Peru Is Rich With Food

ERU'S coastal waters are teeming with enough fish to feed the world, and her islands are all veritable bird sanctuaries, according to Robert Cushman Murphy, who has just returned from six months' exploration in South America with 500 photographs and 10,000 feet of motion picture film. Mr. Murphy said that on one island he found "the most abundant seabird life or earth," as many as 1,080,000 fea- were \$900. thered creatures of a single species.

The fisheries of Peru, he said, are unorganized and, although fish are plentiful, including such edible varities as bonito, anchoveta, pejerrey or smelt, the conjril (somewhat like cod), the flounder and corvena (comparable to the American salmon), Peruvians literally "go hungry" because of their scarcity and high price inland due to the problems of icing "As Well Dry Up the Atlantic,"

A few miles off the coast, the returned explorer said, he let down a net and drew it out of the sea filled stirred to indignation by receipt from with four varities of the most deli- the United States of a report that cious crabs. These crustaceans, he prohibition organizations there were said, would furnish the basis for a going to use £10,0000,000 for probig canning industry both for home hibition propaganda throughout the and foreign consumption, vast quan- world, but chiefly in Great Britain. tities of such seafood now being an- A few have expressed resentment at nually imported by the United States what they characterize as outside in-

The "wonderful fish and bird life" lishman to drink what he likes." ida, its actual temperature was more in no mood to be trifled with." like that of Boston. Mr. Murphy Referring to disorders that recent-

Francisco Ballen, a Peruvian, who shores." he described as "one of the most far- The Liverpool Post, commenting sighted and able economists in the on the proposed fund says: "It arworld." In furtherance of Mr. Bal- gues a poor appreciation of the charlen's plans, the explorer said, he ad- acter of the British people and of wocated increasing the breeding area the conditions in this country that of the guano producing birds, at such a madeap 'pussyfoot' tactics on present confined to fifteen islands, the the scale now threatened opens the largest of which are the Chinchi or door to international ill-feeling that Lobos, where deposits of fertilizer might prove very mischievous in the 150 feet in thickness have been present state of the world.

lands might be enlarged by dynamit- appeal to the British temperament." ing the cliffs into the sea. He also "We should be so much obliged if of high ocean freight rates.

by Mr. Murphy as the white-breasted think the plan will be successful." cormorant, (commercially worth \$15 a pair in Lima); the pelican and two species of gannet. By actual computation of the nests of some of these birds per metre on one of the islands he estimated that more than 1,000,000 of that one species inhabit- Air, the Governments of Australia ed it. Mr. Murphy said the ancient and New Zealand, and the Royal So-Incas of Peru highly prized the guane ciety met at the Mansion House on birds and penalized with death anyinvitation of the Lord Mayor of Lonone who killed one. Many of the don to discuss the plans for the Britmotion picture films be brought back, ish Imperial Antarctic Expedition, he said, showed the life history of osheries and the guano industry.

In the period from 1840 to 1908, Mr. Murphy said, many of the birds were killed off and it is only in re- the way in which such modern invenent years that efforts have been men to visit Peru for the purpose of

They mind their business with expedition, says the Times Trade Supplement, is estimated at about enthusiasm

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and from these ne conducted his researches and experiments. Guano, he said, is the best fertilizer known for sugar cane and before the war vast quantities of it were shipped to the United States. Peru herself, he said is now utilizing the fertilizer not only for growing sugar but for rice and

Ocean freight rates, Mr. Murphy said, might be affected by the competition which has sprung up since the close of the war. Within the last six months, he said, eight or nine steamship lines-Dutch, Italian, British and American—are now stopping at Peruvian ports. As an instance of recent freight costs, Mr. Murphy cited the case of a Curtiss airplane occupying a crate not much larger than would be required for an automobile and upon which the charges

Mr. Murphy, who is 34 years old and a graduate of Brown University, is a director of the Explorers' Club. His expedition to Peru was aided financially by the American Museum of Natural History and the American Geographical Society.

