

Warring Nations In Dinosaur Stage, Scientists Are Told

By STEPHEN J. McDONOUGH
Columbus, O., Dec. 30.—(AP)—Dr. Julian S. Huxley says warring nations of the world are today in the evolutionary stage of the almost brainless dinosaurs which vanished from the earth millions of years ago.

The English scientist today reminded the American Association for the Advancement of Science that the dinosaurs had brains little larger than a baseball and just about enough sense to eat when they were hungry.

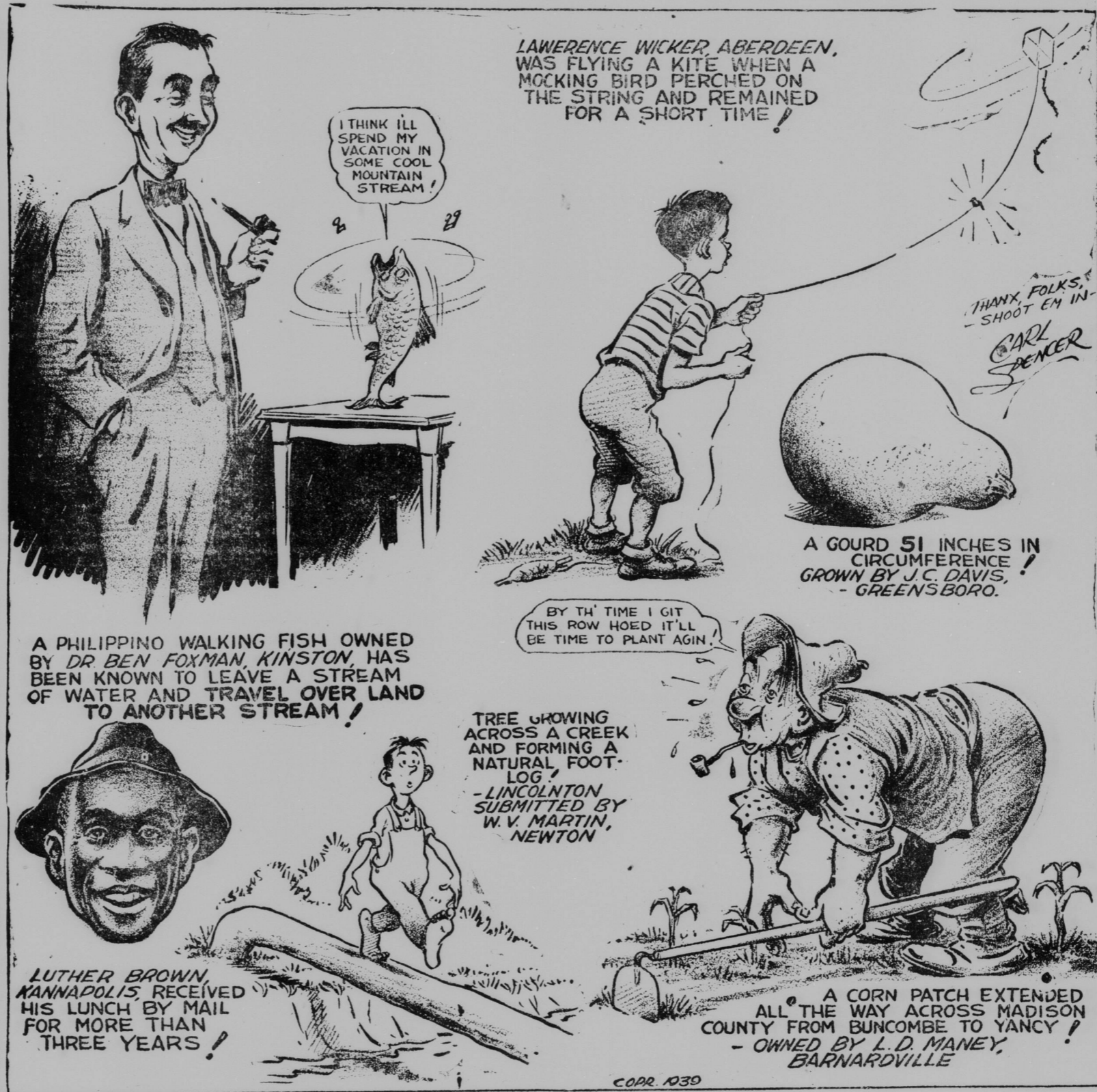
Dr. Huxley appealed to "countries like the United States" which are technically equipped and are not involved in the present war to "begin building up planned organizations on a large enough scale to

