

CONVERSED BY 'WHISTLING'

Tribe of Californian Indians Used Whistling Language to Talk With

BERKELEY, Cal. (AP)—A tribe of Indians whose members communicate among themselves only by whistling and who can talk to birds in the same manner has been found in the Siskiyou mountains in northern California.

The discovery was reported to A. L. Kroeber, curator of anthropological museum of the University of California by J. R. Saxon of the United States forestry service.

Saxon said that for weeks forest rangers in a remote part of the Siskiyou had heard uncanny whistlings over the service wires that stretch from station to station through the mountains.

For two days, related Saxon, he lived there in this way. When he left the cabin food would be spread for him, but with no amount of agility could he discover the unseen dispenser of hospitality.

Finally, on the third day, several Indian men appeared at the cabin, and in sign language informed him that he had been their guest.

"To my amazement," he said, "I learned that they did not speak to one another in any language of words or in the ordinary articulate sounds of human beings, but that they conversed only with staccato whistlings."

At a whistled command birds would flutter from the trees to a clearing to eat food scattered there by the women, according to Saxon's narrative.

He described the men as shy, adding that the women were like deer. "At the sound of my voice," he explained, "the women fled into the canyons." He said the Indians led him to the nearest forest service telephone station and by signs conveyed to him that they had seen forest rangers using this instrument and had themselves experimented with it in their whistling tongue. This explained the mysterious sounds. Saxon believes that the isolated clan of "whistling people" is an obscure offshoot of the Karok tribe of Klamath Falls Indians.

QUEEN OF SPAIN TOOK PART IN A CONCERT IN ROME

ROME—(AP)—Queen Victoria of Spain was the central figure in an impromptu concert held abroad in the Spanish battleship "Jaime Primo" just before the royal party left Naples on their return to Spain. The King and Queen of Spain lunched aboard the battleship with the Duke of Aosta, the Duke of Pistoia, General Primo de Rivera and others, when someone expressed a wish to hear the crew sing.

An impromptu concert was arranged and both the King and Queen of Spain joined in several choruses. Queen Victoria was incited to sing, and having a fine contralto voice she smilingly obliged, much to the gratification of the assembled guests and crew. Encores were demanded and given. Her Majesty's solos proved the "star" turn of the entertainment.

General Primo de Rivera was a good second with his rendition of the Fascist hymn "Giovinezza." The Dictator afterwards said he

ELGIN MASONIC O. E. S. ORDERS INSTALL HEADS

ELGIN—The 1924 Masonic and Eastern Star officers were installed in an impressive joint ceremony last Thursday night, at Masonic hall. Following the exercises the members of the two lodges and guests at the installation were served with refreshments.

U. F. Weiss acted as installing officer for the Masons and Mrs. Ida Hallgarth took the same office for the Eastern Star.

The following were the newly seated Masonic officers: C. D. Bean, W. M.; H. E. Bowlin, S. W.; P. C. Terpany, J. W.; G. F. Smith, treasurer; U. F. Weiss, secretary; L. E. Hill, J. D.; W. J. Hazelwood and Guy I. Patton, stewards; H. L. White, chaplain; and J. W. Rhodes, Tyler. E. G. Hilly will be installed as senior deacon at a later meeting.

The Eastern Star officers installed the following: Etha Hill W. M.; Mollie Allen, associate matron; L. Deham, secretary; H. Hug, treasurer; Hattie Ballard, marshal; Theodosia Weiss, chaplain; Francis Gettings, Ada; Esther Meyer, Ruth; Ita; Ester, Esther; Lizzie White, Martha; Helen Hug, Electa; Emma Rice, warder; Elain Bean, conductress; and Alda Bean, associate conductress, will be installed later.

Correct this sentence: "It is getting thinner every year," said the man, "but I never use any tonic in an effort to save it."

At Home



Nammy MacDonald, leader of the Labor Party, is shown here with his daughters, Sheila, Jean and Isabel. Doesn't look "ferce" as when he is fighting on the floor of the House.

Loud Snores Opened Way For China's President

SHANGHAI, China (AP)—With the accession of Tsao Kuo to the presidency of China, the usual crop of fantastic stories purporting to account for the rise of any notable figure has appeared, not the most fantastic being one obtained from native sources in Tsao's own province of Chih.

According to this account, Tsao's enlistment and subsequent rapid advancement as a soldier in the armies of the old Manchu dynasty would have been impossible but for his sonorous snore.

Tsao, originally, was a cloth merchant's apprentice, having been put in that service by a father noted for his stern disposition, the story goes. Becoming proficient, he was provided with a narrow and stock of goods wherewith to make rounds among prospective buyers and chaffered keenly with the housewives of neighboring villages. He was discontented with this prosaic occupation, however, and sought solace for the pains it caused his adventurous spirit by engaging in escapades which failed to find his father's approval.

