

with the national coat-of-arms centered on the line that divides the red from the green. The arms consist of a white shield with a red border, surrounded or backed by a yellow device which represents the equator, ecliptic and other circles of an armillary sphere. On the white shield are five pale blue shields arranged in the form of a cross, each bearing five round white spots called plates because they are supposed to be of silver; and on the red border are seven golden castles. The flag of the Kingdom of Portugal was pale blue and white, about evenly divided, with the same shield on the dividing line, but without the yellow lines around it—a simpler and much prettier design.

CHINA—The flag of China for use on land, which is also the merchant flag and the jack of the naval service, is of five equal stripes, the upper one a dull purplish red, or old rose, the next dark yellow, the next bright blue, the next white, and the lower one black. These colours respectively denote China, Manchuria, Mongolia, Thibet, and the mountainous regions of the southwest inhabited by a distinct race although not under a separate government.

SIAM—The Siamese flag also is of five stripes, but not all of equal width. The upper and lower stripes are red, those next to them white, and the middle stripe is a very deep blue. The blue stripe is twice as wide as either of the others, and so occupies one-third of the whole width. This is the new merchant flag of Siam. The red flag with a white elephant is the naval ensign.

HEDJAZ—The flag of the Hedjaz, the newly recognized kingdom in the western part of Arabia, is of three equal horizontal stripes, black, green and white, with a triangle of red next the staff.

CUBA—The Cubans call their flag the Lone Star. It displays a five-pointed white star on a triangle of red next the staff; and the remainder of the flag consists of five equal stripes alternately bright blue and white.

HAITI—The merchant flag, which is used as the national flag, is of dark blue above red, equally divided.

PANAMA—The present flag of Panama is provisional, and perhaps may not be made permanent. It is divided quarterly. Next the staff is a blue canton beneath a white canton with a blue star, and in the fly a red canton above a white canton with a red star.

HONDURAS—A flag of three equal stripes, dark blue at top and bottom and white between, with a group of five blue stars in the middle of the white stripe, is the merchant flag, and also the proper flag for use on land.

NICARAGUA—The Nicaraguan flag is the same as that of Honduras except that the color is light blue and there is no group of stars in the centre. It usually has an anchor in the centre.

GUATEMALA—This is also divided into three

equal parts, light blue, white and light blue, but the divisions are vertical.

LIBERIA—The flag of Liberia resembles the American Stars and Stripes, but it has only eleven stripes and only one star. This is a five pointed star of the usual American pattern.

PERSIA—The national flag of Persia is a simple tricolor of pale green, white and pink, in equal horizontal stripes.

BOLIVIA—The National flag of Bolivia is a tricolor in red, yellow and green, in equal horizontal parts, the red above and the green below. It is sometimes shown as square in shape, which is probably correct.

PERU—The Peruvian flag is red, white and red, in equal vertical divisions; and this also is square when used on land.

ECUADOR—The upper half of the national flag of Ecuador is yellow, the lower half is blue above red, in two stripes of equal width. The blue is lighter than that in the flag of Columbia, which is otherwise similar.

URUGUAY—The national flag of Uruguay is of nine stripes, five of them white, and four blue of a shade not so deep as the blue in our own flags. On a large white square in the staff-head corner, which occupies the width of five stripes, a blazing sun is embroidered in gold.

The flags above describe those of the nations which were actually engaged in the war or had broken off diplomatic relations with Germany. Another flag which has appeared since the armistice is of three equal horizontal divisions, a bar of blue between two of white. It is used to distinguish enemy ships that have been requisitioned for the use of the Allies; but it does not follow that it will be adopted as the flag of the League of Nations.

EASTER

Life—where Death reigned;
Greenspringing sod;
Bloom from the mold;
Everywhere—God!

Think of them not—
Your glorious dead—
Low-lying in earth
Riven and red!

Think of them rather
Beyond the dim portal
Risen with Christ,
Victors—immortal!

Emma Veazey.