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#### A New Pacific Continent Forming

The United States is slowly acquir-#g a new continent. "Land waves on the bottom of the Pacific Ocean, caused, perhaps, by northward sliping of the Antarctic ice-cap and forled by pressure from the American the Japanese Archipelago, Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. reaking, at last, on the deep foundations of the Hawaiian Archelpago, seem now to be creating new land among the various islands and shoals of Hawaii." So, at least, says Edwin airfay Naulty geonhysicist of New York, who has made a study of the based on the present population of oceanography of the seven seas over Java of 36,000,000, would easily supa period of years. He is thus quoted | port a population of at least 25,000, in the New York Times:

"There need be no cause for alarm, as it is unlikely that there will be a ing it as a productive and trade base, and steady and has already been at Copra, coffee and tea to render the there seems to be unusual activity, present sources of these articles. and recent soundings show low shoals where only a few years ago the deep- taking place in the bed of the Pacific sea lead gave great depths. This Ocean. These changes are reflected



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000. It would be of tremendous strat egical advantage to the nation holdviolent upheaval. The process is slow and would grow enough sugar, rubber, work for generations. Just now United States independent of other

"Great changes have been and are

is particularly true of the region ly- in the seismic instability of all the ing between Mauai and Midway and coasts surrounding that vast deep. of the famous Penguin shoal off Mol- The modern epoch of these changes seems to have begun with the vol-"The expected upthrust of land, canic upheaval, itself the result of a churia, is boldly carrying out a which is likely to come in this gen- remoter cause, that blew up the eration, will present as a gift of nat- mountain of Krakatoa in Sunda ure to the United States a territory Strait, on August 27, 1883, the effects in the mid-Pacific as long as from of which were felt around the world. San Diego, California, to Queen and to have continued through lesser Charlotte Sound, British Columbia, outbreaks to the major disturbances and as wide as California, or as long of San Francisco, in 1906, Japan in as from the tip of Florida to Boston, 1923, and to present seismic activity. The last disturbance of July, 1925, extended from Kansas, west overland and under the Pacific as far as Hono-

> "Recent soundings of the channels between the various island comprising the Hawaiian Archipelago, from Hawaii Island to Midway Island, show shallows of 24 fathoms in old depths of 2,357 and 2,429 fathoms between Kauai Island and Nihoa shoal; a new shoal of 12 fathoms between Nihoa and Neckar Island shoal, with sounding midway of 20 fathoms against former 550 and 941 fathoms; of upthrust at Brooks shoal, Gardner Pinnacles, St. Rigotien bank; a new bank, the Raiti (P.D. and new shoalings around Dowsett and Maro reefs; the extension of Laysan Island shoal, with 13 fathoms depth; a new reef, just awash, to the south of Neva shoal, with a new bank of 25 fathoms depth to the east and a 14fathom sounding between Pearl and Hermes shoal and Midway Island.

"These shoalings extend from Kauai to Kure, from 160 degrees west to 178 degrees west and from 22 degrees north to 28 degrees north, or as latitude mileage runs at that position, for over a thousand miles. It is evident from a check on past obserwations and reports that the shoalings of the last decade between the islands and between islands and older shoals and the upthrust of old shoals is not ar isolated nor local phenomenor cut extends over a considerable area

has been no land is not a casual ent, self-sufficient system.

#### Struggle for Manchuria CHANG TSO-LIN AND JAPAN.

While China, from Peking to Canton, is racked with anti-foreign rioting, boycotts, and demands for "freedom" from foreign supervision, Man- and give Chang an independent con- Japanese sphere north of Dairen, and mote times as to-day the dominant churia is proceeding calmly in its development, with the aid of foreign Thus his plans not only threaten capital as well as foreign engineers Russia's hold on North Manchuria tung, a port that could rival Dairen, ticular methods of life with them

machinery. Chang Tso-lin, the Ruler of the Three Eastern Provinces that go to make up the vast dominion of Manscheme of railway construction that will treble the wealth of his provinces and give him an independence of communication that will double his military strength.

One line is to connect Mukder, Jehol, and Kalgan, and to consolidate under his rule the territory he gained in his recent war with Wu pei-ful, valuable as a poppy-growing country which made him paramount in China. This line will furnish a new route into Peking. British engineers are now laying out the line, and material for a start on its construction

has been purchased. Take a map of North China and the two main Manchurian railway lines are seen to form a great "T" with over which now is believed to be

has not earlier been noted and core- churian, running south-west from against Great Britain. lated has nothing to do with the facts | Changchun to Dairen, as the vertical

"Were we dealing with theory only progressive Chang Tso-lin, proposes all this might be interesting only to run a series of lines cast and west, Hawaiis. Lead growth where there linked up ultimately as an independ- port of Dairen, with its modern syst "makes all the biblically recorded

#### Japan's Objections.

being the Taonan-Tsitsihar spur, to tap the territory of the Chinese Eastern, the other an extension of Chang's own main railway from Mukden northeast to Tungliac, via Changwu.

It can also later be linked up with Manchuria as well.

