

VAST LAKE'S HIDDEN RICHES



Douglas Fairbanks and Lady Ashley in the Town Hall of the Eighth Amendment, Paris, where they were married on Saturday. They left Le Bourget yesterday for Spain, where they will spend the first part of their honeymoon.

SCIENTISTS' QUEST IN PERU

SILVER AND LEAD: LEGEND OF THE INCA TREASURE

From Our Special Correspondent

CAMBRIDGE, Sunday.

The discovery of vast mineral deposits and the transformation of one of the poorest areas in the world into one of the most prosperous may follow investigations by a British scientific expedition which is leaving England for South America in March, 1937.

Their objective will be Lake Titicaca, the highest, and one of the largest lakes in the world.

The Percy Sladen Trust has voted money for the work and Professor Gardiner has been asked to direct it. The expedition is also officially supported by the Royal Society and the British Museum.

"A Young Man's Job"

Professor Gardiner told me today: "I shall select six scientists—three zoologists, a chemist, botanist and geologist.

"I am too old to go myself. This is a young man's job, for it will be necessary to do a great deal of work on the lake itself, which is 12,500ft. above sea level.

The rarefied atmosphere imposes considerable strain on the heart.

The deepest parts of the lake lie in Peru, and the shallow areas in North Bolivia.

Legend says that \$50,000,000 of Inca treasure was dumped in the lake to save it from the Spaniards, but although the natives believe it is there, they have never searched for it.

They might have wasted their time if they had; but there are certainly substantial deposits of copper, silver and lead in the neighbouring region.

The lake was probably formed by the piling up of the Andes, by which it is enclosed.

The stream Rio Desaguadero takes water from the lake 240 miles south to Lake Poopo, which in turn drains into 20,000 square miles of marshland.

Each day 50,000,000 tons of water are evaporated over the whole region. There is no outlet to the sea.

Yet the whole of this vast water area is useless from an economic point of view. Only two kinds of fish exist in Titicaca, and they are inedible.

170 FATHOMS-DEEP
The object of the expedition will be to investigate the nature of the water and the fauna and flora of the lake from the surface to its greatest depth of 170 fathoms.

These researches will reveal whether it is possible to store the water with fish and provide an on-going, new food supply for the region.

"It is work of the greatest importance," Professor Gardiner said. "We shall not derive any financial benefit, our reward being an increase in scientific knowledge.

"Incidentally, the knowledge gained may prove useful in other fields. The Belgians are developing the resources of Lake Albert and the British are doing the same line in Kenya and Uganda.

HOUSE FULL AT QUEEN'S HALL

RACHMANINOFF'S ARTISTRY

By CRESCENDO

There were three big concerts during the week-end, all exceptionally interesting in their own way. Rachmaninoff filled the Queen's Hall on Saturday afternoon, and gave a great piano playing, financially able even for him, and he is the greatest of all the present-day pianists. He is an artist, as well as a pianist, and never forgets the composer. Three little sonatas by Liszt were delicious, and he made Chopin's Sonata in B minor sound quite fresh.

At the end everybody wanted him to play again, and he did—four encores. Yesterday, at the Polytechnic, Sir Thomas Beecham and the Hallé, Sir Philipparmonic Orchestra gave the Farnhäuser the brilliant, showy in Ellington played the second Brahms Concerto. He has any amount of technique, but it is all power and no poetry, and it is not fair to the composer, the piano or the audience.

Sigeti played a varied programme at the Palladium yesterday. He is a great fiddler. There were two novelties: one a Sonata by Nikita Magaloff, Sigeti's piano partner, showy in its jerkiness, and the other a Sonata by Weber, arranged by Sigeti, but the Brahms Sonata in minor was the thing of the afternoon.

YODELLED TO 5,000 PEOPLE

SWISS CHAMPION AT ALBERT HALL

Switzerland's champion yodeller and fellow yodellers entertained 5,000 people at the Polytechnic in the annual reunion at the Albert Hall on Saturday night.

Sir Kyraston Studd presided, and among the guests was the Swiss Minister.

Lady Kathleen Studd presented prizes for the best photographs taken during last year's tour. First prize went to J. T. Knight (Midlothian); second, B. Hutchings (Winchester). Other prizewinners were N. B. Blunt (Manchester), R. Dugbill, West Norwood; E. Parkhouse, Exeter.

