

## AMONG LOST RACES

COLORADO MAN GOES TO FIND BURIED CITY.

Land of the Toltecs and Aztecs a Fertile Field for Exploration—High Civilization Destroyed by Northern Hordes.

Along the Dolores river in Southwestern Colorado there is a buried city, or its remains, and Major E. H. Cooper, the "Cliff Dwellers" Man, will leave tonight for a careful investigation of this long forgotten people, says the Denver Post.

"Last summer, when I was pursuing my investigations into the history of the ancient peoples, I stumbled over this buried city," says Major Cooper, "and I marked it out and carefully covered over the parts that were visible until this summer when I should have time to explore it fully. "What I shall find I have not the remotest idea. The city lies in the wilderness and only traces of walls were visible. I did some explorations last summer and found that the walls went down into the earth and I could trace them for some distance. In the vicinity I found similar evidences of a buried city and I am fully convinced that a thorough exploration will bring out some interesting facts relating to the early peoples of this continent.

In Utah and Arizona.

"There are evidences of buried cities in Utah and Arizona and as soon as I have made satisfactory progress in the city along the Dolores river, I shall go to Utah and Arizona to continue my investigations. I cannot proceed far, as I must go to New York City for a course of lectures in the public schools covering five days a week for 10 weeks, or 50 lectures. Major Cooper has just returned from a three months' lecture tour of the East on the cliff dwellings and dwellers and ancient peoples of this country. On this subject he has spent 30 years and \$50,000 and declares that he is in the A. B. C. of it.

"In all probability these buried cities are the homes of that mysterious people commonly designated as the cliff dwellers," said Major Cooper. "They were as indigenous to this country as the peoples are to any country. They were far advanced for their time in the arts and sciences growing grain, having irrigating systems, raising cotton and making cloth. However, they knew nothing of metals as we find no metal whatever among their ruins.

"The Toltecs and Aztecs and probably the ancient Peruvians were offshoots of these people, but the Indians were not. The Mogul Indians may possibly be the descendants. The Toltecs reached the apex of civilization of their time. Their temples show this. Mysteriously they disappeared and then came in old Mexico of today the warlike Aztecs that had a high degree of civilization in the time of Montezuma, when Cortes conquered them.

Driven From the Plains.

"The Toltecs and the Aztecs came down from the north. They were the offshoots of the people we call the cliff dwellers forced to migrate by warring tribes that invaded their country in what today is Southwestern Colorado. The mound-builders are another offshoot.

"Originally the cliff dwellers were a plains people. They built their cities, raised grain and cotton and were an agricultural and progressive people. Then the ancestors of the Navajoes came in from the north seeking a warmer climate and eventually drove them to refuge in the cliffs. As time passed they migrated, and from them come the Toltecs, Aztecs, mound-builders and probably others.

"These ancient peoples, ages ago, lost their plains homes and time has covered these cities over and these are the ones I now propose to investigate. That the tribes that caused this exodus came from the north is legend, and among the Navajoes is a tradition that their ancestors crossed a body of water. Originally they came from the Japanese race of today.

"If money was spent as it should be, in Southwestern Colorado would be found ancient remains as remarkable as any ever found in Asia or Africa."

Major Cooper will return to Denver in the fall.

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