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Tahiti Should Be Accustomed to Earthquakes.

Average of Two a Day for the Last Two Months Is the Record, According to Dispatches — Society Islands All Volcanic.

Two earthquakes a day has been the average for the last few months in Tahiti, newspaper dispatches state. This rocking island is described by H. W. Smith in a bulletin of the National Geographic society, as follows:

"Tahiti, of the Society islands, is one of the most important of the French possessions in the Pacific, with steamship connection to San Francisco and New Zealand.

"The Society islands are of volcanic origin, arising from the low bed of the ocean, which has depths near the islands of 1,500 to 2,000 fathoms, while the highest peak in the center of the island of Tahiti, reached an altitude of 7,300 feet. On a clear day the view as the ship approaches the harbor of Papeete is almost beautiful, showing deep valleys penetrating from the coast to the mountain peaks of the interior.

"Near Papeete the beautiful Fatauua valley may be visited in an afternoon. For a good part of the way a carriage road leads up the valley, offering changing vistas.

"Why, indeed, should the Tahitian toil? There are great leaves of the wild 'tarto' growing by the roadside; the young leaves are delicious boiled, and the curious stranger will find many other new delicacies of the table—the alligator pear, the baked papya, the Mantis crab, the raw fish, as good as the best oyster, served with Tahitian sauce, and on rare occasions a salad made from the heart of the coconut tree.

"In Tahiti, as well as in most of the South Sea islands, great numbers of coconuts are grown, and, after being dried for copra, are shipped in large quantities to Europe. We were much interested in the different methods of gathering the nuts in various islands. In Tahiti the natives climb the trees with the help of a strip of green, fibrous bark torn off the stem of a hibiscus tree. After knotting the two ends together, the climber slips his feet half through the circle, and, standing with his legs apart, so as to stretch the thong tight, ascends the tree in a series of leaps, with a foot on each side of the trunk.

"A practiced climber will thus mount trees of a very considerable height with a celerity and ease which do not suggest the long practice actually required. On making a trial myself, I found it difficult to climb even so much as a foot from the ground.

"In its fresh, green state the coconut provides a most refreshing drink, but as it grows older the 'milk' hardens and forms the white inner rind with which we are all familiar. This is the celebrated copra and is commercially put to many different uses. In Tahiti it is used for sauces and for coconut oil. One sauce, which was served with fish at a very enjoyable picnic, although compounded of scraped nut and sea water, was palatable."

Ready for Gabriel.

A negro doughboy who had hit Paris on A. W. O. L. and supplied himself generously with the vin sisters, mingled with stronger waters, woke suddenly in a still befuddled condition in the great urban cemetery of Pere la Chaise, whither his uncertain steps had taken him. To make it worse, there was an air raid going on.

The brother looked around him out of half closed eyes. On every side stretched long rows of white monuments. Sirens shrilled from the city streets. Dazzling beams of white light stabbed the heavens. There could be but one conclusion.

Hastily searching his pockets, he drew forth his remaining possessions—a bottle of vin blanc, a pack of greasy cards, a much worn pair of ivories—and hurled them from him.

"Git gone away f'um me, evidence," he muttered. "Now come on, Mistur Gabriel, I'se ready." — American Legion Weekly.

An Extended Tour.

Just before the St. Mihiel show the Germans blew up an ammunition dump near a company of Yanks. It was reported that there was a large quantity of gas shells in the dump, and as soon as the explosions began the Americans immediately made themselves scarce with great rapidity.

When the danger had passed all started drifting back with the exception of one man who did not appear till the next day.

"Well, where you been?" demanded the top kick, eyeing him coldly.

"Sergeant," replied the other earnestly, "I don't know where I been but I give you my word I been all day gettin' back.—American Legion Weekly.

American Women Have Prettiest Feet.

A well-known French shoe manufacturer states that the shoe is the foundation of a woman's wardrobe. If she is not well shod, it spoils her appearance.

He says that American women have the prettiest feet in the world, and appreciate the value of the low-heeled shoe. For walking, this manufacturer insists the low-heeled shoe is the only one permissible. For wear around the house, he advocates sandals that hold the feet in shape, yet yield sufficiently to allow them to rest.

Making Him Useful.

Mrs. Harrigan—An' does yer husband iver get loaded these Volsted days?

Mrs. Horrigan—He does that.

Mrs.—Harrigan—And what do you do?

Mrs. Horrigan—I go right to wor-rk moppin' the floors.

Mrs. Harrigan—But don't ye notice him at all?

Mrs. Horrigan—I do that. I use him f'r th' mop.—American Legion Weekly.

Says War Cost Hundred Billions

English Financier Fixes Real Losses of the European Belligerents.

AMERICA WORLD'S CREDITOR

To Only United States and Japan Did the War Bring Prosperity, According to English Authority—Germany a Heavy Loser.

