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The Lost World of Southern Venezuela Will be Explored

An Expedition of American Scientists Equipped With Airplans To Set Out Next August—Prehistoric Animals and Vegetation Believed To Be Still Living There.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17—The lost world, that solitary and little known mountain area of Southern Venezuela in which it is believed prehistoric animals and vegetation may be living, will be explored next August by an expedition of scientists equipped with airplanes.

The party will spend six months in the field and will cover an area of 160,000 square miles.

To Seek Lost World

The expedition is being sponsored by the American Geographical Society, the American Museum of Natural History, and the New York Botanical Society.

The terrain of the country to be explored is composed of a solitary mountain area dominated by Mount Roraima, and separated from other mountainous country. It has been nicknamed because of its similarity to the scene of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's adventure story, "The Lost World."

UNEMPLOYED WAR VETS HAVE ALLOWANCE CUT

Exhaustion of the Appropriation Given as the Reason for the Reduction.

Ottawa, Ontario, Feb. 16—Unemployed war veterans were greatly disturbed here today when, on applying for their monthly allowance, they found that on the order of the Minister of Pensions, Hon. Dr. Murray MacLaren, considerable reductions had been made. These reductions extend from \$10 to \$12.50 a month. Exhaustion of the appropriation set aside for this purpose was given as the reason for the cut.

The new schedule of allowance for unemployed pensioners now is:

Single men, reduced from \$30 monthly to \$17.50.

Married men with no children, reduced from \$45 monthly to \$35.

Married men with one child, reduced from \$57 monthly to \$47.

Married men with two or more children, reduced from \$67 monthly to \$57.

The maximum amount of relief obtainable was the \$67.

Pension Deducted

From this amount was deducted the pension the man was receiving and the difference was paid in the form of a voucher which could be used only in the purchase of the necessities of life.

There are in Ottawa about 700 unemployed pensioners who were drawing relief money. Indignant at the cutting down of the allowance they formed today "The Returned Men's Association," and purpose to hold a meeting here on Wednesday night from which, it is expected, will ensure representations to the Government to restore the allowance to the original rate.

Husband asks to be jailed so that wife can't nag him, but as he had committed no crime he was dismissed. Quite right—he wasn't the offender.

THE DIVINING ROD HAS BEEN ELECTRIFIED

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

New York, Feb. 17—The ancient divining rod has been electrified, speakers before the convention of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers disclosed today. Its powers are no less miraculous than those somewhat erroneously ascribed to it in days of yore, but they are based on known facts.

Diamonds can be found by the new instruments. So can petroleum water and other subterranean substances.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE

Montreal, Quebec, Feb. 16—Mrs. Maria Nantel, charged with complicity in the murder last September of her husband, Arthur Nantel, at L'Annonciation, Quebec, was acquitted by a jury here today after several hours deliberation.

Edouard Thomas, 25, alleged lover of the 49-year-old woman, was convicted of murdering Nantel and was sentenced to death last Wednesday.

Basketball

A very interesting game of basketball was played at the Brunswick Street Baptist Church Gym last night when a team representing that Church defeated a team from Marysville to the tune of 35 to 21. The game was fast from start to finish. Egbert Cass was referee and his work was very satisfactory to all concerned.

Following is the line up:

Marysville—Capen F. Burge F. Miller C; A. Morgan C; W. Morgan Capt. G., Page G., Cain G., Pond G.

Baptist Church—Phil Currie F., Boone F. Beatty Capt. C. Bruce Currie F., Fowler F., Kilman G., Cunningham G., Coughy G.

After the game Valley Ball was heartily indulged in and some very exciting matches were played.

NO COMBINE EXISTS IN THE BREAD INDUSTRY

Hon. G. D. Robertson, Minister of Labor, Issues Report Following An Investigation.

Ottawa, Feb. 16—"So far as the situation throughout the Dominion is concerned," states the report of the investigation into an alleged combine in the bread-baking industry in Canada, issued by Hon. G. D. Robertson, Minister of Labor, "it has not disclosed a combination which has operated or is likely to operate to the detriment or against the interests of the public.

