

of the upper Yellow River, a region last traversed by foreigners many years ago, and then only with an organized caravan.

These bleak wind-torn steppes averaging 14,000 feet above sea-level are almost grassless, and take a heavy toll from such merchant caravans as venture between Jyekundo and Sining. Caravans are always heavily armed against marauding bands of Ngolok nomads, and Mr. Dolan reports a narrow escape from an engagement with such a band. The wastes are almost trackless, and for nine days the small party was lost with a failing food supply. However, an extensive survey of the animal and bird life was made for the first time, and an excellent view obtained of an almost unknown snow peak, Amnyi Machen, which, contrary to previous observers, Mr. Dolan judged to be less than 25,000 feet high and not comparable to the giants of the Himalayas.

Along the Ussu tributary of the upper Yangtze River in northeastern Tibet the expedition collected specimens of wild yak, Tibetan antelope and big-horn sheep, secured with a view to new habitat groups in the museum. Besides these, many other mammals and birds have been collected and prepared for shipment to Philadelphia.

VISIT OF BRITISH PHYSICIANS TO THE UNITED STATES

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association states that fifty-five British physicians, with members of their families, making a group of 110, visited, between August 4 and 14, New York, Washington, Chicago, Albuquerque, the Grand Canyon, Los Angeles and San Francisco, on their way to the meeting of the British Medical Association, which will be held in Melbourne, Australia, in September. On their arrival in New York on the S.S. *Georgic*, on Sunday, August 4, the visitors were met by Drs. Morris Fishbein and Austin A. Hayden, Chicago, and Arthur W. Booth, Elmira, N. Y., representing the American Medical Association, and by Drs. Frederic E. Sondern, New York, and Arthur J. Bedell, Albany, president and immediate past president, respectively, of the Medical Society of the State of New York. On Sunday afternoon the guests were taken by motor to Grasslands Hospital, Valhalla, N. Y., with a special police escort. Monday, August 5, was spent in visits to the Columbia University-Presbyterian Hospital Medical Center, the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research and other points of interest, with a luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria. On the following two days the party saw the sights of Washington, D. C., and Mount Vernon. They were received at the White House and entertained at a reception at the British Embassy. They were also guests at a luncheon at the Mayflower Hotel, at which

officials of the Army and Navy Medical Corps, the U. S. Public Health Service, the British Embassy and the Medical Society of the District of Columbia were hosts. Arriving in Chicago on August 8, the day was spent viewing places of interest in the city. The party was accompanied by Dr. Hayden, who was in charge of arrangements for the day; Dr. Olin West, secretary of the American Medical Association; Dr. Fishbein; Dr. Thomas P. Foley, president-elect; Dr. Robert Hayes, secretary of the Chicago Medical Society, and Dr. Lemuel E. Day, member of the council of the Illinois State Medical Society. At the Union Stockyards G. H. Swift, together with medical and other officials of the firms of Swift and Company, Armour and Company and Libby, McNeill and Libby were hosts at a luncheon for the visitors. At a tea at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Robert Ross, acting British consul in Chicago, and representatives of the various official bodies made addresses, to which Dr. Ernest Kaye Le Fleming, chairman of the council of the British association, responded. In the evening the party was entertained at dinner. During the day Professor Ernest W. Hey Groves operated at Cook County Hospital. Sir Comyns Berkeley, Sir Ewen MacLean and Professor John Bright Banister visited the radium centers at Michael Reese Hospital and the Chicago Lying-in Hospital.

At midnight the party left on a special train for Albuquerque, N. M., where they were entertained by the Bernalillo County Medical Society, with visits to the University of New Mexico and the Indian village of Isleta. A day was spent at the Grand Canyon as guests of the local medical society. Los Angeles was visited on August 12, with the Los Angeles County Medical Association acting as host. On August 13, the daylight coast line trip to San Francisco was taken, the entertainment being arranged by the County Medical Society. In the afternoon the party embarked for Australia. It was planned to stop one day at Honolulu, where the Hawaii Territorial Medical Association and the Honolulu County Medical Society planned entertainment, including sightseeing trips around the island of Oahu and a dinner at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, with special Hawaiian music and dancing.

THE AMERICAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

THE 1935 annual meeting of The American Forestry Association, which will mark its sixtieth anniversary, will be held at Lake Placid, New York, on September 12, 13 and 14, in coordination with New York's state program to celebrate fifty years of conservation. The two meetings will form one of the greatest conservation rallies in many years. President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace have been invited to participate.

