

ISLAND OF TAHITI LONELY PARADISE IN SOUTH PACIFIC

Rich in Verdure, Pleasant Climate—Handsome Natives Are Friendly—Life and Property Safe

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Sp.)—S. O. S. signals from an American sailing ship in distress near the Society Islands recently directed attention to this lonely mid-Pacific archipelago, whose best known inhabited island is Tahiti.

"Tahiti lies far from the feverish activities of modern industrial life," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society. "It is more than 3000 miles from Australia, 3600 miles from San Francisco, 4500 miles from the Panama canal, 6000 miles from Asia. By the old trade routes—via the Suez canal and Australia—it is nearly as far from New York as all these distances combined, but the Panama canal reduces this to 4000 nautical miles, a saving of 10,000 miles. It is indeed a steppled gem of wondrous green within a teeming coral ring. Here the eye is delighted by leafy luxuriance, stretching from palm-fringed beach to leafy mountain crest; by the brilliant colors of land and sea; by the high physical standards of the natives, both men and women. The ear is soothed by the wash of an inner sea; by the flow of gentle streams.

"Overshadowing all are the mountains. Mighty slabs rise high above a valley. A peak with a triangular summit shoots thousands of feet upward. Beyond, lofty columns hundreds of feet thick, stand in solitary grandeur; another turn and a shaft cuts the sky with an edge like an enormous knife—an edge to which tree, shrub, fern and vine cling. "Tahiti is not an abode of savages. It still has primitive life, but of barbarism it has none. Life and property are safe; compulsory education quickens the mind of the youthful; and the church, the religious press, and contact with the Caucasian broaden, in a limited way, the intellect of the adults.

"Small Craft Meet Liners. "Slipping up gradually from the capital, Papete, evergreen hills, sea and sky here and there by barren red and gray clay, extend miles inland, where they overlook the Fautaua and Pumaruru valleys. They are broken into almost innumerable canyons and gullies all over their surface. "As the steamer draws near the shore many small craft—the picturesque outrigger canoe, the broad-beamed fruit-boat, and the noisy gasoline schooner—lie at anchor or move about the sheltered harbor.

"At the copra-scented dock hundreds of Tahitians and scattered pairs and groups of Americans and Europeans are on hand. It is a mixed throng. There are as many colors and shades of complexion as there are of dress, and some of the native women move with queenly grace. Their dark hair, crowned in some cases with a wreath of the liare, the flower of love and friendship, hangs low on their backs. "The most animated moment of the town's daily life begins shortly after its 7061 inhabitants awaken. The site of this activity is the market square. Sunday is the chief market day of the week. At that time neatly dressed men and women from many parts of Tahiti assemble at the market half an hour before the opening bell clangs its signal.

"On the previous day and night, boat loads of fish (a type of banana) and oranges are laid outside the market building in preparation for the morning rush, and in the Sabbath dawn strings of fish, and wagons, filled with farm products, are hurried to the stands. The scene is enlivening; the crowd is friendly and gay. There meet comrades and relatives who have long been separated; there white and brown elbow each other in neighborly fashion. "Within thirty minutes after the

Meteorological Report

March 15, 1935 Forecasts Medford and vicinity: Fair tonight and Saturday with frost or freezing temperature tonight. Oregon: Generally fair tonight and Saturday but unsettled northwest portion; frost or freezing temperature south and east portion tonight. Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 77; lowest, 38.

Total monthly precipitation, 6.36 inch; deficiency for the month, 0.33 inch. Total precipitation since September 1, 1934, 12.95 inches; deficiency for the season, 0.37 inch.

Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 86 per cent; 5 a. m. today, 87 per cent.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6:21 a. m. Sunset tomorrow, 6:18 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 A. M., 120th Meridian Time

Table with columns: CITY, Wind, Temp, Precipitation, Clouds. Rows include Boise, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Eureka, Helena, Los Angeles, MEDFORD, New York, Omaha, Phoenix, Portland, Reno, Roseburg, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane, Walla Walla, Washington, D.C.

first customer is served the fish benches are stripped, and the butchers, bakers, and vegetable men have parted with more than half their stock. In an hour the market is sold out and almost deserted."

