

REPORT MADE ON PAINTING

Archaeology Has Its Dramatic Moments, Says University of Chicago Professor

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, Ill., June 10.—Archaeology has its dramatic moments. The "ancestry of Byzantine painting" hitherto considerably obscured was discovered while hostile forces were closing in upon the investigators in Syria, and all investigations were completed in a single day prior to the shifting of the protecting British lines, according to a report by Prof. J. H. Breasted of the University of Chicago which is about to be presented to the French Academy of Science. Contents of this report have just been made known for the first time in this country in an interview given by Prof. Breasted to the Associated Press.

The investigation was made, according to Prof. Breasted, under his direction after the return of the Mesopotamian expedition of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago and its arrival at Baghdad late in April, 1920. The British civil authorities at this time asked Prof. Breasted and his party to ascend the Euphrates to a ruined Roman fortress at Salihiyah, on an informal archaeological expedition on their behalf. The Chicago scholar welcomed the commission, but asked that he might first complete some researches in Persia. He was secretly informed that delay would make the Euphrates mission impossible, as the British were preparing to withdraw their lines on the upper Euphrates almost 100 miles down the river.

It developed that while the British forces had occupied the ruined fortress, Capt. M. C. Murphy had discovered in a chapel in the ruin some wall paintings evidently of ancient origin. This discovery was communicated to the authorities through Lt. Col. G. Leachman, Miss Gertrude Bell, whom Prof. Breasted described as an intrapud explorer and archaeologist, was consulted, and suggested that Prof. Breasted be sent to the fortress. Accordingly he set out with his party and arrived on the scene the day before the withdrawal of the British military frontier.

"Ours was the first western expedition," said Prof. Breasted, "to cross the new Arab state from Baghdad to the Mediterranean after it was proclaimed. The fortress of Salihiyah was different of access even when it was within British lines, and it is unlikely that another expedition will soon penetrate into this remote and inhospitable region."

On the way to Salihiyah the party was entertained at the British camp, and Lt. Col. Leachman cleared out his office to make room for the archaeologists' five field beds.

The chapel of the fortress was decided by the investigators to have been the temple not only of Roman legionaries but likewise of some Oriental cult. This appeared from the character of the paintings, some of which had to be uncovered by clearing rubbish which had accumulated in the ruin. One of the paintings appeared to show a local Oriental family at worship, another showed a group of Roman soldiers worshipping before images of the deified emperors. The Oriental personages portrayed had hands upraised in a gesture recognized as one employed by Eastern religious rites; among them was a gorgeously dressed woman thought to be a local ruler such as Zenobia, the famous queen who defied Rome. The name inscribed beneath her figure resembled in form that of Zenobia, who ruled Palmyra only 100 miles away.

"We cannot even conjecture," said Prof. Breasted, "the nature of her relations to the Roman power which is commemorated in the other group."

Nowadays terminating in lotus flowers were among the devices figuring in the Oriental group.

"That we have in these wall scenes an example of the mostly lost ancestry of Byzantine painting is evident," said Prof. Breasted, "from comparison of them with the early mosaics surviving at Ravenna. This ruined Roman fortress at Salihiyah has thus furnished a new and unparalleled example of the transition from decadent orientalesque Hellenistic art to the Byzantine art from which reviving Europe inherited so much."

The party concluded that the probable date of the paintings was the third century, "when east and west met in Syria." It was noted that the face which the British officers had described as the best painted was, by the time the scholars arrived, scratched and defaced by some desert nomad, possibly a prehistoric Arab.

GAHANDHI'S AIM TO BE EXPOSED

(By Associated Press) INDOR, India, June 10.—Sir Sardan Nair, formerly member of the Viceroy's Council and also

of the secretary of state's council, who recently returned from England, has undertaken the task of exposing what he considers to be Gandhi's real aims for India. His opinions, published under the title, "Gandhi and Anarchy," constitutes a vigorous attack on Gandhi and an exposure of the dangers which Sir Nair sees in non-cooperation.

Sir Nair has always remained loyal to the British government, and the acerbic tone of his attack on Gandhi was made complete at the conference of Moderate leaders held at Bombay recently. In the course of his remarks on the Gandhi movement, he says:

"Though Gandhi himself and the majority of his followers were men who were not well-known in the congress camp or in the strenuous days which preceded the introduction of the reform scheme, his party contained some men who were members of the old constitutional congress which afterwards was turned into the present revolutionary congress entirely under the control of Gandhi. There is scarcely an item in the Gandhi program which is not a complete violation of everything broached by the foremost sons of India till 1919; which has not been strongly, even vehemently, denounced by those old respected members of the congress who now follow Gandhi.

