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IMMEDIATELY after the terrific eruption of the world's largest crater, Mt. Katmai, in Alaska, a National Geographic Society expedition was sent to make observations of this remarkable phenomenon. Four expeditions have followed and the extraordinary scientific data resulting given to the world. In this vicinity an eighth wonder of the world was discovered and explored—"The Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes," a vast area of steaming, spouting fissures. As a result of The Society's discoveries this area has been created a National Monument by proclamation of the President of the United States.

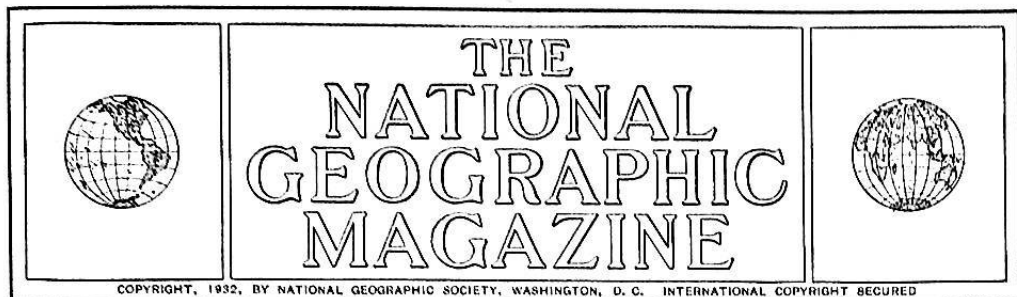
AT an expense of over \$50,000 The Society sent a notable series of expeditions into Peru to investigate the traces of the Inca race. Their discoveries form a large share of our knowledge of a civilization waning when Pizarro first set foot in Peru.

THE Society also had the honor of subscribing a substantial sum to the expedition of Admiral Peary, who discovered the North Pole, and contributed \$55,000 to Admiral Byrd's Antarctic Expedition.

NOT long ago The Society granted \$25,000, and in addition \$75,000 was given by individual members to the Government when the congressional appropriation for the purpose was insufficient, and the finest of the giant sequoia trees of California were thereby saved for the American people.

THE Society's notable expeditions to New Mexico have pushed back the historic horizons of the Southwestern United States to a period nearly eight centuries before Columbus crossed the Atlantic. By dating the ruins of the vast communal dwellings in that region The Society's researches have solved secrets that have puzzled historians for three hundred years. The Society is sponsoring an ornithological survey of Venezuela.

TO further the study of solar radiation in relation to long range weather forecastings, The Society has appropriated \$65,000 to enable the Smithsonian Institution to establish a station for six years on Mt. Brukkaros, in South West Africa.



BEYOND THE GRAND ATLAS

Where the French Tricolor Flies Beside the Flag of the Sultan of Morocco

By V. C. SCOTT O'CONNOR

AUTHOR OF "A VISION OF MOROCCO"; "THE SILKEN EAST"; "THE CHARM OF KASHMIR"; "ISLES OF THE
ÆGEAN"; "THE SCENE OF WAR"; AND OTHER BOOKS OF TRAVEL

MOROCCO, long an empire guarded from the coveting eyes of Europe by the will of a proud and exclusive people, remains in her subjection a land tempting to the traveler in search of new and even rude experiences.*

She is a country up-to-date, accessible, civilized; yet barbarous, antique, and forbidden. She is French, Spanish, Berber, Arab, and Jew. She has been nursed for a thousand years on the subtle policies of the Orient, though farther west than the greater part of Europe.

Her emperors, some of whom were lords and masters of Spain, built great cities and castles and palaces and fortresses, before America had come out of the Land of Dreams. They endowed universities and colleges for the cultivation of learning, the terms of whose foundations resemble those at Oxford and Cambridge; with some of which they were contemporary. The same cloistered beauty is to be found in both; the same lofty ideals of faith and devotion.

They assembled in their prime, great armies for the conquest of the world, and fleets that swept the Christian seas. Though children born of the desert, they arrogated to themselves great pretensions; claiming the Divine Right, not merely as kings but

as saints by lineage. Their tombs, where ruin has spared them, remain as lovely as any in the world; their gardens of running waters are still a delight to those permitted to enter them.

And yet, half the population of this country lives on in the ways of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

WHERE 20 CENTURIES HAVE BEEN COMPRESSED INTO 20 YEARS

She is an Eastern land in the marrow of her bones, though placed in Africa; and she has been penetrated through centuries by European influences, which lie deep under the surface of her oriental life. Her camel caravans remain coeval with the airplane; and a tribesman of the desert, wounded in battle, can find himself carried through the air to a French hospital across the whole width of impenetrable Atlas. Twenty centuries have here been compressed into as many years.

She includes within her borders mountains almost as stately as the Rockies or the Alps; valleys profound and lovely; cedars as noble as those of Lebanon; olive groves like those of Delphi; vines that grow wild, or are as cultivated now as those of Provence; cities like Fès which belong to the Arabian Nights, and Marrakech the Granada of Morocco, which glows in her fierce sunlight girdled by palm

* See, also, "Across French and Spanish Morocco," by Harriet Chalmers Adams, in the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE for March, 1925.