

Oldest U. S. Hand

Washington.—Uncle Sam's oldest employee has craftsmanship above the average. He is Warren F. Brenzler, electrician, cabinetmaker in the army medical museum and library. Praised by his superiors on his birthday, he said he intended to work as long as he physically able.

Should Be Popular

New York.—Fishing, biking and gardening should be included in college athletic training, is the opinion of Prof. H. A. Scott of the University of Oregon.

Huge Electric Furnaces

Electric furnaces which are great tubes sunk in the ground are used to heat ship's guns in order to expand them to take new barrel linings. In the giant 164-inch guns these linings have to be pushed after each 100 discharges of shells using explosives of war strength. They will endure about 300 ships in peace-time target practice such as was engaged in by the Atlantic fleet off Guantanamo bay in the Caribbean sea last spring. The guns are lowered into and withdrawn from the furnaces by electric cranes capable of lifting 350 tons.

**SEEK LOST CITIES
—SOUTH OF MEXICO****Tulane Scientists to Explore
Mayan Wilderness.**

New Orleans, La.—Plans for an expedition to unexplored regions of Central America and Mexico are being completed by Tulane university, according to announcement by Dr. Frans Blom, acting head of the department of Middle American research. The expedition is made possible by a fund, and will be known as the John Gadsden Gray Memorial expedition. The expedition staff, which expects to set out in January, will travel about 2,000 miles, seeking ruins of old Maya cities, studying little known tribes and venturing into the great unexplored forests of the Yucatan region. In these forests are thousands of square miles very little known, Doctor Blom states.

"Fifteen hundred years ago," he says, "this forest was under culture, and scattered throughout the area must be a series of interesting cities in ruin. The 1925 Tulane expedition found many ruins on the southeastern side of this territory."

The Austrian explorer, Teobert Maler, discovered many magnificent cities along the Usumacinta river, and as the country between the territory explored by the Tulane expedition of 1925 and the aforementioned river is quite like the area already explored there is little doubt but that we shall make some remarkable discoveries.

The Lacandon Indians, who inhabit this forest, speak of several lakes which have never been placed on the maps and it will be one of our objects to locate those. The Lacandon Indians, to this day, use flat-headed arrows for weapons. They dress in bark clothes and they worship the sun and rain gods. Their life has been studied by Professor Tozzer of Harvard university, but the Gray Memorial expedition will be the first to take moving pictures of this strange tribe. As the tribe is in rapid decline and dying out, these pictures will probably also be the last to be taken of the Lacandons."

The expedition staff will consist of three or four scientists, headed by Doctor Blom.

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