

# Diamond Hunters Set Sail, Big Adventure In Prospect; To Explore British Guiana

### Expedition Under Patronage of Harvard University and the Smithsonian Institute—Three Men Chosen, Will Spend Over Year in Jungle—Negroes Know Where Precious Stones Are.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Two young Americans sailed from this port today for South America to search for a vast store of wealth supposed to lie in the "chimney" of the diamond deposits of British Guiana. At Georgetown, the capital of the British possession, they will be joined by a third adventuresome American who has outfitted in Paris.

The expedition is under the patronage of Harvard University and the Smithsonian Institute, for which it will carry on geographical explorations. William J. LaVarre, Jr., a Harvard graduate of 1919, heads the party and his fellow explorers are James MacDonald, of Lima, Ohio, and Dudley Lewis, of Springfield, Mass. They expect to spend more than a year in the jungle.

Besides an attempt to follow the scattered deposits of precious stones several hundred miles through tangled, reptile-infested will, denses to their source, long known to exist somewhere in the hill country, but never discovered, the expedition will take observations of the aboriginal inhabitants and geological features of the country, as well as capture specimens of native wild animals for the Smithsonian Institute.

**Outlines the Project.**  
Before his departure on the Brazilian steamer Uberaba, Mr. LaVarre outlined details of the adventuresome project. Though still in his twenties the young explorer has accompanied three expeditions to South and Central America, including a difficult mission into the heart of the Andes.

After provisions are provided at Georgetown the expedition will board a canoe houseboat with a crew of a dozen to twenty men and laborers, and begin its journey up the Essequibo River, passing out of the area settled by white men in a few days paddling. After that it will penetrate the tropical jungle entirely on its own resources.

Establishing headquarters in the prairie country 170 miles up the Essequibo River, which empties into the Essequibo, the diamond hunters will begin work on the alluvial lands bordering streams on the eastern watershed of the Sierra Pacaraima Mountains which separate British Guiana from Venezuela.

The area in which the expedition will operate has been known since the middle of the last century as a rich diamond field, although its inaccessibility and the prevalence of tropical diseases have served to discourage prospecting by white men.

**Negroes Know the Spot.**  
Thousands of carats of the gems, said to be as fine as any in the world, however, are taken out annually by negro miners employing primitive methods.

"Somewhere near every spot where diamonds are found in considerable numbers there must be a 'chimney,'" explained Mr. LaVarre. "There is no real chimney where the Guiana 'chimney' is located, but we mean to find it and it is our expectation to find more than speculation. Study of data collected by other explorers and prospectors, as well as my own observations, indicate that it is within a certain area near the Venezuelan border."

He added that the quality of stones taken from the vicinity where his party will work points to a "chimney" as rich or richer than those of the South African diamond fields.

Animals which will be taken for the Washington Zoological garden include tapirs, anteaters, jaguars and monkeys, as well as a variety of tropical birds.

## RUBBER WORKS HERE IS BUSY EXPECT TO BE GOING FULL TIME ON LARGE ORDERS JUST RECEIVED

"We expect to be turning out from eighty to a hundred tires per day next week," said Superintendent Davis of the Tiger Tire and Rubber Co. Ltd. of Belleville, on Friday afternoon showing a party of rubber experts and others over the big plant in north-west Belleville. Several weeks hence the output will reach it is expected, one hundred and twenty-five per day. A large order for Tiger tires has just been received.

The members of the party were greatly surprised at what they saw during their inspection. The plant is in operation and shows the progress of manufacture step by step from the raw rubber to the manufactured tire ready to be placed on the market.

**How Tires are Made.**  
The party were first shown the raw rubber, then were directed into that portion of the plant where the various ingredients of commercial rubber are stored and mixed with the raw rubber. They were next shown where the rubber is put through the mills under great pressure and where the rubber was rolled into the fabric. Individual machines operate these huge machines. In the adjacent section of the works the visitors saw the rolled rubber and fabric built up into a tire. The rubber and fabric are first cut and then then passed to the workmen who build it up on the forms. The tire is turned over to the vulcanizing plant, where it is encased in a mould

which only partly closes at the start. It is then placed in the heater or oven next where heat is applied. It is at first subjected to a pressure of 500 pounds to the square inch and later to that of 1500 pounds, the mould gradually closing. The time for the vulcanization of the fabric and rubber into a homogeneous tire is one hour and twenty minutes.

