

U. S. S. Pennsylvania Is Modernized



The battleship Pennsylvania has been completely modernized at the Philadelphia navy yard. As the photograph shows, the old cage masts have been supplanted by massive tripod masts. The turret guns have been elevated, heavier armor put on, new fire control installed and many other changes made.

Ruins Tell of Viking Empire

Explorations in Present Baltic States Reveal Interesting Historic Facts.

Stockholm.—Archaeological research in the Baltic states continues to add supporting evidence to the theory that a powerful "Viking empire" was in process of forming in these regions more than a thousand years ago. It grows increasingly apparent that the whole Baltic littoral was more closely knit together by trade and communication than indicated by history as written in the past.

Important facts are also being supplied regarding the period of the great migrations and the southward wanderings of the Goths in the fifth and sixth centuries. In all the excavations specialists are stressing the need for cooperation. This idea was emphasized at Riga, at the Baltic archaeological congress, near the close of the summer, the first congress of the kind to assemble since 1912. And the idea will dominate in all accomplishment before the next congress, which is to be held in Kiel in 1934.

Tells of Buried Treasure.

In Sweden the two seemingly inexhaustible reserves of soil awaiting the spade and the measuring rod are the islands of Gotland, nearly midway in the Baltic sea, and Oland, just off the Swedish mainland on the southeast coast. Not that the horizontal area is so wide reaching. But on the island of Gotland, for instance, the excavation of the foundation of some ancient house or fort or cathedral may reveal traces of an earlier foundation beneath it and one still earlier beneath the second. Such is the case, as disclosed by the summer's work on the southern tip of the island, where Dr. John Nilfen, with a corps of workers, excavated an old "homestead," which legend attributed to Stavar the Great, a heroic figure dating approximately from the second century of our era.

Rumors of buried treasure are being substantiated on a small scale as the foundations of the huge hall, sixty meters in length, are investigated. There are remains of glassware from the Roman empire, ceramics with classical ornamentation, and numerous silver coins identified by their images of Trajanus, Hadrianus, Marcus Aurelius, Crispina, or other Roman rulers or consorts. Arabian coins bear a later date and suggest that the enormous house may have been desolate and deserted during a part of the age of migrations, 400-700, to be utilized again by the Vikings and their associates. These finds therefore seem to substantiate certain hypotheses about other interesting sections of the island.

The Swedish island of Oland, with its sixteen known sites of ancient fortifications, has recently been surveyed for archeological purposes from the air by Dr. Marten Stenberger on this his seventh year of intensive study of the region, somewhat barren but also picturesque with its steppelike vegetation. Here again there are traces of devastation and some forceful evacuation of populations in the same period—the centuries before and after 500 A. D.

Views Taken From Air.

The largest fortification, Gråbo,gen, was probably constructed at this time. Another, Ismanstorp, enclosed no less than eighty-eight houses. An inter-

esting fact disclosed by the recent aerial survey was that the houses were built around a rectangle or square, a type of building heretofore identified with the Middle Ages.

This work is supplemented with equally important work on the continent to the south and southeast. Prof. Birger Nerman, Swedish archeologist, has concentrated on Grodin in Latvia. He has identified Grodin as the Seeburg of legend, where King Olaf came in the middle of the Ninth century, plundering first Seeburg and later Apulia, now identified with the section called Apulee.

Hedeby, an old Viking center near Schleswig, is about to be made the subject of special study and will therefore become the first Viking town to be excavated on a comprehensive scale.

The connections between Hedeby and Birka, a Viking town once flourishing on the island of Bjorbo—the picturesque and idyllic Swedish "island of birches"—are being stressed and various theories are offered as to the relation between the two. Either Hedeby was a transit port, established for the trade of Birka, or, according to one speculation, Birka was a far northern outpost of Danish trade.

Holds Pygmy Court; Inspired by Golf!

Pittsburgh.—Judge George V Moore has set up a miniature criminal court here, calling it a "plea room," where he presides at a small desk with an assistant district attorney to receive pleas of guilty. He borrowed the principle from pygmy golf.

Lost Dog Answers Blast of Horn

New Orleans.—A rabbit dog belonging to Frank Audibert and Paul Geary was lost for three months but returned because of the blast of a hunting horn.

Mrs. Audibert thought she saw the dog near Bayo St. John. Audibert took a hunting horn to which the dog, Ben, has answered, and went horning. He commandeered a skiff, started blowing the horn as he rowed and finally found the dog in possession of two boys on an island.

Skeleton of Ancient Man Is Found in Lava

Redding, Calif.—Buried beneath 12 feet of lava, a good part of a human skeleton was uncovered by a highway construction crew four miles east of McArthur.

The find was made on a plateau called the Beach, and 20 feet from the edge of the wave of lava.

The skull is well preserved. The teeth are intact, the cheek bones high. The receding forehead indicates it was that of a prehistoric man, one who perished in the geological past when Mount Lassen was sending its great lava flow to the northwest.

It was presumed the man was running to get out of the way of the oncoming wave of lava. He lost in the race by only 20 feet, to be given burial that was not to be disturbed for hundreds of years.

