

defeated by Alexander that they were ~~xxxxx~~ supine (?3) for a time, most of the3 $\frac{1}{2}$, they saw no hope for defeating these Greek forces, the Greeks had their phalanx, a type of fighting where alot of soldiers stood together with their shields in front, and the spears reaching out from three ranks of them, all reaching out in front so that it made an almost inpenetrable wall. A new thing in warfare. A horse would come, and somebody would charge with the cavalry, the Persians were great horsemen. They had conquered and beseiged with their wonderful horses and cavalry, but here these Greeks would stand up three rows deep, heavily ~~harmed~~, very heavy with this heavy iron on, three rows of them, one behind the other, with this great line of shields in front, and these spears sticking out in front, and the horse would just dash himself against those sharp spears and be killed, and they were able to resist the force of the attack of the horse without breaking, and the reuslt was that the cavalry proved useless against the phalanx, and with the phalanx they proved to be so ~~superior~~ superior, and then Alexander was a very clever general, and a clever strategist, and had some very able generals, and all the sections of the empire had come to the point where the Greeks might fight among themselves, but there was no use of their fighting against them, because they knew that if they had an uprising, and won freedom for a year or two, they would be treated much worse in the end by these forces coming together, so for a time Alexander's generals had a field day just fighting among themselves, seeing which of them could get the control of the whole empire, but pretty soon it became evident that though the empire could be held by it, there was no one general who could command enough loyalty from the whole group to control it, and no one, if Alexander had had a son, 20 years of age, maybe this son would have had enough power to have held it, and5...., people say, Oh, that's the legitimate ruler, he's the son of the great king, but you take a son six months old, and a new son just born, six months later, he could do anything, and the wives ~~couldn't~~ couldn't do anything, and they were only puppets in the hands of various generals. So this one general ~~Ptolemy~~ Ptolemy showed very good sense. Ptolemy said there is no chance of holding this empire together. But, he said, there is a chance of carving out a sizable