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The famous Devonshire house in Piccadilly, London, home of the duke of Devonshire, is reported about to be purchased by an American, with a view to using it as a site for a monster American hotel. The photograph shows the gorgeous ball and concert room of the mansion.

TRACE MEXICAN RACE TO CHINA

Recent Discoveries Bear Out Tradition That Chinese Once Peopled Country.

MAY SOLVE ANCIENT PUZZLE

Hieroglyphics Found on Foundation Stones of Pyramids at San Juan Teotihuacan Indicate Primitive Migration From Orient.

Mexico City.—Hieroglyphics recently discovered on the foundation stones of the pyramids of San Juan Teotihuacan, 27 miles northeast of Mexico City, may solve the problem which has perplexed historians and archeologists for centuries as to the true origin of the Mexican nation. These strange carvings are said by some authorities to be Chinese, thus tending to bear out the old tradition that in the dim past wandering tribes from China crossed to the new continent, settled within the present boundaries of Mexico and became the progenitors of the race which now dominates this republic.

So interesting are the recent discoveries that the bureau of anthropology has been instructed to conduct a vigorous research, and in this connection Fong Tsiang Kuang, charge d'affaires of the Chinese legation in Mexico, visited the pyramids and stated that the hieroglyphics were similar in many respects to certain symbols now in use by the Chinese. He declared the words "sun," "city" and "eye" were clearly depicted. Mexican anthropologists who have interested themselves in the discovery have declined to pass final judgment until further excavations are made and more evidence obtained.

The pyramids of San Juan Teotihuacan as well as those in Cholula, in the state of Puebla, are among the oldest marks of primitive habitation to be found in the republic. They stand as colossal monuments to peoples whose history was as obscure to the conquering Spaniards in the sixteenth century as to present-day historians. Because of their general construction, some authorities believe they are the handiwork of the Egyptians, who in some mysterious manner crossed the seas and denoted their places of permanent habitation with these stone and cement structures, which are even larger than the most famous pyramids of Egypt.

The little village of San Juan Teotihuacan, which in the Aztec language means "City of the Gods," was in the early days of Aztec history the scene of extraordinary religious ceremonies. The two pyramids, one dedicated to the sun, the other to the moon, are known to have been the tombs in which hundreds of tribal dignitaries were buried, and excavators have exhumed wrought stone containing human bones, obsidian knives, terra-cotta heads with broad faces and flat noses, fragments of rare pottery and great numbers of arrowheads.

One of the most recent and most valuable discoveries was a jadeite mask of some past monarch with the brow covered with the diadem known to early Mexican history. The pyramid to the sun measures 761 by 721 feet at the base and is 216 feet high; the one to the moon is 511 by 426 feet at the base and is 151 feet high. They both contain numerous chambers, and their several stories are complete temples in themselves, but connected by winding stairs.

The inscriptions having Chinese characteristics were discovered through excavating in the ruins of what has generally been known as La Claudadela (The Citadel), but which, according to recent reports of investigators, are what is left of a pyramid larger and perhaps older than the two pyramids of the sun and the moon.

Cordova, Alaska.—Dozens of small islands lying off southern Alaska are being used for fox farms. Twenty-nine islands in Prince William sound have been leased for the breeding of the foxes. Fur buyers visit the islands every spring.

AS HE SAW CHRIST

Pen Picture of Jesus Is Discovered in Rome.

Drawn by Proconsul in Palestine in Letter Describing "Man of Strange Virtue."

Rome.—From the dust of more than 1900 years a studious modern Roman has rescued a pen portrait of Jesus Christ. It was drawn in one of the letters that Publius Lentulus, who was a Roman pro-consul in Palestine and knew the Savior in Nazareth, wrote to a friend in Italy.

"There has appeared here a man of strange virtue," Publius Lentulus wrote. "His disciples call him 'The Son of God.' He cures the sick and raises the dead to life. He is a very handsome man and worthy of all our attention. His hair is blond and covers his shoulders in separate curls and is parted in the middle, after the fashion of the people of Nazareth. His forehead is smooth and serene, without marks or wrinkles; his countenance is pink; his nose is well formed; his beard, of the same color as his hair, is parted in the middle.

"In his gaze is an expression of wisdom and of openness; his eyes are blue, but shine terribly when he reproves people; but in conversation they are amiable. His observations are expressed with liveliness, although he always remains calm. Nobody has ever seen him to laugh; but he often weeps. Of a good height and straight figure he has very beautiful hands and arms. His manner of speaking is serious. He speaks but little, and is modest. In short, he is as handsome as a man may be. They call him Jesus, the Son of Mary."

