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SAILING DOWN THE NILE

Roosevelt and His Son Leaving Heart of Africa

RESULTS A WORLD'S RECORD.

Leaves Gondokoro for Khartoum and Scientific Expedition is Practically Ended. American Museums Will Receive Greatest Collection of African Fauna in Existence—Working on Speeches.

Gondokoro, Sudan, Feb. 28.—Col Roosevelt and the others of his immediate party sailed today on the steamer Dal for Khartoum, where they expect to arrive on March 15. With their departure the African scientific expedition, under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution of Washington and led by the former President of the United States, was, for all practical purposes, brought to a close.

Col. Roosevelt considers the killing of the Nile a fitting ending of his hunting trip. The results generally, from the standpoint of the hunter and the scientist, have exceeded all expectations.

Col. Roosevelt and his son Kermit have killed some 500 specimens of large mammals. The bag includes 17 lions, 11 elephants, 3 giant elands, 3 black rhinoceroses, 9 white rhinoceroses, 9 hippopotami, 9 giraffes, 3 leopards, 3 cheetahs, 3 giant elands, 3 sables, 1 sitatunga, and 2 bongos. All these were killed in the interest of science, and the specimens will be disposed of accordingly, the greater number going to the Smithsonian Institution. Mr. Roosevelt will retain not more than six trophies for himself.

In comparative importance, the most highly prized game may be rated as follows: First, the giant elands, the first complete specimens of which family are now being taken from the country; second, the white rhinoceroses; third, the bongos, the first to be stalked and killed by a white man, and, fourth, the sitatunga, a species of antelope.

The naturalists secured a remarkable collection comprising many thousands of other mammals and birds. The game taken and the collections made constitute a world's record for a similar period of hunting and scientific research in Africa, and the American museums will receive the greatest collection of African fauna in existence.

Col. Roosevelt will now devote his time to writing including the preparation of the addresses which he is to deliver in Europe. He will do no more hunting unless during the trip down the Nile chance throws in his way an opportunity to secure some rare specimens.

Flood's Haste Saves 100.

Danville, Ill., Feb. 28.—Just before a hundred miners were to have entered Gray's mine today, the swollen Vermillion River broke through the walls into the pit. There is 36 feet of water in the mine now. The miners would all have perished in the flood had they gone to work a few minutes earlier.

A carriage that once belonged to Lord Byron stands in the corner of the yard of a wayside inn near Port Lincoln, Australia. The name of the London maker is engraved on the body of the vehicle, and on the panels are Lord Byron's motto and coat of arms. The carriage is still in fair preservation.

TO REVIVE SPELLING BEES.

Pennsylvania Public School Superintendent Interested in Orthography.

York, Penn., Feb. 27.—In order that the pupils of the various public schools may become more efficient in orthography, County Superintendent C. W. Stine has planned to conduct spelling bees throughout the county during the next scholastic year.

The County Superintendent has prepared a book of 5,000 practical words which he will use in these spelling contests, and prizes will be awarded to the successful spellers.

The study of agriculture also has been added to the curriculum in many of the schools of this county.

ADDRESS ON ROAD BUILDING.

Mr. Spoon, of the Government Road Commission, Spoke Here Wednesday Evening.

Mr. Willis L. Spoon, representing the Government Road Commission in this state, addressed the Smithfield Chamber of Commerce in the Court house Wednesday evening, his subject being Good Roads. During the course of his remarks he very enthusiastically commended the efficient work which Road Supervisor J. H. B. Tomlinson is doing. He remarked that the working of the road during the present rainy season was the practical thing to do, for no matter when the roads are worked they will have to undergo a certain process in packing, and that going through this rainy process now, as soon as the fair weather came they would be in excellent condition. He said that the most economical and serviceable roads could be built with the materials to be found right here in our county, to-wit, clay, sand and gravel.

Dies at Age of 110.

Milford, N. H., Feb. 28.—Michael Leavitt, the oldest Irish-American in New Hampshire, died today at the age of 110 years. He had lived alone since the death of his wife, forty years ago.