London.—The actual cost of the war to European belligerents was in excess of £20,000,000,000 ($100,000,000,000 normal value), represented by property destroyed, losses in investments abroad, depreciation of properties and by pensions, Edgar Crammond, English financier, told the Bankers' institute at a recent meeting here.

He fixed the following as the real losses of the European belligerents:

Germany ($32,500,000,000 normal value.)	£8,700,000,000
France	6,250,000,000
The United Kingdom	15,200,000,000
Italy	2,100,000,000
Belgium	550,000,000

To only two belligerent countries—the United States and Japan—did the war bring prosperity, Crammond said, but Spain, Holland, Switzerland, Greece and Scandinavia also had grown wealthier. He believed the "liquid capital of the world, now distributed in centers which are unaccustomed to the exercise of their new powers," would eventually again find its chief outlet through London.

America the Gainer.

"The war has produced an extraordinary change in the economic relations of the United States with Europe," he said. "Whereas, in 1914 America owed Europe £2,000,000,000, at present Europe owes America £2,000,000,000 ($10,000,000,000)."

Assuming that the post-war purchasing power of the dollar was 70 per cent of its pre-war value, Crammond said during the last five years there had been an actual increase in the national wealth of the United States of approximately 30 per cent, and he estimated this wealth now in the neighborhood of £70,000,000,000 to £80,000,000,000.

The national wealth of Japan, he estimated, had been doubled by the war.

Germany Heavy Loser.

On the basis of a post-war mark valued at 50 per cent of its pre-war value he estimated Germany has lost, apart from the indemnity, 26 per cent of her national wealth, the whole of her mercantile marine, all her colonial possessions, and practically the whole of her investments abroad. If the figures suggested at the Hythe conference, £6,250,000,000, were fixed as the German war indemnity, he declared the total losses of the German people arising out of the war, would be equivalent to about £15,000,000,000, or one-half her national wealth.

"So far as the world as a whole is concerned, the principal loss is in the fact that Europe is not yet 'a going concern,'" he continued, "but the underlying economic forces which made her the great center of the world's commercial activities are still at work and will rapidly transform the economic situation in Europe."

He said the dominant characteristic of international trade in the next ten years will be a tremendous world demand for capital, and the internal financial policies of the nations should be framed with due regard to this condition.

Speech Lost in War Recovered by Bowling

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. — Dumb for three years as the result of being shell shocked in the war, Trooper W. Hart suddenly recovered his speech here in the excitement of a bowling game. He was playing with the Davisville Military Hospital team.

HUSBAND IN DUNGEON 17 YRS.

"Widow," Married Again, Just Finds Out He Is Alive in Petrograd Hospital.

Tokyo.—A letter has been received from a man reported killed in the Russo-Japanese war in North Manchuria by his supposed widow, who has been married to a second husband ten years.

A sergeant named Jinkichi Onishi has been missing since the battle of Liaoyang. The authorities and his family concluded he had been killed, and funeral ceremonies were observed. His "widow" married again, children being born by the second husband. Now, after 17 years, Onishi writes, reporting himself safe in a hospital in Petrograd.

According to his letter, at the time of the Russo-Japanese war he was taken prisoner and has ever since been in a dungeon, which he was never allowed to leave until he became ill.

COTTON CONSUMPTION GROWS

Amount Used During June Shows Big Increase Over Year Ago Says Census Bureau.

Washington.—Cotton consumed during June amounted to 555,521 bales of lint and 33,960 of linters, the census bureau announced.

During June a year ago 474,330 bales of lint and 15,083 of linters were consumed.

Cotton on hand June 30 in consuming establishments was 1,554,923 bales of lint and 270,171 of linters, compared with 1,363,049 bales of lint and 263,804 of linters a year ago, and in public storages and compresses 2,304,639 bales of lint and 374,648 of linters compared with 2,765,771 of lint and 207,781 of linters a year ago.

June imports were 19,635 bales, compared with 17,269, in June, 1919, and exports were 241,450 bales, including 3,860 bales of linters, compared with 699,169 of lint and 3,710 of linters in June last year.

Cotton spindles active during June numbered 34,503,754, compared with 33,950,358 in June a year ago.

Keeps Old Violin.

San Antonio, Tex.—An ancient violin is owned by A. L. Campbell, which is kept with the records of the court in the safety vault. The instrument has that mellowness of tone which only age gives the violin. The lineage of this antique is thus traced by Mr. Campbell: "I bought it about 15 years ago from an old Italian, who had played on it for 15 years. He in turn received it from a German boy in Galveston, in whose family it was an heirloom." In the interior of the instrument is barely visible in old German type the following: "Josef Klotz, Miltenwalde in anno 1795, Germany."