AUTOMOBILES COLLIDE ON SLIPPERY PAVEMENT

In an accident last night on the corner of Fir and Third street, John Snider, high school senior, collided with a car driven by Leon Croucher of Clark street. Mr. Croucher was accompanied by his wife, Beulah Croucher. Mrs. Croucher, taken to the hospital, was released today. Snider, who blamed wet pavement for the accident, is suffering from severe nervous shock, but received no bodily injuries. A charge of violation of the basic rule was lodged, with a hearing set for Saturday.

Be correctly corseted in an Artist Model by Ethelwyn B. Hoffmann

VAGUE BOUNDARY CAUSES ITALIAN, ETHIOPIA DISPUTE

Agreement in 1897 for Frontier About 180 Miles From Coast Trouble Basis—Oil Discovery Adds Fire

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Sp.)—An indefinite boundary line is causing Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland no little trouble these days. In 1897 Ethiopia and Italy agreed that the frontier line was to be maintained "about 180 miles from the coast." Tribesmen of eastern Ethiopia in recent years have been tempted to wander across so vague a line, and the Italians have pushed road building into questionable territory. The discovery of oil in the region has not helped matters. Efforts are being made to patch up the affair by the establishment of a neutral zone between the two countries.

"Ethiopia is surrounded by European interests," says a bulletin from Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society. "On the west and south are Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Uganda, and Kenya; on the southeast, Italian Somaliland; and on the northeast British Somaliland, French Somaliland, and the Italian colony of Eritrea.

"King Descended From Solomon. "Trouble with Italy has arisen before. Forty years ago the Italian kingdom, then new, tried to establish a protectorate over the African empire; but the invading army was defeated and Italy was forced to sign a convention with King Menelik, recognizing Ethiopian independence.

"Ethiopia is one of the oldest Christian nations in the world. The church, which is closely allied to the Coptic church of Egypt, traces its history to the fourth century. A. D. Halle Selassie I, who was crowned emperor in 1930, is 134th in a line of Christian rulers. He also claims direct descent from the first King Menelik, who according to legend, was a son of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. In fact, one of his many imperial titles is 'Conquering Lion of the Tribe of Judah.'

"Races of Africa and Asia mingle in Ethiopia. True Ethiopians are not Negroes, but a Hamitic-Semitic type. This is the ruling class, and comprises perhaps one-third of the total population. The other two-thirds is predominantly Moslem and Negro.

French Port Gateway to Empire. "Ethiopia has not always been an inland empire. At one time her power extended across the Red Sea to the Arabian province of Yemen, and at another period there was an Ethiopian dynasty in Egypt. For many centuries now geography has isolated her from the rest of the world. There is only one important

entrance to the country—along the railroad that runs from the port of Djibouti, French Somaliland to Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. The railroad, completed in 1917, runs two trains a week, covering the 466 miles in three days. In dry weather there is sometimes an "express" which makes the trip in 36 hours.

"The total road mileage in this country of 350,000 square miles is only about 2600 miles, of which 65 are paved, 1150 earth and gravel, and the rest dirt trails. Transport is chiefly by mule, pack horse, donkey, and camel.

"Coffee, ivory and leopard skins head the list of exports. Ethiopia is the home of coffee. Arab travelers found it growing in the province of Kafa and transplanted it to Arabia. Later it was reintroduced in cultivated form in the Harar district. Vast forests of the wild variety still grow unused in the province which gave it its name.

"Ninety per cent of Ethiopia lies 6000 feet above sea level. Over a vast plateau rise huge mountain ranges with peaks that reach 14,000 and 15,000 feet. Fringing the highlands that are the real Ethiopia is a circle of low hot borderland—the Somali desert in the east, where the trouble with Italy has occurred, the malarial jungles of the upper Nile on the west, the swamps of Danakil to the north, and in the south a chain of salty lakes that drain into Lake Rudolf. It is in the high country that Ethiopia's wealth is hidden—unexplored mineral resources, endless rich plains where the finest quality of grain and livestock may be raised, cool mountain air, hot sun, and abundant rains.

