

CIVILIZATION MAY WIPE OUT ESKIMOS

Arctic Visitor Says Race Faces Extinction.

New York.—Mrs. Maude Radford Warren, writer and traveler, returned recently from a three months' journey within the Arctic circle, in the northwestern part of Canada with Akavik as her headquarters. She traveled alone, with the aid of Indian and Eskimo guides, except when she went by airplane, the most comfortable means of travel in the Northwest.

Of strong physique and indifferent to hardships, Mrs. Warren found the life of the frontiers "the most thrilling adventure" she had known since her work in first aid stations during the war, but does not recommend the trip to the average woman traveler. "Buildups," or more flies, as big as wasps and twice as voracious, impaired the pleasure of sleeping out of doors, she confessed.

Influence Wiping Out Race.

Mrs. Warren returns an enthusiastic admirer of the Eskimo, a cheerful and industrious people, but she is alarmed lest they vanish from the Northwest within 50 years. "The Eskimos are dying off in great numbers from the ravages of influenza and other diseases brought in by the white man," she said. "They have learned to eat white man's food instead of the good caribou meat and fish which used to be their chief diet. This summer I saw them eating soggy pancakes covered with syrup three times a day."

"The Indians have an arrangement with the Canadian government by which they 'take treaty,' becoming the wards of the government, and are thus guaranteed against starvation. But the Eskimos, being a more independent race, have no such arrangement. The white man could not survive within the Arctic circle without the Eskimo and the Indian."

Village Life Simple.

Mrs. Warren found village life in Akavik charmingly simple for one who longed to escape the trivialities of modern America, but confessed she would not care to endure it permanently.

"In the winter there is no amusement at all, not even a pool table, in the entire village," she said. "They read all winter, after their day's work is done. The newspapers are brought in during the summer and they save them, in order, and read them later day by day."

There are seven nuns in the village and five other white women connected with the Anglican missions. There is also one American woman who runs the restaurant.

"The people in Akavik prefer the long lonesome winter to the uncertainties of summer, when strangers come poking into their peaceful village, and inspectors and all sorts of officials disturb their routine."

Pipe Organ Lights Aid Teaching in N. Y. Schools

Brattleboro, Vt.—Perfection of a method of visual instruction which will be made available to musical educators for the first time through automatic pipe organs now being built for New York public schools, was announced here at the organ works where seven of the instruments are under construction.

The new construction is based on inventions of Harry F. Waters of Larchmont, N. Y.

In the new automatic reproducing organs each stop tablet will have a colored electric light directly over it. This light will flash as that particular stop or set of pipes is brought into the composition by playing of the roll. Under full automatic operation, these stops will be both indicated by the lights and played by the action of the roll, so that an entire classroom can observe and identify the stop with the tone quality as it is registered.

For individual instruction in organ registration, the roll can be played semi-automatically; the stops to be used will be indicated by the lights, requiring the person at the key desk to depress the stop tablets as their use is called for in the composition.

Railroad Fare Is High

When the King Travels

London.—Former President Coolidge's action in dispensing with a special train in the interests of economy were recalled here when it was revealed that the royal pocketbook is nicked considerably when the king and queen and members of their party go to Balmoral castle in Scotland.

The journey costs the crown \$3.20 a mile for use of the royal train, in addition to first-class fares for every member of the party.

Every precaution to prevent accident to the train is taken. Before the departure the entire route is carefully inspected and plans made for signaling the train in case of a line breakdown or fog.

Miocene Age Fossils Found in Colorado

Chicago.—The fossil of a remote ancestor of the common morning glory that bloomed 21,000,000 years ago, and the feather of a bird of the same period have been discovered by the Field museum geological expedition in the vicinity of Florissant, Colo.

The deposits from which the fossils were obtained are of the Miocene age and have yielded a number of previously unknown species of prehistoric insect and plant fossils.

It is good to learn that watermelons contain four kinds of vitamins and are worth the price we pay at this season of the year for what we always feared was weak indulgence in luxury.

A tarpon fishing tournament in Florida has been broadcast play by play. This seems to cover everything in the sports reporting field, except a marshmallow roast and hunting for the other rubber.