"Particular attention has been given in the inquiry to the vertical combination effected through the entry of certain flour milling companies into the bread-baking industry. No conclusive evidence has been adduced to show that this combination constitutes a combine within the meaning of the Combines Investigation Act. At the same time, the predominant position of these flour milling companies in the baking business, and the possibilities of monopoly and price enhancement which are theirs, are such as to warrant continued Government interest in the situation, and, should the need arise, further Governmental action on behalf of the consuming public."

The report was made by F. A. McGregor, registrar under the Combines Investigation Act, as a result of complaints received from Vancouver, Winnipeg, Halifax and a number of other cities in the Dominion. Because of the time required for an inquiry into the trade in all wheat products, it was decided to limit the present report to the bread-making industry.

"In dealing with these complaints," the reports adds, "it has been recognized that the scope of the Combines Investigation Act does not extend to the investigation of prices unless combination or monopoly operating against the public interest is alleged or believed to exist."

Died in this City

Mrs. Alice Galmair Clark, city, widow of J. T. Clark and stepmother of Mayor W. G. Clark passed away at her home last evening, following a lingering illness. Deceased has been residing in Charlotte street for some time and survived by her stepson, Mayor Clark, one step daughter, Mrs. Ella B. Wells, of Salmon Arm, B. C. and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth McGill of Woodstock. Before marriage she was Miss Alice Balmair, member of a prominent Woodstock family. Her death will be generally regretted throughout the province as she was quite well known and highly esteemed. The funeral has been set for Wednesday afternoon.

Rotary Luncheon

Capt. A. E. Ingraham, of the Aviation Department, Ottawa was the guest speaker at the Rotary luncheon today. Mr. Ingraham will speak to the University of New Brunswick undergraduates tonight at the college. Today Capt. Ingraham took as his subject "Aviation in Canada" and interested his listeners greatly. Luke Morrison was in the chair.

For the greater good of the business and industrial situation an old firm fit for retirement is that of Greek & Grab.

ALFONSO IS READY TO GO FOR GOOD OF SPAIN

A Statement Of That Nature Is Attributed To Him

**TALKED TO THE
BUREAU CHIEFS**

**Expressed a Willingness
To Make Necessary
Sacrifice**

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Madrid, Spain, Feb. 17—A statement attributed to King Alfonso XIII today by General Fornells, acting under-secretary of war, was interpreted by some as indication the King's willingness to abdicate if his abdication would be for the good of Spain.

General Fornells said that the King after visiting General Berenguer yesterday, spoke to the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Ministry of the Army and told them that he was willing to make all sacrifices necessary "for Spain's welfare."

General Fornells quoted the King as saying that he approved of everything which has been done in that direction.

Cannot Form Cabinet

Madrid, Feb. 17—Don Jose Sanchez Guerra today abandoned his efforts to form a cabinet to succeed that of Premier General Damaso Berenguer resigned. He advised King Alfonso to ask Melquiades Alvarez to form a new government.

MILLION MILE TRAVELLER TO CONTINUE ON

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 17—Now that he's in the exclusive million-mile class—they're ever so much more exclusive than mere millionaires—"Frank "Dad" Pickering, 73, declares he won't be contented until he hits the two million mark.

Pickering, a motorman for the Utah Light and Traction Company, made his first long trip from England to America at the age of 10. Forty-two years ago he worked for the company when horse drawn vehicles were in vogue, and when it comes right down to an actual count, "Dad" has travelled 1,187,900 miles.

A WALKING STICK FOR PREMIER BAXTER

The sixty-third birthday of Premier Baxter, which was observed yesterday did not escape the attention of his fellow members of the government and Legislature. When the House resumed this afternoon after the weekend adjournment Hon. Dr. Taylor congratulated the Premier and on behalf of the members presented him with a walking stick. Hon. Mr. Dysart, leader of the Opposition also tendered felicitations. Hon. Mr. Baxter expressed his thanks in suitable terms.

Appeal Court

The New Brunswick Appeal Court which stood adjourned since Wednesday of last week, resumed today continuing with the case of the King vs L. P. Roy, District Highway Engineer ex parte Duquenne. C. L. Dougherty appeared for the attorney general to show cause against a rule nisi to quash the laying out and widening of a public highway. J. T. Hebert, of Campbellton also appeared. The case was continued this afternoon. Court considers in the three other Crown paper cases, those of King vs Nelson Price, King vs Arthur Balcolm Smith, and King vs Annie Larcenaire.

