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much more than half as far away from Europe as Columbus was when he discovered land. And so naturally he never dreamed that it was the same land as Columbus had found. He probably thought that it was something to do with Africa. But then came the problem of what Portugal and Spain should do about these discoveries. Columbus claimed all of this. Everything that that was in this area he claimed when he discovered San Salvador. Then he claimed the Northern end of S.A. quite a bit west also. Well the Portuguese had found this; and there happened to be at that time a Spanish pope ~~who~~ -- a Spaniard who was throne as pope in Rome. His name was Rodrigo Borgia. When he became pope, he took the name of Alexander VI. He made the name of Borgia infamous. He had a succession of mistresses living with him in the papal palace. He had his children living with him there and one of them killed the other--murdered the other in front of the vatican there in Rome. The name of Borgia ever since has been a ^{synonym} ~~symbol~~ for murder and (4 1 / 2) and all sorts of crime have been laid at the door of the Borgia's, many of which they probably never thought of. But Alexander Borgia was pope and so the Spaniards and Portuguese said, "Rather than dragging some of the territory, and others dragging some of the territory, Let's make a peaceful arrangement. Let's ask the pope to decide." So they asked Pope Borgia what territory should belong go Portugal and what territory should belong to Spain; and so in 1498 the pope drew a line on the map about here, and he drew a line north and south; and he said "everything east of that line, which includes India, of course, or at least Africa on to the edge of India, and anything discovered that side of here all of that belongs to Portugal. Anything discovered there belongs to Spain. And so the Borgia Pope made the decision and as a result of that decision today we have 50,000,000 people speaking Portuguese, and perhaps 100,000,000 speaking Spanish in Spanish America. The division didn't seem very satisfactory to the Portuguese. They said "It left us a pretty little hump out of this country here." ~~So they made a plea~~ And they said, "After all, he's a Spaniard, and he'd be favorable to the Spanish," so they made a plea and later he moved it a little further this way. And a little later on they did not agree with the Portuguese and moved it a bit further still. And so you have this division here with Brazil here which is Portuguese speaking and with the territory over all the rest of S.A. and Central America and Mexico which is Spanish speaking. So the whole future in many ways