mother country.

"In exploring the Spanish-speaking world, the logical starting place is Spain, fountainhead of the forces that have influenced one-eleventh of the earth's land area. And of course the explorer takes his course westward as did Spain's empire. On the west coast of Africa four patches of territory are encountered where the Spanish flag as well as the Spanish influences rest. Offshore are the Canary islands. There the Spanish flag is left behind; to such small proportions has the political realm of Spain shrunk.

"The next bit of the Spanish world encountered lies in the New world. It is Uruguay, smallest republic of South America, where the children of Spain are carrying on the culture of the mother country. Beyond, eight other countries—all those of South America save Portuguese Brazil and British, French, and Dutch Guianas—fall, too, under the banner of Spanish culture.

Defections in West Indies.

"In the West Indies there have been defections. Trinidad and the Leeward and Windward islands, although once all claimed by Spain, have lost or never felt Spanish culture. Over Porto Rico the flag of the United States flies; but it is still a part of the Spanish world. Spain is dominant in blood, traditions, and language. In old Hispaniola, where the Spanish seed was first planted in the New world, the eastern half of the island still shows strongly the Spanish impress. This is the Dominican Republic, where language and law are still Spanish. But in the western half of the island, covered by the Republic of Haiti, Spanish culture succumbed to that of France and Africa.

"Jamaica, once a stronghold of Spain, has long been dominated by British culture; and the Bahamas, claimed by Spain, have known only British influences. Cuba has been independent of Spanish political power since 1898, but is still culturally a part of Spain—the most Spanish of the West Indian islands.

"Through the Isthmus of Panama, Central America, and Mexico, Spanish cultural influences sweep unbroken as they have for the past three centuries and more. Florida shows little effect of her former Spanish own-

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ership save in a few architectural touches and a few geographic names. Texas, too, was lost to Spain, but the effects there are greater; and in many a community near the Rio Grande the Spanish language is almost as necessary as the English. In Arizona and California, once under Spanish influences, the situation is much like that in Texas.

Spanish Influences in United States.

"But one American state stands on a different footing. New Mexico has barely passed the point at which its English-speaking influences weigh more heavily than its Spanish factors. Only a few years ago it could have been listed as a part of the Spanish world. Then its legislature was conducted in Spanish or in the two tongues; and Spanish was the current language on street and range and farm. As it is the beam has tipped only a little; the interpreter is still an important person in the courts, and it is easy enough to find communities in the state in which if one speaks no Spanish he can make himself understood only through some school child. These youngsters are being taught English now in the public schools and in a few generations will no doubt turn the scale overwhelmingly to English speech.

"Continuing westward one finds no further traces of Spain's world-wide empire until he reaches the Philippines. There, in spite of the mixture of blood, Spanish culture took firm hold, at least in the non-Mohammedan country. Spanish customs, law, and architecture will no doubt color life in the Philippines for many years to come. In speech, however, the passing of Spanish influence may not be so long delayed if the United States continues to govern the islands. Already English is in about as general use as Spanish, and if present educational methods continue the Philippines may yet join Jamaica and California as regions definitely lost to the Spanish world."

Chicken Bone Kills Woman

Portland, Ore.—Mrs. Catherine McGrath, seventy-one, bled to death when a chicken bone, caught in her throat, penetrated a blood vessel.

If You Want Dramatics

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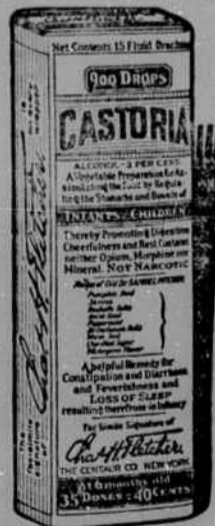
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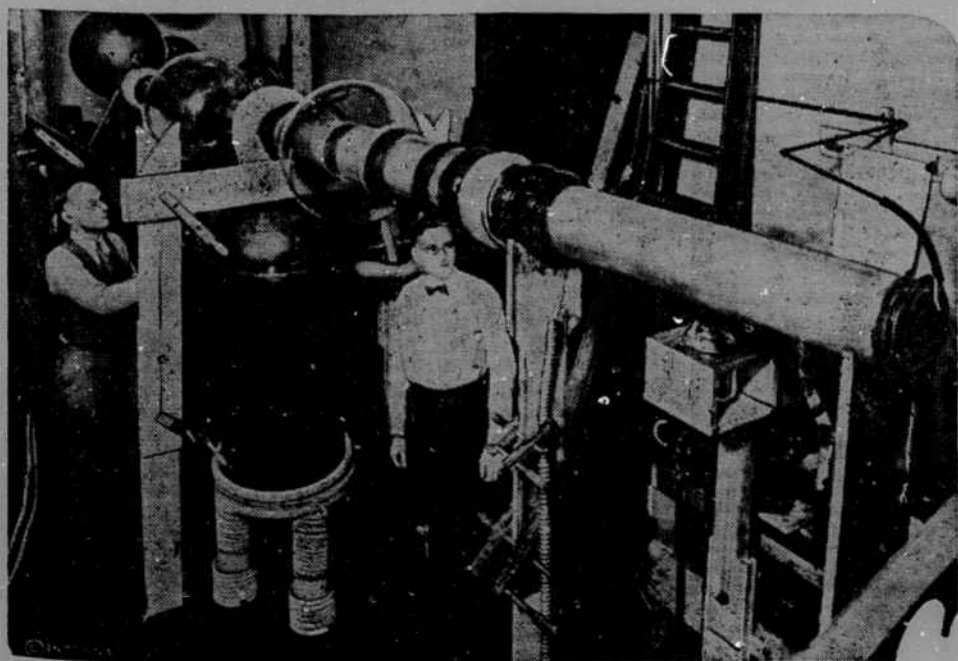
"Here's to the dead already, hurrah for the next to die," must be the slogan of the society in Paris that admits no man who has not been condemned to death by Moscow. Queerly enough, not one of these members is an aristocrat emigre or a czarist. All are former supporters of the Soviet government.

That "earth knows no hate like love to hatred turned" is a side reflection.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Modernist

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