Expert antiquarians and students of history pronounce the letters of Publius Lentulus to be entirely genuine. For centuries they were forgotten save by students of Latin and ancient Rome. The advent of Christmas brought the letter quoted to the mind of an old professor here. He translated it into modern Italian and sent it to some of his learned friends as a historical curiosity. It seems to verify the belief that the Savior had a fair complexion and light hair, as many old artists depicted him.

HUNT TURKISH HEIRESS

Was Left $100,000,000 by "Rockefeller of Turkey."

New Arabian Nights Tale Told in New York by an Alleged Sheik.

New York.—The tale of the "Thousand and Second Night" was told in New York by Ben Mahomet, who proclaimed himself a sheik of Arabia and a brother of the amir of Hedjaz.

Ben Mahomet arrived here with six retainers. His mission, he said, was a world-wide search for Sari, Turkish heiress, who, the sheik declared, was plighted to marry the amir.

Sari, according to Ben Mahomet, was last seen in Constantinople talking to a sailor from an American warship which had put into the port. How the Turkish maid was able to escape the vigilance of her nurse long enough to hold this conversation was not explained by the Arabian chieftain, but after this meeting it seems Sari disappeared.

Her father Hadahismo, grieved bitterly for the loss of his daughter, who was known the length and breadth of Turkey for her beauty and charity, and soon he died, leaving her $100,000,000. Hadahismo was in Turkey, according to Ben Mahomet, "like Rockefeller is in America."

When it was considered certain that Sari had left her native land, either voluntarily or with an abductor, the amir is said to have asked his brother, who studied at Cambridge university in England, to search the world for her and to spare no expense. From Turkey the sheik went to France, thence to Italy and Tangiers, and finally set sail for the new world, arriving in New York via Halifax. Ben Mahomet announced that if detectives here had failed him he would appeal to the government at Washington and seek to learn what ship it was that touched at Constantinople soon after the armistice, when Sari disappeared.

BELL SOUNDS WIRELESS CALL

New Emergency Calling Device Insures Attention for S. O. S. Signals.

London.—A novel wireless emergency calling device by which ships in distress can ring alarm bells on other ships within wireless range, is reported by the American chamber of commerce in London.

The present wireless system of communication requires that an operator, to hear a call, must be on duty, wearing the usual telephone headpiece. The calling up, according to the American chamber, is effected by a bell which starts ringing on the ships called.

It is claimed that one of the most important uses of the device will be to insure immediate and general attention to S. O. S. calls.

Disliked Dentist's Rate, So Made His Own Teeth

Tyrus Dunn, living near Atlanta, Ga., needed several new teeth. He consulted a dentist. Dunn was shocked at the estimated cost of the repair work which the dentist said was necessary.

"Won't stand for it," he said; "I'll make them teeth myself."

Dunn, who is a watchmaker, molded his teeth in his shop in molds made from beeswax. He fitted them himself and now he demonstrates to friends by biting chews from his tobacco plug and cracking nuts with his teeth.

London.—John Farringdown, a seaman, has been fourteen times court-martialed, passed four and half years under detention, and was never abroad, according to army records. He is now serving three years' penal servitude for theft of postal drafts.

House Is Filled With Spooks

Offer of Free Rent Fails to Attract Tenants and Owner Sells It.

Pineville, W. Va.—The famous haunted house at "Barden," on the Norfolk and Western railroad, is being demolished by the new owner, C. W. Brown, who purchased it in an administrator's sale, because the spooks behaved so badly during the last twenty-five years that no one would live in it.

The house is a big two-story frame structure and is one of the landmarks of the village. According to those who have occupied it ghosts, spooks and spirits abound in it. It was built more than half a century ago, and the alleged walking of chairs and tables, and door raps, rattling of dishes and pans and removal of covers from persons occupying beds have driven those who have occupied the place to give it up.

The ghosts have been reported for a quarter of a century, and during that time a score of different families have occupied the house, but only for short periods. For years no one would occupy it, although it was offered rent free.

BANDITS IN ATTACK ON SHIP

Albanian Outlaws Fire on Vessel Carrying United States Red Cross Supplies.

Scutari, Albania.—The steamer Skodra, flying the French flag and carrying American Red Cross supplies for Montenegro, was held up by bandits while en route up the Bojana river.