How Will They Raise Those Four New Battalions?



Two charming Sherman Fisher Girls appearing in the London Palladium's new show, "All Aboard at Oxford Circus," opening on Wednesday.

The problem now facing the recruiting service is how to stem the downward trend in the numbers applying to join the Army.

This admission, at a moment when it is proposed to add four battalions to the strength, is made in the general annual report on the British Army for the year ended Sept. 30, 1935.

For every three men who attempt to enlist, one is rejected as unfit, the second is rejected for physical, medical or educational reasons, and only the third is approved.

Total strength for all ranks of the regular army is 263,361. With the Territorial army and reserve forces the figure is 464,250. Establishment is 524,802.

MORE PUBLICITY?

"As far as the quality of the men coming forward is concerned the trend is in the right direction, but the disquieting factor is the falling-off in the number of applicants," comments the annual report on recruiting.

"There were 88,283 applicants last year as against 68,081 this year. Luckily this decrease is more than offset by the corresponding fall of 12,259 in the number of rejections."

In 1935, 25,681 recruits were approved, an increase of 117 on the previous year. With rejections at their present reduced rate, it is found that 12,000 applicants a year would produce the required numbers. Increased publicity is the suggested solution.

"At Home" days were held at barracks during the year, when the public were invited to inspect them.

"A point which is not always realised," pleads the report, "is that a soldier's pay is only a small part of the benefits he receives in return for his services."

The best recruiter is the serving soldier himself, who is paid a small fee for inducing men to join the Army.

There are more recruits in the second quarter of the recruiting year, when most serving soldiers are on leave, than any other.

The modern soldier is an educated man. More than 1,000 men hold the special certificate which is up to matriculation standard and 18,330 have the equivalent of the school-leaving certificate.

Altogether 94.31 per cent. have Army educational certificates.

A FITTER RACE

The report of the special committee set up just over twelve months ago by the British Medical Association to consider the necessity for cultivating the physical development of the civilian population and the methods that may be pursued for this object is shortly to be published.

"We expect that the report will be issued during April," Dr. G. C. Anderson, medical secretary of the B.M.A., told the "News Chronicle." "It will deal with the whole question of physical development, and contains some important recommendations, particularly for school authorities."

SCHOOL BILL, DISPUTE TEACHERS TO OPPOSE CHURCH CLAIMS

Dr. Ruxton Diary Not Read

A "violent passion" in which Dr. Buck Ruxton was alleged to have declared "My wife has been unfaithful. I will be justified in murdering her," was described by a detective during the sixth day of the doctor's trial at Manchester Assizes on a charge of wife murder.

Samuel Fawcett, a Lancaster dental surgeon, said that Dr. Ruxton had assisted him as an anaesthetist at extractions.

Mr. Birkett, K.C. (defending): Do you remember whether at any of these extractions he was wearing a blue suit—I could not recollect.

"**GO AWAY WITH THE MAID**"
Detective Winstanley, referring to a visit to the police station by Dr. Ruxton on October 4, said the doctor stated that his wife had gone away on Sept. 15 with the maid. He suggested that Mr. Edmondson's letters might be intercepted to see if there was any reference to Mrs. Ruxton.

The doctor said he had asked the postal authorities to keep a record of phone calls from his house, and that he had been informed that silly love talk had been overheard. He got rather excited and, referring to Mr. Edmondson, said "The blighter, I could murder him."

The detective added that the doctor mentioned an occasion when he said he found under a mattress two photographs—one of Mrs. Ruxton and one of Mr. Edmondson. He said that he had torn up the photographs in the presence of his wife.

JUDGE ON DIARY ENTRIES
Mr. Birkett objected to the reading of Dr. Ruxton's diaries, and Mr. Justice Singleton questioned whether it was necessary to go back to 1928.

Det-Serjt. Stainton told of an occasion in 1934 when Ruxton said: "My wife has been unfaithful. I will be justified in murdering her."

He also said that on May 25, 1935, when he went to the doctor's house the doctor said: "Sergeant, I feel like murdering two persons in Dalton Square. My wife is going out to meet a man."

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