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### EXPEDITION TO STUDY WILD LIFE OF NORTHWESTERN MEXICO

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Vernon Bailey, a naturalist of the Bureau of Biological Survey, left Washington today (October 18) for a 3-months biological expedition in northwestern Mexico, with Frederic Winthrop, jr., collector for the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Cambridge, Mass. They will travel by pack horse through the canyons and mountains of northwestern Chihuahua and northeastern Sonora and by automobile through the deserts of northwestern Sonora and along the coast of the Gulf of California.

This region, says Mr. Bailey, has never been fully explored biologically, and the naturalists expect to obtain valuable specimens of mammals and birds. The collections made by this expedition, which is being financed by Mr. Winthrop, will be divided between the Museum of Comparative Zoology and the Bureau of Biological Survey.

Mr. Bailey will be particularly interested in defining the southern ranges of mammals found in Arizona and New Mexico and in observing the migratory birds that winter in Sonora. He will study the life zones of the region, which for lack of sufficient data have not yet been mapped in detail. He will also gather information on the status of bears, mountain lions, wolves, coyotes, and other predators. Many of these animals cross the Mexican border and reinfest stock ranges in the Southwest, thus complicating control operations.

An experienced naturalist, Mr. Bailey has made field studies of wild life in all the States and in the adjacent parts of Mexico and Canada. He is especially familiar with the wild life of the Southwest, which he has described in his "Biological Survey of Texas" (1905) and "Mammals of New Mexico" (1932), North American Faunas published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. More than 40 years ago, he was in Sonora, on a brief collecting trip. Mr. Winthrop is also familiar with some parts of the route to be covered.