Japanese desired to exempt from it clusion under the Consortium, claim ing priority in any loans made for it. Another line Japan fought to re tain but ultimately abandoned, on the surface at least, is one to connect Mukden and Kalgan to the north of the Great Wall. This line will, besides opening up a vast territory of rich land, said to be particularly yielding a superior grade of opium,

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this line can be built, under present of his earlier miracles. The traffic of this richest section financial conditions in China, but the Together with the skull were found od of operation of earthquake record- of China, one of the greatest under first link has been completed in the bones and implements similar to ers which announce shocks only and veloped corners of the globe, has spur running from Chichow, on the those relics of the Mousterian and Japan. Now its own ruler, the to Chaoyang, over which trains will cave of Le Moustier, on the Peseres casually, but there are the stubborn connecting with and feeding into the well launched in Manchuria Japan has primitive culture received its name. acts of the shoalings around the Japanese line, but capable of being the advantage to-day of her ice-free! This discovery, Sir Arthur said,

tem of warehouses and port facilities events which heretofore seemed to Two new lines are under way, one for some months of the year, with its days." warehouse facilities inadequate and slight financial security for shippers. has no first-class port at his com- probably by means of a stone instrumand, but he has two very important | ment. possible ports awaiting development. the Chinese spur lines to the north One is Newchang, just outside the continued, "we can say that in reopposite shore of the Gulf of Liao a cradle land, carrying their parand the use of foreign material and but also Japan's hold upon South for the development of which plans until a large area of the world was were made years ago, waiting for The Taonan-Tsitsihar line is one the funds to carry them out.

## Believed to be Skull

SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 2. - The skull of an ancient alilean, who lived at CapernaumG, some twenty thousand to thirty thousand years before miracles began to be performed there. may be taken as evidence that Europe was the cradle land, both of man and of his culture, Sir Arthur Keith, famous anthropologist, told the British Association for the advancement of science, yesterday.

The skull of which Sir Arthur spoke, a model of which lay on the the Chinese Eastern, from Manchuli, passing Soviet military supplies for table beside him, is that discovered on the Siberian border, running the "Christian General," Fang Yu- by Francis Turville-Petre, of the

and partakes of the nature of seismic south-east to Pogranitchaya, on the hsian, alleged to be Moscow's ally British School of Archeology, a few movement of slow motion but great Ussuri border, forming the upper against Japan, who, at least is play-mentiths ago in a cave on the north-likes from the unfortunate woman scope. That the movement described line of the letter, and the South Man- ing Moscow's game to-day in China ern shore of the Sea of Galilee, near who has been weak enough to go to twelve pounds to another whose the site of the ancient city of Caper- her in a time of need. She knows that band is earning three pounds a

There was evidence, he said, tha this early man was capable of per-China, or at least Chang Tso-lin, forming a simple surgical operation

"From this discovery." Sir Arthur covered. The balance of the eviland of both man and his culture." The Capernaum skull, the speaker

said, belonged to a species of manof Missing Link kind profoundly different in structure from all living races, who was "not our ancestor, but the cousin of our ancestor." It was a mistake, Sir Arthur added, to look upon this man or the Neanderthal man as an ape. for while the features certainly were more ape-like than those of any man living now, this man had a brain which in point of size, if not in or-'ganization, "reached modern standards at least."

Mr. Petre's discovery, Sir Arthur said, "will always rank among the most important events of your prehistory."

Sir William Boyd Dawkins, pro fessor of Geology and Palaeontology in Victory University, an another noted Anthropologist, told the scientists that they had before them "the skull of a missing link." He added that all the Neanderthal men were missing links. He concurred in Siz Arthur Keith's view that the Galilean man was not a director ancestor o the human race but a member of : race that perished from the earth thousands of years ago.

## Female Money-Lenders

HARPIES WHO MAKE THE POOR THEIR PREY. (By LEONORA EYLES) "I daren't tell my husband. He would never forgive me if he knew I

had done such a thing." How many times does one hear this tragic cry from a poor woman who has got into a money-lender's hands? And it is just the terror of being found out upon which the money-lender

"But why?" asked the magistrate. "I had borrowed a pound from her and strong banks and exchanger. mark the very beginning of history, and couldn't keep up the payments, so Russia has Vladivostock, ice-bound become the happenings of recent she had threatened to tell my husband And I knew if she told him he would

be very angry." As a result the money-lender was questioned, and it turned out that she was unlicensed. An unlicensed moneylender cannot claim back the money plent, and will be prosecuted if she is discovered at her trade. This woman was given the option of a £50 fine or nection with the Chinese Eastern, the other is Chinwangtao, on the type of mankind spread abroad from a term of imprisonment. She went to prison-because her husband, a labourer, could not raise more than five pounds to save her!

> The only thing for a woman to do, dence found in this aclilean cave is should she be in the hands of such a in favor of Europe being the cradle harpy, is to tell her husband the truth. The trouble it may cause is as nothing compared with what it might bring later on. And if this point is driven home the husband will eventually realise the fact.

There is a woman I know who bor rowed twelve pounds, and has been paying interest at five shillings in the nound each month without getting the capital reduced. The only remedy for her, and others like her, is to let the money-lender sue her in the County Court for the debt, and pay what the judge shall order. It will certainly be less than this extortionate interest. Certainly it is fair that money len



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