Mr. Davis also explained the manufacture of rubber tubes. The Tiger factory has quite a large staff of operatives, of which increased in number as will the classes of rubber goods turned out.

**Oshawa People Interested.**  
The company have appointed The Tiger Tire Sales Agency, of which Mr. M. E. Smith is manager, exclusive general agents for Tiger tires and tubes and other products in the counties of Ontario, Durham, and Victoria. The sales company will have headquarters at Oshawa.

Messrs. H. H. Hastings, of Toronto General Manager of the company, and Wm. Seward, of Belleville, Factory Manager, were in conference with Mr. Smith with regard to pushing the sale of the tires in the territory mentioned.

There are quite a number of Oshawa people who have invested money in the company who will be glad to know that tires and tubes are now being turned out at the factory at Belleville and that the outlook is very encouraging.

### MARKET PRICES HERE SHOW STEADY IN TONE

Meats were a little easier on the market today, being almost the only line to show decline this week. The recent cutting in prices of market produce was not continued this week.

Beef hindquarters lagged today at 13c and 14c, forequarters going at 12c. Pork is worth about 30c and lamb which is practically off the market sells at 25c.

Butter took on a little extra strength today, selling at 58c to 59c per pound. Eggs possessed all the weakness of the two previous Saturdays, bringing 35c to 40c.

Poultry of late has been high and no change was apparent today. Fairly large birds sold at \$1.50 each, the smaller selling down to 75c each. Potatoes were not so plentiful and the market was listless as \$1.00 to \$1.25 per bag asked.

Grains are unchanged, oats at 62c to 65c, wheat \$1.50 to \$1.55, barley 90c.

Honey today sold at 20c and 25c per pound.

Small produce, such as vegetables sold at the regular prices.

The hay market is not active, baled bringing \$22 to \$24 per ton.

## DOMINATION BY ASIA FORETOLD

### Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Out With Startling Idea.

### ETERMINATES WHITES "Economically the Asiatic is Superior to the European" Says This Authority.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Domination of the markets of the world by Asia, resulting from the economic downfall of "white labor," was foretold by Dr. William Inge, dean of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The gloomy picture of the white laborer trying to keep his head above the overwhelming tide of yellow and brown workers was drawn in a lecture at Epson. In his talk Dean Inge said:

"The introduction of western industrialism into eastern countries has had the effect of increasing the populations and creating a class of native capitalists, some of whom like the merchants of Singapore and the mill owners of Osaka, are immensely rich.

The Japanese in their haste to make money tolerate a system of labor in their factories no better than that of England a hundred years ago. The ratio of wages to the output of labor is very low, giving the native manufacturers an enormous advantage over American and European industry.

"Economically the Asiatic is greatly superior to the European. The colored race will out-work and under-live and thus eventually exterminate the whites.

"The result of the American European and Australian labor movement has been to produce a type of workman who has no survival value and who, but for prohibition and immigration would be swept out of existence. His protection rests ultimately in war.

"The abolition of war and the establishment of a League of Nations to secure justice and equality for all nations would seal the doom of the white race. To-day he is living in surfeits behind an artificial dyke of iron-clads and bayonets, on the other side of which is a mass of more efficient labor which would eat him up in a generation if the barriers were removed.

"As conditions in the white countries become more unfavorable to enterprise, capital and business ability will be transferred to the East. India, China, and Japan will become full of factories and wealth will be so abundant in Asia that the governments will be able without difficulty to equip their armies and navies large enough to exact reparation for any transgression of international law from the whites."

**PICTON**  
Miss Viola Branscombe is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. A. Brooks, Demorestville.

Miss Lottie Ferris, of Kingston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Christy, Bloomfield.

Miss Ida Vandusen, Black Creek, is in town visiting her brothers, Mr. Vandusen and Mr. Albert Vandusen.

Miss Alice Helferty has returned to her home after a two months' visit with her sister Mrs. A. E. Reeves, of Toronto.

Miss Helen Way is spending a few days this week with Miss Evelyn Wrightmeyer, Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver and daughter, and Mr. Robert Crampson and son, Willie, Toronto, attended the funeral of Merritt Jackson at Bloomfield.

Mr. Jerry Kenny left Friday to visit Mrs. Thomas Blute, Campbellford, and Mr. Jas. Blute, Napanee, and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Welbanks and daughters, Dorothy and Emma, Miltonford, returned home from Cleveland where they were attending the funeral of Elwood Welbanks.

Mr. Lennox King left the employ of Mr. J. Maher and is spending a few days in Wellington before leaving for Sainte Ste Marie to occupy a position there.

