

ANCIENTS KNOW ALL WE KNOW AND MORE, TOO

German Professor Sent to Babylon Under the Auspices of the University of Pennsylvania Returns With Proof of Our Oldest and Most Cherished Inventions--Implements and Systems of Computations Were Known Several Millenniums Ago--Remarkable Discoveries Made in Excavations of a City Which Has Hitherto Been Practically Prehistoric.

CORRESPONDENCE OF INTER MOUNTAIN.
Philadelphia, Nov. 20.—Prof. Herman V. Hilprecht, the famous Orientalist and excavator of Babylon and Nippur, has just returned to this country, bringing with him most important data for the entire reconstruction of the early history of man as it is at present understood.

For a year and a half Prof. Hilprecht has been supervising an expedition sent out by the University of Pennsylvania, which has been excavating the exceedingly ancient Babylonian city of Nippur, which excavations have brought about vastly important archaeological results.

In this connection some of the most valuable archaeological material that ever came to America has just arrived at the University of Pennsylvania and Prof. Hilprecht is enthusiastic over the work accomplished.

WE ARE NOT NEARLY SO WISE AS WE BELIEVE

Despite our boasted present day erudition, the work that Prof. Hilprecht has just accomplished goes to prove conclusively that the people of this generation are in all essentials no more learned or wise than those who lived prior to the time of Abraham, and in more than one respect we are far behind the ancients.

The Babylonians' system of arithmetic was more advanced than that of the present day. Their astronomical calculations exceeded anything our foremost astronomers have ever accomplished.

These are not idle statements. Prof. Hilprecht has documentary proof.

Columbus, to whom has been accorded praise so great and as we all believe so deserving in reality, made no new discovery when setting forth to find the new world, and he stumbled upon a new world, and disclosed no new thing in saying the earth is round like a globe. The people who lived before Abraham's day had found that out.

WE SHOULD HAVE BOWED DOWN TO THE ANCIENTS

The children of that far-off time notwithstanding the distinction our present system of learning gives would have been wonders in our eyes.

Our learning has not been originated by close application to study and by long experiment. It is simply getting back at what was known, but for ages buried out of sight in the ruins of ancient cities, and the deeper into the earth the excavations go the greater are the evidences of ancient learning, culture and advanced civilization.

"We have unearthed 23,000 tablets," said Prof. Hilprecht in a recent interview, "and I will make the deciphering of them my life work. The contents of these tablets when deciphered will altogether change the ideas of the world as to the state of civilization and knowledge of that early people. It will soon be seen that they knew 2300 B. C. that the earth was a

globe, and that their astronomers took the same view of celestial phenomena as we now take.

"One of the most interesting tablets," continued the professor, "is mathematical. The Babylonians, in their arithmetical tables, the multiplication table for instance, went far beyond us; our multiplication table stops at 12; 12 times 12 is the highest. The Babylonian tables went up to 60. Their children might have sung 60 times 60 in reciting the multiplication table. Indeed, for astronomical purposes, they carried the table out to 1,300; that is,

built above the other. We have by no means reached the lower of these buried cities. Much of the temple library has been brought to America, and it is now in the museum of the University of Pennsylvania. The temple in that early period was not only the place of worship, it was also the school, the college. Within the last four months our most important discoveries were made. The day before I embarked on my homeward voyage I had in my hand a tablet upon which were

dated in Babylonia, and now constituting one of the most precious treasures of the University of Pennsylvania, will be taken in hand vigorously and constitute Professor Hilprecht's chief task for the next 20 years.

Only a small portion of the mounds at Nippur has thus far been completely excavated. Considerable work yet remains to be done on the temple, the foundation of which was laid between 6,000 and 7,000 years before Christ. Only one side of the ancient government place has been cleared and about one-twentieth part of the library excavated.

In the uppermost stratum of this mound the excavators found coffins which had been buried in the early centuries of our Christian era. A great many antiquities were also gathered which belonged to the Jews who continued to live at Nippur after the return of Ezra and Nehemiah. Prominent among them were terra cotta bowls containing incantations and charms inscribed in Hebrew and Mandæan.

SEVERAL MILLENNIUMS OF HISTORY UNEARTHED

Down the excavators went through 25 feet of accumulations of debris, representing several millenniums of history, when they finally came upon the library. Here they found a series of rooms, a number of which contained ledges or shelves built out from the wall for the purpose of laying out the tablets in rows. The library seems to have been divided into two parts.

One by one the tablets were carefully removed from their resting places by trained workmen. It was necessary to handle them tenderly owing to the fact that they were moist from being buried for several millenniums in the earth. As they were taken from their resting places they were carried to the castle, which had been built by the excavators to house themselves and also the antiquities. After the tablets were thoroughly dried they were packed ready to be shipped to Constantinople.

Professor Hilprecht estimates, on a basis of the discoveries already made, from the topographical appearance of the mound and the history of the temple with which the library was connected, that when the entire mound has been excavated it will have yielded at least 150,000 tablets, every one of which belongs to the third millennium before Christ.