The ship had just reached a bend in the river when the bandits appeared with machine guns and began to embark a boarding party in small boats. The captain turned the vessel and ordered all steam ahead down the river. The bandits immediately opened fire and riddled the sides and upper deck of the ship with machine gun bullets.

"DAD" ROYALE'S LUCKY DAY

Old Man Had Reason to Be Thankful That His Pig Developed Quality of Enterprise.

One of the most important applications of geological science is the pointing out of places likely to yield stores of mineral wealth. And yet, where copper is concerned, the really great discoveries in this country have been made by pure luck.

It was Old Man Royale's pig that located, according to the story, the richest copper mine in the world—the famous Calumet lode.

Old Man Royale was not interested in mining; he kept a boarding house. But his pig was gifted with the valuable quality of enterprise. Grubbing in the back yard, it "snooted up" a prehistoric Indian cache.

The cache contained a large quantity of copper, a fortune in itself. But examination of the rock beneath disclosed veins of the metal, and mining operations thereupon undertaken developed the Calumet lode, which has since paid $145,000,000 in dividends and $500,000,000 in wages.

"Native" copper was used to a considerable extent by the Indians in pre-Columbian days, for ornamental purposes chiefly. Ancient aboriginal skeletons have been dug up wearing copper masks. In Michigan they got copper out of rocks by building fires against them; and huge nuggets of "mass" copper weighing hundreds of pounds have been found in the Lake Superior region which showed signs of unsuccessful attack. The Indians had no tools with which to cut up such great lumps, and they could not carry them away bodily.

Copper is the American metal par excellence, and of all the metals is the most useful to mankind, iron alone excepted.

Plan to Irrigate Egypt.

For many years projects have been under consideration for obtaining such a complete control of the waters of the upper Nile as will enable Egypt to develop its agricultural resources to the utmost and to secure the country against the dangers of excessive floods, while permitting the Sudan also to develop to some extent its own vast resources.

The works contemplated will extend over a generation and involve the expenditure of tens of millions of dollars, affecting the entire future of irrigation throughout the Nile basin.

The commission, it is reported, will consist of three members: An irrigation engineer nominated by the government of India as president and a British pyhsicist nominated by the University of Cambridge, while to draw on the wide experience available in America on questions of irrigation and water supply, and still further to strengthen the independence of the commission, an irrigation engineer nominated by the government of the United States will constitute the third member.

Dryden's Defense of Foreign Words.

It is true when I find an English word significant and sounding, I neither borrow from the Latin nor any other language; but when I want at home I must seek abroad. If sounding words are not of our growth and manufacture, who shall hinder me to import them from a foreign country? I carry not out the treasure of the nation which is never to return; but what I bring from Italy, I spend in England; here it remains and here it circulates; if the coin be good, it will pass from one hand to another. I trade . . . for the enrichment of our native language. We have enough in England to supply our necessity; but if we will have things of magnificence and splendor, we must get them by commerce. . . . Therefore, if I find a word in a classic author, I propose it to be naturalized by using it myself, and if the public approve of it the bill passes.—Dryden, in "Discourse of Epick Poetry."

Aerial Game Laws.

Modern inventions beget new manners and new laws to govern the changed customs. The man who nets fish wholesale seems about to be outclassed by the airplane operator who gathers in wild birds by means of a net. So, apparently, think the sportsmen in one locality of Canada. As a consequence, an association of them are sponsoring a request to the government to prohibit the flights of airplanes over marsh lands, and the use of flying machines in pursuit, shooting, or netting of wild fowl. When warned of anything approaching these birds do not seek cover, but rise immediately into the air and obviously become open at once to the ingenious contrivances of airplanists. Rapid-firing guns, and nettings attached beneath the body of the machines, would seem to be an easy means of possible extermination of the birds, and this it is sought to avoid.

Had to Look the Part.

A perpetually unshaven fellow who runs a news stand near the winter garden was haled into court the other day for some trival charge. He pleaded his own case and was dismissed. The magstrate was interested in his excellent address and his knowledge of the law. He explained that he had been admitted to the bar and was a graduate of a big eastern college. "I could only make $1,000 a year with my law," he said, "and I make about $12,000 a year selling newspapers. It may surprise you to see how unkempt I am, but it is business psychology. If I dressed in good clothes people would not purchase from me."—New York Times.

The Last Straw.

Her home was one of the most beautiful in Irvington and was furnished from top to bottom in the best taste. The house was surrounded by a lovely yard with a terraced lawn. But the door was the masterpiece, mahogany with exquisite wood carving.

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