

THE EXPEDITION'S FINANCES

Through the events connected with AMBOLT's disappearance the financial position of the whole expedition was worsened in a way that no-one could have foreseen, and that could in any case not have been avoided, since it was a matter of going to the aid of a comrade and a fellow-countryman.

As it was, our funds had already been severely drained. When the Swedish gold standard was abandoned there were big losses on the exchange. This forced us to considerable restrictions in our working program. Nevertheless, the home-journey that I had so carefully prepared might still have been arranged if it had not been for AMBOLT's disappearance.

When NORIN set out for Suchow to start the rescue-expedition he took with him all the money we had left, except what HÖRNER needed for his journey home. NORIN afterwards telegraphed for a further 3,000 Mexican dollars. Happily we had sufficient credit at the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank to be able to take out this sum without any covering.

Basing my estimation on the experience gained by BERGMAN and HÖRNER during their years in Asia, I drew up an account of the sum that would be necessary to save the results and the honour of the Swedish expedition. In round numbers this amounted to 75,000 Mexican dollars, which at the rate of exchange obtaining then corresponded to 97,500 Swedish crowns.

Compared with the sums that had already been spent, the deficit that had arisen through unforeseen circumstances, losses on the exchange and rescue-expeditions, was rather inconsiderable.

On July 9th, therefore, I wrote an appeal to the king, applying for a state grant of the above-mentioned amount to wind up the expedition.

HÖRNER GOES HOME

Mr CHEN left us rather soon after his return, going to his home-town in Chekiang. HÖRNER, too, hurried to finish the practical details connected with the work of the expedition, in order to be able to be present at the geologists' congress in Washington, in which he was very anxious to take part. On June 20th he left via Shanghai for the U. S. A. He travelled to the congress in company with our friends GRABAU, TEILHARD and V. K. TING.

DR ARNE'S IRANIAN EXPEDITION

The adventures and work of one group have not yet been mentioned: Dr T. J. ARNE's archaeological expedition to Iran. This was not under my direct leadership, but was managed quite independently by Dr ARNE. That it may be con-