NEWS OF THE HELENA COURTS TERSELY TOLD

Snohomish and Tramway Again Comes Up and Notice of Appeal Filed—Other Cases Tried.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.
Helena, Nov. 20.—An appeal will be taken from the ruling of Judge Knowles of the United States court, refusing to allow John S. Harris, receiver of the Snohomish and Tramway lines, to withdraw \$22,000 from the First National bank of Butte and loan it on interest. In behalf of Heinze a bill of exceptions has been filed and notice given of an appeal.

It's again a question of beer or ginger ale as the beverage passed out to the Indians by Fred H. Lawler, who is on trial in the United States court for selling beer to Edgar Many Guns. The Lawler witnesses swear it was ginger ale, but Edgar says he drank beer.

Frank W. Rensberg of the Southeast Helena concentrator has returned from the East, where he looked up the latest improvements in concentrating machinery to secure estimates on the construction of a 50-ton concentrator.

There are 7,000 tons of ore on the dumps at the East Pacific mine and there are 200 tons more in the stopes running in values from \$7 to \$17.50 per ton. All of this will be treated when the new machinery is put in.

Peter English pleaded guilty to the charge of having counterfeit tools in his possession and was sentenced to six months in the county jail and fined \$100 by Judge Knowles.

A petition has been filed to recall the order of sale of a ranch and cattle to James Donovan, attorney general, by Sarah F. Rumney, guardian of the estate of Nettie Pauline and John Leroy Jackson, issued by the district court.

HERRERA WILL NOT KNOW WHAT TERMS HE IS TO GET

Colombian Government is Prepared to Do Things to the Rebels and Will Move if He Refuses.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Panama, Colombia, Nov. 20.—The steam tug Bolivar returned yesterday from Agua Dulce and from the signal displayed by the Wisconsin. Rear Admiral Casey's flagship. It is understood the revolutionary General Herrera is on board. About 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon Admiral Casey sent a launch to convey the government commissioners, General Salazar, General Valasquez and General Gobos, chief of General Perdomo's staff, on board the Bolivar.

The conditions of surrender, which will be offered to the revolutionists, will be the same as those mentioned in President Marroquin's amnesty decree. General Herrera cannot expect to get much better terms than those offered by the government.

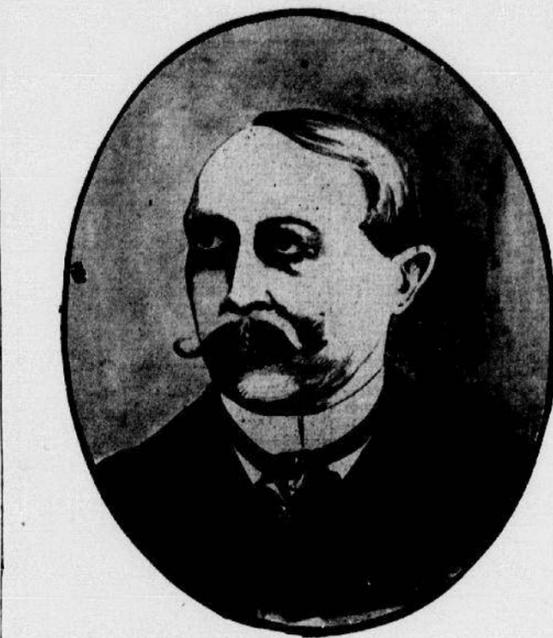
Minister of War Fernandez yesterday called to General Perdomo that he had in readiness a balance of 20,000 men and the necessary pack mules for the campaign of the Isthmus.

This indicates the strength of the government's military resources. General Perdomo is now awaiting only the result of the conference between General Herrera and the government commissioners before assuming the offensive.

The Sultan is Generous.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
New York, Nov. 20.—The Sultan of Morocco has presented \$5,000 to Mrs. Cooper, widow of the English missionary, who was murdered by a native last month, and whose assassin was shot to death in front of a mosque on order of the sultan.

An examination of candidates for substitute in the Butte public library will be held in the high school building December 6 at 2 o'clock p. m. For particulars inquire of the librarian.



PROF. HERMAN HILPRECHT.

the results of multiplication up to 1,300 times 1,300 were tabulated. They wanted to know at once the result of large calculations. They did not want to be retarded in their work by arithmetical problems; that is why they extended the tables so far.

BABYLONIAN CHILDREN DID NOT HAVE A CINCH

"The Babylonian children were obliged to work hard indeed while at school. Not only did they have to learn arithmetical tables carried out to four figures, but they also had to learn two languages, the Babylonian and the Samaritan, one a learned and the other a colloquial language. And that in the schools of the lowest grades, and not as our children learn Latin in the high school, by the mouthful, but so thoroughly as to be able to speak and write them.

"Nippur is really sixteen cities, one

the minutest astronomical calculations as to the constellation Scorpion."

EVERY SCHOOL IN THE CITY HAD A BIG LIBRARY

About twenty-five years ago the intellectual world was startled by the announcement that Ashurbanipal's library had been discovered and that there had been found among the clay volumes accounts of the creation and deluge which much resembled the Biblical stories. And for some time scholars have assumed that every Babylonian city has its library.

