

acquisition of a lama temple and ethnographic collections with as big a sum as you've had from the Swedish government — not much difficulty about that.»

The following evening he had a talk with his right-hand man, HERBERT LINDEN, a Swede, who supported my plans most whole-heartedly. The latter was commissioned to inform me that the matter was settled and that the sum was now at our disposal.

His magnificent donation was to be transferred in a form in which full security was assured, so he instructed his lawyer to draw up a contract between the donor and myself. The very next day LINDEN and I called at his lawyer's office, and here I gave all the particulars he required, as to both the constitution of the expedition and the new ethnographic plans. Two lama temples were to be acquired or copied, one for Chicago and one for Stockholm; and both were to be completely equipped with everything in the way of images, cult-objects, textiles, robes, musical instruments etc. that belonged to the interior and exterior decoration. If anything were to be left over from the sum donated it was to be used to purchase ethnographical objects that should be equally divided between the museums of the two cities. A day or two later BENDIX handed over to me one copy of the contract with his signature; the other copy, signed by myself, was left with him.

On July 8th we left Chicago, where we had now and again had news from the expedition in Asia. NORIN cabled from Bakhty, where he, BERGMAN, HÖRNER, BOHLIN, BEXELL and CHEN were waiting for permission to enter Sinkiang, to say that they had finally got a reply, and according to this reply only BERGMAN and NORIN were to be permitted to cross the frontier. After conferring with the others, NORIN decided that they should proceed to Peking, to advance towards the interior of the country from the east, while he himself would set out at once for Urumchi to resume his work in the province.

TWO MONTHS IN SWEDEN

I myself now returned to Sweden from America, and spent two unforgettable months in my old home. During this time two new members were enlisted for the expedition. As head of the ethnographic section that thanks to the VINCENT BENDIX donation could now begin its activity was appointed Dr GÖSTA MONTELL, at that time assistant to Professor ERLAND NORDENSKIÖLD in Gothenburg.

As another Swedish-American, Mr ALBERT APPLETON of Chicago, had placed a sum of 25,000 dollars at my disposal, we were able to plan a special archaeological expedition to Russian Turkistan under the leadership of Dr T. J. ARNE.

Our new equipment was a chapter in itself. AMBOLT and NORIN had asked for a big WILD theodolite. This instrument alone cost 3,000 Swedish crowns. More-