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DNIESTER MOST IRREGULAR RIVER PROVES OBSTACLE

WASHINGTON, June 19.—"The Dniester, where it flows through central and eastern Galicia, has again become a military frontier of first interest, the most important feature of the northeastern Galician fields for which the Austro-Germans and Russians are bitterly contending," says a statement just issued by the National Geographic society. "The Dniester rises on the northern slope of the Carpathian mountains, about fifty miles due south of Przemysl, and flows to the north to Sambor, where it turns in an arc toward the southeast, finally reaching the Black sea at Odessa.

Most Irregular River

"The river is about 865 miles long, 350 miles of its course being in Austrian territory and the last 515 miles lying in Russia. It drains an area of approximately 29,670 square miles. Until it reaches the plain, falling toward the Black sea, the Dniester runs through an elevated country, and its flow is rapid, its mean rate having been calculated at 1 7-11 miles per hour. Projecting rocks feature many sections of the river's bed, making navigation difficult in its upper reaches. Steam navigation is confined to the lower course.

"The Dniester is one of the most irregular rivers in the world. It winds and turns with the most unexpected abruptness and inconstancy throughout its way, being especially capricious in matters of direction in the Russian part of its course. It passes about twelve miles southeast of Przemysl and approaches to within about fifteen miles of Lemberg whence it flows for the rest of its way through Galicia roughly parallel with the Lemberg-Czernowitz railway. The railway crosses the Dniester just north of Stanislaus.

Not a Traffic Route

"In many stretches the channel of the river is confined, averaging in width between 500 and 750 feet, although in some places it widens out to as much as 1400 feet. Along its way in Galicia where the Russian and Austro-Germans are fighting, the river is narrow and shallow. While the spring floods of the Dniester often cause the waters to rise to such a degree as to submerge much of the surrounding country, sometimes raising the level of the water twenty feet, these floods occur in the latter part of February and in March, and have now subsided. The Dniester, however, is still high, and its current, strong even during shallow water, must prove an obstacle to the river's passage.

"The rapids and shallows have greatly retarded its employment as a traffic route. The governments have expended large amounts in the endeavor to open the waterway, but its greatly varying depth and the costliness of sufficient improvement have operated to minimize the stream's importance. It passes through regions rich in products best carried by water transportation, such bulk products as the grains and timber of Galicia and the agricultural products of Bessarabia. In dry years the water is so low as to permit of only two or three weeks of navigation, while in others freight craft are able to ply without interruption.

"Innumerable tributaries flow to the Dniester, but none probably of any importance, with the possible exception of the Sereth in Galicia. The river mouth and the lower part of the river are rich in fish supplies. Carp, pike, salmon, sturgeon and eels are caught. The banks of the stream along the Austro-German and Russian line are sharply defined, in places difficult, but not approaching the steeper formation of the cliff."

BURIAL GROUND OF ROGUES DISCOVERED AT SLEEPY HOLLOW

How long has it been since the last burial chant of the Rogues sounded near Gold Hill? If the memory of pioneers went back to the final entry in the old burial grounds of the Sleepy Hollow ranch, that question might be answered. More than sixty years have elapsed, that is certain. Workmen of the ranch, excavating a deep sewer trench recently sank their implements into a veritable treasure trove of relics—and the bones of the vanquished tribesmen.

The find was uncovered at the point where Sardine creek enters the Rogue, in the high creek bank. No attempt was made to ascertain the extent of the burial grounds and the excavation has been filled up. Three distinct skeletons were disclosed. One of these had been retired in the splendor of a uniform cap, the visor of which alone remained; over this was drawn a copper kettle. The bones reposed in a prodigal wealth of glass beads, all colors and sizes.

Brass Buttons Found

Various brass buttons, one of the United States naval service, many of the army, were found. The oddest button of all, when polished, disclosed the symbolical phoenix surrounded by flame. It bore the inscription, "Je Renais de mes Cendres," and No. 1. Freely translated the French motto reads: "I am reborn from my ashes." Soldier buttons were favorite adornment of the tribes.

A very fine granite pestle was also disclosed, close to the surface, and evidently buried as an afterthought. It was splendidly proportioned, 17 inches in length, with a knob and grip of 3 inches length. A spear point of dark red obsidian, six inches long and of remarkable workmanship, was found.

By each form rested the rusted length of an old-fashioned rifle—the walnut stocks completely fallen to dust and decay. A single-shot horse pistol such as Kidd might have flourished was one conglomerate of red ruin.

Find Parts of Armor

Perhaps the most interesting relics were peculiar three-lobed plates of brass, which fitted and overlapped to a nicety. Six or eight of these were found. Were they parts of ancient Spanish plate armor?

The records run back better than sixty years without disclosing knowledge of this burial place. Tradition has it that years ago, when the Messners owned the land and the elder Messner was alive, there came to the ranch a wrinkled Indian crone of many years. She asked for permission to dig. It was denied her. For weeks she importuned the Messners, then departed, grumbling about buried dollars. From this somewhat uncertain incident has grown up a legend of hidden treasure.