Girl's Plea for Fast Ride Ends in Death

Princeton, Ind.—A daughter's plea to her mother to drive the auto "fast down the hill" ended in the death of the child and injury to the parent, Mrs. Cora Watkins, Princeton. The daughter, Dorothy, thirteen, suffered a fractured skull and abdominal injuries which proved fatal.

GIRL HIKES 3 DAYS TO HELP HUSBAND

Keeps Her in Jail and Goes to His Assistance.

Kansas City, Mo.—Hearing that her husband was in trouble here, Mrs. Gladys Mitchell, seventeen-year-old bride of three months, to walk for three days and nights without food or sleep from Webb City, Mo., to Kansas City.

Mrs. Mitchell heard that her husband had been arrested here for attempting to steal a ride on a freight train.

It was a tired and sleepy young woman who told the story of her trip to the police station. She hadn't rested except for short periods during the whole of the 100-mile walk between the two cities.

According to her story, her husband, Louis Mitchell, left their home in Joplin several weeks ago to find employment. He reached Kansas City, but was unable to find work and was preparing to go to St. Joseph, Mo. While attempting to steal a ride on a freight train he was arrested, she had been informed.

Word was received three days before she arrived here that he was in trouble. She immediately donned overalls and set out alone to do what she could to release him.

Until her marriage to Mitchell, three months ago, the girl had been without a home. She had been left an orphan at four and had made her living since that time by housework.

They couple maintained a home in Joplin until the husband lost his job there.

Fays With His Life for Reunion With War Buddy

Wagon Mound, N. M.—Charles Geist lost his life because he recognized the name of his wartime buddy on a sign.

Geist and J. J. Lowenthal, traveling from New Jersey to Los Angeles, drove their automobile up in front of the Wagon Mound garage here recently.

To them Wagon Mound was just another town. They stopped "to stretch their legs."

"Say, I know that fellow," Geist said to his companion, pointing to a sign that bore the name of Fred Crocker. "We were buddies in the war."

Crocker was overjoyed to see Geist. He persuaded the men to stay overnight with him. It was a great reunion.

The next day Geist was in the Wagon Mound garage, supervising work on his automobile. A cyclone struck the town.

Geist, who went through the war unscathed, was killed when the garage walls collapsed under the force of the wind.

His final reunion with his buddy was his last.

Reindeer Meat Added to Army Ration List

Anchorage, Alaska.—The United States army may change the old mess call. The bean and the soldier man jokes pertaining to it are bound for a martial stix. For what?

Reindeer.

It is the intention of the division of military training to consider contracts which will place reindeer meat upon the regular diet of the embryo soldiers.

Gusts of Newlows Have Own Ideas of Fun

Jonesboro, Ark.—You can fetch the pride of some people by entertaining with a lifeless party, but persons who attended a courtesy to a young married couple here recently were unentitled.

Aggravated with the routine of a social, the men folk hoisted stray clubs and chased rats about the barn and corn crib at the home. In an hour 150 rats were dead.

Goose Drowns

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.—A full-grown goose on the farm of Ralph Pearson at Whittier was drowned. The goose was trying to get a drink from a water pail held in an upright position in the henhouse when it lost its balance and fell in. There was about an inch of water in the pail.

Snake Has Feet

Calcutta.—A freak of jungleland has been sent to the Calcutta museum, a huge snake killed in the Rangpur district of Bengal, equipped with two distinctively formed feet, about an inch long, each complete with three toes.

Flash-Eating Ants

The safari ant belongs to the subfamily Dorylinae, of which the genus Dorylus, with several subgenera, frequents nearly all parts of Africa. These ants usually make only temporary nests, but spend most of their time wandering in long files. The size varies from quite minute forms to over one-half inch in length. The mandibles are very strong and the ant also has a powerful sting and a swarm is able to kill animals or birds that it may come upon. These ants sometimes enter houses in search of vermin and on these occasions the people leave till the ants are through. The same general type of ant occurs in almost all the tropical countries, except on islands. The female is without wings, which makes its distribution to islands impossible.

BANDITS PUT ON "SHOW" TO LURE THEIR VICTIMS

Bright Mexican Crooks Improve Manner of Victimizing Public.

