

GOBI DESERT SCIENCE GOAL

Learned Men to Seek the Birthplace of Man in Mongolian Waste Land

NEW YORK (AP)—Roy Chapman Andrews, leader of the American Museum of Natural History expedition which discovered the only known fossil of dinosaur eggs, will sail tomorrow for Mongolia to prepare for the reception of a party of scientists who next fall will invade that graveyard of mastodons, the Gobi desert, in search of the "Garden of Eden."

The 1924 expedition was to remain abroad for five years and will exhaust every effort toward excavating the bones of the earliest man in support of the theory that he first trod earth in what is now the desolate Gobi desert, a verdant paradise 10 to 25 millions years ago.

Headed by Mr. Andrews, the party will include 15 scientists who are acknowledged leaders in their respective fields. There will be Walter Granger, chief paleontologist; Charles P. Berkey, chief geologist; James P. Chapin, chief ornithologist; L. B. Roberts, chief topographer; N. C. Nelson, chief archaeologist; Ralph Chaney, chief botanist; J. D. Shackelford, chief cinematographer; S. Jayard Colgate, chief motor transport, each with their assistants.

Five of the party were members of the three-year expedition which emerged from Mongolia laden with the most valuable collection of prehistoric bones and fossils known to paleontologic history. They helped find the first dinosaur eggs, and it was upon their unearthing that scientists since have built the theory that Homo Sapiens first lived millions of years prior to the "dawn of history" heretofore variously ascribed to the time of the Pittdown Man, the Pithecanthropus Erectus, the Neanderthal Man, or the Californian human whose bones, recently discovered, have aroused a new controversy among scientists.

Mr. Andrews is confident that the true birthplace of man, the spot on earth where a human first evolved from an animal, will be found in the Gobi desert. Perhaps not by this expedition, he says, but sometime soon, surely. "We can't be definite," Mr. Andrews declared. "We can only say that the evidence we have convinced us we are seeking in the right place. We are specializing on man. We never have organized to hunt his bones before. We have been more concerned with the history of rocks than of humanity."

"Now we are going to the rocks where human remains are most likely to exist. We think the prospects justify gambling, although some students say we are hunting a needle in a haystack." The Gobi desert proved a veritable treasure trove for the last expedition. A few prehistoric bones, exposed to view by a chance shifting of the hot, dry sands led to the discovery of a huge natural cache of fossilized relics.

Everything was in a marvelous state of preservation after having been insulated from the elements for millions of years by the fine desert dust. Even the shells of the much-prized dinosaur eggs were found intact, with the embryos of the monsters in various stages of development preserved for this age to study.

The discoverers' theory is that the Gobi desert was at one time a tropical plain, threaded with watering places and covered with verdure on which the mastodons of the times fed. Then some catastrophe, an earthquake or an inundation, exterminated thousands of them in a moment, leaving their remains, and perhaps those of men of that day, to be miraculously preserved through the ages.

But the 1924 expedition is not going to restrict itself to the past, any more than have its predecessors. And it is recorded that the last expedition of the American Museum of Natural History brought back, in addition to the precious paleontological specimens, thousands of skins of mammals, birds, fish and reptiles of living types, for preservation and study as well as tons of geologically important rocks, sheaves of maps of newly explored regions, and specimens of flora and fauna that never had been classified before.

WASHINGTON ANNALS CITIZENSHIP GRANTED UNDER CONFEDERACY

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—After residing in New Orleans virtually all his life, believing himself to be an American and exercising a citizen's suffrage, William Dixon Seymour has learned in federal court that he is a British subject. Seymour was born in Mexico of British parentage and his father was naturalized by the confederacy during the civil war.

The discovery that he was a British subject was made when Seymour attempted to obtain a passport to visit Europe. It was denied by the state department upon the ground that he could not prove his American citizenship. At the same time it was held that rights granted by the confederacy were not legal.

Waterloo Tribune: The head of the house who didn't know until he was a grown man that there was anything to a turkey but the neck, finds times and the family organization so changed that the same old neck is still his.

"Fair and Sunny"



Miss Edna Pilkington is England's only woman weather forecaster, succeeding her mother at Buxton, Derbyshire, station.

Her Sex Wrongly Registered, Girl is Called to Court

PRAGUE (AP)—When a class of recruits was called up for military service in the Bohemian town of Chlumec recently, among them was a young woman of 29, dressed in her holiday attire and wearing a huge bouquet.

