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CYPRUS AND PREHISTORIC AGE OF MEDITERRANEAN

Noted English Archaeologist Gives
Interesting Lecture Before a
Toronto Audience

A distinguished lecturer delighted a large audience in the physics building last evening with an illustrated address on "Cyprus and the Prehistoric Age of the Mediterranean." No one knows that interesting country better than Prof. John Linton Myers, M.A., F.S.A., of the University of Liverpool, England, whose visit to Toronto is part of his tour of several American cities under the auspices of the Archaeological Institute of America, the Toronto branch of which he has just addressed. He has already appeared in Halifax, Quebec, Montreal, Kingston and Ottawa and he goes here to Hamilton, thence to New York and Washington. While in Toronto he is the guest of Prof. O. B. Smith, Crawford street.

The island of Cyprus is the only British possession which has shared at all directly either in the civilization of the ancient east or in that of the Graeco-Roman age of the Mediterranean world. Situated as it is within sight of Asia Minor and of Syria, it naturally shares the same natural resources of these regions, and has at all times been an interested witness of the progress of mankind in the eastern Mediterranean basin; and occasionally also an active force in determining its character.

Cyprus, said Prof. Myers, first became prominent in human history in the centuries between 1500 and 1200 B.C., in the course of the struggle between the new and the vigorous civilization of the Greek islands and Crete on the one hand, and the older cultures of the Euphrates and the Nile—Babylonia and Egypt—on the other. Cyprus at this early period had already a well-marked civilization of simple character, and was brought into direct relation with its neighbors thru its great wealth of copper ores. These, in the days before the use of iron was understood, naturally made the island a desirable possession to Egypt and to the inhabitants of the islands in the Greek sea. Consequently Cyprus was extensively colonized by the adventurers and traders of Crete and other parts of Greece, and became an important outpost of European influence against the Egyptians.

But in the centuries which followed 1000 B.C., the parties are found to be reversed; the Cretan civilization decayed and was broken up by successive invasions of comparatively barbarous peoples from the interior of Europe, bringing with them a new school of artistic design, new customs and habits and probably also the knowledge of the uses of iron. Cyprus, standing as it did, a little aside from the main track of these northern invasions, suffered less than Crete and the mainland, and seems to have kept a good much of the civilization which it had learned from its western colonists. But gradually Cyprus, too, fell under the influence of the neighboring civilizations of Egypt and Assyria, and became for a while the ally and perhaps the dependency of the Phoenicians of Tyre and Sidon. Thus Cyprus passed into a fresh phase of its history, in which it appears as the outpost of the east against the west.

Then, about 700 B.C., when Greek lands had already begun to recover from the disorder and damage caused by the northern invaders, Cyprus was colonized from the west once more and became eventually incorporated by the victories of Alexander the Great into a world which was essentially Greek.

The lecture was fully illustrated by numerous lantern views of ancient works of art, some of which were covered by the lecturer himself in the course of excavations in Cyprus and Crete.

ROOSEVELT MAY HAVE A CHANCE AT MAN-HUNTING.
MOMBASA, British East Africa, April 8.—According to native reports received here the Mullahs of the Somalis inhabiting the desert country north of the protectorate are showing further signs of unrest and are assembling on the northern boundary of Kenya Province.

Lunatic Runs Amok.
AUBURN, Ill., April 8.—John Anderson, a plumber, becoming violently insane to-day, armed himself with two pistols, a shot gun and three bombs and killed Mrs. John McVicker, narrowly missed slaying her husband, wounded Mrs. John Belford, and then committed suicide, blowing his head off with the shot gun.

Destructive Fire.
MANCHESTER, N.H., April 8.—Fire here to-day caused a loss estimated at \$100,000. Fifty or sixty buildings were wholly or partly damaged.

A BROADER SPECULATION.

World Office
Thursday Evening, April 8.

The looked-for upward movement in the speculative stocks at the Toronto market developed somewhat unexpectedly this morning with the inauguration of a minor boom in Mackay common. The manipulative movement in Mackay started in New York, and was encouraged by pool operations from the same individuals who inaugurated the speculation in American Telegraph and Telephone shares. Otherwise than this there was only about the ordinary amount of business transacted, but the sentiment created by the boom in Mackay permeated the balance of the market, and, with a few exceptions, prices of speculative securities all ranged fractionally higher. With the initiation of a speculative movement, the investment business in the market dropped into its usual channel of inactivity. The outlook is for a broader speculation.

HERBERT H. BALL.

Pre-Holiday Speculation Shows Bullish Confidence

New York and Toronto Stock Exchanges Close With a Good Under-tone to Prices.

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There was much broader trading at the Toronto Stock Exchange to-day, occasioned largely by a movement which started in New York. This concentrated itself principally on the Mackay shares, the price of which was advanced four points before the boom subsided.

The movement in Mackay was precipitated by the rise in American Telegraph and Telephone stock, which constitutes part of the holdings of the Mackay Company.

The rise in Mackay stimulated speculation in other parts of the market and a generally firm undertone pervaded all the other speculative issues. Sao Paulo, Rio, General Electric and Twin City came into much better enquiry.

The buying in Twin City was also started from New York, where the purchases are looked upon as being of a well informed nature. It is now stated that the proposed legislation in connection with this road is entirely in accord with ideas of the company itself and that they will be perfectly satisfied if the bills before the Minnesota legislature are put into effect.

The earnings of the company are gradually showing improvement and with the legislation out of the way those who are bullish on the stock are of the opinion that much higher prices will be seen.

Considering that the market faced a three days' holiday, the strength to quotations was considered all the more effective than would have otherwise been the case. Brokers were not overburdened with buying orders to-day. They state that it is exceedingly difficult to fill orders in many of the stocks without advancing prices materially. The close of the market was decidedly firm and a much stronger market and more activity is looked for next week.

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Bank of England Statement.
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The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 47.22 per cent. last week it was 48.52 per cent. The rate of discount of the bank remained unchanged to-day at 2-1/2 p.c.

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