Mexico City.—Even out of the prisons and "colonies of exiles," like Tres Marias Islands in the Pacific ocean off the coast of Mexico, come improvements in the manner of victimizing the public.

Out of the latter penal colony some two months ago came two bright crooks, Juan Rodriguez and Jose Torres, who had seen the inside of several Mexican prisons, including the famous city prison "Belem" and the penitentiary of the federal district. They had both worked as electrical helpers on the islands and were interested in moving pictures. When they were let out as "reformed," they came back to their old haunts in the Mexican capital, where they acquired an old-fashioned magic lantern and some slides. With these they went into the show business on their own account out on the lonely road between the two cities.

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Bull Fights Plane; Tosses It on Horns

Dover, Del.—Just how resistant a bull can be toward an airplane was demonstrated when a plane landed in the Raughley field.

The pilot left the machine while he came to Dover. A bull charged the machine, lifting the tail end of the plane high in the air with his head and horns.

HORSE BETRAYS THREE ROBBERS

Leads Detectives to Home of Accused Brothers.

Toronto.—An amateur detective won fame by finding a missing horse, and, when asked what method he had followed, replied: "I figured out where I would go if I were a horse; then I went there, and there he was."

Toronto detectives followed a somewhat similar course in tracing thieves who attempted to break into a grain and feed warehouse here.

The burglars were frightened away, leaving behind a horse and wagon, in which they had planned to carry their loot away. Suspicion fell upon three brothers, John, Arthur and William Hopper. They denied that they had ever owned such a horse or wagon as those in the hands of the police.

Detectives, however, were skeptical. Accordingly, they turned the horse loose from the city pound, and followed it, as it ambled leisurely along the roadway. The animal made its way straight to a stable in the rear of the Hopper home.

The brothers persisted in their denial, but they'll have to tell their story to a judge, now. And they're faced with the loss of the horse, if it is theirs, as well; for the animal is about to be sold at auction, to pay for its feed bill. The Hoppers haven't yet claimed it, and can't very well do so, now.

Horror Pilot Fights Rattler Mile in the Air

Scott City, Kan.—An unprecedented battle in the air between a horrified pilot and a rattlesnake was verified when "Happy" Wiggins, aviator, obtained snake bite treatment at a Scott City hospital.

Wiggins said he was pounding his plane through the clouds almost a mile above the ground when the snake reared its head over the cockpit.

"I jumped back," said Wiggins, "violently in fear of the effects of the snake poison, but the snake jumped after me."

"I tried to grasp it and pitch it from the plane, but it coiled and struck me twice before I finally was able to fling it away."

While Wiggins was engaged in his battle with the rattler, which apparently crawled into the plane while it was at rest in a hangar, the ship hurtled down, out of control.

Wiggins finally pushed the snake overboard, righted the ship, and landed so hastily in a pasture that he almost wrecked the plane.

A rancher hurried out and dragged Wiggins, almost upon the verge of fainting, to his home, where hospital attendants said he would recover.

Canadian Girl Revived After an Hour in Water

Winnipeg.—Flooding face down, seven-year-old Mary Calder was taken from the water and pronounced dead.

But members of the St. John's Ambulance association happened to be in the crowd that gathered. They went to work. At that time they did not know the little girl had been in the water so long.

After two hours' strenuous work, life signs were displayed. Two hours later the child was out of danger. Then the mystery of the affair was disclosed.

Charles Brown had stood on the wharf for half an hour observing what he thought was an old bathing suit floating some distance out. He was not interested. Then the waves brought it nearer, and he thought there was a semblance of a child's body concealed.

Hastily he plunged in and brought it to shore. The child had been missing for more than an hour and she had apparently been floating all this time, face down. In the lake. Medical men can't fathom her extraordinary escape.

What we do not understand is how any boy can keep still long enough to be a tree sitter.

The man without a reputation has a comfort—he never needs to worry about losing one.

Idle wonder for the day: How does Rear Admiral Byrd now enjoy paying for all the ice he gets?

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The sun is commencing to recede toward the South, but it sends down scorching glances as it travels away.

Hero's Jaw Broken; Alleged Rival Held.