Messrs. J. N. Sanderson, Northport; J. Sanderson, Toronto, and W. J. Sanderson, Detroit, were in town last week, attending their mother's funeral the late Mrs. Sanderson.

Mr. D. J. Huettis, of Belleville, who succeeds Mr. Maloney as customs collector at Pictou, has taken charge of the office. Mr. Maloney has returned to Deseronto, resuming the position he formerly held as collector at that port.

Miss Ritzella E. Smith, of Calgary, Alta., formerly of Pictou, Ontario, who was ordered out to the coast by her physician to recuperate from an attack of pleuro pneumonia, has been spending the last six weeks in Seattle, Wash., Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., and expects to return home this week.

**LATE JOSEPH LEIGH SIMPSON.**  
All that was mortal of the late Joseph Leigh Simpson was laid to rest in Belleville Cemetery on Saturday afternoon. The funeral was held under Masonic auspices from the family residence, Victoria Ave., to St. Thomas Church, Ven. Archdeacon Beamish conducting services. The bearers were H. C. McElraith, G. B. Smith, O. R. Thompson, H. Hall, H. R. King, and J. A. Henderson.

## REV. A. H. FOSTER STAYS AT A SALARY OF \$2000

At the February meeting of the Official Board, the pastor, Rev. A. H. Foster, accepted a unanimous invitation to remain another year at a salary of \$2,000.

About this time last year a class of about a dozen boys pledged the sum of one hundred dollars for the Forward Movement. This seemed a large sum of money to raise, considering the fact that the boys are all of school age and are not in a position to earn for themselves. With help of their leader, Mr. A. C. Gillett, half the amount was paid during the fall and yesterday at the Sunday school session the class president, Alex. Weir, handed the representative of the church a cheque for the remainder of the amount promised.

The entire class was called to the platform and heartily congratulated by the superintendent on the way in which each boy has upheld the honor of the class.

During the social hour held at the close of the evening's service, under the direction of the Epworth League two splendid addresses were given by Messrs. Mason and Argow of Albert College. The subject, upon which Mr. Mason based his address was: "The Boy That Canada Wants," bringing to mind the positive qualities needed in the boy of today. He referred to the "four-fold" development as outlined in the program of the C.S.E.T. as being sufficient if followed, to produce the type of boy Canada is anxious to call her own.

Mr. Argow, on the other hand, spoke about "The Boy Canada Does Not Want," and proved conclusively that the country has no place for the lazy, selfish boy, the boy who is a "poor loser" or the boy who is not devoted to his studies.

Remarks by the pastor and the singing of several hymns closed the hour.

## CHICKEN HUNT STIRS CITY; SABBATH QUIET INTERRUPTED BY CHASE IN WEST BELLEVILLE

Chickens? Half a dozen or more hen coops, robbed of their choicest birds, provided the week-end sensation for Belleville and Julien Samuels and Max Marcovitch, his son-in-law, were arrested by the police yesterday on two charges of theft. A flock of thirteen pullets was found at Samuels' premises on Sunday and were brought to the station. Three dead birds were picked up on the streets.

Mr. Thomas Meagher, Charlotte street, made the first discovery of Sunday morning's big haul in West Belleville. He missed six Rhode Island Reds and a partridge wandotte. Detective Sergeant J. M. Trautman and Sgt. D. N. Boyd of the police department were placed on the trail. Footprints in the snow were followed along Parker street and the officers saw Mr. James H. Dyer. Telling him of the missing Dyer took a look at his own poultry shed only to make the discovery that four barred rock birds were gone. The clue led on down Commercial street and Mr. George Moxam was found to be another loser. His loss was seven Rhode Island Reds of prize stock and one rose comb White Wyandotte. On Warham street, Mr. Leo Ketcheson's coop was found tampered with and four brown Leghorns missing.

Down the hill the officers went and their sense of scent led to Mr. Samuels' premises. On James street far more efficient labor which would eat him up in a generation if the barriers were removed.

Samuels' hen house was looked into and thirteen birds were found there. These were five Rhode Island black, two reds, three whites and two brown Leghorns. The police brought them along with Samuels and Marcovitch to the station. The flock was a very plump looking aggregation.

**Put Boots in Tracks**  
Samuels was wearing boots with rubbers and Marcovitch wore boots. The footwear was taken and an investigation of these footprints left in the snow.

