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## ON WAY TO AFRICA.

SHIP BEARING FORMER PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY SAILS—DUE IN NAPLES APRIL 3.

New York, March 23.—Out on the "bosom of the ocean," as the writers have it, is Theodore Roosevelt with his party of lion hunters. They are aboard the Hamburg-American line steamer Hamburg, which cast off her lines from her Hoboken pier this morning and to the music of the whistles of numerous ferryboats, tugs and other vessels sailed down the bay with her distinguished passenger.

Accompanying Mr. Roosevelt—or Colonel Roosevelt, as some wise reporters addressed him on the pier this morning, winning thereby a smile—are his son, Kermit Roosevelt; Major Edgar A. Mearns, medical corps, U. S. A., retired; Edmund Heller and J. Alden Loring. The last named three men accompany Mr. Roosevelt as representatives of the Smithsonian institution, while the younger Roosevelt is official photographer of the expedition.

The long pier to which the Hamburg was moored was jammed this morning with persons gathered to see the Roosevelt party sail.

The Hamburg is due at Naples on April 3. Mr. Roosevelt and his party will remain in the Italian city two days, sailing thence on the Admiral of the German East African line on April 5. The Hamburg is one of the finest vessels of the Hamburg-American line and is the favorite ship of the German emperor. The Admiral is due at Mombasa, where the Roosevelt party will disembark, on April 22.

On his arrival at Mombasa Mr. Roosevelt and his party will go direct to the estate of Sir Alfred Pease, a member of the well known English Quaker family and remain there for three months during the heavy rains.

Afterward the Roosevelt party will go to Nairobi and pay a visit to the estate of Philip MacMillan, who is head of an American company that has a concession of 100 square miles in the district. They will cross Lake Victoria early in December to enter Uganda when the dry season commences in order to do the thirty-seven days' march to Gondokoro in fine weather.

It is expected that the Roosevelt expedition will complete its trip through the dark continent in the spring of next year, reaching Cairo about April 1, 1910.

### Kidnapers Restore Willie Whitla.

Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 23.—Little Willie Whitla, who has caused the police of the entire country endless worry since he was kidnaped from school in Sharon, Pa., last Thursday, was returned to his father at the Hollenden hotel here last night at 8:30 o'clock.

Mr. Whitla admitted that he had paid \$10,000 to the woman in a candy store, who acted for the kidnapers. Mr. Whitla believes the woman was an Italian, but refuses to disclose her identity.

In compliance with an arrangement entered into between the kidnaped boy's father and an agent of the kidnapers here today, the boy was placed on a street car on the outskirts of the city and started to the hotel shortly after 8 o'clock.

### Florida Beach Auto Races.

Daytona, Fla., Mar. 23.—With the firing of the pistol starting the Florida stock car price class race this morning the seventh annual international automobile races on Daytona beach began. The opening race will be followed by twenty-one events, contested on four days, the last event of the speed carnival being a bicycle race on Friday.

It is expected that all sorts of automobile, motor cycle, aeroplane and bicycle records will be broken during the four day tournament.

### Coliseum at Louisville Burned.

Louisville, Ky., Mar. 12.—The Coliseum was practically gutted by fire. The loss will be \$75,000.

## KIDNAPERS CAPTURED.

MAN AND WOMAN TRAILED AND PLACED UNDER ARREST BY POLICE OF CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 24.—In the arrest here last night of a man and a woman having \$9,790 in their possession, the police believe they have captured the kidnapers of Willie Whitla.

In fact, the woman in the case, who is greatly excited, admitted that she had been responsible for the kidnaping. When placed in custody at the central police station she said to Captain Shattuck:

"I am the one who planned the whole thing. There will be trouble for me, and hell in Sharon tomorrow."

Beneath the woman's skirt was found \$9,790. All of it but \$40 was bound in packages, with the original slips placed on the money when Whitla took it from the bank, still around it.

Captain Shattuck and Detective Frank Wood made the arrests in the east end of the city. When near the police station the man broke away from Detective Wood and ran towards an alley. The policeman fired two shots from his revolver into the air, and the man stopped. The woman made no attempt to escape.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Governor Stuart issued a proclamation, offering a reward of \$15,000 for the arrest and conviction of the kidnapers of Willie Whitla.

### South Pole Nearly Reached.

London.—The polar regions are gradually yielding up their secrets to human perseverance and determination, Lieutenant Ernest H. Shackleton, of the British navy, who left his permanent quarters last autumn for a dash to the pole, having succeeded after an arduous sledge journey of 1,708 miles, which occupied 126 days, in forging to within 111 miles of the south pole, or 334 miles nearer than any former explorer.