Halifax, Calif.—Anton Rice, seventeen, was the hero of the season's first brush fire and posed for a photograph with Mona Kohler, sixteen, belle of Cascade's swimming pool. Shortly afterward Rice was taken to the hospital with a broken jaw.

Richard Clinn, seventeen, alleged jealous rival, was held as his assailant.

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Pueblo, Colo.—It cost John Reba \$30 because he failed to hang himself. He testified in Municipal court that the rope broke when he attempted suicide. He was fined \$30.

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Loveland, Colo.—Rafael Argueta, Mexican, was the only one in the city jail. The boy said he got extremely lonely and asked the chief of police either to move him to another jail or let him have some company.

WORLD HAS PHONE AT BECK AND CALL

Forty-Two Nations Are Now Linked by Wire.

Washington.—Forty-two nations are now linked in the rapidly growing international telephone system and prospects are that within a few years a "telephone Utopia" will be reached when all instruments of all nations are connected, according to a government study being made here.

A list of international telephone connections compiled in this study by G. Stanley Shoup of the Department of Commerce shows that conversation is now possible between six continents. Eighty-five per cent of the world's telephones are interconnected and seven transatlantic ocean liners maintain regular service with half a dozen countries.

International Directory.

Such countries as Germany, England and the United States are in contact with between 25 and 35 other nations. Such great distances are regularly spanned as between London and Australia, the United States and Argentina, Holland and the East Indies, or France and Indo-China. Equipment is being assembled to span the Pacific. American engineers are preparing to lay a transatlantic telephone cable and an international telephone directory already has been published in its second edition.

"This amazing extension of international telephone during the last few years has been one of the most significant and progressive developments in the field of communications," Shoup comments.

"As late as 1922 the sum total of international telephone services consisted in the main of circuits from London to Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam, while on this side of the Atlantic the United States was connected only with Cuba and Canada."

"Opens Vast Possibilities."

"We are now connected with fully 85 per cent of the telephones of the world, reaching most of the European countries, Mexico and South America. Such radio-telephone circuits are now in service between Spain and Argentina, France and Argentina, Paris and Indo-China, London and New York, Netherlands and Java. American engineers have perfected a transatlantic telephone cable which is expected to be in operation by 1932."

"This opens vast possibilities and in all probability the next few years will witness an even greater development in this art, which will continue, no doubt, until we have reached that telephone Utopia when all telephones and all nations can be interconnected."

Shoup's compilation, which is constantly being revised as new connections are made, shows 42 nations hooked up in a web of 710 international telephone connections. The United States maintains contact with 28 countries. England is in touch with 35; Germany with 34; Italy, 21; France, 34; Spain, 28; Poland, 26; Czechoslovakia, 20; Russia, 6; Argentina, 27; Mexico, 20; Brazil, 16, and Australia with 13.

Coal Mine Accidents Show Higher Death Rate

Washington.—Coal mine accidents in July showed a higher death rate per million tons produced than in June of the present year or in July of last year, according to a report of the department of mines of the Commerce department. Coal production amounted to 40,373,000 tons, a decrease of 5,795,000 tons over July a year ago and fatalities totaled 143, as compared with 155 for the corresponding period last year.

Bituminous coal production had a death rate of 3.05 per million tons in July of this year, while for the same month last year, it was 2.83. More than 6,000 tons were mined, the rate was 2.91. Production of coal in the anthracite regions showed an increase of 665,000 tons over July of last year, with a fatality rate of 6.54.

For the first seven months of 1930 coal production declined 10 per cent over the same period a year ago, while the death rate was reduced but 3 per cent; 304,799,000 tons of coal were mined, resulting in 1,132 fatalities.

Pays \$10 for Kissing Girl Who Objected

Berlin, Conn.—The Berlin town court has set a valuation of \$10 upon one kiss. That was the amount of fine Charles Mageter of New Britain had to pay when he was arraigned for kissing Miss Anna Hollo of Kensington without her permission.

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Hair Tonic Odor in Hat Brings Burglar's Arrest

Columbus, Ohio.—Because a hat and Jack McDowell's head wafted the same pungent scent of hair tonic, Jack was arrested on a house-breaking charge.

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