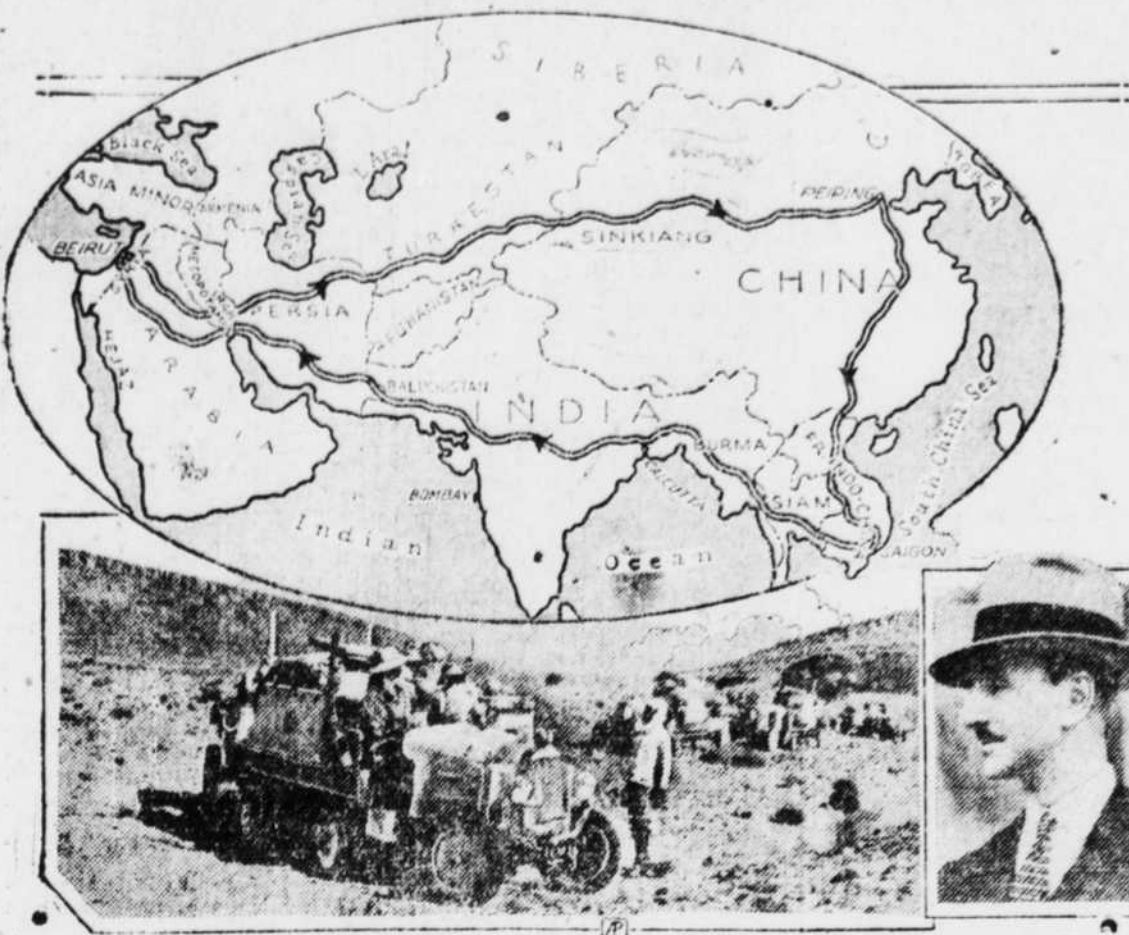


Modern Marco Polo Will Lead 35 Scientists On 13,000-Mile Asian Tour in Auto-Tractors



The map here shows the approximate route of 35 scientists, led by Georges-Marie Haardt (inset), who will make studies in a dozen scientific fields in an Asian tour. They will travel in machines that are half automobile and half tractor (below).

