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Reveals for the first time the true extent and limits of the scientific achievements of the Burke and Wills Expedition.