"The severe simplicity and austerity of Gandhi's life, combined with his appeal to the principle of Ahimsa (non-injury), inherited from Buddhists and now ingrained in Hindu life, has secured him the support of the Hindu masses, and particularly vegetarians. His indiscriminating support of the extreme Khilafat demands has ensured the Mohammedan support. Some politicians who naturally desire to use him and the influence he has acquired for putting pressure on the government to concede further reform, also have joined him. There are of course many genuine patriots who, believing in the efficacy of his methods to obtain home rule, also follow him. But I am satisfied he is using them all to further his own ends, an attempt in which he is bound to fail."

TRAFFIC CLUB TO INVESTIGATE

Freight Rates and Railroad Wages Object of Probe of Newly Organized Shippers' Club

(By Associated Press) CHICAGO, June 10.—Freight rates and railroad wages will be dealt with from the point of view of shippers and carriers by the newly organized Associated Traffic Club of America, in an effort to influence public opinion and policies, according to an outline of its objects made by the officers here today. Those who have promoted the organization say that its work will be much the same as that contemplated in recent proposals of a national transportation institute, supported by both shippers and carriers, "for the education of the public and the support of wise transportation policies." They announce that the organization hopes to impress upon the president and congress "the kind of men that should be appointed to the Interstate Commerce commission," though it will refrain from recommending individuals.

Some of the questions to be considered will probably relate to the value of the United States Railroad Labor board; proposals to amend the rate-making section of the transportation act so that "there shall not be a mandate to the Interstate Commerce commission to make the level of rates such that the carriers will earn an adequate revenue; restoration of power of the state policy in respect to a merchant marine; the proposed St. Lawrence canal.

It is estimated that there are 25 or more "industrial" traffic clubs in which shippers but not carriers are represented. The association, which was organized at a meeting attended by 50 representatives of 25 of the 75 or 80 traffic clubs in which both carriers and shippers are represented, will seek to induce the industrial clubs to become eligible to membership in the association by admitting representatives of carriers.

GIRL TELLS A 'FISHY' STORY

(By Associated Press) SYDNEY, N. S. W., June 10.—Police authorities here have in custody a girl who says she is Rosa Miguel of Norfolk, Va., and who declares she has been a captive of a band of gypsies near here.

The young woman asserts that at the age of 12 she was kidnapped from her home in Norfolk and later forced to marry the son of the chief of the gypsy band. Later she was rescued, but she was found again in Philadelphia by the band, and once more carried away. Her second abduction, she declares, was followed by gypsies.

Wednesday she contrived to get away from the gypsies and take refuge at a police station here.

RACE MARRYING ITSELF OUT

(By Associated Press) HONOLULU, T. H., June 10.—The Hawaiian race is not "dying out," but in reality is "marrying itself out of existence," according to a statement made here by Miss M. Hester Lemon, registrar of vital statistics.

Although there has been no material increase in the death rate of pure-blooded Hawaiians during the past four years, the birth rate for the calendar year 1921 showed a material decrease as compared with those of the four preceding years and indicated that Hawaiian men and women are destroying their own race by marrying into other groups, she said.

It will be seen readily that this practice will tend to increase the part-Hawaiian population and at the same time decrease the pure Hawaiian population insofar as the future is concerned," she added.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, there were 30 marriages between pure Hawaiian couples. In addition to these, 58 Hawaiian men married women of other races and 142 Hawaiian women were married to men of other groups. Births among pure Hawaiian families during the calendar year 1921 were 42 less in number than those registered during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921.

PROHIBITION IS BEING OPPOSED

(By Associated Press) STOCKHOLM, June 10.—"To deprive the majority of citizens, who do not misuse alcoholic liquors, of what is for them an innocent stimulant, because a small number of people abuse liquor seems to be rather a draconic decree."

This opinion is formed in the official report just issued by the medical board of Sweden on the proposed introduction of total prohibition. It has aroused intense interest throughout the country which is now in the midst of a nation-wide conflict between the prohibition forces and those who want to maintain the present so-called Bratt rationing system, whereby only those who have openly shown their abuse of alcohol are deprived of its use. Sweden will vote on the liquor question August 27 of this year. The medical board points out

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The totem poles were used not only for memorial shafts but also were used by the early Indians as receptacles for the bodies of the dead.

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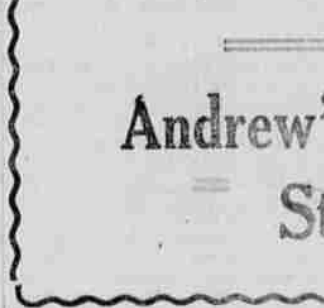
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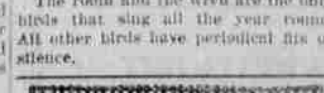
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