Other human bones were found about the skull, but not so well preserved. The front teeth are all in place, but they are peculiar in being set edgewise instead of presenting a flat front as in modern man.

The skull is kept in the highway headquarters camp at McArthur by Frank Russell, chief engineer. He may send it to the state university for examination.

He Waited 46 Years to Get Varsity Letter

Lynn, Mass.—Rev. Charles Littlefield, former pastor of First Methodist Episcopal church here, and a candidate for congress and a delegate to the National Republican convention which nominated Calvin Coolidge for President, recently was convinced that the old adage "everything comes to him who waits" is true.

Mr. Littlefield attended Wesleyan university at Middletown, Conn., in 1884, '85 and '86 and while there played third base on the varsity ball team. According to the record he was a good ball player, for today he received a communication from the college notifying him he had been awarded the varsity letter for his performances on the team during those years.

Explosion of Moon Rocket Hurts Three

Vienna.—A large rocket designed by an American physicist to reach the moon exploded atop Mt. Redoria, near Milan, Italy, resulting in serious injury to a mechanic and slight hurts to two others. The rocket was designed by Dr. Darwin Lyon, who was said to have been in Milan when the rocket exploded.

New Thing in Medical Treatment



Endonasal reflex therapy, the latest contribution to medical science, the discovery of two eminent South American doctors, is now being demonstrated in New York city by Dr. Salvatore Caridi and Dr. Emanuel A. Manginelli. The treatment is administered by the stimulating of the nerve centers through the channels of the nose without the use of any medicines.

The KITCHEN CABINET

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"When one grows up with the mountains rather than molehills against which to measure one's self, one's importance becomes amusingly small."

PARTY GOOD THINGS

With the children the real party begins when the refreshments are served, and as we are all "children of a larger growth," we may be excused for liking tasty, nice refreshments.

For a bridge party the decorations may be in the color and design of the four suits of cards.

Canned pimentoes may be cut in the form of diamonds or hearts to top an open or double sandwich, spread with cream cheese. For clubs and spades, raisins or prunes or dates may be used.

All Trump Sandwiches.—Cut thin slices of bread into oblongs to resemble playing cards. Spread lightly with softened butter and then with cream cheese which has been rubbed to a paste with cream. Make the spots on the cards, the red of pimiento and the black of stuffed dates cut into slices.

Grand Slam Salad.—Dissolve one envelope of gelatin in one cupful of boiling water. Drain a number two can of grapefruit and add it (one cupful of the juice) to the gelatin with a few drops of coloring and enough after-dinner mints to flavor the mixture delicately. Two dozen will be ample. When the jelly is of the consistency of egg white, fold in the grapefruit sections cut into halves with the scissors, one cupful of diced cucumber and pour into small molds. Surround when serving with water cress and serve with sour cream or cream or cream cheese dressing.

Chicken Ham or Croquettes.—Put one small sliced onion and two sprigs of parsley through the food chopper with two and one-half cupfuls of ham or chicken, add one cupful of rolled crackers and mix well. Add a beaten egg, three-fourths of a cupful of milk and two tablespoonsful of cooking oil. Season to taste with salt and pepper and shape, roll in cracker crumbs, then in egg beaten with one-fourth of a cupful of milk, then in crumbs again and fry in deep fat after chilling well. The fat should be hot enough to brown a cube of bread in 40 seconds, or 385 degrees Fahrenheit.

Nellie Maxwell

Frenchman's Claim to Be "Father" of Films

Nobody quite knows who was the originator of the cinematograph, and there are several claimants for the distinction. Though Americans hold that Edison was the first of the film-makers, there is no doubt that a Frenchman named Louis Aime Augustin le Prince actually produced films several years before Edison.

Le Prince was a huge man. He stood six feet four inches and was broad in proportion. He came to this country as a young man, and at Leeds, in 1858, he photographed pictures with a one lens camera and also made a projector. His invention attracted considerable attention, though he was never able to exploit it commercially, for he came to an untimely and mysterious end. On September 16, 1890, he entered a Paris train at Dijon and was never seen again. His widow always believed he was the victim of foul play and that he was "bumped off" by an unscrupulous gang that wanted to obtain control of his invention.

Leeds citizens firmly uphold the claims of Le Prince to be the inventor of the "movies," and he is honored in the Yorkshire city this year by a memorial.—London Tit-Bits.

Trip to Alphabet Land

One of the most enchanting trips in wild Wales is to go by motor from Llandudno, Conway or Degeanwy, through Trefriw and Llanrwst to Bettws-y-coed, thence along the H-ly-head road past the Swallow falls and Capel Curig, under the heights of Tryfan to the gorge of Nant Ffranson. It is as famous in Wales as the trip to Capri is in Italy, or the famous Amalfi drive, though it has more variety than the latter.

Spider's Ingenuity

Spiders often display great ingenuity in building a web. Suppose one is perched on a twig fifteen feet from the ground and wishes to throw a line to another twig twelve feet away. It will either take note of the wind and, if favorable, make use of it, or lower itself to the ground, run across to the desired spot, fasten the thread and pull in the slack until it is taut.

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