### Central Tax Case Settled.

Atlanta.—The long litigation which has been pending about seven years involving the state's claim for taxes on 15,000 shares of the capital stock of the Western Railway of Alabama, owned by the Central of Georgia Railway Company, was settled by the payment by the latter company of \$225,000 in satisfaction of all claims for taxes against this stock to date.

### One More Confederate Called Home.

Norfolk, Va.—Colonel William B. Lamb, aged 73, soldier, lawyer, editor, merchant and politician, died. He was best known as the "Hero of Fort Fisher," in the confederate war, when in a siege of three days he held the fort near Wilmington, N. C., with 1,900 men against the attack of 10,000 federal troops on land and 600 guns on water.

### Around the World for Chicago Club.

San Francisco, Cal., Mar. 12.—President Charles A. Comiskey, of the Chicago American League club, has announced that he will take his baseball team around the world after the season of 1911 is finished. The start will be made from San Francisco around October 15, 1911.

### Near Beer Dealer Sentenced the Limit.

Atlanta, Mar. 12.—The usual sentence, a commitment to the higher court, a fine of \$500, and a stockade sentence of thirty days, was laid on the head of Morris Cohen, soft drink dealer and grocer at 103 Decatur street, yesterday afternoon in the police court by Judge Broyles.

### Child Hung in Swing, Neck Broken.

Flovilla, Ga.—The 3-year-old daughter of William Castleberry, a prominent farmer one mile beyond Indian Springs, was found hanging to a rope swing, suspended from a limb, with her neck broken.

## STORM KILLS TWELVE

TEXAS STORM DAMAGES SEVERAL TOWNS. GREAT LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

Dallas, Tex., Mar. 25.—Twelve known dead, property losses reaching into the thousands of dollars and possibly a score injured is the result of a tornado which swept over the north-eastern part of Wise county. Several small towns were visited by the storm, but none were entirely destroyed, although each suffered serious damage.

At Crafton every business house save one was blown down. The Methodist and Baptist churches were completely wrecked. The Christian church at Greenwood was destroyed. Several residences and two churches were blown down at Brumlow.

The farm house of Ira Rice was crushed in by the furious wind and the family of eight members pinned beneath the wreckage. A light in the house at the time of the disaster caused the ruins to become ignited, and, fanned by the strong wind, the flames snuffed out the lives of the helpless victims.

### Miners Ask Taft to Arbitrate.

Scranton, Pa.—Reaffirming the demands already presented to the operators, the anthracite miners voted to remain at work after April 1, allowing the district executive boards of the hard coal fields of Pennsylvania to continue their efforts to get an agreement satisfactory to the men.

The resolution was introduced by a district officer, and in substance asked President Taft to create a commission similar to the one appointed by President Roosevelt in 1902.

### Acid Forced Down Her Throat.

Vincennes, Ind.—Mrs. Jessie Overton Culbertson is dying, as the result of having carbolic acid forced down her throat and her jaws afterwards securely bound. She was found in a shed back of her home. Revived for a few seconds, she said:

"A man and a woman dragged me into the woodshed and poured something down my throat."

### One Killed in Wreck.

Yorkville, S. C.—A special train, consisting of two cars, on the Carolina and Northwestern railway, carrying about thirty Knights Templars from Chester to Yorkville, for a banquet, was wrecked. Fireman Frank Hardin, of Chester, jumped and was killed. Several of the passengers were bruised, but none seriously hurt.

### Canned Ham Kills Children.

Deals Island, Md.—Two children of Hosea Webster, a merchant of this town, are dead as a result, it is thought, of ptomaine poisoning, caused by eating canned ham, and other members of the family are in a critical condition, among whom are Mr. and Mrs. Webster and two daughters, Dorothy and Esther.

### Fourth Day's Argument in Cooper Sharp Trial.

Nashville, Tenn., Mar. 12.—The fourth day of the arguments in the Cooper-Sharp trial closed with General Washington, of the defense, in the middle of his argument, and two more attorneys to follow him.

The speaker laid special stress upon the social standing and breeding of the defendants, and declared that men of such families killed only in defense of life and honor. His speech was a masterpiece of oratory, and had a noticeable effect upon the jury.

### Suit to Dissolve Oil Trust.

St. Louis.—In the circuit court of the United States for the Eighth judicial circuit the suit of the federal government under the Sherman anti-trust law to dissolve the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey was called. The judges who are hearing the arguments are Willis Van Devanter, William C. Hook, Walter H. Sanborn and Elmer B. Adams.