They sleep well, these folks who used to be the landlords of the valley. The sacrilege of their burial ground was unintentional and will not be repeated while the Sleepy Hollow remains under its present management, now that the location of the cemetery is known.

SCHOOL ELCTION HELD MONDAY

The Parent-Teachers' circles wish again to call the attention of the people of Medford to the school election which takes place on Monday, June 21. R. J. Palmer, who has agreed to allow his name to be used as a candidate for the new member of our school board, was selected by a committee from the five Parent-Teachers' circles after a very careful consideration. We looked for a man of upright character, a successful business man, one who has a personal interest in our schools and who is willing to give the time necessary for the many calls of this office. Mr. Palmer meets all of these exacting requirements. This is not a political movement in any sense whatever. We are looking only for the man who will use his own good judgment for the betterment of our schools. We ask all of the people of Medford who wish to see our schools looked after on a solid business basis to come out on Monday and vote for Mr. Palmer.

MEDFORD PARENT-TEACHERS' CIRCLES.

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The casts shown in the picture are now on exhibition at the Panama-California exposition at San Diego, Cal., and will probably remain there as a permanent museum exhibit.

These casts were made for the san Diego exposition by M. Maserc, well known Belgian sculptor, working under the direction of Professor Rutot of Brussels. Since the European war started both have dropped out of sight. It is believed that they were killed in battle. And some of the original casts were destroyed when the German guns shelled Louvain.

"Facts in possession of science," says Dr. Ales Hardlicka, curator of the division of anthropology, United States national museum, who collected and installed the exhibits in the division of "Science of Man" at the San Diego fair, made it clear that the views of Darwin, Wallace and Lamarck regarding man's ascension from the lower forms were substantially correct.

"Man is not ascended from any species of ape or monkey now existing, though his ancestry has passed through stages equally lowly."

Monkeys and apes, declares Dr. Hardlicka, are man's more or less proximate relatives, but not the parent stock from which he sprang. The various weapons, utensils, decorations and other objects in the exhibit are exact reproductions of those found with the bones of the individual shown in the cast.

The first of the busts is that of the Java man. It will be observed that if his friends were like him there were no "highbrows" in those days. His time dates back probably a million years. By scientists he is called the "Precursor" or forerunner, and he might be termed the great-granddaddy of the human race. The skeletal remains brought to light during the explorations in Java are considered relics of priceless worth by students of anthropology.

The Woman of La Quina is truly a terrifying object. She is holding her infant tightly to her bosom, protecting the little one from the attack of an enemy.

The Brachycephal, or short-headed man of Grenelle, was a worker in stone and relics of his work show great ingenuity considering his opportunities.

HUMAN FREIGHT CAR OF PUGILISM DYING

CHICAGO, June 19.—Edward Dunkhorst, known to followers of boxers as "the human freightcar," because of his great size, was reported to be dying here today. Dunkhorst fought James J. Jeffries and many other star heavyweights in his day.

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BRITISH STEAMER SUNK SUBMARINE

BERLIN, June 19.—Included in the news items given out today by the Overseas News Agency is the following:

"The German admiralty has published a confirmation of the long-standing rumors that the submarine U-29 was destroyed by a British tank steamer, which, flying the Swedish flag at the time, rammed the submarine after it had been ordered to stop.

"Commenting on this, German newspapers say it is proof of the British abuse of neutral flags and that the illegal course followed by ships of commerce compels the commanders of German submarines to consider their own safety first and sink such ships without warning."

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KING CONSTANTINE IMPROVES SLOWLY

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Slow, but steady improvement in the condition of King Constantine was reported in a bulletin to the Greek legation here today from Athens. It was the first telegram since the second operation, which announced a definite change for the better in the general condition, accompanied by no reported manifestation of complications.

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PATHFINDER CAR TURNS TURTLE, KILLS SENATOR

SEATTLE, Wash., June 19.—Former State Senator George E. Dickson of Ellensburg, bearing a message from the mayor of Spokane to the mayor of Seattle, was killed today when the pathfinder car in the Chicago-to-Seattle relay automobile race, skidded off the road and turned turtle two miles east of Redmond.

John Gilmore, an Ellensburg business man, was slightly hurt. John Kelleher of Ellensburg, who was driving, escaped injury. Mr. Dickson's body was taken to Redmond. The scene of the accident is thirty miles east of Seattle.

Mr. Dickson left Spokane in the official car bearing the messenger carrying a letter from Mayor Thompson of Chicago to Mayor Gill of Seattle. The official car broke an axle at the summit of the Cascade range early this morning and the party was divided between the pathfinder car and the Kelleher machine, which started ahead of the pathfinder.

The cars were running fast in an effort to complete the relay run from Chicago to Seattle in 100 hours, when the leading automobile went off the wet road at a turn.

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