

HOME LIFE 5000 YRS. AGO REVEALED BY EXCAVATIONS

CHICAGO, May 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Pictures of the home life, struggles and vanities of the men and women who, 5000 years ago, built a mighty empire in the now barren sands of Mesopotamia, were contained in a report to Stanley Field today from Professor S. H. Langdon of the Field museum-Oxford university expedition excavating at Kish.

"Women's boudoir jewels, children's toys, art works and contents of the palace of the first kings of Kish, found by the expedition, furnished the material for Professor Langdon's interpretations."

"The Sumerian palace, greatest and oldest residence of ancient times, has been completely excavated," said the report.

"A remarkable discovery was made on the western side of the palace, where a great hall, 70 feet long by 30 feet wide was found. In its center stood a row of columns five feet in diameter and a great water basin. It is obvious that this huge hall was the imposing entrance of the royal throne room and that the great basin was for ablutions for those invited to enter into the inner palace. The entire palace was fortified by two thick walls, between which ran a moat provided with draw bridges."

FRANCE WORRIED ABOUT VALUE OF FRANC IN N. YORK

PARIS, May 13.—(By Associated Press.) The first flutter at the foreign office and the American embassy over the reported prospect of the United States government sending a note to France about her debts to America has been quieted by news from Washington of the state department's official denial that such a note has been sent.

However, the conviction exists here that Finance Minister Caillaux intends himself to raise the question later in the year and it is believed that he has already discussed the matter with G. B. Winston, assistant secretary of the United States treasury, during the latter's recent visit here.

M. Caillaux is described as having reached the determination to take up the question with the United States government for two reasons, first to tranquilize the French state of mind, and second because of the necessity to advance French credit in New York and London by arriving at an arrangement of both the American and English debts.

WIFE SHOTS MAN WHO SHOT HUSBY

WINDER, Ga., May 13.—Mrs. Greene Bowman, whose husband was killed by Guy Thurmond last fall, was placed in jail here today, charged with having shot and killed Thurmond. Mrs. Bowman, according to information given officials, met Thurmond on the main street of Statham today and demanded the return of a pistol which she said the man had.

Thurmond replied that the pistol was not in his possession, witnesses said. Mrs. Bowman shot him four times. Neighbors said Mrs. Bowman had not been normal since the death of her husband.

Bowman was killed by Thurmond after a quarrel during which the former was said to have fired first. Thurmond was acquitted at a preliminary hearing and the grand jury refused to indict him.

DRY FLEET WORKS ON A WAR BASIS

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Borrowing from the plan worked out by the army in the world war, coast guard headquarters has laid out a gigantic map showing the position of rum ships on the Atlantic coast. Ships are designated by blackheaded pins that are moved as radio dispatches tell of their movement.

The map was untouched today, as night dispatches indicated there had been a lull in activities of the rum fleet over Sunday. Rear Admiral Billard, coast guard commandant, nevertheless, went ahead with conferences on ways and means of defeating the rum runners.

"It is certain to be a long siege," he said.

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What MacMillan Hopes to Find

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—First announcement was made today of the detailed plans for the MacMillan Arctic Expedition, under the auspices of the National Geographic Society, as submitted to the society by Commander Donald B. MacMillan.

In addition to exploring the million square miles between Alaska and the North Pole, Commander MacMillan, with the aid of the U. S. navy plans, plans to make reconnaissance flights over other unknown regions which the eye of man has never yet beheld.

"The other unexplored areas where flights with the navy's amphibian planes are planned include the central part of Ellsmere Island and Grant Land, the central part of the great Greenland ice cap, the entire interior of Baffin Island, and the northern part of Labrador."

Why Planes Are Tactical

"I believe that the practical way of erasing these unknown areas on the maps of today is by the use of airplanes and particularly the new type of plane known as the amphibian which is capable of landing safely on water, ice or land," Commander MacMillan said.

"To carry out this work successfully, I plan to establish a base at Etah, about 7000 miles from the North Pole, which a good strong ship can reach by August 1. It is my purpose to leave Etah, Maine, about June 27, to proceed along the Nova Scotia coast to Sydney, there to take on our coal supply for the season, and to continue up through the Gulf of St. Lawrence, to the Labrador coast, and from about 55 degrees north latitude cross to the Danish town of Julianehaab, South Greenland."

Farms of the Norsemen

"With Julianehaab as a base we shall study the remains of the old Norse settlements established in southern Greenland some 1500 years ago. The best authority on Greenland today states there are about 100 farms of the early Norsemen, also stone churches, and from this point the Norsemen sailed away for the discovery of America. After investigating and studying these ruins, especially the type of house built by the Norsemen, we shall proceed north to the town of Godthaab."

"Back of this town there are about ninety farms and some twenty-four stone churches. The special reason for visiting and studying these ruins is to prove or disprove a similarity between the houses built there by the Norsemen and those that are found in Labrador, reported by the Eskimos to be built by a strange people who came in from the sea in open boats without masts and without sails. I believe that we ought to find in Labrador the first authentic proofs of these Norsemen who came to America some 300 years before the time of Columbus."

Planes Will Carry Food

"From Godthaab we shall proceed up the coast to Etah, this to be a base for the exploration work to be done by the amphibian planes. From Etah oil and supplies can be relayed to Cape Thomas Hubbard, the most northern point of Axel Heiberg Land at the edge of the Polar sea. The distance is, roughly, 250 miles. From Cape Hubbard to the center of the great unknown area is, roughly, 600 miles, which will make a total of 1200 miles to be covered by the planes. It is hoped by fastening extra fuel tanks on the planes, to cover this distance in a continuous flight. If ice conditions are favorable, other attempts may be made north and south of this direct line, thus eliminating thousands of square miles of unknown area from the maps of the world of today."

"Food will be taken in the planes for several days of exploration of any lands that may be found in this area."

"Following our return to the ship at Etah, other trips will be attempted north to the center of Ellsmere Island and Grant Land to Cape Columbia at the edge of the Polar sea, where Perry's record is to be found, stating that he reached the North Pole on April 6, 1909."

Flight of 680 Miles

"The great Greenland ice cap, 500,000 square miles of area, is supposed to reach a height of about 10,000 feet. No one has ever visited that part of the ice cap between 76 degrees and 80 degrees north latitude, the center of which is, roughly, 340 miles from Etah. This will mean a continuous flight of 680 miles, which can be accomplished in about five hours. The condition of the Greenland ice cap is such, however, that our planes should have no difficulty in making a landing every few minutes. This work done in

the north, it is my purpose to return southward, following the eastern shores of Ellsmere Island to Bylot Island on the northern shores of Baffin Island.

"In Baffin Island we have one of the most interesting lands in the north, some 600 miles long, 200 miles wide, and yet unexplored, although it was discovered in about 1500. On the maps of today there are a few lakes. I am informed by the Eskimos that there are thousands and thousands of lakes in the interior of this great land."

Seals, Caribou and Geese

"The Eskimos say that many of these lakes are filled with seals that come up the river from the sea; also their waters are covered with many kinds of water birds. Here, are also informed, roam big herds of caribou, and here also is believed to be the hitherto unknown breeding ground of the blue goose."

"The Eskimos say that here are enormous numbers of lesser snow geese, so many in fact that as one approaches certain areas, the land looks to be covered with snow. There is a big scientific work to be done in the interior of Baffin Island."

"The interior of northern Labrador is practically unknown; therefore, we shall proceed southward to Nain, and from there fly into the Labrador interior to determine its character and the height of its mountains. For the planes accurate mapping cameras will be used and also motion picture cameras. This should give a comprehensive survey of all lands covered by airplane."

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