He was born in County Kerry, Ireland. He came to America seventy years ago.

NEWS OF INTEREST.

Announcement has been made that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has resigned as a director of the United States Steel Corporation and is succeeded by Henry Walters, of Baltimore, chairman of the Louisville and Nashville and the Atlantic Coast Line system of railroads, and a close personal friend of J. P. Morgan.

Joe Domingo de Obaldia, president of Panama, died Tuesday afternoon. President Obaldia was elected on July 12, 1908. He had before acted as chief executive during the absence of President Amador. He was formerly Minister to the United States. He was born 63 years ago and was a son of former President Obaldia, of Columbia.

The Central labor union of Philadelphia, representing 140 unions with a claimed membership of 125,000, has voted to begin a sympathetic strike next Saturday in aid of the striking street railway employees. The strike situation as to the street car lines is only partially under control. Cars are being run on some lines but rioting occurs occasionally.

Sir Ernest Shackleton, the English explorer who made the "farthest south" record, reaching within 111 miles of the South Pole, will soon visit this country on a lecture tour. Before he returns home he will be presented a gold medal by the National Geographic Society. He is expected to give his first American lecture in Carnegie Hall at New York, on March 29.

James R. Garfield, son of President Garfield, and Secretary of the Interior during the latter days of the Roosevelt Administration, is being talked as a candidate for Governor of Ohio. Congressman Nicholas Longworth, son-in-law of Mr. Roosevelt, is also talked of for the place. It will take the best the Republicans have to beat Governor Harmon, who is one of the country's best known democrats.

Ex-Governor James K. Vardaman has been balked once more in his ambition to occupy a seat in the United States Senate, this time by the Mississippi Legislature which last week elected Leroy Percy to the Senate. Vardaman is a strong, if erratic man, and is not to be discouraged in his designs on a seat in the upper house of Congress. He has announced that he will again be a candidate two years hence.

Leroy Percy, who was last week chosen to succeed Col. James Gordon in the United States Senate, was born November 9, 1861. He is a graduate of the law department of the University of Virginia, and took a post-graduate course in Princeton University. He is a prominent lawyer and has taken an active part in politics for many years, but has never held office before. Col. Gordon, his immediate predecessor, was appointed to a seat in the Senate by the Governor of Mississippi on the death of Senator A. J. McLaurin last December.

TAFT HOLDS RECORD

Travels 20,638 Miles in His First Year in Office

AVERAGE FIFTY-SIX MILES DAY.

Also Has Made 348 Speeches—Will Have Rounded Out Twelve Months On Thursday—Roosevelt Outdistanced—Heard and Seen in Thirty States—Goes to Chicago.

When President Taft completes his day's work on Thursday he will have been President for one year and have broken two Presidential records.

Such records are not easy to break, especially when one is elected President after Theodore Roosevelt. They are for the number of miles traveled in an average of 365 days since Mr. Taft became President, he has traveled more than fifty-six miles a day. This includes Sundays. His total mileage for the year is 20,638 miles, to which should be added about 5,000 miles, the estimated distance which he has covered by automobile.

During this first year of his administration, the President has made 348 speeches, of which only twenty were in the District of Columbia. The record of Theodore Roosevelt for the last year of his administration was 242 speeches, and he was considered a ready talker.

President Taft's record for both speeches and travel was made during his trip through the West and South last fall, during which he discussed the plans which he had formed for legislation with unusual freedom.

His speeches have been made over a wide area, and the President has been seen and heard in thirty States and two Territories, which hope soon to be States.

They are Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, New Jersey, and Vermont.

Speeches which the President made prior to his inauguration fill three volumes. Plans for the second year will probably equal the present mileage, but hardly the number of speeches.

He will begin the second year with a trip to Chicago and through New York State in March, and expects to go to Alaska and as far south as Texas before another session of Congress.—Washington Herald.

A Lively Time at Clinton.

A dispatch from Clinton to the Raleigh News and Observer says:

As a result of a fight here in a back lot Saturday afternoon, which assumed the proportions of a riot and which the mayor and police were called out to quell, George Jones, a white man of upper Sampson, is dead, being shot by a policeman, death resulting immediately.