function as a social brain" in order that civilization proceed normally after the war and not end in chaos.

Mankind could learn many lessons by studying the rise and fall of the prehistoric dinosaurs, Dr. Huxley declared. "These animals answered bulk with bulk, aggressive with defensive warfare. But they were all doomed to extinction as soon as the insignificant but brainier little mammals their chance."

The present refugee problem and the distortion of truth in science and in propaganda of the nations involved in war indicate that the brains of totalitarian states' rulers are about at the stage of the "giant mesozoic reptiles," he said. They have might and power but do not know how to use it.

Odd Facts In Carolina By Carl Spencer



Start Probe Of Slaying At Prison

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Death row inmates at Central prison were questioned at length today as North Carolina prison officials pushed an inquiry into an unsuccessful escape attempt which resulted in the slaying of a guard early yesterday.

The guard, J. S. Chesser, 56, was garroted and bludgeoned by two condemned negroes who managed to open the "escape-proof" locks on their cell doors by using a piece of Christmas twine and some cardboard from a matchbox.

After slaying the guard, however, the two were unable to open a series of metal doors leading from the death row wing of the prison.

The Negroes are William Young, 22, convicted in Hoke county of murder and burglary, and Clarence Rogers, 26, convicted in Durham of murder. Both signed written confessions of the escape attempt and slaying, Warden H. H. Wilson said. Young and a co-defendant, Nathaniel Bryant, were to be executed this morning, but their deaths were stayed by Governor Hovey to make possible a full investigation of Thursday's killing.

Prison officials said they believed that Young and Rogers might have been helped by some other inmates of death row.

Confined on the row are 17 condemned men and seven other prisoners held in solitary confinement for disciplinary reasons. Rogers has an appeal pending from his conviction in Durham county. If he wins his appeal, Young and Bryant will be available, if desired, to appear in any criminal action which be brought against him from Chesser's killing.

Young and Bryant also would be available as witnesses if investigation finally involved any other inmate of the row—particularly any one of the seven not already under sentence of death.

Acre Yield For Cotton Up In 1939

College Station, Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Cotton farmers of North Carolina harvested approximately 75 pounds more per acre in 1939 than they did in 1938, and 10 pounds more than for the past ten-year average, J. C. Ferguson, of State College, revealed today.

The harvesting season was considered by both farmers and ginners as one of the best in years. Ferguson, who is cotton ginning specialist for the Extension Service, said. Cotton opened early, and the weather generally was good for harvesting.

"Yet," the specialist pointed out, "the grade was not any higher than usual. There were several reasons for this. In Eastern Carolina, boll weevil damage was a big factor. Then, too, cotton opened unusually early and rapidly, resulting in a large percent of staining.

"Another cause," he continued, "especially in the Piedmont, was hurried ginning. Many ginners were rushed even more this season than in 1934, when North Carolina produced its record cotton crop."

He explained that when ginners hurry the ginning operation so as to accommodate all of their customers as quickly as possible, they reduce the value of a bale from as little as possibly 50 cents to as much as \$10 to \$15 a bale.

He cited one example where cotton showed a grade reduction in more than 55 per cent of the ginnings during the rush season. This was due entirely to fast feeding or tight roll ginning.

After reducing the rate of feed and regulating the feed to the gin more carefully, the cotton which was ginned in the last few weeks of the season showed less than 5 per cent damage in preparation.

