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U. S. FIELD FOR ARCHAEOLOGIST: OXFORD SAVANT

By Pacific News Service.

PASADENA, Dec. 21.—With Oxford University virtually closed because the young men and most of the professors have gone to war, or have already been killed in battle, Dr. Archibald Henry Sayce, noted English scientist, has resigned the chair of Assyriology and is now a visitor here en route to Japan.

Dr. Sayce is accompanied by his brother, Manifiet Palmer Sayce, both of Edinburgh. They are guests at the Hotel Maryland.

"There will be few undergraduates at Oxford, and they can not afford to pay us a salary," is the reason he gave to a friend for surrendering the work which is closest to his heart.

"The war is taking all the younger men away from science," he said a few days ago to a representative of the Pacific News Service. "Practically no archaeological work is now being carried on except by Americans. It will be many years before science recovers from the effects of the war. The enrollment when I left Oxford was about 150 undergraduates. The average enrollment before the war was about 4000 students.

"Cambridge has not suffered. Of the students in Oxford now most all are Americans or are from India. The qualities of Oxford men has been, I believe, something like 8000. This includes those who went into the army from the university when war was declared.

"Research work in Egypt is now more interesting than ever before, and there remains a great deal to be done. But the duration of the war is a thing so impossible to forecast that there is no telling how work may be taken up again.

"Here in America there is a rich field for exploration for evidences of ancient peoples, and I am glad to see that this is now being carried on in a scientific way. Your Southwest museum is an institution of which California may be proud."

Professor Sayce has also carried on extensive exploration work in the Soudan, a field which he says is still fertile.

The Sayce Edinburgh residence barely escaped demolition from a Zeppelin. A house across the street was destroyed.

FEAST, COIN, FUN FOR MESSENGERS

Two hundred Western Union messenger boys are today discussing the memorable turkey feast and theater party given them last night, in addition to a $25 bonus, by the Western Union telegraph officials. The boys formed in twelve companies and marched, with Chief of Police White, in full uniform, and Sergeant Charles Goff leading the way, to Hale's Pumpelan Court, where dinner was served. C. E. Thatcher, San Francisco manager, and toastmaster, read witticisms written by the boys themselves criticising each other, each victim being made to stand and bow.

With the turkey course came brief addresses by officials, including General Manager M. T. Cook of the Pacific division; J. L. Ord, C. H. Thatcher, J. H. Decatur, assistant manager; A. R. Littler, assistant manager; A. J. Pillsbury, chief delivery clerk; Chief of Police White, who gave a serious talk on the ways in which messenger boys can help the police, and F. W. Kellogg, who pointed out the ways and means to a boy's success.

After the banquet the boys again formed in procession and marched to the Orpheum Theater, where all the seats in the dress circle had been reserved for them. T. J. Cook, one of the chief telegraph officials in the United States, who is making an extended tour of the Pacific Coast, sat among the boys. A song composed by Joseph Dubin Lecturer entitled "The Western Union Messenger Boy" was sung from the stage by Jack La Pollette, a Western Union messenger.

The treat will be duplicated today for the night force, with a noon dinner and a matinee.

STRANGER BLAMED FOR $400 THEFT

George Lebarre, living at the Seaboard Hotel, 324 Embarcadero, flashed a roll in a waterfront saloon last night. Later a stranger made his acquaintance. Lebarre reported to the police today that his entire roll of $400 has disappeared.

The store of E. Esmoil, at 1201 Stockton street, was robbed of $18 worth of clothing last night. Jim Mack, a Chinese, was held up by three Chinese thugs at 2100 Jackson street and robbed of $1 in valuables.

Christmas Cash Short? Well, This Is Shortest Day, Mr. Spender

Woe! woe! merchants and others. This is the shortest day of the year.

And woe! still more woe! For in spite of that, the sun is going to sleep later for several days.

For the children, of course, the shortest day is December 25, and for the family paymaster December 26. But, smiling by the calendar, that is the briefest span of daylight in the year, the sun rising at 7:23 o'clock and setting at 4:51.

While the days henceforth gain increasingly at length, they start later, though to a slighter degree. The slowest time is longer, but nevertheless the sun will play lazy-to-morrow morrow even more than today, and on December 31 won't listen to the alarm clock till 7:27. It will stick to that rising hour till January 11, when it gets up a minute earlier and from then on creeps toward the summer schedule.