It seems that several men had gotten hold of some blind tiger whiskey, were imbibing rather freely, and got into a fight. When the policemen came to make the arrests the fight was still going on. Some of the men in it and whom the police were starting to arrest, were kinsmen of the deceased, and he came in and was trying to prevent the officers from arresting the men, or was one of the participants. In the melee Policeman J. K. Tew was knocked down. He rose and the deceased advanced on him with a large club, when Tew shot him dead.

Preaching Appointments.

We notice in Zion's Landmark for February 15, the following appointments of Elder W. E. Williams; Four Oaks, Saturday and first Sunday in March. Hannah's Creek, Monday.

Oak Forest Tuesday. Hickory Grove, Wednesday. Black River, Friday.

Americans are the greatest peanut eaters in the world—they would be, even if there were no circuses. In 1907 and 1908 Japan exported 17,000,000 pounds of peanuts, and the United States took nearly all of them.

SNOWSLIDE KILLS MANY

Avalanches Sweep Over Two Idaho Towns

MULLEN ALSO SWEEP AWAY.

Large Number of Persons Believed Buried Under Many Feet of Snow in the Coeur d'Alenes—Fully Fifty Houses Swept to the Bottom of the Canyon—Slides Extend Half Mile.

Wallace, Idaho, Feb. 28.—Two little towns, Mace and Burk, strung along the precipitous Burk Canyon, in the Coeur d'Alenes, were buried last night under enormous masses of snow rock, and earth that swept down on them from the mountain side.

The known list of dead is now 19, while it is probable that scores are lying in the avalanches. Every able-bodied man in the mining district around Wallace is at work relieving the sufferings of the homeless inhabitants and searching for dead and living under the debris.

Shortly before midnight last night the first and largest avalanche descended on the town of Mace. Supt. and Mrs. I. H. Pascoe, of the Standard mine, in which property a large majority of the male residents of Mace are employed, were sleeping when their home was crushed as an egg shell, two sons and a daughter being instantly killed. Mr. Pascoe is missing, but his wife was rescued, slightly wounded.

Between fifteen and twenty homes were swept into the bottom of the canyon and covered by between 30 and 40 feet of snow and boulders. Striking at the east end of Mace, the slide extends nearly half a mile up the canyon, averaging thirty feet in depth.

Bodies are being taken out at intervals but because of the distribution of the miners at the boarding house and cabins no exact estimate of the number of dead can be made.

Another landslide at 9 o'clock this morning struck Burke a mile above Mace, burying twenty-five houses under thirty to forty feet of snow and earth. There is fear that the number of dead might be even larger than that at Mace.

A report tonight says that a slide killed several persons at Mullan, Idaho, a mining town north of the towns first struck, but details so far are lacking.

Everett, Wash., March 2.—Latest estimates tonight place the number of persons killed by the avalanche that crushed two Great Northern passenger trains at Wellington at forty. While only twenty-three persons are known to be dead nearly a score are thought to be buried in the wreckage. Communication with Wellington is maintained only by men on snow shoes. Twelve bodies had been removed tonight from the 150-foot gorge into which the snow slide swept the train.

Death's Doings.

On Thursday of last week Mrs. Lizzie Adams, widow of Mr. John Adams, of Meadow Township, died at the home of her nephew, Mr. J. H. Smith, with whom she had been living for some time.

Mr. Johnnie Peedin, of Boon Hill township, died Tuesday night of typhoid pneumonia. He was a son of Mr. Amos Peedin, deceased. The funeral was preached Wednesday by Elder Rom Jones, of Smithfield.

Mr. Jack Jones, who lived about seven miles south of Princeton, on the Hunter Hall place died Tuesday night from paralysis after a brief illness. He moved to that neighborhood from near Kenly only a short time ago.

The wife of Mr. Charley Game, of Boon Hill township, died last Monday night and was buried Wednesday.

