

EPIDEMIC HYSTERIA DUE TO SIBERIAN WINTER

Extremely difficult living conditions in Arctic regions result in the peculiar nervous disease known as arctic hysteria, according to studies made by Stanislaus Novakovsky of Clark University.

In northeastern Asia the malady is especially prevalent among women. It often shows epidemic features, one native after another indulging in howls, grimaces, gestures and curious bodily positions. Settlers in northeastern Siberia from southern Russia, where the disease is unknown, frequently develop it. It becomes less and less prevalent the further south one goes.

Winter in the Arctic, with its cold and its unhygienic living conditions, exhaust and leads to nervous disarrangements, Mr. Novakovsky believes. The summer, with its monotony of perpetual day, its shortness, and the worry over securing a food supply for winter, affords scarcely any relief.

MAGNETIC ISLAND FOUND IN ALASKAN CHANNEL

Sinbad the sailor's remarkable story of a magnetic island is partially confirmed by reports received from Commander F. B. T. Seims of the Coast and Geodetic Survey steamer, Explorer. East Island, in the Revillagido channel to Alaska, is the source of magnetic disturbances.

Observations on the shore of the island show that magnetic iron ore is present in the rocks. This attracts the compass needle to one side and renders it unreliable while the ship is passing the island.

The only way to get rid of the disturbance would be to mine all of the rock containing the ore. Since there is a deep channel around the island such drastic measures are not deemed necessary. Pilots of vessels must use caution when running in foggy weather in order to keep from going on the rock near there.

Slight magnetic disturbances have been noticed near Juneau and Port Smetifham, also in Alaska.

The location of magnetic East Island is about 54 degrees and 52 minutes north latitude and 131 degrees and 12 minutes west longitude. The variation of the needle is four degrees east on the island. On a line southeast from the island and one and one half miles off shore it is 11 degrees, one mile off it is 21 degrees, and four miles off the compass is normal.

ANCIENT TRIBAL RELICS FOUND IN NORTHWEST

A hundred pounds of colored beads, scores of brass ornaments of all kinds, many other curious besides several leather pouches of what is said to be war paint, have been unearthed by scientists from the history department in the University of Washington, on the lower Elwha river in the northwest corner of the United States.

The Indian relics were discovered by digging in an old burial ground, and while some of the articles reflect the influence of early white traders, there are many which appear to have been buried generations before explorers invaded the