

EARTH ABOUNDS IN UNEXPLORED REGIONS TODAY

All Continents Have Some Portion of Area Yet to Be Seen by Man

(Editor's Note: Exploring parties in numerous fields have attracted attention to the unexplored or virtually unknown regions of the earth. These regions, of which there are many, despite man's conquest over space and time, are outlined in the following article, prepared especially for The Associated Press by the National Geographic Society.)

WASHINGTON (AP)—"Wanted: New worlds to explore." That is the plaint of some modern adventurers who deplore the fact that Columbus, the Cabots, and a host of other seafarers in their primitive and poorly manned craft of a few centuries ago took the joy out of the game of "world hunting" and left them to develop their up-to-date steamboats and aircraft with nothing to discover. But in nearly every continent, perhaps just around the corner from the old explorers' haunts, there are little-known regions that still beckon persuasively to explorers of today.

While there are no areas in the United States which can be properly termed "unexplored," numerous little-known patches of land, perhaps traversed only once or twice in its history, and a few that have never been surveyed, may be found here and there on the map. In the lake country along the Canadian border there is a large area about which little is known, while Yuma and Pima counties, and a portion of Maricopa county, Arizona, are yet to be thoroughly explored. A short time ago San Juan county in southeastern Utah, near Chaco Canyon National monument, upon which an expedition of the National Geographic Society has been working, was included among these untrampled areas. A large part of Nevada, which is more than twice as large as Pennsylvania, is almost devoid of human life, par-

FIRST PICTURE OF ILLINOIS GANG LEADER ON TRIAL



This picture of Charles Birger and his family was taken at Benton, Ill., at the beginning of his trial for the murder of Mayor Joe Adams of West City. The shooting of Adams was one of a score of murders during the vicious gang warfare of the last two years in southern Illinois. Mrs. Birger is shown at the left, while Birger sits between his two daughters. Minnie on the left and Charles, right. Behind him is Robert E. Smith, his attorney. This is the first newspaper photo taken of Birger.

ticularly the central and southern portions of the state. Fewer than 50,000 people live in the whole state. One has got to travel by compass in parts of Northern Michigan and Wisconsin. Canada has several blank places on her map, due to the lack of verified information. Only vague reports are responsible for many of the topographic marks to be found on maps of some areas in the great dominion. Ungava Peninsula, on the east-

ern bank of Hudson Bay, is little known, other than the fact that it has been made famous by its shape, which is like that of the head of a woman. Here and there on its outward rim are small villages but its interior still offers a lure to hidden places. Its rivers are named but their westward courses, as shown on the maps, are probabilities rather than the work of surveyors. Although Labrador has been in the spotlight for years, during the boundary dispute recently settled with Canada, this colony still holds its natural secrets except in the immediate vicinity of the beaten trails.

From Great Slave Lake eastward to Dubawnt river and lake, and northward from Lake Athabasca, there lies a vast area on which most maps show rivers and lakes which can only be outlined in the most hypothetical fashion. Northern Keweenaw Peninsula, where the Arctic Circle passes between Hudson Bay and the various bays and Canadian Arctic, remains unmarked by topographical symbols. The second greatest river system on the North American continent drains an area of which geographers are almost entirely ignorant. Exploring parties of the geological survey of Canada have been working in the Mackenzie river country but its efforts have been confined to water routes. There are about 40,000 square miles of water area in the vicinity of the river, much of which is still unexplored and unmarked. Portions of the Canadian Rockies in northern British Columbia have their secrets as securely as Mt. Everest.

source of tannin. The Oriente, constituting the eastern portion of Ecuador, is inhospitable in its climate and choked with jungles, and few are the white men who have braved contact with its savage, head-hunting natives to tell the world the natural resources or even the physical features of this uncharted hinterland. Portions of western and southeastern China, Tibet and northern India are just becoming known through Kintson Ward, an explorer of the National Geographic Society. Mongolia and the Gobi Desert still have their secrets though, yearly new discoveries are made in this area. Not far north of the desert, Siberia perhaps retains the secrets of more virgin land than any other part of the world. Nearly the entire northern part of the country is uncharted. Only a few weeks ago a mountain towering 14,000 feet was reported to have been discovered near Irkutsk, one of Siberia's largest settlements.

Little Known Off Trails "Dark" Africa is still dark in spots. There are great portions of the Sahara Desert about which practically nothing is known, not only the Hank region, extending from latitude 22 degrees to 26 degrees, near longitude 5 degrees west. The area west of Kufra Oasis, although explored by Hassanali Bey, an Egyptian in 1821, still remains blank on the maps. There are several places in the Belgian Congo, Angola, Mozambique and even in Rhodesia—in fact, in all of Central Africa—where the white man has seldom been off the beaten trail.

It might be well to qualify the term "unexplored." In its broad sense it has been used to cover those areas about which so little is known that most of their topography, natural features, plant and animal life are conjectural. There are portions of country where the botanists and biologists can reveal to their hearts' content, where the geologist can rub his hands in glee, and where the seeker of minerals will remain unmolested for days, months, and even years.

The northern and northwestern districts of Australia are comparatively unknown, although notable journeys have been made across the deserts during the last 20 years. Only in the areas served by the railroads is the country well known and the topography fixed.

Continents Uninhabited New Guinea is perhaps the world's wildest spot. Thousands of miles of its interior have never been explored. Peopled by headhunters of the most savage type and pygmies, and other tribes of ethnological interest, the island probably offers regions for exploring as interesting as may be found anywhere. An expedition recently returned from the island with valuable scientific data and thrilling stories of adventure. Bornes, famous as the haunts of the "Man from Bornes," also has an interior which offers many virgin fields for explorers. The Celebes is another wild island among thousands of islands off the southeastern coast of Asia and in the South Seas.