SAN FRANCISCO AS IT WAS

See Paul Elder's special offer in today's Call. It will interest you, especially if you have been puzzled over what to give some friend.—Advertisement.

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Specials for Smokers
Two fine Christmas gifts at special prices.
All leather cigar cases one-third off. Both telescope and clasp. Regularly priced from 50c up.
Two days only— ⅓ off

Special Packages Perfume and Toilet Goods
25c to $3.50
Popular perfumes in fancy bottles....25c
Red Feather Perfume....1 oz. 50c
Williams' Holiday Package for women....50c
Red Feather Rouge and Complexion Powder, in fancy box....$1.00
Red Feather Perfume, 2-oz. bottle $1.00
Talcum, toilet water and perfume, in handsome Christmas package....$1.25
Vernice, new and dainty perfume, fancy bottle, handsome box....$2.50
Vernice Eau de Toilette, fancy bottle in box....$3.50

Metal Clocks—Special
A very pretty and useful Christmas gift for the desk, for the bureau—for office or home. Handsome brass clocks. Artistic in appearance.
Special Friday and Saturday
50c size ... 39c
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Kewpie Dolls at Half Price
For Friday and Saturday
Another opportunity to buy Kewpies for the kiddies. A remarkable price on this popular favorite. Get yours at the Owl at half price.
25c size Kewpies 13c
50c size Kewpies 25c

French Ivory Specials
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Sachet, fancy bot....50
Red Feather complexion powder....50
Red Feather cold cream....50
Violet Dulce face powder....50
Violet Dulce cold cream....50
Revlon complexion powder....50
Marble busts....79
Cleone perfume, oz. bottle....1.00
Varna Violet, oz. bottle....1.00
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Etched glass baskets....25 to 1.00
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Card cases....25 up
Pocket knives....25 up
Coin purses....25 up
Ash trays....25 up
Memo books....25
Pocket combs....10 to .35
Playing Cards....10 to .40
Poker chips....60
Smoker sets....50 up
Hat brushes....50 up
Clothes brushes....50 up
Tooth brush holders....25 to .50
Shaving lotions....25 to .50
Hair brushes....50 up
Cigar cases....50 up
Safety razors....1.00 up
Alarm clocks....1.00 up
Fountain pens....1.00 up
Todco Sharpite Stropper—For Gillette blades....1.00
Sterno stoves....50 & 1.00
Watches....1.00
Poker sets....1.75
Manicure sets....2.25 up
Thermos bottles....2.25 up
Military brushes in leather cases....2.50 up
Razor strops....25 to 3.00
Manicure sets in roll-up leather cases....$1.75, 3.50 up
Razor faile strop-per....$1.00 and 3.50
Photo albums....10c to 4.00
Thermos lunch kits....$2.75 to 4.25
Shaving mirrors....$1.00 to 6.00
French ivory military brushes....$8.75 to 6.50
Kodaks and cameras....75c to 77.00

Cameras for Kiddies
Cartridge Premo....$ .75
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The many friends of Mrs. William H. Crocker are felicitating her today on her splendid efforts in behalf of the village of Vitremont, France, which was destroyed by the Germans at the beginning of the war. Mrs. Crocker is financing the reconstruction work of this picturesque village and the cornerstone for the first group of houses was laid last Sunday by the American ambassador, William Graves Sharp.

As Mrs. Crocker is unable to visit France at present, the work is under the supervision of Miss Daisy Polk, who is known to the villagers as "Mademoiselle de Chez Nous," or "Miss One of Us."

Miss Polk has settled a strike of masons, who demanded increased pay, but were persuaded to arbitrate the difficulties.

The cornerstone laying was an event in Vitremont. Jean Hebe, the mayor, and M. Mirman of Nancy, prefect of the department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, thanked the American people for the great aid given the allies in their struggle. Ambassador Sharp expressed his gratification at the appreciation of the French people and the generosity of those he represented.

San Mateo Funeral For S. F. Attorney

Funeral services for William H. Pringle, San Francisco lawyer, were held at his late residence in San Mateo at 10 a. m. today. The casket was covered with floral offerings.

Dr. James D. Bullitt, Robert L. Coleman, William C. de F'Cooey, Ernest View cemetery. Felger, Harry Knowles, Charles H. Kendrick, M. B. Livermore, Harry Cadt, Robert C. Stevenson and C. Delpard were honorary pallbearers. Interment, which was private, was in Mountain

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