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (AP) — Eight crawling mechanical monsters, half automobile, half tractor, will carry a modern Marco Polo on a 13,000-mile tour of Asia. Georges-Marie Haardt, known as the "motor car Livingstone of France," is to head an expedition of 35 men with experts in a dozen scientific fields. They will span 5,000 miles of last-known Asia, starting in March from Beirut, Syria, for Peiping, China, and return across 8,000 miles on a more southerly route. American cooperation in the venture will be given by the National Geographic society, which will send Maynard Owen Williams as its representative.

Two cars will be devoted to motion picture photography with color and black-and-white cameras registering scenic wonders of inner Asia as well as customs and costumes of its people. Native dialects and songs will be preserved by sound records. The automobile equipment will be similar to that used by Haardt in man's first crossing of the Sahara desert by other means than camels. In that expedition the entire length of Africa was traversed. The cars are light and supple, capable of traversing mud, sand, snow and rocks. They can go 40 miles an hour over good roads. They were developed originally by a French captain, M. Kergesse, when in charge of the Russian czar's motor cars. Escaping from Russia after the fall of Kerensky, he fled to France, where Andre Citroen, backer of the present expedition, became interested in perfecting the cars.

The Asiatic expedition will be in the field from 12 to 18 months, crossing from Syria into Iraq, Persia, Russian Turkestan, Sinkiang and China and turning south at Peiping for a long trek down to French Indo-China. From Saigon the group will return through Siam, Burma, India, Baluchistan, Persia and Arabia. Studies will be made in meteorology to fill in blank spaces on world weather maps. Specialists will study geography, archeology, geology, animal and plant life, with other branches of science. A powerful radio outfit will keep the expedition in touch with Paris headquarters.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

- January 2, 1931
Arthur Brechler, 37, of Rock Springs, Wyo., and Alice Manville, 25, of Salt Lake City.
January 3, 1931
Murray L. Sager, 23, of Los Angeles, and Elizabeth Jones, 21, of Lancaster, Calif.
Earl H. Wilson, 49, Hollywood, and Caliste Viola Olmstead, 43, Los Angeles.
Claude M. Sherrard, 31, Los Angeles, and Ora Elizabeth Baskerville, 27, Los Angeles.
Howard Gish, 21, Lancaster, Calif., and Madelyn Guthrie, 18, of Las Vegas.
Pete Peterson, 35, and Mary Martha McAvoy, 35, both of Reno.
January 5, 1931
Jas. W. Hudson, 36, and Marie E. Ciddings, 31, both of Burbank, Calif.
Frank Matrangola, 26, and Maxine Agnes Hansen, 22, both of Los Angeles.
Charles E. Wallace, 38, and Lea Bonart Leahy, 37, both of Barstow.
Arthur W. Crossman, Jr., 24, and Ondry Leslie, 24, both of Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO DOESN'T LIKE WEDDING PRANKS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5. (AP) — Newell Hart doesn't think much of the pranks friends play on bridegrooms. Accompanied by friends, Hart was crossing the bay to Alameda to marry Miss Ruth Elizabeth Parker. On the ferry boat deck was a large chicken coop, equipped with padlock. The door was open so Hart was shoved inside and the lock snapped. The cage was decorated with roughly written signs and the hundreds aboard had a laugh at Hart's expense. When Alameda was reached he was released.

PARIS LIKES GAY SPORTS WEAR THAT FLASHES AGAINST SNOW

By BARBARA BEAUFORT (Associated Press Fashion Editor)
PARIS, Jan. 5. (AP) — Costumes as bright as bitter-sweet are Paris' latest and gayest winter sports idea. The skating, skiing and skipping costumes which Europeans are wearing at St. Moritz are designed to flash against black and white winter scenes with the same brilliance as the scarlet berries against leafless trees and snow. A splashing contrast with the landscape is the main idea—and the new models live up to all that has been expected of them in that respect. Crimson caps and gloves, orange scarves, bright plaids, warm red-browns and sunlight yellows are all part of the sports scheme which reflects the gaiety of play. For the girl whose eye is on snow-clad mountain tops—or any snow at all for that matter—one

AT SAN QUENTIN GATES



Shackled, even as an ordinary prisoner en route to Prison, Gilbert Beesmyer, \$8,000,000 looter of the Los Angeles Guaranty Building & Loan association, arrived at San Quentin penitentiary Saturday to begin his sentence of 10 to 100 years. Photo shows Beesmyer (right) posing for cameramen at prison gates with Warden Holohan.