"Mills are becoming more discriminating in their purchases of lint cotton," Ferguson said, "and the staple must be of a definite length."

Farm Engineer



College Station, Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Joe B. Richardson, native of Mississippi, has joined the State College Extension Service to help with the agricultural engineering program under Prof. David S. Weaver.

The new extension worker has graduated from Mississippi State College with the B. S. degree, and received his M. S. degree from Iowa State College in Ames. He served during the past year as an instructor at Clemson College and previously worked with the Mississippi Extension Service.

Richardson was reared on his father's farm at Union, Miss. He fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Russell G. Broadus, who entered private business in Raleigh.

Democrats Decide Date On February 5

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Chairman James A. Farley today called a meeting of the Democratic national committee for February 5 to settle the much discussed question of just when the party should hold its nominating convention.

There has been talk in both major parties of departing from the usual practice of fixing the conventions for June, with some influential members of each advocating a much later date and a short campaign.

President Roosevelt, for one, has been represented as believing a late August convention followed by a whirlwind two-month campaign would be preferable to the old practice of a campaign dragging through the summer months and not attaining full momentum until fall.

On the Republican side, the late convention idea has an advocate in the national chairman, John D. M. Hamilton. He and others of the party, moreover, have considered the possibility of fixing the Republican convention for a date later than that selected by the Democrats.

This would reverse the old order of things, which in recent years has invariably found the Democrats meeting about a week or 10 days after the close of the Republican convention. Some Republican leaders, Hamilton among them, have felt that this yielded an initial advantage to the Democrats, enabling them to act more effectively for knowing the identity of the opposing candidate and the nature of his platform.

The Democratic committee also will be selecting the convention city.

Senator Bailey Is Sweet Briar Guest

Sweet Briar, Virginia, Dec. 30.—Senator Josiah W. Bailey of North Carolina and Mrs. Bailey will be among the distinguished visitors who will attend the ceremonies marking the establishment of a Carter Glass Professorship of Government at Sweet Briar College on January 4, eighty-second birthday of the veteran Virginia Senator.

Senator Glass has been a member of the Board of Overseers of the College for twelve years, and the College to honor him with a professorship of government was started by some of his colleagues on the board and has been supported by his friends and admirers in various parts of the country.

Dabney S. Lancaster, executive secretary of the Board of Overseers of the college, has announced a complete list of speakers for the observance on January 4. They include the Honorable Jesse H. Jones, Federal Loan Administrator; Robert V. Fleming, president of the Riggs National Bank in Washington, and Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, who will make the principal address.

Republican Leaders Are Asked to Jackson Feast

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Austin, of Vermont, Republican leader and assistant leader in the Senate, and Representative Martin, of Massachusetts, House Republican chief.

"The President is, of course aware of this letter," Cummings wrote them, "and I am authorized to say that he hopes that you will attend, but that his address on that occasion will be strictly non-partisan in character."

1940 French War Budget \$5 Billions

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249,111,000,000 francs (\$5,480,442,000). The entire sum, Finance Minister Paul Reynaud has announced, is to be obtained by public subscription to national defense bonds.

In today's western front action, French patrols tracked German units through the snow east of the Moselle River in the fashion of American Indians, military sources said.

Nearly all the Finns are Luthrans.

BUILDING AND LOAN LOANS ARE \$1,321,000

Building, savings and loan associations of North Carolina made \$1,321,000 of home loans during the month of November, according to Wheeler Martin of Williamston, President of the North Carolina Building and Loan League.

This represented 878 loans, 308 of which were for construction of new homes, totalling \$557,573. More than 158 loans were made for the purchase of homes, to the amount of \$260,000. In addition, 160 loans, to the amount of \$117,516, were for repairs and reconitioning of homes. The balance of 252 loans, totalling \$385,215, were for refinancing and other miscellaneous purposes, Martin stated.

It must make a dictator pretty sore when he realizes he must wait until Easter before there is another world-wide holiday which he can celebrate by bombing some defenseless city.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