The parent cast young Tsao adrift and the lad, bethinking himself of a career which would supply his demand for activity and color, sought to enlist at a military camp not many miles from his home. He was rejected because of inability to provide a proper guarantor. Although despondent, he was determined not to return to his family and sheltered himself in a haystack, where he presently fell asleep.

An officer from the camp, straggling through the vicinity, heard the lusty evidences of Tsao's slumber and roused him unceremoniously. In response to the officer's inquiry as to why such a robust young man should be sleeping the day away, Tsao told his story of eviction from home and rejection by the recruiting officials.

The officer became interested, used influence to obtain the waiving of the necessary guarantor in Tsao's place, and the youth enlisted. His rapid grasp of military matters impressed his superiors and a sensational military career, culminating in Tsao's advancement to the highest rank and elevation to the presidency, followed.

HAITI TO GET DEVELOPMENT

Successful Era of Land Development Is Promised Gulf Country.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—The Haitian agricultural bill, now pending before the Council of State, is regarded by its proponents as a most important step in the proposed to develop Haiti for the Haitians. In passage, it is declared, will mark the beginning of a new era in the history of this republic.

The main purpose of the measure are the education of the people in the field of agriculture, and the safeguarding of the natural resources of the island. This instruction will begin in the rural districts and prepare students for admission to the Polytechnic Institute in Port-au-Prince. Graduates will be well versed in modern agricultural methods, and capable of going back to the country districts to instruct the people in improved ways of caring for stock and crops. Also they will be able to serve private enterprises as agricultural experts.

In addition to educational work, the new bill provides for agricultural research, the installation of a quarantine system, and a forestry department. Research will be along the lines of climatic and geological conditions and the diseases of plants and animals. The quarantine service will control the importation of plants and animals, from the standpoint of the introduction of disease, and the forestry branch will work to control wastage in lumbering and forest fires, and probably embark on reforestation.

There is to be a director general of the new agricultural bureau who probably will be Dr. George E. Freeman, an American expert on tropical agriculture.

The expenses of the new bureau will be met by a budgetary allotment, voted for this purpose by the Haitian government. This will be supplemented by communal funds, special credits, the sale of surplus stock from the government farms, and contributions from private concerns for the conducting of specified work.

AID FOR ALASKA IS REQUESTED BY TERRITORY SOLON

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Territorial Senator M. D. Snodgrass has promised to try to eek a supposed bank of \$500,000 annually in Alaska's treasury chest. "The item is said to be represented in foodstuffs, hay, grain and mill feed now shipped into the Alaskan railroad belt from the United States." Senator Snodgrass said recently that he would press on congress the necessity for aid that would enable Alaskan farmers to get on their feet and begin taking from the ground some of the substances imported.

future Wallace would offer congress a plan covering the entire agricultural question in Alaska.

SUES SOLON FOR 'LIBEL'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Francis C. Harley, former mayor of Astoria, who Wednesday sued Wayne L. Wheeler and other dry leaders for \$100,000 for libel, extended his offensive Thursday to include Representative Crampton.

He launched a suit for \$50,000 against Crampton on the charge that he made a libelous attack against Harley from the house floor.

NINE REPORTED DROWNED AT SEA

BABYLON, N. Y. (AP)—A monster wave swept nine men from the deck of the powerboat Sid into Great South bay Thursday night, after the craft had gone to the rescue of three men in a speedboat that had grounded in a storm in Fire Island inlet.

Fire Loss is \$13,291 EUGENE, Or.—The estimated loss to property in Eugene by fire during 1923 was \$13,291 according to the annual report of William E. Nussbaum, chief of the local fire department. The report says that approximately 76 per cent of the loss was covered by insurance.

The department made 147 runs during the year, seven of them to points outside the city limits, and a total distance of 582 miles was covered in going to and from fires.

Astoria Makes Record

ASTORIA, Or.—Despite the handicap of the big conflagration, Astoria closed the first year of its administration under a city manager with encouraging results so far as finances are concerned. As a result of the fire the revenues of the water department were \$1,500 less than in 1922, yet \$22,000 more was placed in the

department's bond sinking fund in the past 12 months than in the preceding year. Through a systematic method of collecting licenses and other fees the general revenues of the city for the past year were approximately \$7000 in excess of those for 1922.

Despite the heavy property losses resulting from the fire, \$45,000 more in street assessments was collected in 1923 than in 1922. During the last year of the councilmanic administration the city's general fund showed a deficit of \$11,000, but the municipality closed the past 12 months with a surplus of \$10,604 in its general fund.

Curates Scare in England LOUGHBOROUGH (AP)—Canon Briggs of this town is much concerned at the lack of curates, which he thinks will make the filling of high offices in the church

20 years hence very difficult. The canon says he has advertised for a curate in the most likely church papers for several weeks in succession, and has not yet received a single inquiry.

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