At noon today Mr. W. H. Phillips 11 Commercial street, notified the police that since Sunday morning one White Wyandotte rooster and five Rhode Island hens had been missing. Two of the dead birds were found near Mr. Ketcheson's are said to have been identified by him.

The premises of Messrs. Page and Irvine were visited by the bird fanciers and they fighting stock" asked Mr. Moxam. "If so, we might send for the timekeeper."

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**Hands Birds Over to Detective**  
The disposition of the poultry was a vexing problem. Mr. Mikel thought Samuels could keep them at less cost than anyone else. The questions of feed and eggs also loomed up. Then came up the case of the three dead birds.

"Put them in cold storage," and to the storage they go.

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**Cherub of Eight Gives More Trouble**  
The eight-year-old cherub, who got locked up in the Store Laboratory Limited last week, made his escape from the Shelter yesterday and ran home. He will be taken in a few days to Orillia by Inspector Ruston. The papers for his removal to the hospital for the feeble-minded are now being made out.

**Youth Got Liquor and Pays \$50 Fine**  
Gilbert Delina, a young citizen paid a fifty dollar fine with costs in police court this morning. He was arrested by the police on a charge of illegally obtaining a prescription for liquor from a doctor for the purpose of procuring liquor for the purpose of whom it was not intended. Delina admitted the charge and gave a signed statement to the police of the facts of the case.

**Police Car Bumped in Sunday Accident**  
On Sunday afternoon the police car was in a slight tangle up at the corner of Front and Bridge streets. A young man driving along Front St. did not see the police Ford which received a bump. The damage was slight. The officer warned the driver as to his future care in driving.

**Recover Ford Car on Sunday Morning**  
Abandoned on James street, a Ford car stolen on Friday night, was recovered by the police on Sunday morning in a somewhat damaged condition. The machine is owned by Mr. C. J. Heaslip, Trenton.

**Robe Has Owner; Not So, Rain Coat**  
Mr. George McDonald, R.R. No. 4 Thurlow has claimed the fur robe which George Smith who was arrested a few days ago on a vagrancy charge, was trying to sell at a second hand shop. Mr. McDonald last saw it in a canteen in his drive shed. No one has yet claimed the raincoat also found in Smith's possession.

**"Gilbert K" Coming? Women After Him**  
Belleville people may be favored with a lecture by either G. K. Chesterton, the renowned writer and lecturer or Bliss Carman, the Canadian poet. The Women's Canadian Club of Belleville are now in communication with them and it will be known definitely soon which one will be here. The Canadian Club are also in communication with a third party, who will be "well worth hearing if they can get him." It was said today.

## COLLECTED TOLL FROM PEOPLE WHO DODGED BRIDGE FOR ICE

Roseboro was the scene of great excitement on Saturday night when Justice of the Peace W. W. Anderson held court to hear the charges under the Criminal Code against Herbert Lossee and Lucas Lossee of collecting toll from persons crossing the ice on the Bay of Quinte, and directing traffic from the Bay Bridge.

W. C. Mikel, K.C., acting for the Lossees' took the objections that from anyone who was willing to pay collecting toll or directing traffic under the Criminal Code, and besides that the payment was purely voluntary as no one was stopped from crossing who refused to pay. Herbert Lossee claimed that the ice had become unsafe for crossing owing to large cracks and a sinking of the ice near the Prince Edward shore, and that he, by cutting the ice in places and placing temporary supports made a safe landing on the shore, which necessitated changing the road formerly used. He took toll from anyone who was willing to pay him.

After hearing Mr. Mikel's objections, the magistrate dismissed the charge.

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**Prince of Wales Refuses a D With Foo**

GLASGOW, March 2.—The Prince of Wales, who is visiting Scotland, was accorded an enthusiastic reception.

During the day the ade of unemployed, who were with such mottoes as the 1914 prices," and has refused our diam no option. The last referred to the Prince ed to attend a public dinner owing to opposition in the Town Council pending funds for loan.

A despatch from L ary 21, said the Labor the Glasgow Council spending public money when hundreds were

**Paris Sees Wa Youths Ca To March to**

PARIS, March 9.—A thrown back into war when the youngest soldiers gathered here Germany.

Summarily called to pollus sprawled about trains today, roaring the first sections to canteens clanking against," the beardless so the narrow limits of grounds, vainly trying lions of the interest.

The soldiers, smooth like the grizzled work they were destined in the penetration of G ed like and fit for come.

Although no one her troops would meet res ers and fathers who el station, wept over the "accidents" which might or bereavement.