

PIRATES INFESTED CAROLINA COASTS IN EARLY DAYS

In view of the fact that this year marks the 250th anniversary of the official establishment of the city of Charleston, on its present site and the 260th anniversary of the founding of the Province of Carolina under the Lords Proprietors, an article in the current issue of the National Republic entitled "Piracy on the Carolina Coast" is of special interest. It was written by Major Henry F. Church, of Charleston, who says among other things that rival ports in the early days were wont to charge the people of Charleston with encouraging some of the pirates. Be this as it may, it is a fact that it was finally due, in a great part, to the efforts of the good people of Charleston that piracy was finally wiped out in that section. In part, Major Church says: "Piracy along the Carolina coast was inevitable. The wild exotic fringe of islands; crescent beaches curving off into misty distance, deep calm bays and winding rivers, in which to lie in wait or scurry away as need might be, proved a snug setting for so adventurous an enterprise. Add to this the rich picking to be found among the galleons of his Most Catholic Majesty and consider the economic conditions of the time which caused the colonists to not always frown upon this calling, and it is not difficult to imagine self-respecting sailormen turning free-booters rather than waste the abundant opportunity at hand.

"In the early days of commerce, competitive ports were wont to charge Charles Town (as Charleston was then named) with having openly encouraged the pirates who were making life miserable for merchantmen in foreign trade, but whether or not certain citizens of the Carolinas connived, at times, with this sea-faring gentry, the fact remains that Charles Town expedition finally wiped out this menace and put a stop to piracy in the South Atlantic.

"The first pirates to appear on the Carolina coast were the mutinous crews of the three French relief ships sent in 1564 under Rene Laudonniere, to bring food to Ribalt's French colonists, at Port Royal. It seems the land of wealth pictured by Laudonniere as recruiting propaganda, failed to measure up to expectations and so his crew went a-pirating. Later, after sojourning in the Caribbean, it is said that they returned to the new French colony at Fort Carolina, and were promptly finished off by the citizens thereof. Could these French colonists have looked into the future but a year ahead, they doubtless would have preserved their prodigal pirates for purposes of naval defense, for up from Saint Augustine came the black galleys of the Spaniards and French occupancy at Fort Carolina ceased abruptly and completely.

"When next piracy is reported along the coast of the Carolina, it appears shortly following the founding of the colony and continues practically to the end of the 17th century, but that many of the gentry were

painted blacker than they really were is proved beyond doubt by contemporary documents. "It should be borne in mind that privateering, since the victory of Blake over the Spaniards at Vera Cruz in 1657, had received impetus through the lavish granting of commissions, by the English Crown, to such crews as wished to prey on shipping out of Spain, and with the declaration of peace and the subsequent

revocation of these commissions, this free-lance navy found itself without a job. Technically they quit or became, under the law, pirates. Many of them finding the calling profitable failed to quit."

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Tuscarora	2.00	2.15	1.10	1.10	2.65	2.85
New Bern	1.55	1.70	1.05	1.10	2.05	2.25
Riverdale	1.15	1.30	.80	.90	1.55	1.75
Havelock	.80	.95	.55	.65	1.05	1.25
Washington	3.05	3.20	2.00	2.15	4.10	4.30

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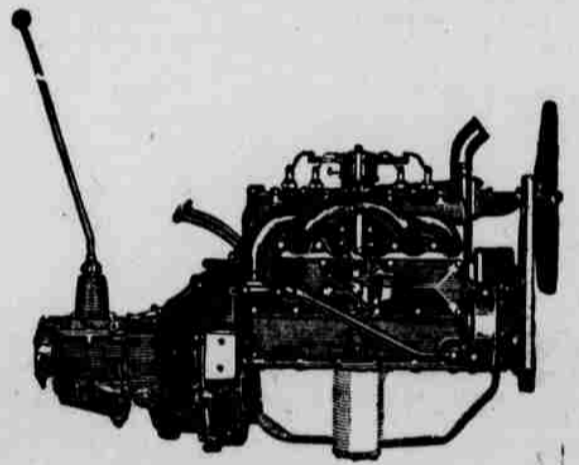
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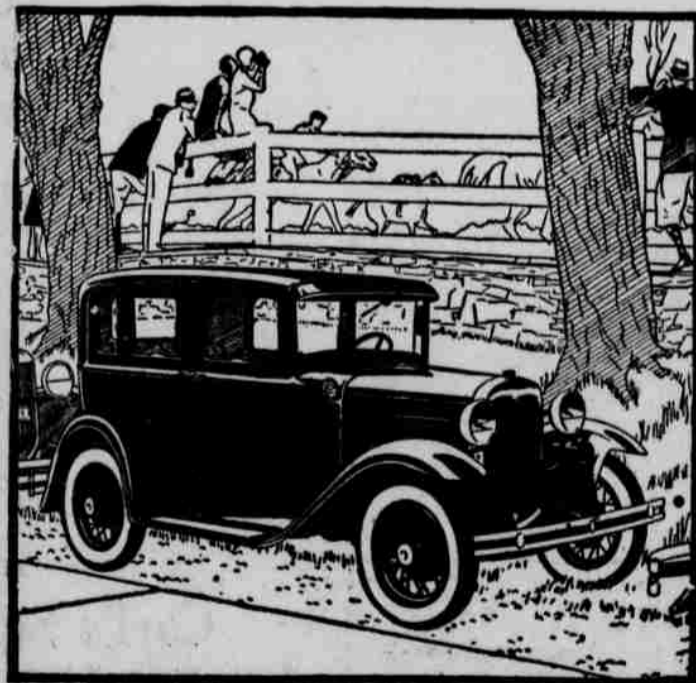
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