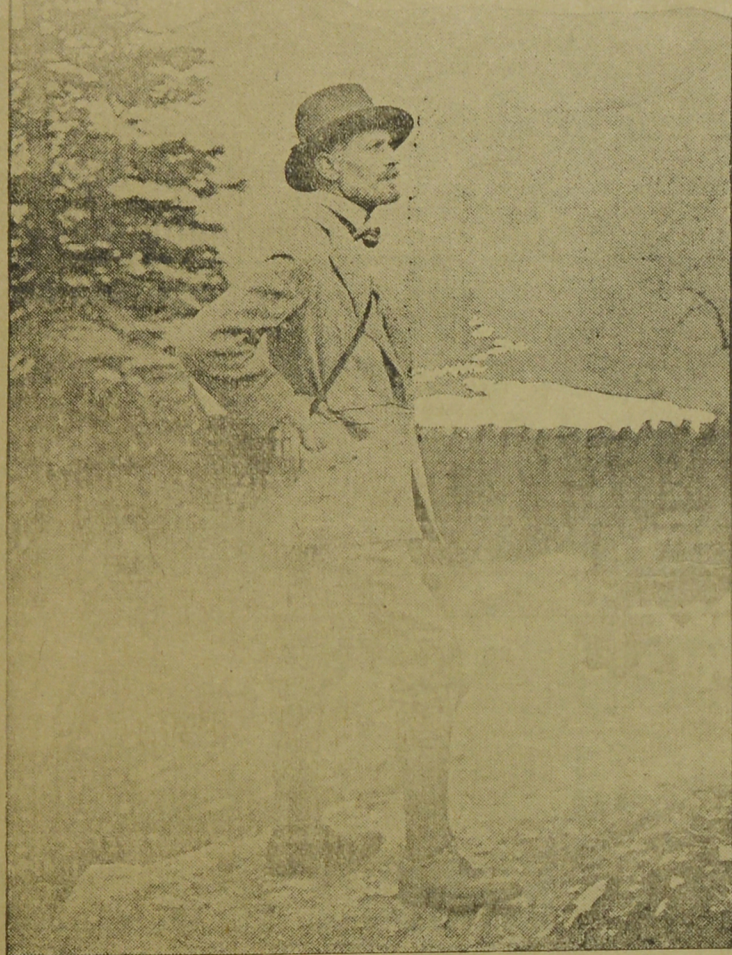


An Enthusiast on Canada



ONE might almost think that three million miles of travel would satisfy any man, but Mr. Burton Holmes, the famous American grobe trotter, wanted more and spent three months this summer in crossing Canada from coast to coast as the first stage of his fourth million. The country was new to him, but it provided him with such a wonderful variety of beautiful pictures that he now declares he never spent three more interesting months in his life. He is lecturing now to audiences of two and three thousand at a time in the great cities of the United

States, urging them to spend next summer either in the romantic, historic centres of Eastern Canada or the mountain fastnesses of the Canadian Pacific Rockies. His moving pictures of Banff, Lake Louise and the Yoho Valley are the finest of their kind ever produced, while the photographs in natural colors taken by Mrs. Burton Holmes are a revelation as to the possibilities of this new process of picture taking. Canada has probably never been drawn to the attention of our American neighbors in a more attractive fashion.

MOVIE MAN RETURNS FROM SIBERIA WILDS

Photographer Tells Thrilling Story of Bleak Country, Where the War was Unheard of.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Up in Siberia "where the roaring forties dip to the north," there's a black, remote country where the world war was nothing but a rumor until last year, when the "Little Father," as they call the Czar, issued a call to the colors. When they received it the men sold everything but their reindeer coats and dog sleds and hurried 4,000 miles over the snow to the nearest railway station.

From Nijni-Kolynsk, where the conscripts lived, to the nearest city—Yatutsk—it was 3,000 miles, and another thousand to the train at Irkutsk.

Seven Americans, the first to penetrate to this particular region, which they reached in the summer of 1914 after untold hardships, waved the northerners godspeed.

"But the pitiful part of it was that practically all the men were rejected," said Harold Wyckoff, a moving picture photographer, sent with the party by the Smithsonian Institution. "The men had lived on a fish diet so long they

could not pass the medical tests; and so they came back empty-handed, to start life over again."

