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Today's Geography



**BESSARABIA: SHAPED LIKE
 A PITCHER WITHOUT
 A HANDLE**

Roumania, since the conclusion of the World war, the largest of the states of southeastern Europe, owes much of this increased area to its recent annexation of Bessarabia, previously a part of Russia. Bessarabia, the former Russian province lying between the Pruth and the Dniester rivers, and bounded on the south by the Danube and the Black sea, might be likened in shape to a tall, slim pitcher, without a handle. It is completely bounded by water except at a very narrow point at the mouth of the pitcher. The Dniester river forms the eastern boundary of the province. Flowing out of the crown lands at Galicia, the river runs east in general direction for approximately fifty miles. Then it turns southeast for ninety miles to Dniester bay, an arm of the Black sea, some fifteen miles from Odessa, Russia's principal port on that inland body of water. The Pruth river, flowing out of Galicia, runs east for about twenty miles, then turns southeast for a hundred and ten miles, and then slightly west of south to its confluence with the Danube.

Bessarabia is a little smaller than Vermont and New Hampshire together. Its greatest length is 275 miles, while its greatest width is 175. It is mostly flat, except for some well-wooded off-shoots of the Carpathian mountains in the northwest. It might be said to be the vineyard of Russia, being a great producer of wine. The population of 2,500,000 is made up of Moldavians, Little Russians, Poles, Roumanians, Bulgarians, Jews, Armenians, Greeks, and Tartars. More than 2,000,000 of the inhabitants live on the soil. The capital is Kishinev, which is located almost at the center of the province. To the west of Bessarabia lies Roumanian Moldavia, and to the east the Russian province of Podolia and Kherson.

The original inhabitants of Bessarabia are believed to have been Climerians, after whom came the Scythians. Because it was the key to one of the approaches toward the empire of Byzantium, the province was invaded by many successive races during the early centuries of the Christian era. Trajan incorporated it with the province of Dacia, and in the next century the Goths poured into it, to be followed in turn by the Huns, and Avars, and the Bulgarians. In the seventh century a Thracian tribe, known as the Bessi, settled there and gave to the land its name. Between 1711 and 1812 it was the great bone of contention between the Ottoman Turks and the Russians. The Russians lost and recaptured it five times in that century. After the Napoleonic wars, it was definitely annexed to Russia, and its frontier pushed so farward so as to include the delta of the Danube.

As a result of the Crimean war, Moldavia was given Dobrudja and other territory, but under the treaty of Berlin in 1878, following Russia's mastery of Turkey and the congress of Berlin, Russia secured all of the territory east of the river Pruth. Bessarabia remained a part of Russia from that time until the dismemberment of the czar's empire, following the Russian revolution.

MEXICO: A MODERN BABEL

President Obregon, who has just been installed as chief executive of the Republic of Mexico, rules over a population of many tongues. This multiplicity of languages is not due to wholesale immigration as in the United States, but to a failure to "Mexicanize" a large part of the Indian population. The causes of many of the revolutions which have disturbed the progress of Mexico can be traced to this diversity of tongues and the differences in thought and ideals that necessarily follow.

"From Sonora to Yucatan, more than fifty separate dialects are spoken," writes Frederick Stimpich in a communication to the National Geographic society.

"All the inhabitants of the West Coast, however, with the exception of some hill tribes of Indians can understand Spanish.

"Of these Indians the 8,000 Yaquis, with their crude Bacatete hill forts, their weird ceremonial masque dances and their warlike attitude, are easily most conspicuous. Many are enlisted with the federal army or employed as ranch hands and mine or railroad laborers.

"The Yaquis with the federal troops are termed 'Manzos,' or 'tame' Yaquis; those in the hills, wild and hostile, are the 'Bronchos.' The latter are a vagrant lot, robbing ranches for food and animals, carrying rawhide drums and water gourds, wearing sandals of green cowskin—living by their wits. Pressed by hunger, they subsist as well on burros as beef.

"These burros, the short and simple animals of the poor, thrive by the thousand on the West Coast. Many

run wild, like the wild asses of Mesopotamia.

"The Maya Indians, some of whom still carry bows and arrows, inhabit the flat coastal plain south of the Yagu region along the River Maya. Excellent laborers, peacefully inclined, many of the Mayas are trusted helpers on American ranches and plantations.