PROHIBITION IN ENGLAND.

Papers Say.

Some British newspapers have been terference with "the right of the Eng-

of Peru, Mr. Murphy attributed to the "A subscription to dry up the Atlumboldt Current, a body of oceanie lantic would have as much chance of water which flows along 1,800 miles success," says the Saturday Review. of the coast. He made many observ- "But there arises the question why, ations of this current, he said, fol- when everybody is harassed with lowing those of Alexander Agassis post-war problems, we should allow and Dr. Robert F. Coker, pioneers our peace to be disturbed by a band in such work. Although Peru's prox- of Yankee fanaties with never so imity to the equator, he said, would many millions to scatter. It is a cause one to suppose that it might most unwarrantable intrusion on our have a temperature like that of Flor- domestic life at a time when we are

brought with him sixteen cases and ly attended a prohibition campaign crates, in many of which are speci- conducted in Wales by an American, mens of curious marine and feathered the paper adds: "We really think the Government might ask the permission Mr. Murphy called attention to the of the Washington Cabinet to repaguano or fertilizer deposits of Peru, triate these meddlesome maniacs, and which, he said, may be doubled by to forbid, at all events for the next the conservation methods devised by year or two, their landing on these

"America has chosen prohibition The value of the guano deposits, for itself. It is not absolutely inconhe said, was also due to the action ceivable that Great Britain may some of the Humboldt Current, the cold day follow the example. But it will winds from which, blowing over the not be as a result of American metharid land, preserved the fertilizing ods, the more likely effect of which qualities of the bird lime. Mr. Mur- might be to discredit the prohibition phy, whose work was aided by the idea, and even to retard temperance Pernylan Government, said the is- progress on lines that are likely to

urged the stoppage of guano gather- our good, kind friends of America ing during the "courtship" of the would refrain from doing us good," birds. The guano, he said, is dug by says the Globe in an editorial. "Unnatives in the interior of the islands regenerate creatures that we are, we and carried in small railway cars do not like it, and we have a sort to the coast where it is put board of idea that they might find enough ships. Exportation of the fertilizer, to occupy them at home. The fox he said, was being held up on account which has lost his tail is generally willing to assist in the decaudation The guano birds were enumerated of the rest. All the same we do not

Commerce In the Antarctic. Events moved forward the other day toward the commercial exploitation of the Antarotic when representatives of the British Ministry of the which will leave England early next summer. J. L. Cope, who will lead the expedition, outlined its methods and purposes, and his hearers may very well have been impressed by tions as wireless communication and successful aviation come in to help and make possible the commercial development of what has so long been considered a hopelessly remote region. For commercial development is the purpose of the expedition. It will determine the position and extent of mineral and other deposits of sconomic value, gather data concerning the localities and migrations of whales with a view to creating a new whaling industry, investigate meteorthe Ross Sea and at Cape Ann (Enderby Land) in connection with their influence on Australasia and South Africa, and circumnavigate the Antarctic continent. The total cost of the £150,000; and it is probable that an attempt will be made to fly to the pole. The significant thing, however, is that the pole is not the important W E gratefully acknowledge the motive of exploration to add to the cordial support of people of all opinions and occupations. Churchmen, atheists, Antarctic to commerce and industry.

Grave-Diggers Scarce

England is experiencing a grave shortage of grave-diggers. Offers of XYE preach personal regent a 150 per cent. increase in wages have been spurned, applicants for work preferring to remain idle or ac-

cept something less remunerative. "I'm keeping clear of burying jobs until they fetch me," said Oswald do it joyously - with Burton, an ex-seldier who was offered a job as grave-digger. "I'll look

> London undertakers, at their wits' end to supply the demand, are able to give but one reason for the scareity of cemetery labor.

> "They've had enough morbid work during the war," said one. "They've seen enough dead men to last them the rest of their lives, and they hate service men will take jobs with

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