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Between digging up old things and inventing new ones, the scientifically-inclined citizens are kept busy. One of the latest expeditions we read about is that which is to set out from England for the Tanganyika Territory in East Africa, to recover the extraordinary remains of dinosaurs unearthed by Germans just before the war. Dr. W. E. Culter of the University of Manitoba, the well-known collector of pre-historic specimens, is arriving in London this February to take charge of the expedition, will leave London a few weeks later on its two years' journey.

The German discoveries indicated that the East African dinosaurs were twice the size of the largest in British museums, although that is eighty-four feet long. German East Africa, which passed into British hands during the war, has become a region of great interest to scientists the world over, and American museum authorities have asked for permission to recover dinosaur remains for their own collections. These dinosaur remains lie at Tendaguri, nine hundred feet above the sea level and perhaps forty miles from the coast.

In January, the steamer "Crissfield" docked at Philadelphia, laden with 85 tons of relics from Egypt and Palestine, unearthed by expeditions of the University of Pennsylvania.

Last spring, the explorers from an American University returned from an Eastern trip with two dozen dinosaur eggs, said to be millions of years old. One of the eggs appeared to contain part of the skeleton of a small dinosaur. Otherwise as "Punch" of England declared, the two dozen seemed to be in fairly good condition.

Then we had a despatch from New Orleans which stated according to a lecture delivered by Count Byron Khun de Porok, archaeologist and artist, that hipsters and rogues, as well as delicately-perfumed face locations and powders, more than twenty-three centuries in age, have been unearthed in the ruins of Carthage.

This young scientist has been in charge of the excavation work at the ancient city for the last three years and is considered one of the world's prominent authorities on the subject of archaeology. He said the excavations also found thick-lens spectacles, a terra-cotta pipe organ, perfume vaporizers, the tomb of Hannibal and his family, his elephant stable; also they discovered the boudoir of a lady of high rank containing many cosmetics and articles suited for Midway's dressing table.

This archaeologist, with the fancy name prophesied that excavators will yet find great wealth—the treasures of the Gothic conquerors—buried beneath the remains of the city of Carthage. Also—and this is of more interest to be learned—the Count believes that the lore of ancient libraries will yet be revealed in that historic spot.

It was a woman, according to the old tales, who founded Carthage—none other than the Tyrian princess, Hellen, usually known as Queen Dido. She was a masterful lady who, when persecuted by her brother, Pygmalion, fled to Africa and made a real estate deal with Iarbas by which she became possessed of the land on which Carthage was subsequently built. Iarbas was not an honest soul and tried to force Dido to marry him. This lady, who was a widow and desired to remain unmolested, found that Iarbas was determined to make her the sharer of his fortunes and decided to burn herself to picturesque cinders rather than be Mrs. Iarbas.

Therefore the funeral pyre of Queen Dido lights the best with the name of Milant Womanhood. Of course, Virgil has a different story about her falling in love with Aeneas, but those who knew most about Dido say that there is nothing in the Virgil story, for Dido had been dead ever so long before Aeneas began to wander about the Mediterranean. Anyway, all authorities declare that Dido was beautiful and that she brought from the sophisticated city of Tyre many new perfumes and beautifying creams. So,

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Those censors who are pointing so bitterly to the modern fopper as an entirely artificial young person, who is practising the most "lureful" description by resorting to the powder puff or the vanity box, would do well to consider feminine ways, in the light of the results of excavation in Thebes and Carthage. The fopper of to-day is probably an understood person in comparison with the young lady of high estate who tried her arts on Hannibal.

Dinner Cost a Throne

In the months immediately preceding the outbreak of the great war, we would have thought Marie Adelaide, Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, whose death was recently announced, one of the most fortunate sovereigns as she was undoubtedly one of the most beautiful of European princesses, says the London Times.

Nothing could have been more gracious and charming than her demeanor at a village fête in which I saw her take part at Ylinden in July, 1914, when she was just 20. Yet even then her reception by her subjects was not quite what a stranger would have expected and thought becoming. After the hand had ceased to play and the bouquets had been smilingly accepted and the Luxemburgers had sung their national anthem—"We want to remain faithful to our king"—one could not help hearing certain murmurs. The Grand Duchess, people were saying, was "too fond of Prussians."

She certainly was not so fond of them that she wanted them to invade her country; but they were unquestionably a great many Prussians hanging about her court, and when the invasion came it found her surrounded by Prussians and to some extent Prussianized. None the less the Grand Duchess telegraphed a protest to the Kaiser and then cried: "A lady of her court, who had fled to my diadon hotel for refuge, told me that she had seen her and her sisters and the younger sisters governess all sitting round the room together—and all of them in tears."

Whether after that the Grand Duchess was frightened or coaxed into being uncertain at the time and still remains uncertain. Her enemies said that she was a pro-German; her friends that she was humiliating herself in the hope of saving her country from the fate of Belgium. On the whole, as time went on it was the view of her enemies which prevailed. In September 1914—a date at which a number of her subjects were lying in the Trier Prison, treated there with as little ceremony as common criminals—she invited the Kaiser to dinner and theater "the glorious German army."

There can be little doubt that the dinner cost the Grand Duchess her throne. Her people never forgave her for it. Their fury was intensified by a telegram which she sent to the Kaiser in 1915, congratulating him on his victories and by her ready assent to her sister's marriage to the then Crown Prince of Bavaria. It became

certain that as soon as they were free to do so they would insist upon her abdication. Grand Duchess Marie Adelaide abdicated her throne in January, 1919, and entered a convent, a course which she had already contemplated following at the time when the Kaiser was trying to marry her to his youngest son, Joachim.

In the last year of the war she seemed to have lost her fear of the Kaiser, even to the point of attempting to intrigue against him; but it was not to the Allies that her sympathies were then transferred. They were enlisted on behalf of Catholic Bavaria against Protestant Prussia, and a mysterious visit which she received in 1918 from the German Chancellor, Count Hertling, was interpreted in many circles in Luxembourg as meaning that Bavarian particularist ambitions were coming to a head and that a plan had been formed for including Luxembourg, together with Alsace and Lorraine, in an independent Greater Bavaria. At, however, such a scheme was ever considered, the collapse of the German armies and Kurt Eisner's unexpected revolution made its execution impossible.

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