

POTHOLE EXPLORERS TRY AGAIN

High in the Pyrenaees a Franco-Spanish expedition  
took equipment by pack mules to the pothole/~~whanna~~ <sup>in which</sup> lies the  
body of Marcel Loubens, killed <sup>while</sup> ~~there~~ exploring it, this  
time last year, ~~was~~ <sup>T</sup>he wire-rope supporting him broke.

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This time the gear was stronger and in many ways an improve-  
ment. Norbert Casteret went down to recover the body of  
Loubens if it proved possible. The members of the Expedi-  
tion are scientists surveying the deep caves abounding  
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in the southern Pyrenees. They found that the body couldn't  
be Moved, but they'll try again. In frogmen's outfit, meanwhile,  
some volunteers from Lyons tried to reach the pothole by  
way of an underground river

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The man was going into the unknown and knew he might be  
trapped, but <sup>to</sup> explorers of the deep caves that's an every-  
day risk. And there's a practical value in the work: they've  
discovered a possible source of hydro-electric power, enough  
to supply a large area.... This attempt to reach Loubens was a failure  
too. For the time being **Victory** is with the Pyrenees.