## BATTLE WITH INDIANS.

OKLAHOMA SENDS TROOPS TO EXTERMINATE CRAZY SNAKE'S BAND OF MURDERERS.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Mar. 29.—Chief Crazy Snake and 100 followers retreated before five companies of Oklahoma militia, thus deferring an expected battle.

Hastily setting fire to his tepees and tents, the Indian leader, with his mixed company of redskins and negroes, fled from his blazing camp as the troops advanced.

Major Charles F. Barrett, in charge of the commissary, received hurry orders by courier to send supplies and additional ammunition to the soldiers at the camp.

Six men have been killed and a dozen wounded since the trouble began. This is the official report, and it is generally believed many more of the negroes and Indians are killed.

Crazy Snake, whose name is Chitti Harjo, and whose English name is Wilson Jones, is the leader of the Snake band of Creek Indians. This band of Creeks, unable to speak English, have never turned their faces from the old days and the old customs.

### Vanderlip Raced Against Death.

Chicago.—Frank L. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York, broke all American railroad records, according to statements made by New York Central officials in an effort to reach the bedside of his dying mother here, but he lost the race with death by exactly 25 minutes.

Mr. Vanderlip, in a special train, covered the distance from New York to Englewood, a suburb of this city, in 15 hours and 5 minutes, and when he leaped madly from the train he was met with the announcement that his mother, Mrs. Charlotte L. Vanderlip, had died.

### Liquor and Jealousy Caused Tragedy.

Pittsburg, Pa.—After firing two bullets at his wife, pointing a revolver at his mother-in-law, when she attempted to help her daughter, and trying vainly to get his little daughter out of a neighboring house that he might kill her, Harry Smith, aged 31 years, sent a bullet through the brain of his 6-year-old son Russell, killing the boy instantly, and then shot himself through the head, dying in a few moments.

### Mrs. Mary Farmer Died in Electric Chair.

Auburn, N. Y.—Mrs. Mary Farmer, who is to die in the electric chair in the state prison for the murder of Mrs. Sarah Brennan, at Brownsville, has made a statement, it was learned, which she believes will exonerate her husband, who is also under sentence of death for the same crime.

### Negro Hero's Memory Honored.

Montgomery, Ala.—Remarkable honors were paid to the memory of Bob Goodwin, a negro hero, who was drowned in the Alabama river March 11, while trying to rescue two white men. Hundreds of white persons, men, women and children, took part in the funeral services, and eight cadets of a fashionable military high school served as pallbearers.

### Newspaper Man Shot Wife and Self.

Boston.—A startling tragedy was enacted in the public garden near the entrance of the Boylston street subway. Suffering from nervous trouble, with which he had been afflicted for several years, Lawrence R. Boyle, a well-known newspaper man, shot and killed his wife and then ended his own life by the same means.

### Electric Cars Head-on Collision.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Three persons were killed, two probably fatally hurt, and 15 others sustained injuries that necessitated their removal to their homes, in a head-on collision between two electric cars on the Pittsburg and Butler street railway, near Bryant station.

### Aged Professor Dead.

Oxford, Ga.—After an illness of four weeks, Dr. John S. Moore, 80 years old, former professor of Latin at Emory college, died. He was well known throughout the south, both as a minister and teacher.

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Register of Deeds—B. A. Gillespie.  
Coroner—Dr. W. J. Wallis.  
Commissioners—W. M. Henry, Ch'n; G. T. Lyday; W. E. Galloway.  
Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson.  
Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham.  
Attorney—Gash & Galloway.

## Town Government.

Mayor—T. W. Whitmire.  
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Marshal—J. A. Galloway.  
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## Entry No. 2545.

North Carolina—Transylvania County.  
C. I. Owen enters and claims 24 acres more or less of land lying in Gloucester Township, on the west prong of French Broad river, adjoining the lands of Marion Owen and Jim Owen. Beginning on Marion Owen's south-west corner and runs various courses for complement, so as to include all adjoining vacant lands. Entered March 9, 1909.

B. A. GILLESPIE,  
Entry Taker.

## ORDINANCE AMENDED.

Please take notice that Sec. 15 of the laws and ordinances of the town of Brevard was amended at a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen Monday, March 15, 1909, as follows:

Sec. 15. All persons drumming for or soliciting passengers or baggage at the depot of the Southern R. R. Company, in the Town of Brevard, shall get no nearer the train while so drumming or soliciting than the east row of posts under the railroad shed at the said depot. Any person or persons violating the provisions of this ordinance shall forfeit and be liable to a penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00), and shall also be guilty of a misdemeanor.  
T. W. WHITEMIRE,  
Mayor.