

EXPLORE LAND OF MAN-EATING FISH IN JUNGLE

Party of 11 Scientists Seeks to Solve Mysteries of Matto Grosso.

By Times Special
DESCALVADOS, Brazil, March 13.—Here on the fringe of the earth's last mystery lands—the Matto Grosso jungles—eleven scientists and explorers are completing final plans to translate the voice and life of the jungle into terms of the civilized world.

While the Matto Grosso hinterland has been penetrated briefly on other occasions, notably by the late Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, this present expedition will be the first to attempt a real study of the strange human, animal, and plant life of the "River of Doubt" region, according to Captain Vladimir Perfileff, general director of the party.

Pictures to Be Taken
Talking picture recorders, Kohler lighting and battery charging plant, phonograph and records, a battery of cameras, and a short-wave radio set are a few of the items of equipment with which the mind of man hopes to conquer this wilderness of nature.

In addition to talking pictures of the jungle savages, the expedition plans to capture alive and bring back anacondas, giant armadillos, tapirs, jaguars, ant-eaters, birds, mammals and rare specimens of fish. By far the most desired of the latter is the piranha, a vicious, carnivorous fish, which though only a foot long, is able to reduce men and animals to skeletons within ten or fifteen minutes. The teeth of the piranha are like razors and the natives dry the jaws and use them for clippers.

Nine Months in Jungle
Electricity is probably the greatest single advantage of this modern jungle expedition over those of the past, particularly that in which P.

Edsel Rests



Now step out in the sunlight, please... thank you, sir... And here's the pleasant photo of Edsel B. Ford which a cameraman took at Miami Beach, Fla., the other day. The automobile magnate, son of Henry Ford, was a vacation visitor at the balmy resort.

H. Pawcett, the British explorer, vanished completely in this same labyrinth swamp and dense undergrowth in May, 1925.

An electric plant manufactured in Kohler, Wis., similar to those used in the recent Byrd Antarctic and Beebe expeditions, supplies the party with power for many uses.

The party left New York Dec. 26, traveling through Montevideo and then striking inland for 2,500 miles to this point.

After departing from Descalvados in the near future, it is the plan of the expedition to spend nine months in the jungles.

FIRES WILL BE DULL IN FUTURE, CHIEF BELIEVES

Thrills and Romance to Be Taken From Blazes of Morrow.

By United Press
HARTFORD, Conn., March 13.—It looks as though the fireman of 50 or 100 years hence is going to lead a pretty drab existence, if the opinions of Fire Chief John C. Moran, who has just completed

forty-five years as a smoke-eater, are correct.

In his opinion there will be no more shiny apparatus with miles of hose and wailing sirens, no thrilling rescues from burning buildings, no sliding half-dressed down a brass rail on a cold winter's morning for a high-speed race to the blaze.

Here is Chief Moran's conception of a typical fire of the future:

Fire breaks out in an office building in which hundreds of men and women are working. Huge fire doors, operated automatically, close off the rooms in which the blaze is located while smothering gasses are released from sprinkler devices.

The fire is extinguished before it has a chance to gain headway. The occupants of the building, secure in the knowledge the structure is completely fireproof, continue their work.

There will be firemen, but they

will be "white collar" workers who will arrive leisurely after the fire is over to check up loss and report to headquarters.

Municipal regulations will force incorporation of safety devices against fire in all buildings, Chief Moran believes.

BOOK IS 150 YEARS OLD

History of Revolution Was Written With Quill Pen.

By United Press
BENTON, Ill., March 13.—A book of 300 pages, in which is recorded with a quill pen a history of the Revolution, as well as lessons in arithmetic and rules of business, is owned by Frank Stringfield, repairer of violins.

It was written by his great-grandfather, John Stringfield, from 1770 to 1783.

HOUSE OF LOGS BEING ERECTED

Chicago Man Plans to Reside in Monroe County.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 13.—With the intention of making Monroe county his home when his active business days are at an end, Luke A. Farr, connected with Hornblower & Weeks, large Chicago

financial institution, is having a log residence erected on a 100-acre tract on a bluff overlooking Salt creek, a mile and a half from Smithville.

The residence is in T-shape with six large bedrooms on the second floor, and a large living room, lounge and other space downstairs. Of the land comprising the site, seventy-five acres is in virgin timber, which Farr will not disturb. He expects to take up his residence in the house in two years. Farr Acres is the name given the estate.

Farr intends to plant twenty-five acres in asparagus as an experiment. Two to three years will be required to make the crop profitable.

WOODCARVING IS OLD LUMBERJACK'S HOBBY

Scenes of Budding Wisconsin Pine Industry are Sketched.

By United Press
WESTBORO, Wis., March 13.—Sketches of a budding pine-lumbering industry in Wisconsin, done in basswood with only a jackknife, are the products of Edward Skinner's spare time.

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