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PERSONAL

Mrs. Mary Casper, formerly of Los Angeles, is now making her home in Las Vegas.

Hair Richardson, held on a charge of having violated the narcotic law, came up for preliminary hearing yesterday morning at 11 o'clock before U. S. Commissioner W. J. Hepper. Harley A. Harmon appeared for the U. S. district attorney. Fred S. Alward represented the defendant, who was bound over for trial in the federal court.

Fred S. Alward will leave Saturday for Carson City to attend the legislature, going by way of San Francisco. Wayne Stewart is going along to be attached during the term of legislative session.

Miss Thelma Woolley of Salt Lake City spent Friday and Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Deason, on her return trip to Salt Lake City after visiting in Los Angeles.

Miss Jean Ward of Salt Lake City arrived in Las Vegas Saturday evening for a short stay with Miss Alice Doherty. On Sunday afternoon Miss Ward, Miss Doherty and Miss Dorothy Buzick left for southern California where they attend school. The first two girls are students at the University of Redlands, while Miss Buzick attends Scripps college.

Miss Laura Wilson has returned from a vacation spent in Los Angeles and San Dimas, where she was the guest of Mrs. N. E. Williams.

Trevor Pennington has returned to Puenate, where he is a student at Golden State Military academy.

Miss Frances Martin left Saturday for Claremont where she is a student at Scripps college.

Miss Jean Nevada Fayle left Sunday evening for Oakland where she will complete her junior year at Mills college.

Mrs. Adelle O'Brien and son, Bobbie, returned Friday from Los Angeles where the latter has been seriously ill for the past month.

W. N. Cox has purchased the California grape juice business from Dixon Snider, and will continue to operate the business at the present location on South Second.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben R. Stromer of Kingman have returned home after spending a week visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Cashman and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gusewille.

Mrs. C. L. Rannow returned Sunday from Ogden where she has been visiting her mother, Mrs. West, since Christmas day. Mrs. West accompanied Mrs. Rannow.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Baker have returned from Hollywood where they enjoyed the holidays, and are living at Ogden and Seventh streets.

Proceedings In District Court

Hon. Wm. E. Orr presiding.
January 3
Golden vs. Golden, Lewis & Gambill, attorneys for plaintiff. Decree of divorce granted.
Donald McDevitt, plaintiff, vs. Edna McDevitt, defendant. T. A. Wells, attorney for plaintiff. Decree of divorce granted.

January 3
Clyde Hoke Hemphill, plaintiff, vs. Sallie Thelma Hemphill, defendant. C. D. Breeze, attorney for plaintiff. Decree of divorce granted.
In the matter of the estate of Charles Frederick Feldt, etc., deceased. Stevens, Henderson, Noland & Noland, attorneys for petitioner. Order entered appointing E. A. Stevens as administrator of said estate; order summary administration be had, etc.

January 5
Frank H. Rust, plaintiff, vs. Elsie Barbara Rust, defendant. Decree of divorce granted. Albert Duffill, attorney for plaintiff.

Ford vs. Hamilton. Motion to re-tax costs dismissed.
Baugh vs. Baugh. Action for divorce. Harmon, Salter and George E. Marshall, attorneys for plaintiff. Off calendar subject to resetting.

CAMPUS POPULATION AT OHIO COSMOPOLITAN

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 5. (AP) — The campus population of Ohio State university this year is one of the most cosmopolitan of any university or college in the United States, according to a recent survey. Ohio State boasts of students representing 22 foreign lands and all but five of the 48 states. The total enrollment was said to be nearly 11,000.

