



Storage Pits of Malta—Workmen remove grain from ancient storage pits at Valletta, Malta, which are fitted with stone slabs to keep grain and cereals for three years.

Mayflower Ancestry Is Old, But Not Compared to Termite's

By ARTHUR EDSON

Washington, Dec. 7 (AP)—Proud people who trace their ancestry to the Mayflower got a rude jolt today. A termite, who rarely gives himself airs, can trace his ancestry back 250,000,000 years. This tidbit comes from the Smithsonian Institute, which has just completed cataloging 1,832 different species of termites.

When it turned out that the cataloging chore had been done by a department of agriculture man who has been studying the termite—and ways to control it—for 40 years, I promptly called Dr. Thomas E. Snyder to find out what's new in the termite world.

The answer is, nothing much. Termites have been calmly chopping wood and developing a complex social organization for 30,000,000 years. And their ancestors, Dr. Snyder said, go back 250,000,000 years.

"Somewhere along the line," he said, "the family split, and one group became the cockroach."

Dr. Snyder has a certain admiration for the cockroach. ("He's very adaptable. He was on earth before man, and I suspect he'll be here long after we're going.") But his real love is the termite.

Dr. Snyder met up with the termite quite by accident. Some telephone poles had been damaged, and he went out to look at them. There he saw his first queen termite—and he's been looking at termites ever since.

In this country termites measure only a quarter of an inch, with the winged adult measuring a half inch.

"I've seen a tropical queen termite," said Snyder, "who was four and one half inches long and nearly two inches in diameter."

It has been during only the last few thousand of its 30,000,000 years that the termite has

STRIKELESS NATION HOPEFUL

Business Expects Bang-up Christmas Season Business

By G. A. PHILLIPS

New York, Dec. 7 (AP)—Business and industry cleared the last major labor hurdle in good stride last week and quickly prepared for what most experts believe will be a bang-up Christmas season.

Already behind schedule because of economic upsets due to the steel and coal strikes, store managers put finishing touches on elaborate plans to lure enough dollars into cash registers to equal or exceed last year's record volume.

Their chances of topping 1948 were regarded as excellent, notwithstanding the short time left (only three weeks). Many observers believed the odds were no stiffer than even that unit volume will be higher this year if the dollar total falls a little short. This is because prices of most Christmas merchandise are lower this year than last year.

The authoritative magazine "Sales Management" forecast a December total of \$12,745,000,000 for the country as a whole, a decline of about 3 percent in dollars from the all-time peak of \$13,166,000,000 reported by the department of commerce for December, 1948. If allowance is made for a decline of from 2 1/2 to 5 percent in average prices this December against those prevailing a year ago, unit volume this year should be larger.

From other quarters came equally optimistic forecasts of Christmas business this year. The retail news bureau, a private research outfit that serves department stores throughout the country, said a survey of 167 stores—big and little—disclosed 40 percent are planning for an increase in sales, five percent expect volume to match that of a year ago and 55 percent expect it to decline.

As of now, the news bureau said, 37.2 percent of the merchants reported unit sales are running ahead of last year, 16.3 percent said business was even and 46.5 percent found transactions trailing.

Advertising budgets follow a similar pattern, the survey disclosed. About 40 percent of the stores have budgeted for business gains, 47 percent plan to spend less and the remainder to

Shah Ignores Hollywood

Los Angeles, Dec. 7 (AP)—Perhaps a cat can look at a king, but Hollywood got no such chance with the Shah of Iran. The shah declined to visit a movie studio.

Instead he eagerly inspected nuts, bolts and crankshafts at an aircraft factory. His failure to work Hollywood was unique. Even the great among visitors usually want to see a set or meet the stars. Studios continually are fighting off lesser guests.

Now, for once, filmdom knows what it's like to be passed by. Advisers to the 30-year-old Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, explained, with diplomatic care, that his imperial majesty's regretful refusal doesn't mean he isn't interested in motion pictures. On the contrary.

But, they said, throughout his current American tour the shah has consistently declined all unscheduled invitations. He has had scores of these and to accept an invitation to a studio the spokesman said, might offend some of those he had disappointed.

State department attaches accompanying the monarch said he had received quite a few such invitations here, although he had not been "overwhelmed."

Wall street brokers, elated at the sustained interest in their wares, threw in their lot with the top officials in Washington who have said repeatedly that with the end of the current

Frozen Fruit Industry Gains

Portland, Dec. 7 (AP)—The frozen fruit and vegetable packing industry gained 20 per cent during the past year, delegates to the Northwest Frozen Foods association convention were told yesterday.

President Arthur Symons said the year's pack by the industry was valued at \$35,000,000 and volume was 400,000,000 pounds. He predicted a similar expansion in 1950.

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B. Chappel, Seattle, was elected vice-president.

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Bidault Ready For Showdown

Paris, Dec. 7 (AP)—Premier Georges Bidault prepared today for a showdown with the restless parties who have men in his shaky French cabinet.

The showdown will come when the national assembly, the lower house of parliament, fixes its agenda for the coming weeks. Two important bills stalled in committee are the focus of a general discontent among the parties—the socialists, Bidault's Catholic popular republican movement (MRP), the moderate radical socialists, and independents.

Bidault, it was reliably reported, will seek urgent action on the budget bill and a bill to unfreeze wages and restore collective bargaining between labor and management.

Should the committees balk, Bidault may seek an assembly debate and ask a vote of confidence. Informed opinion was that he would have difficulty getting such a vote and would have to resign.

A minister and an undersecretary of state have already resigned from Bidault's cabinet, but reports that three independent ministers would quit yesterday did not materialize.

ally, in 1867, lived most of the time in his self-imposed exile in the United States. Since the war he has returned many times to Italy to conduct concerts

given man any trouble. That's when man moved out of a cozy cave into a house, and termites moved in to chew on the house.

Dr. Snyder says there's one difference between the ant and bee kings and the king termite. "The ant and bee kings die after mating," he said. "The termite king lives on. If you're going to be a king, a termite king is much the best proposition."

I said I'd keep that in mind.

Arturo Toscanini Made Life Senator

Rome, Dec. 7 (AP)—It's Senator Arturo Toscanini now.

The famous conductor was named a life-time senator of the Italian republic yesterday for his contributions to the world of music.

President Luigi Einaudi made the appointment to the man who left his native country during Mussolini's fascist dictatorship. Toscanini, born in Parma, It-

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