"The rains, which last from June to September, have carved the topography of the country and enriched Egypt in the process. The mighty rivers of the empire, flooded by rain, have cut for themselves great channels thousands of feet deep. Through one of these gorges the Blue Nile, which rises in Lake Tana, flows first east, then south, then west, to join the White Nile at Khartoum. In flood time it carries away mountains of soil to build fields in Egypt.

"Another great river is the Awash, which rises near Addis Ababa, and flows northward through the wild, unknown country of the Danakil tribes. For years the fate of the Awash has been a mystery, for it never reaches the sea, and explorers have not dared to trace it into Danakil territory. Recently, however, an Englishman reported that he had tracked it to the French Somaliland border where it disappears in salty Lake Abbebad.

HEALTH ASSOCIATION MEETING ON TUESDAY

Jackson County Health Association will have a bi-monthly meeting Thursday, March 21, at 2 o'clock at the courthouse auditorium. Dr. A. F. Walter Kruse, Dr. Dwight H. Finley, both of Medford, and Dr. Harvey Woods of Ashland will be the speakers. The Gold Hill and Phoenix ladies will serve tea. Everyone is invited who is interested in child health.

COUNTY RECEIVES \$30,666 PAYMENT FOR COPCO TAX

The California Oregon Power company today remitted to the tax collection department of the sheriff's office \$30,666.74 in payment of its first quarter taxes. The total property tax to be paid in 1935 by Copco is \$122,666.94, one of the two largest in the county. The payment today covers only the state, county, city, school and district taxes in Jackson county and does not include other state and federal taxes. The property tax of Copco in Oregon this year totals \$349,112.13, of which 45.6 per cent is diverted to educational purposes. The sum is approximately 20 per cent of Copco's gross retail earnings in this state. In addition there is a federal excise tax on electricity.

Other large remittances this week by Jackson county corporations include the Southern Pacific, the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph, the Home Telephone, the Western Union and Postal Telegraph.

Today is the final day for the payment of quarterly taxes without interest. A near rush was under way at the sheriff's office with heavy mail receipt of tax payments. The recent action of the state legislature in its closing days in passing a bill removing interest payments on delinquent taxes for 1930 and 1931 resulted in an ebb of delinquent tax payments, according to Sheriff Brown, for these years. In many instances the interest amounts to \$75 or \$100, representing a substantial saving to the taxpayers. The law has aroused considerable comment and update predictions say it may be vetoed by the governor when presented for his signature. The law becomes effective in 90 days.

Sign of Spring. CHICAGO, March 15.—(UP)—A sure sign of spring turned up today in an order from Police Commissioner James P. Allman. He instructed police captains to keep bicycle riders off sidewalks.

INQUEST IN DYNAMITE DEATH PLANNED EARLY IN WEEK BY OFFICIALS

An inquest into the death of Joe Louis, a week ago on Lake creek, when dynamite was exploded, either by accident or suicidal design, will be held early next week, according to District Attorney George A. Coddling. The district attorney will confer with Coroner Frank Perl today, on a date. State police investigation of the blast, produced one significant bit of evidence tending to support the suicide theory. A lock on the tool chest, containing dynamite, had been wrenched loose. The twisted lock was found in the explosion area. Explosive experts hold that the dynamite could not be exploded save by use of the caps. It is the theory that Louis procured the caps, placed them on the boxes of dynamite, and then hit them with a rock. The resultant blast was terrific, knocking cattle down a quarter of a mile away, but failed to explode 1000 pounds of dynamite stored nearby for road construction use by Contractor Ed F. Webber.

There is also little doubt that the victim was Louis. Seven or eight residents of the district identified Louis, and he was the only stranger in the area. He was given food and shelter by several. His presence at a time of year when strangers are few, also caused him to be closely observed by residents.

No information has been received relative to kin of the dead man, who is thought to have been known on the Klamath Indian reservation.

SPEEDERS WILL VIEW REMAINS OF VICTIM

CHICAGO, March 15.—(UP)—Automobile speeders who appear before Traffic Judge Gutknecht Saturday

will be loaded into a patrol wagon and taken to the county morgue where bodies of automobile victims will be pointed out to them.

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