

MAY REVEAL MAYA WISDOM

NEW ORLEANS, (AP)—The Maya Indian civilization is classified by Dr. William F. Gates, who is directing Maya research work for Tulane University, of New Orleans, as equal at its apex to that of any people recorded in ancient history, and comparable between 200 and 400 A. D. to the older civilization of the ancient Greeks, Romans, and Egyptians.

Dr. Gates, who is head of the Middle American research department of Tulane, said one of the university's expeditions last March reported unrecorded monuments being discovered. These dot the entire Maya territory, which encompasses the belt of Tehuantepec

and the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico, and extends into Guatemala and Honduras.

The monuments appear to have been built at five-year intervals for recording the history and settlement of the race, and bear a date at the top. Dr. Gates said they indicate an intense interest in astronomy. The deductions of the Maya Indians regarding the movements of the sun and moon have been declared by scientists to have been remarkable, although their numerical and calendar are as yet little understood.

Dr. Gates, who is a graduate of the University of Virginia, has been studying the Maya pictographs for more than 20 years and his fellow scientists say he is near a solution of them. He declined to discuss his progress or to predict the outcome of his task, which, if successful, would open up a field comparable to that revealed to the scientific world by the finding of the Rosetta Stone in Egypt.

Tulane will send a larger expedition into the Maya field next year for excavations and careful study of the palaces, temples and dwelling places which, despite their abandonment for approximately 1,500 years are rich in drawings, paintings, moldings and carvings on wood and stone. Practically all the work done there so far has been on the surface, and Dr. Gates hopes to be able to visualize the customs and manners of the people. Although the expedition will go for research into relics of the past, it will also make surveys of present conditions with a view toward practical development of the resources of the country, hence experts on plant and animal life, chemistry and physics as well as archaeologists will be in the expedition.

Rural Simplicity Mailed
Duke of Rutland's Funeral
BELVOIR, Eng. (AP)—A farm dray drawn by four gray horses served as a hearse and gave an air of rural impressiveness to the funeral recently of the Duke of Rutland at Belvoir Castle. The casket was covered with the duke's own flag as lord lieutenant of the county together with his cocked hat and sword.

Country workers from his estates walked in a procession to the chapel and to the mausoleum where the body was placed.

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Scene in Girl's Ball Game

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RECORDS OF FLYER SAVED

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP)—Major Frederick L. Martin, commander of the United States army world flight last year, advised death by only a few feet in the crash of his airplane, the Seattle, on the Alaska peninsula in May, 1924. In the opinion of Robert West, watchman for a fisheries company who returned here recently after having visited the ill-fated machine.

Mr. West expressed the belief that had Major Martin and his mechanic, Sergeant Alva L. Harvey, struck the mountain near Port Mellon 150 feet higher, they never would have come out of the bush country alive. He brought here the personal effects, instruments, and records of the two aviators, including their flying suits and the chronometer of the airplane. Although bears had clawed the leather cases, all the records were intact, he said.

Accompanied by natives, Mr. West made two trips to the airplane, one in November, when the aviator's personal effects were recovered, and another in February, when the instruments were hunted out on dog sleds.



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Prehistoric Art Of Mexico Likened To That of Egypt

TEPEC, Nayarit, Mexico (AP)—E. G. Matthews, an American versed in Mexican archaeology, says that some of his recent discoveries of prehistoric relics in western Mexico show striking similarity to the ancient art of Egypt.

Mr. Matthews points out that while much data concerning the cultures and their successes, the Aztecs, has been gleaned from central and eastern Mexico, little has been learned regarding the history of those who dwell on the western shores. He is giving his attention to supplying more information of regions archaeologically uncharted, and has uncovered several articles of domestic utility and adornment and grotesque images of religious portents.

A recent press dispatch from Mexico City told of a party of excursionists in Vera Cruz state that found, hidden in a cave near Orizaba, a large collection of Aztec idols. These images still were being worshipped by Indians of that remote region, who continued to follow ceremonies supposed to have disappeared more than 400 years ago. It was reported that after a battle with the Indians captured many of the priceless relics. The University of Orizaba has organized an expedition to explore the locality more thoroughly.

Commenting on this find of idols, Mr. Matthews believed the use of force and recalled an experience he had a few years ago. Near Teococ he too found a cave filled with idols and other objects of great antiquity. The Indians, holding confidence in him, allowed him to select several of the art treasures on his promise that he would not reveal the hiding place. He chose three idols and a large earthenware bust. They were forwarded to the Metropolitan Museum in New York, where they are on exhibition. He kept faith with the Teococ Indians, and they have not been molested.

Traders' Convention To Be at Seattle

NEW YORK, (AP)—The National Foreign Trade Council will hold its twelfth convention this year at Seattle, Wash., June 4-26, and on this occasion the American bankers, manufacturers, and foreign traders present will hear Henry M. Robinson, member of the Dawes Commission and president of the First National Bank of Los Angeles, analyze American business expectations over the next ten years from the rehabilitation of Europe.

Among other speakers will be Senator Brian Bingham, of Connecticut, on commercial aviation; James A. Farrell, chairman of the council, whose opening address will be on the foreign trade outlook; J. Butler Wright, assistant secretary of state; Howard H. Lammie, dean of the School of Commerce of the University of Washington; Frederick J. Koster, of San Francisco; George G. Crawford, of Birmingham, Ala., and Gray Silver, of Chicago, Eastern bankers and manufac-

urers, many of whom are going west will combine in a joint effort to Seattle to see at first hand the letan trade proposition session on session of the United States whose the last day of the convention, foreign trade is increasing four times as fast as that of the rest of the country, will be especially invited to a session on export products of the strongest groups of Far West of northwestern producers. Eastern business men which has where the leading lumber, fruit over attended a commercial con- and wheat shippers of the north-vention in the United States.

Road Program Planned On Mexico West Coast

CULIACAN, Sinaloa, Mexico (AP)—A program of road building which will connect all important centers with a trunk line to traverse the state of Sinaloa has been agreed on at a conference that Governor Vega held with the mayors of many cities in the state.

The first unit will be the connection of Culiacan, an interior city, with the seaboard at Mazatlan, on the west coast, a distance of 120 miles. Other units will be built as rapidly as engineering and financial resources are available. The principal items of cost in Sinaloa, road building are the numerous bridges needed to span the many rivers traversing the coastal plain.

The program just announced by Governor Vega will harmonize with plans being made in Mexico City by influential men and in California and Arizona by representative organizations, with a view of connecting California, Mexico City and Guadalajara with a first-class automobile road. Such a highway would open motor travel to a potentially rich, scenic and ethnically pleasant region. At present it is practically impossible to make the journey from Nogales, Ariz., southwest throughout the west coast, largely because it is impossible to ford the streams during the rainy season.

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