There is one great continent which cannot boast a single inhabitant and whose visitors can easily be counted, the vast Antarctic continent where Commander Richard E. Byrd has announced his will fly. Less is known about the Antarctic continent than any other considerable portion of the earth's surface. It supports only the lowest of vegetable life—a few mosses and lichens—and its animal life is largely that of aquatic creatures that frequent its shores.

The huge blind spot in the Arctic Ocean, the Beaufort Sea area, has been whetting the appetites of explorers and aviators for years. Whether land lies anywhere below its impenetrable ice and snow is a question that still confronts those who are seeking adventure through exploration.

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YOUNG CHILD PLAYS BEETHOVEN SONATA

CHICAGO (AP)—The musical world of Chicago has found a sensation in four-year-old Dorothy Johnson, whose mother brought her here from Honolulu for a musical education.

Three before Messiaen Boguslawski, pianist, the child launched into Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" and followed with Bach's "Prelude in C Major."

Dorothy's mother, a music teacher, said the girl just "picked up" the compositions, and Boguslawski called hers the most remarkable imitative talent he ever had seen. Dorothy proved the genuineness of her ability later before a committee of judges, skeptical of her first performance.

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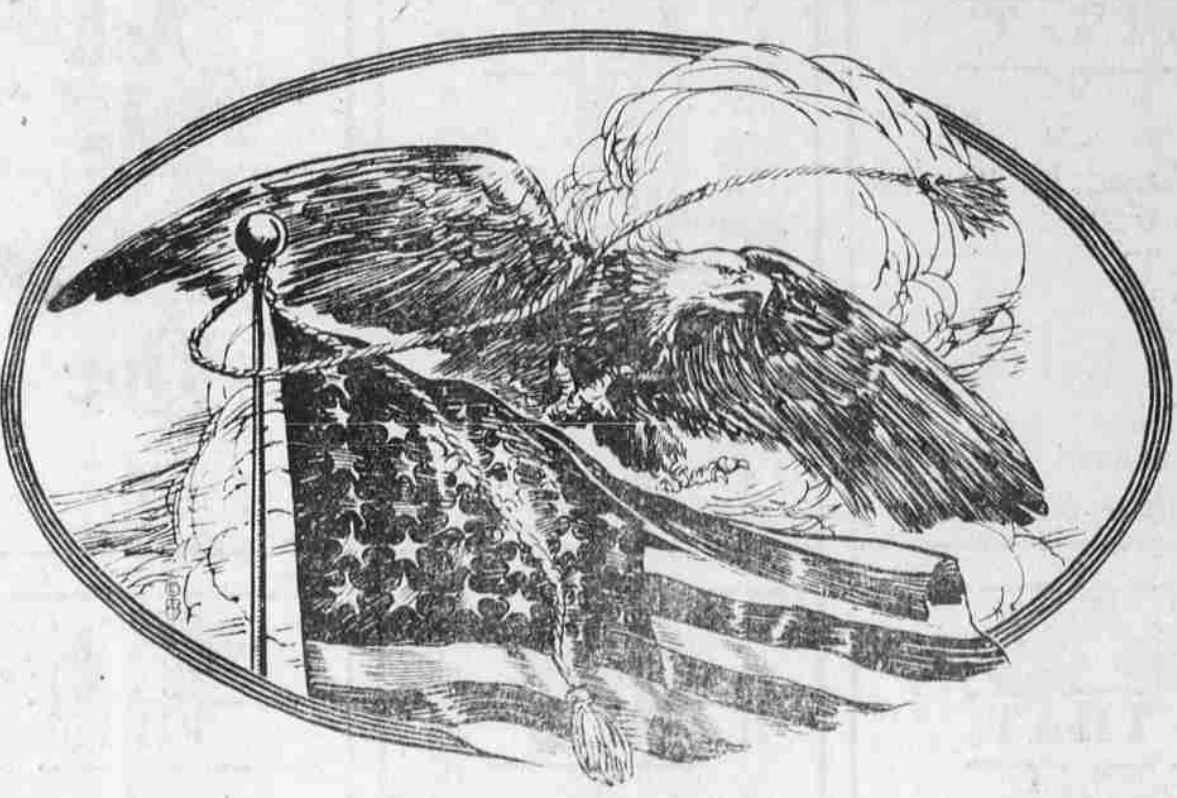
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Survey Maps Alaska

Alaska still holds untouched a large area of virgin land that has withstood the various rushes that have helped put the territory on the map. The Knudsen and Davidson ranges rise above the surrounding fringe of settlements on the Arctic Ocean and the Yukon River. Each summer the United States Geological Survey maps a chunk from the uncharted portions of Alaska but much remains uncharted. The interior of most of the Arctic islands are yet untouched by civilization. While most of Mexico is well-known, there are some sections which have not been accurately surveyed. In Central America there are jungles and mountains that are yet to be traversed. The San Juan country of Panama, too, although passed over by American airplanes and penetrated by a few individuals, still holds secrets that are yet to be revealed. Honduras is busy along the Mosquito coast but just behind it, in the northwestern portion of the country, the map makers are forced to leave a large area blank, for little is known about that section except rumors concerning Guatemalans, forests and hostile Indians of the interior. The white man has yet to penetrate many square miles of territory in South America. These include large portions of western and northwestern Brazil, the northeastern portion of Bolivia, areas in southern Argentina and the Yungas region of Colombia. Certain routes across most of these areas are fairly well-known, but as soon as he steps off the beaten trail, territory is reached which has never been explored. Headhunters Menace El Chaco, a vast area of land between Paraguay and Bolivia is awaiting the ambitious adventurer. It covers about 200,000 square miles and is believed to be constituted mainly of swamps and jungles. A few merchants, the few today, as they were in the days of the Spaniards, are the

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