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Cannibals Once Peopled Texas

Discovery Made That Prehistoric People Were Different From Indians.

HAD REGULAR CAMP SITES

Life History Read From Records They Left in Their Burned-Rock Mounds—Advanced to Stage of Paleolithic Culture.

Austin, Tex.—Evidence that Texas was inhabited by a prehistoric people different from the Indian who roamed the plains when the first white man came has been unearthed by James E. Pearce, professor of anthropology of the University of Texas. The early inhabitants, he said, lived a nomad-like existence, roaming from one part of the wilderness to another and killing, with rude stone weapons, animals and even humans for food.

In co-operation with the Smithsonian Institution bureau of ethonology, Prof. Pearce has been investigating the mounds for more than a year, he reported.

"The life history of these people has been read from the records they left in their burned-rock mounds or kitchen middens," the professor said. "These mounds are piles of broken and charred bits of limestone three or four feet high and sometimes as long as 100 feet.

Had Regular Camp Sites.

"They are made up of the kitchen refuse of these prehistoric peoples, who had regular camp sites at frequent intervals along the Edwards plateau, extending from Austin westward to New Mexico.

"These people evidently were advanced to the stage of paleolithic culture, an earlier age than the period of neolithic culture, to which most of the American Indians belonged. These early Texas inhabitants had arrows and spears tipped with flint points, chipped but not polished. They did not polish their stone weapons, nor did they engage in any form of agriculture. They were, however, skillful skin dressers, for we have found scraping tools made of flint.

The kitchen middens which we discovered are the only thing of their kind in America, so far as I know, although they had been found in other parts of the world. At these sites, camps were located with a great fireplace in the center, over which huge slabs of limestone were placed as a sort of primitive stove, upon which to cook the meat the inhabitants killed.

Cannibalism Practiced.

"We know these people were cannibals, for among the refuse heaps have been found human bones split apart in order to get at the marrow.

"The soft limestone slabs, being exposed to the weather, broke from time to time, and were cast aside near-by, to be replaced by new ones.

"In the course of our investigations we have completely examined some fifteen of these mounds and in them have found thousands of splendid specimens of chipped arrow and spear heads, as well as scraping tools and other implements. Bones of the deer, which were prevalent in this region, are found in profusion, indicating that this was the principal article of diet."

Lloyd George in Strange Company

Lloyd George, premier of England, photographed at Boulogne, France, during his recent visit, with M. Millerand, the French premier. The two distinguished statesmen were received in quaint costume by the native fisherwives, and were presented with huge bouquets of flowers.

BEEF IMPORTS GROW

Figures Are Given Out by Bureau of Animal Industry.

Canned and Cured Meats Show Big Falling Off for the Period Covered.

There was very little difference in the quantity of fresh and refrigerated beef imported into the United States in 1919 and 1920. The figures are taken from the meat inspectors' reports, bureau of animal industry, United States department of agriculture. In 10 months ended in April, 1919, 27,673,105 pounds of fresh and refrigerated beef were imported. In the period ending at the corresponding time in 1920 the quantity of fresh and refrigerated beef arriving in the United States from foreign countries was 27,968,880 pounds, an increase of about a quarter of a million pounds.

Fresh and refrigerated meats of other kinds jumped to twice the quantity in the 10 months ending April, 1920, as for the same period in 1919. The figures show 7,933,377 pounds for 1919 and 14,979,663 pounds for 1920. But the canned and cured meats imported during the same periods show a remarkable drop from 126,624,348 pounds in 1919 to less than 2,000,000 pounds in 1920. This item accounts for the marked decrease in the total meat products imported. The total weight imported in the 1919 period was 168,602,911 pounds, but 1920 brought only 50,246,635 pounds.

Finds Ring Lost Years Ago.

Chester, Pa.—John Hunter the other day excavated from the soil in the rear of his Holland street home near Eddystone a diamond ring, which he had lost there more than 12 years ago. It was while spading that Hunter lost the ring from a hole in his pocket. He had no idea where he had dropped it and in time forgot all about it.

He was turning over the soil again with a spade, and to his surprise the long-lost ring came up on a spadeful of dirt. A little washing and polishing restored it to its original beauty. The ring is valued at $200.

Chum Is Now Her Stepmother.

New Albany, Ind.—Estella Kelsal and May Deitzman were chums and Estella introduced May to her father a widower. Now she'll never have to part from her chum, as "dad" has married her. Dr. Oliver Kelsal surprised his daughter when he telegraphed that he and May were on their honeymoon.

Needle Is Halted

Greensburg, Ind.—While lying on a davenport at her home Mrs. Noe Anderson felt a needle enter her shoulder. A physician was called and it was discovered that the needle was fast traveling toward the lungs. She was rushed to a hospital, where an operation was performed.

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