To the officer in charge she presented a proper summons for the compulsory 18 months' service. Suspecting an attempt at evasion an examination of the girl was ordered and she was found to be what she claimed. Investigation of the registers showed that date and place of birth and all other particulars were correct, except that sex had been erroneously entered as male.

DANISH BARON JAILED IN JEWEL THEFT CASE

LOS ANGELES (INS)—Charged with taking \$2000 worth of jewelry from the home of Mrs. Mary Gresley of La Mirada street, Baron George von Garten, youngest member of the old Danish family bearing that name, is held in the county jail here, awaiting trial in superior court.

At his recent preliminary hearing it was testified that the young baron and his valet, Dolander bean, rifled the jewel box while they were guests in Mrs. Gresley's home. They were arrested in San Francisco and returned here for trial.

Germany Offers Good Market For American Automobiles

BERLIN (AP)—Prospects for American automobiles in Germany are excellent, and especially in the medium priced cars may a substantial business be looked for, says a trade report of the American Chamber of Commerce in Germany. Auto trucks also will find a good market here, the report avers.

DEMOCRATS TO SELECT CHIEF

So Claims McAdoo Who Firmly Believes His Party Will Be Triumphant in November.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—California is going to elect the next president and he is going to be a democrat, William G. McAdoo, candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, told a throng of cheering friends and political supporters who met the train on which he returned to Los Angeles after an extensive campaign tour. The candidate spoke confidently of the outcome of the New York convention and declared the loyalty of his supporters was beyond question.

"Within the last two weeks," he said, "ninety-two delegates to the convention have been instructed for me, including all the delegates from Kentucky, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon, South Carolina and Tennessee. In addition, 18 favorable delegates have been chosen from Michigan. During the same period, so far as I know, no delegates have been instructed for any other democratic candidates. "Although a few states, Nevada, Utah, Mississippi, Florida and Louisiana have not yet acted, the pre-convention campaign is practically concluded and success for the cause of progressive democracy is assured."

And so it is unlucky to get married on Christmas day. In other particulars, however, the day differs from the other 364.

Correct this sentence: "Oh Radio bootleggers have been given the air in Berlin.—Canton (Ohio) News."

HAWAII HURT BY EXCLUSION

HONOLULU (INS)—Hawaii's yearly number of immigrants will be reduced by fully 75 per cent through the exclusion clause in the new immigration bill, in the opinion of federal immigration officials stationed at this port.

Records at the immigration office show that most of the immigrants who arrive here are aliens, ineligible for naturalization. More than half of these are Japanese.

During the last ten years 37,211 Japanese have been admitted to the territory and 31,39 Chinese, making an excess of arrivals of 6,175. Figuring in the births and deaths during that period, the territorial bureau of vital statistics estimates that the increase

among persons of Japanese blood has been 37,500. Up to the present time picture brides have been allowed to enter Hawaii, though they have been barred from the mainland for some years. Admission to Hawaii was granted because "the gentlemen's agreement" did not apply to this territory but to "continental" United States. Records show that during the eight-year period prior to 1915 there were 9,043 brides admitted to Hawaii.

"Enoch Arden" Provision in New Czech Marriage Law

PRAGUE (AP)—The newly formulated bill regulating marriage in Czechoslovakia contains an "Enoch Arden" clause. It provides that, in the event of the re-

turn of a husband thought dead after the woman has re-married, he has no legal rights that can affect the new marriage. The conditions that prevailed throughout Europe in the period just after the war, when the return of men missing or reported dead, to find re-married wives, was an ordinary affair probably inspired the law. Otherwise the marriage act as framed follows those of most countries. Both civil and religious ceremonies are recognized. The marriageable age for males is fixed at 18 and for females 16.

MILLIONS OF HOUSES IN OBJECT OF LABOR PARTY

LONDON (INS)—"The Labor government aims to complete 2,000,000 new houses in England within fifteen years," says Charles

Coppock, general secretary of the Federation of Building Trade Workers. "This is 500,000 less than the number we aim at completing. It will mean the greatest revolution ever achieved in Britain. Everyone concerned is going the right way to work. Builders, manufacturers, workers are all agreed on the lines to adopt. Industry is prepared to use every effort to see the work through. When we have finished England should be decently housed, and the housing scandal ended forever. "We hope to see our proposals ratified in the House of Commons immediately."

Nashville Tennessean: Scientists are hunting a way to save corn. The best way is to keep the steeper in the jug.

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