Gandhi Hopeful Of Early Return Of Peace in India

Had a Four-Hour Visit With the Viceroy, Lord Irwin—The London Round Table Conference Proposals Discussed—The Interview Will Be Continued Tomorrow.

NEW DELHI, India, Feb. 17—The Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the civil disobedience movement against British rule, appeared hopeful today of an early return of peace in India.

Gandhi visited the Viceroy, Lord Irwin, and they talked for four hours.

The civil disobedience campaign, Gandhi's demands for amnesty for all political prisoners, the London Round Table Conference proposals for a new constitution and other issues in the controversy were discussed by the independence leader and the representative of King George.

After the interview it was announced that the discussions would be continued tomorrow.

ORGAN RECITAL TO BE BROADCAST FROM MONCTON

Moncton, N. B. Feb. 16—The regular monthly organ recital from the Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, will be broadcast from the Canadian National Railways radio station, CNRA at Moncton on Wednesday Evening, Feb. 18th, commencing at ten o'clock. Allen McKay Reid will preside at the organ and assisting him will be Mrs. G. O. Baker, Soprano of Lunenburg, N. S. a member of the famous Lunenburg mixed quartette whose performance was of such a calibre that they were engaged as recording artists for one of the large phonograph companies.

LOSS OF LIFE BY FIRE IN NEW YORK TODAY

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

New York, N. Y.—Three persons were burned to death, eight injured and forty others rescued today when fire believed to have been of incendiary origin swept through a six story tenement at 84 Clinton Street.

Moving To Halifax

Moncton Times:—Major Milton G. Gregg, V.C., M.C., Bar, who for the past two years has made Moncton his home, left on Saturday to take up his residence in Halifax. Major Gregg has accepted a position in that city in the Advertising Department of the Halifax Herald, a post which will entail considerable travelling, and he expects shortly to make an extended visit to the West Indies. During his all too short sojourn here Major Gregg has made a host of friends, his quiet unassuming manner having endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and his departure from Moncton will not only mean the loss of the city's only resident Victoria Cross winner, of whom all are proud, but the loss of a citizen of sterling character and fine qualities.

The First To Meet

The first committee of the Legislature to meet will be the Committee on contingencies, Mr. Agar chairman, which will convene at eleven o'clock tomorrow. This Committee will recommend the payment of the usual allowances to the members for postage, telegrams, etc.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED

Mr. Melville of Carleton To Head Agricultural Committee, and Mr. Taylor Committee On Corporations.

The list of standing committees for the session of the Legislature, struck by a special committee was submitted to the House by the Premier this afternoon and approved as the recent election made necessary quite a lot of changes, new chairmen were selected for the committees on standing rules, contingencies, accounts, agriculture and corporations. Mr. Atkinson, of Sunbury retains the chairmanship of the committee on municipalities and Mr. Harrison, the chairmanship of the law committee.

Following is a list of those named to head the different committees:—

Standing Rules—Mr. Brooks.
Contingencies—Mr. Agar.
Library—Mr. Evans.
Agriculture—Mr. Melville.
Municipalities—Mr. Atkinson.
Corporations—Mr. Taylor.
Privileges—Hon. Mr. Baxter.
Law Practice—Mr. Harrison.

DIRECTORS OF C. N. R. ADOPT FIVE-YEAR PLAN

Toronto, Ontario, Feb. 16—A "five year plan," by which it is intended in 1936 to meet all interest payments to the public out of that year's earnings, was adopted by the new Board of Directors of the Canadian National Railways, it was announced tonight by Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, Minister of Railways and Canals.

Speaking before the Board of Trade Club, he stated that the Board had adopted the proposal, suggested by himself, enthusiastically.

The Government, he indicated, would have to come to the C. N. R.'s rescue again for 1930 operations and, far from receiving the interest on its own advances to the C. N. R., would have to help the railway pay the interest due the public.

During a hard times period many lean back but can't relax.