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Scients Probe Discovery of Old Tomb in Sahara

FIND OF GREAT INTEREST TO
ARCHAEOLOGISTS.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—(C. P.)—The discoveries made in the Hoggar country of the central Sahara by Count Byron Kun de Prorok and his college expedition came before the Academy of Inscriptions of the French Institute yesterday and aroused more interest among members of that body than the scheduled election of a new member of the academy.

Prof. Stephane Gsell, of the College of France, an authority on North African archaeology, read his report on the discovery of the tomb which Count de Prorok believes is that of Tin Hanan, the legendary ancestor of the kings of the Tuaregs, the strange white race of the central Sahara.

The discussion showed a division of opinion among the scientists as to the antiquity of Tin Hanan's tomb, although all agreed on its importance to archaeology. Solomon Reinach, conservator of the national museum of St. Germain called it the "greatest discovery and richest tomb ever found in North Africa outside Egypt."

He placed the date of the tomb about 500 B.C. The Abbe Chabot, noted Orientalist, however, said it dated from about the time of Christ. M. Gsell, who said he had been misquoted by newspapers said the tomb could not have been made earlier than 1,000 B.C. because of the iron objects found in it, but said he thought it more likely that it dated from the ninth or tenth century of the Christian era. (Dispatches from Paris quoted M. Gsell as saying that Tin Hanan lived in the Fifteenth or Sixteenth century of our era). His report referred to the "rich harvest of archaeological and linguistic documents brought back" by the expedition.

Libyan Venus
The so-called "Libyan Venus," which Count de Prorok and his aides thought belonged to the Aurignacian epoch (about 1000 B.C.) found near the tomb has been set aside for study by the Academy of Inscriptions, which will make an official report within two or three weeks. Other materials from the tomb also will be gone over carefully by this learned body. M. Reinach, on behalf of the academy, asked for the privilege of making casts and replicas of many objects. M. Gsell admitted the resemblance of the "Libyan Venus" to paleolithic figures found in France but added, "The resemblance is natural, but valuable only for its style and not for dating the epoch."

He recalled a passage from the Greek historian Herodotus (484, 425 B.C.) describing the goatskin garments worn by Libyan women in his time. "Ostrich plumes decorating the head are in keeping with a very old Berber custom," he said, "for we have seen these worn by Libyan chiefs from the time of the first Egyptian dynasty to Byzantine days." In any case, the tomb has absolutely nothing of the Islamic character and must antedate the Islamic conquests in the Sahara (Eleventh Century A.D.) M. Gsell added that he had no doubt that Tin Hanan was a woman, this being proved by measurements of the skeleton found in the tomb.

M. Reinach, examining the bracelets found with the skeleton which Count de Prorok had claimed closely resembled in workmanship the products of ancient Carthage said they not only were like the Carthaginian workmanship with antimony mixed with gold and silver, but they also resembled jewellery found in the ruins of ancient Babylon.

Quebec May Put Tax on Pulpwood

QUEBEC, Dec. 12.—Rumors are current here that the Government may impose a new tax on the pulp and paper industry or perhaps on the development of water-power to enable an additional expenditure of about \$200,000 on education in the rural district. What extent this taxation, if any, will reach cannot be ascertained, but it is most likely that some move will be made to get revenue for education, which will allow some of the leading industries of the province to co-operate to a larger extent towards the public instruction.

A tentative project now under way by the Provincial Government is expected to bring an expenditure of about \$400,000 for the rural school in addition to the \$7,000,000 already spent for the benefit of the sons of farmers.

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Anglican Laity to Choose Vicars

NEW MEASURE CURTAILS POWER
OF BISHOPS TO OVERIDE
PEOPLE.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Bishop of London lost the patronage of twenty-five livings in less than five minutes during the autumn session of the Church Assembly, held during the past week at the Church House, Westminster. The Assembly set itself to reform the anomalies and abuses which have existed under the present chaotic conditions of ecclesiastical patronage.

The Assembly also agreed that no change in the patronage of a living shall be made without the consent of the Parochial Church Council. The Assembly also resolved that a Patronage Board should be established in each diocese, upon each of which two laymen are to sit. These laymen are to be chosen by the Parochial Church Council of the parish to which an incumbent is being appointed by the board.

These patronage boards are to have the power of vetoing the presentation of a living in their diocese to any clergyman whom they do not consider suitable to the needs of the parish concerned.

The resolutions concerning patronage show a new spirit in the Church, said a well-known cleric to a representative. "For the first time the laity of a parish are to be consulted as to who shall be their vicar or rector."

A committee has been appointed to consider these patronage resolutions and to frame a measure, which will be discussed at the Assembly's next session. This measure, when agreed upon, will be sent up to the House of Commons.

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Bright Colors Mean Little to the Peacock

We may be misjudging the peacock and rooster when we call them vain birds. For Dr. H. Erhard, of Munich, who has been experimenting with the eyesight of birds, says the shimmering colors in plumage probably mean nothing to the feathered creatures. At least, they do not appreciate colors as we do, if indeed they even distinguish one color from another.

Birds that fly by day, Doctor Erhard says, see everything in a bright red-orange light, being very slightly sensitive to the short waves that make up blue and violet. Night birds, on the other hand, never see red, but do see blues and violet. Tiny globules of oil in the retina of the eyes act as color screens and determine the birds' color sense, according to Doctor Erhard.

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Ocean Fares Back to Pre-War Level

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TO STIMULATE FLOW OF IM-
MIGRANTS TO CANADA.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—A striking illustration of the influence of the North Atlantic Steamship Conference on rates in recent years is held here to be furnished by the Department of Immigration and Colonization of the drastic reduction in ocean rates for immigrants to Canada. By cutting from \$35 to \$15 the rate is now restored to the pre-war level when the tide of immigration to Canada flowed strongly.

It is believed that, while the British Government is to a small extent indemnifying the steamship companies for this cut rate, most of the reduction is being absorbed by the companies themselves. Especially before the special House Committee on ocean freight rates last session the steamship companies insisted that with the \$35 rate they had struck rock-bottom, that this rate represented the actual cost of carrying the immigrants.

High hopes are entertained that this unusually low rate will greatly stimulate the influx of immigrants to the Dominion. It has been recognized for at least ten years that the greatest obstacle to increased immigration was high transportation charges. These, together with the seriously reduced buying power of European money, made it extremely difficult to get immigrants.

Further details of the new Empire Settlement plan entered into between the Canadian and the British Government and the steamship and railway companies are likely to be disclosed at the coming session of the Dominion Parliament. W. J. Egan, Deputy Minister in charge of this work, is now in London completing the plans, but is expected here in a short time.—Morning Chronicle.

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