"Most of the well-advised brands of wild men are fairly familiar to the 'going' American public. The new hunter, the Pygmy, the Bushman and his boomerang, are all old circus acquaintances. But within 700 miles of Chicago and classic Los Angeles, there dwells a lost tribe of savages whose very name is known to but few of us; for this tribe has never been tamed, civilized, or even exhibited. Yet it is older, perhaps, than the Aztecs; it may even be the last living fragment of the American aborigines.

"The Sprints, these strange people are called, and they inhabit a lonely, evil rock (called Tiburon (Shark) is-

land that lifts its hostile head from the hot, empty waters of the Gulf of California. And all down this coast the name of Tiburon is spoken with a shrug of the shoulders, for these Sprints are thieves and killers. It is even whispered that long ago they were cannibals."

A PAPER MILLIONAIRE

Man Who Knew the Ropes Talked Common-Sense.

Some years ago a young man, who had realized a profit on a small real estate deal applied for advice to his employer, a man of many millions who was noted for taking chances on new enterprises. The young man was considering making an investment in the stock of a company which was about to develop a mining claim.

Can You Afford to Lose?
 "How much money have you saved?" asked the employer. The amount was

stated, the total being but a few hundred dollars.

"Can you afford to lose it?" was the next question. "No," the young man replied; "it is all I have except my salary."

"Come with me," the financier said. He led the young man to a vault adjoining the office where accountants and clerks were at work and pointed to a pile of boxes in a corner.

Box Full of Disappointment.

"That box is full of mining and oil stock," he remarked. "It is the accumulation of about twenty-five years of speculation and the par value of the stock aggregates several million dollars. Of course, I did not buy it at its par value; some of it cost me about what you are asked to pay for the stock you are thinking of buying and some of it less. If it is mining stock you want, you can hire an express wagon to cart the box and its contents to your home and you will be a paper multimillionaire, for you can have it if you will take it away."

"My advice to you, however, is to keep out of mining and oil stock investments until you have accumulated enough capital so that you can afford to lose, for the chances are about 100 to 1 that you will lose."

Go Slow and Play Safe.
 "Put your money in investment securities, bonds recommended by some reliable bank, trust company or financial house."

"The time will come, it always does, when you will have an opportunity to invest in some business with which you are familiar and in which you will have something to say about the management. Keep your money where you can control it; don't give it to strangers to play with."

"I can afford to take chances, for in the long run I am ahead of the game, but you are not in my class and should play safe."

The young man took his employer's advice and a few years later held a substantial financial interest in a prosperous real estate firm.

**TAXES
 AUDIT YOUR TAXES**

Our Attorneys are specialists on Taxation.

Co-operation is the best way.

We have been advised that a substantial part of the general taxes levied in Lake County for the year, 1920 (collectable in 1921) are illegal, and that collection thereof can be prevented if tax-payers take proper legal steps to protect their rights before payment is made.

The association will look after the interests of any tax-payer upon the following basis:
 We will examine and audit any tax bill you may send us, so that you may pay the legal part promptly and resist payment of the portion thereof which attorneys employed advise are illegal; you to pay us in advance therefor \$1.00 for each \$100.00 or fraction thereof assessed against you up to \$300.00 and a flat sum of \$5.00 in all cases where the taxes assessed is \$300.00 or more.

We will then have objections filed for you to the application of the County Treasurer for judgment and sale as to such portion of your taxes as are illegal, without any further expense to you if your taxes are not reduced.

If your taxes are reduced then, in addition to the initial fee above referred to, you are to pay the attorneys in charge of the case a sum equal to 25% of whatever may be saved.

If you desire to object to the payment of the illegal part of your tax, you should obtain from the office of the County Collector your tax bill, and then send such tax bill (both real and personal) to the undersigned at once; and should fill out and at the same time forward to the undersigned the contract, together with check for initial fee.

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I inclose herewith bill for my general taxes (both real and personal) for the year 1920, together with my check for \$_____ in payment of your initial fee for preliminary costs in investigating my taxes.

I hereby authorize you to engage counsel to file objections to the application for judgment and sale or take other court action as to such portion of my taxes as counsel may deem illegal.

It is understood that if my taxes are not reduced, I am to pay nothing further, but if my taxes are reduced, then I agree to pay such counsel a sum of money equal to twenty-five per cent, of whatever may be saved me.

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