Twelve years ago, when Professor Hilprecht first rode over the mounds at Nippur, he pointed out an extensive group of mounds south of the Temple hill which he regarded as the probable site of the temple library.

About 2,500 tablets were received from the mound then. The mound was called Tablet hill, and later the professor was able to establish definitely that his theory was correct.

He had come upon the library of the Great Temple of Bel, the most famous sanctuary of the early Babylonians.

The Elamite hordes, under Kudur-Nakhtuni, 284 B. C., who destroyed nearly every city of Babylonia, threw into the ruins at the same time the Temple library at Nippur, in which condition it remained until discovered by Professor Hilprecht and excavated during the recent campaign at Nippur.

Every volume or tablet discovered was written prior to Abraham's leaving Ur of the Chaldees.

These treasures were brought to this country in twenty-two large cases, containing from six to eight boxes each. When Professor Hilprecht left Philadelphia for Constantinople, more than a year ago, he expected to continue the work of organizing the new Semitic section of the Imperial Ottoman museum, which occupies the third new building recently erected at the sultan's order, and at the same time to examine and study the immense results of the last expedition to Nippur which had arrived at Constantinople.

SULTAN TREATED HIM WITH GREAT COURTESY

As he was about to leave Constantinople the sultan, who had heretofore on a number of occasions manifested his appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the professor, presented to him, among other important antiquities, the larger part of the famous temple library, which had just been excavated by the expedition of the university. Professor Hilprecht in return presented this magnificent collection of tablets to the institution which he represents.

The contents of the library so far as examined prove to be most varied. In fact, every branch of literature known to Babylonians is represented in the library. Among the inscriptions are hundreds of historical texts, dictionaries, or lists of Samaritan words with Semitic equivalents; lists of birds, animals, plants and stones; lists of words for chair stools and other articles of furniture; hymns, astronomical and mythological inscriptions, tablets which refer to the temple—how many garments the god Bel wore, how many temples and shrines there were at Nippur besides those dedicated to Bel, and what the revenues of the temples were; tablets containing grammatical sentences written by students, arithmetical calculations, etc.

When we reflect that heretofore our knowledge of the period prior to Abraham was entirely dependent upon the first eleven chapters of Genesis, and that there is an entire library which contains many thousand volumes written in that early age, we can at least realize that the future generations will have considerable knowledge of those early days, which, until recently, were regarded by many scholars as mythical.

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LITTLE BITS BY TELEGRAPH
Tiny Items of News of the World Boiled Down for Busy Readers.

Two Hundred Perished.
St. Petersburg, Nov. 20.—A fire lasting three days has destroyed the town of Resht in Persia. Fifteen hundred houses and many warehouses were wiped out, and 200 people perished.

Chaffee to New York.
Chicago, Nov. 20.—General Chaffee and two staff officers, Harper and Captain Lindsay, left Chicago last night for New York, where the general will be located permanently.

Grover Gunning Too.
Norfolk, Va., Nov. 20.—Grover Cleveland and party returned to Norfolk yesterday from the preserves of the Back Bay Gunning club, where they had been duck hunting and later departed for New York.

Hotel Blanco Burned.
Denver, Colo., Nov. 20.—A special to the Republican from Monte Vista, Colo., says the Hotel Blanco has been destroyed by fire. The loss is \$75,000. The building belonged to the Travelers' insurance company.

Bunch Must All Hang.
Prattville, Ala., Nov. 20.—Dave Lee, Andrew Huard and B. Jordan Boats, negroes, charged with setting fire to and burning the dwelling of Samuel P. Steele, last July, were tried yesterday, convicted, and sentenced to be hanged.

Our Marines Get Out.
Washington, Nov. 20.—The navy department was informed yesterday that the cruiser Panther left Colon for Culebra, Tuesday, with all the marines who have been operating on the line of the Panama railroad for the protection of American interests.

Down into the Canon.
Telluride, Colo., Nov. 20.—Harry Walker, aged 23, was swept to death by a snowslide at Pandora yesterday. With him went a burro pack train and 16 mules belonging to another train. The men in charge of the trains narrowly escaped.

Marquise de Chambrun Dead.
Paris, Nov. 20.—The Marquise de Chambrun died yesterday. She was the last granddaughter of Lafayette, and her life was notable for her constancy in maintaining the family's cordial feeling for America.

An Imposing Spectacle.
London, Nov. 20.—Field Marshal Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, who died a few days ago, has been interred in Chichester cathedral, with full military honors. The funeral procession was the most imposing spectacle of the kind seen since the passing of Queen Victoria.

RUBINO HAS BEEN COMMITTED
Brussels, Nov. 20.—A warrant for the commitment of Rubino, the anarchist, has been confirmed. The would-be assassin will be tried on two counts—attempt to kill King Leopold and a homicidal attempt on the lives of the court officials who were in the carriage at which Rubino fired.

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