Students from foreign countries have students in the current registration, which were not represented last year. They are Spain, Russia, Chile, Norway, Liberia and Haiti.

MAINE INDIANS HAVE MEMBERS AT LEGISLATURE

EASTPORT, Me., Jan. 5. (AP) — Maine's state legislature may change its political complexion from time to time, but it always includes two full-blooded American Indians. The Passamaquoddy tribe, with a settlement near here and the Penobscot, who live at Old Town, have chosen a representative to the legislature at every state election. These Indian legislators have no voice but they appear before the appropriate committee to present the financial requirements of their tribes.

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Washington Wed 172 Yrs Ago Today

So much has been written on the more spectacular phases of George Washington's life that it is sometimes difficult to appreciate the really human qualities of the man. One of the finest stories ever told of Washington is that of his courtship of Martha Custis and their subsequent marriage. In this story are revealed some of the best and most attractive qualities of America's greatest hero. The firm, strong-willed leader of men who unflinchingly would face death on the battlefield found that he needed the companionship and helpful counsel of a woman. Fortunately, he met the sort of woman he wanted to marry in his home, and they were married on January 6, 1759.

The story of George Washington's marriage to Martha Custis is told by the division of information and publication of the George Washington bicentennial commission, in a statement intended to call attention to the 172nd anniversary of this notable event. George Washington first met the widow Custis at the home of Major Chamberlayne in May, 1758. The lady had been a widow for about a year. She had married Colonel Daniel Parks Custis when she was 17 years old, and was left at his death eight years later, with two small children and a considerable fortune. Although it is said that Washington was formally presented to Mrs. Custis for the first time by Chamberlayne, it is almost certain that the famous soldier and the charming widow had at least heard of each other before that time.

Fate must have taken a hand in the events of that day in May when Colonel Washington was detained at William's Ferry over the Pamunkey by his friend, Mayor Chamberlayne, who earnestly pressed upon the young man an invitation to stay his journey and enjoy the hospitality of the plantation. But Washington was hastening to Williamsburg where he intended to ask the governor in person for men and supplies for the frontier, which previous urgent letters had failed to obtain. Chamberlayne was insistent, however, and when it appeared that all his opportunities must fail to alter the plans of the colonel, he informed the latter that he was then entertaining the

The Age is informed that a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sutoris in St. Francisco, December 18. The lad is named John Doyle Sutoris. His mother was formerly Clara Doyle, when she was a member of the Las Vegas high school faculty.

charming Mrs. Custis. This argument, apparently, was potent enough to convince the young warrior where all others had been vain, and Washington consented to remain only long enough to partake of the meal which was then being prepared.

Bishop, the personal servant of Washington, who had served under Braddock, was instructed to hold the colonel's horse in readiness for a speedy departure as soon as dinner was over. The old soldier knew very well his master's reputation for punctuality, and since the business at Williamsburg was important, he fully expected that this wait would be a brief one. But the dinner hour passed, the sun sank lower into the west, and still Washington lingered. At last in the warm dusk of the May evening, the faithful Bishop received orders to stable the horses for the night and the journey was postponed until the next day.

There is something amusing in

this scene of budding romance, although it is no wonder that Washington tarried. Martha Custis was beautiful, attractive and accomplished. She has been described as being short, slightly plump and of engaging personality. Certainly the colonel's interest in the lady was matched by her own interest in the renowned young soldier, and such mutual agreeableness was surely sufficient to crowd prosaic business into the background.

However, the governor had to be visited, so the next day found Washington on his way to Williamsburg. But as soon as the business which took him there was taken care of, the now fully smitten colonel proceeded to the White House, the Custis home on the Pamunkey, where it appears Mrs. Custis expected him. When he left there he must have been in high spirits, for he took with him the lady's promise to marry him as soon as he should finish his military career. (Continued on Page Five)



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