"The biggest even in the lives of the people is the fur market, held for four days each March in Pontilaka," Wyckoff said. "Fifty years ago the natives were so uncivilized they would not come out to meet traders. Instead they held out the pelts on the end of their spears."

"Cartridges are the big trading commodity, and as the natives have no money they use white fox-skins as the basis of exchange."

"It is no wonder civilization has barely touched these people, because when the Russians came north they descend to the level of the tribes, instead of teaching them better customs," Wyckoff said.

Mr. Wyckoff is planning to return to Siberia, where one of his party remained behind collecting mammals and fossils for the Smithsonian Institute.

ASQUITH'S DAUGHTER TO WED.

London, Dec. 26.—The newspapers report the engagement of ex-Premier Asquith's daughter, Elizabeth, to Hugh S. Gibson, first secretary of the American Embassy in London. It is understood that the marriage is to take place immediately.

COVERED BRIDGE A GLOOMY SPOT IN WINTER TIME

Patrons of the I. C. R. Compelled to Keep Themselves Warm With Burning Thoughts—Government Unable to Provide Fuel for the Railway Station—"Commercial Traveller" Describes a Recent Visit to the Place—Where is Mr. Young, M. P. P.?

To the Editor of the Daily Mail.

Sir—On one of my regular trips I again landed at Covered Bridge station to take the express train for Fredericton, and I must say that although I found the accommodation as to fire, etc., as bad as I thought it was possible to have it about one year ago, I found things far worse. When I was there last winter there was a few icy lath edgings with which some of the waiting passengers were trying to make a fire to keep the women and children from freezing while waiting for a late train.

This time I found there was no wood of any kind, or anything else to make a fire. There were several women and children and men passengers there, 28 or 30 in all, and the train was one hour and fifteen minutes late. I tell you we had a comfortable time while waiting there in the cold—I don't think.

I asked "What have you folks done that the management of this railroad do not look out for your interests better than they do?" I would not care to tell some of the remarks I got in reply.

One man said, "The railway officials won't do anything toward getting any coal or fuel here; they are no good; the government representatives are no good, for they do not try to do anything."

Another man remarked that he had always been a Conservative and had done what he could for the party, but he was all through with them.

Another man said he made up his mind years ago that the old government was slack, unbusiness-like in their methods, and that a change would be for the benefit of the country. We had got the change and instead of being for the better, it was so much

worse—like jumping from the frying pan into the fire, and a very hot fire at that.

Another man said: "Never mind, boys, Wass will bring in a hand-sled load of icy lath edgings as soon as they are good and icy."

Another said: "The bridge and building inspector stopped here a few nights ago. A party spoke to him about no fuel being here. He said it cost too much; that if they (the passengers) who came to wait for the trains) would only make a fire about fifteen minutes before the train came, one fire would do; but they would make two or three, perhaps, and that would be very expensive." As if that would make any difference to him. If the Department of Railways can afford to throw the people's money away in paying salaries to officials like him and his assistants, imported superintendent and borrowed managers, they can surely afford to supply a little coal to keep passengers from freezing while waiting for express trains that are from one to three hours late.

Another man said: "It looks as if the powers that be care for nothing but boodle and graft for themselves and their personal friends."

There were a lot more remarks made that were amusing, but I have said enough and it appears to me straws show which way the wind blows.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I remain, yours truly,

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER.

HOUSE TURNED INTO SLAUGHTER PEN

Awful Work of Murders at Home Of John Reeves in Minden, La.

Minden, La., Dec. 26.—Neighbors summoned by a half-dressed boy of 7 ran to the home of John N. Reeves, near here, early today to find that murderers had turned the house into a slaughter pen. Reeves and his wife were dead, the man's skull crushed by an axe and the woman with a bullet-hole through her head. An eleven-year-old boy, still clutching in his arms his 15-months old brother, and another of five, were battered and chopped. The children were taken to a hospital at Shipveport, where the oldest died. Their brother, who gave the alarm, escaped because he was sleeping in the attic. He had come down early in the morning to look for his Christmas presents when he saw what sent him flying terror-stricken to the next farm house.

A tool chest in which Reeves is said to have hoarded that he kept \$4,000, was found broken up near a table on which the parents had placed an array of simple presents before retiring on Christmas Eve.

Posses searched all through the day for the murders. Tonight, three heavily shackled negroes were brought to the Minden jail. What evidence is against them has not been disclosed.

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