Plans for the anniversary meetings call for a series

of field trips and sporting events interpolated with talks by eminent men. Opportunity will be given those in attendance to view at first hand some of the accomplishments of New York State since the creation of a forestry commission and the forest preserves fifty years ago—the real beginning of state forestry in the United States—and to hear conservation leaders discuss future trends and policies. The headquarters of the meeting will be in the Arena, at Lake Placid, where many of the sessions and events will take place.

A meeting of the New York Section of The Society of American Foresters, which will be open to all attending, bait-casting contests and a championship baseball game between Civilian Conservation Corps teams will be held on the opening day. In the evening there will be a banquet, at which Secretary Wallace, Dr. John H. Finley, associate editor, *New York Times*, and Lithgow Osborne, commissioner of conservation, New York State, have been invited to speak. Henry Solon Graves, president of the association and dean of the Yale Forest School, will serve as toastmaster.

The automobile field trips on Friday, September 13, will include such outstanding examples in conservation as the Clifford R. Pettis Memorial Forest, the Lake Clear Forest Nurseries and Fish Hatchery, and the Fish Creek public camp grounds. At Wilmington Notch, Governor Herbert H. Lehman, of New York, will unveil a tablet to commemorate fifty years of conservation in the state. The evening program will be a campfire dinner and an address by J. N. Darling, chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey.

On Saturday, September 14, the new highway to the summit of White Face Mountain will be opened and the pageant in the Arena at Lake Placid will take place. President Roosevelt has been invited to take part in both events. If the President attends, there will be a conservation luncheon in the Arena.

Lake Placid lies in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains, 2,000 feet above sea level. It is easily accessible by a single day's travel by rail or motor from any point in New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Special summer excursion rates are available. By airplane, it is within two and one-half hours from New York City.

RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. CURTIS F. MARBUT, chief of the Soil Survey of the Department of Agriculture and honorary professor of geology at the University of Missouri, died on August 25 at the age of seventy-two years, from pneumonia after a railroad trip from England by way of Moscow. He was *en route* to Peiping to undertake a study of Chinese soils at the request of the Chinese Government. Dr. Marbut sailed from

Baltimore on July 17 to attend a meeting of the International Conference of Soil Science in Oxford, England, before proceeding to China. Having received six months' leave of absence, he intended to return through India to Italy and carry on some research work in Rome before coming back to this country. He would have retired from the government service on July 1, 1936.

DR. EDWIN RAYMOND LECOUNT, professor of pathology and chairman of the department at Rush Medical College, Chicago, died on August 23 at the age of sixty-seven years.

THOMAS A. EDISON, JR., son of the late Thomas Alva Edison, in charge of the research engineering department of Thomas A. Edison, Inc., known especially for improvements made in combustion engines, died on August 25. He was fifty-nine years old.

DR. ANNA MARIA RHODA ERDMANN, professor of general biology at the University of Berlin, known for her work in experimental cytology, died on August 25 at the age of sixty-five years. After four years' association with the Robert Koch Institute of Berlin, Professor Erdmann came to the United States in 1912 and lectured at Yale University Graduate School, becoming later an associate of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. After her return to Berlin in 1919, she became a professor at the University of Berlin.

THE death is announced of Dr. Max Cremer, emeritus professor of physiology in the University of Berlin and formerly head of the Physiological Institute of the Veterinary College, Berlin.

A MEMORIAL to Simon Newcomb will be unveiled this summer in the village of Wallace, Nova Scotia, where he was born a hundred years ago.

THERE is in process of preparation a memorial volume to the late Dr. G. Carl Huber, who, until his death last December, was dean of the Graduate School and head of the department of anatomy of the University of Michigan. It will contain seven doctorate theses worked out largely under Dr. Huber's direction, and several short articles by former colleagues dealing with different phases of his life. It is to be published as a subsidized extra volume of the *Journal of Comparative Neurology*.

A PORTRAIT of the late Dr. William B. Rogers, at one time dean and professor at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, was recently presented to the college by former students and by the faculty of the old college. The presentation was made by Dr. Joseph A. Crisler, Sr., at a meeting of the Memphis and Shelby County Medical Society and was accepted by Dr. James B. McElroy, professor of medicine.