Everywhere everybody seems to be talking about high prices. Congress is supposed to investigate the cause of the tremendous cost of all things, but what good will it do? Since this investigating talk began, prices have gone higher still, and no one knows where the end will be. Now the news comes from Chicago that live hogs are selling at \$10 a hundred. If every man was a seller then the high prices would suit, but occasionally one has to buy as well as to sell. Then is when the high price is not desirable. It is the fellow who buys who complains of the high prices.

ROOSEVELT ESCAPES FEVER.

French Missionary Who Lunched with Him at Gondokoro Dies the Next Day.

Gondokoro, Sudan, March 1.—A fresh instance of Roosevelt luck is seen in the fact that the ex-President and his party left here the day before an outbreak of African fever. They sailed for Khartoum yesterday, and at noon today Dr. Rodoric Prosch, a French medical missionary who lunched with Mr. Roosevelt yesterday, suddenly died of fever.

Dr. Prosch has done missionary work in Africa for ten years, during which time his health has been gradually undermined by the debilitating climate, and his collapse today is attributed to a weakened condition that could not resist an attack that he might have survived a few years ago.

At a camp adjoining that occupied by the Americans here an English sportsman is seriously ill following a trip to Kampala, the capital of Uganda, one of the places at which the Roosevelt party stopped.

The District Commissioner of Gondokoro, the British officials of which were most active in entertaining their American guests, has been stricken with the fever and today is confined to his bed.

When Col. Roosevelt and the others of his party left here on the steamer Dal yesterday they were all apparently in good health and little the worse for their rough experiences.

STATE NEWS.

Citizens at Nashville, Nash county, are planning a canning plant with 10,000 cans capacity per day, to cost \$5,000.

Senator Simmons has secured an amendment to the river and harbor bill providing for \$615,000 for deepening the Cape Fear river to Fayetteville, \$100,000 to be available at once. If the river is deepened, big boats may come to Wilmington and move the coast line 100 miles westward.

Solomon Shepard, the negro who was sentenced to serve a term of 30 years in the State's Prison for the murder of Engineer Holt at Durham, and who jumped from a moving work train at the convict camp near Laurinburg last Tuesday, was captured in the woods near Gibsonville in Guilford county Monday morning by Mr. John R. Shepard, a farmer of that section.

H. F. Seawell, who failed to land as a Federal judge, has met with success at last and has been appointed by the President District Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina. The Senate promptly confirmed his appointment. Though not big enough to sit as judge, he has been considered big enough to prosecute the violators of the Federal laws in this state.

A dispatch from Rockingham to the Raleigh News and Observer says: "Saturday was field day for the near-beer saloon here. As many as thirty-five drunken men were on our streets by actual count, and the scramble for the stuff and fight incidental thereto, grew to such proportions that the proprietor voluntarily closed the doors about 9 o'clock. It is not known whether the liquor came from the near beer bottles, or whether there was a near-eyed tiger in hiding, but our citizens became disgusted at the sight of so much drunkenness."

A dispatch from Charlotte says: "Because of the dangerous frequency with which attacks upon women and hold-ups of members of the fair sex have occurred during the past ten days, taken in conjunction with many cases of purse snatching by unidentified negroes, the women of Charlotte are looking to firearms for protection. "It is stated to-day that a revolver club will be organized by an energetic young woman of the smart set, and that women will be trained to shoot revolvers and shoot to hit and kill, too."

Twins Celebrate at 75.

Northampton, Mass., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Laura Clark Ludden and Mrs. Lydia Clark Hamlin, of South street, twins, have celebrated their seventy-fifth birthday, entertaining at a large reception in honor of the occasion.

The first record of Halley's comet was B. C. 240.

Abandoned farms in New England are being used for free cultivation.

RIVERS ON A RAMPAGE

Four Thousand People in Ohio Lose Their Homes

LOSS ESTIMATED AT A MILLION.

Numerous Plants Have Been Forced to Close Down and Hundreds of Men and Women Are Out of Work—City Authorities Are Feeding Hundreds, Who Are Destitute.

Cleveland, O., March 2.—At least 4,000 people are homeless in Ohio as a result of the flood which continues to devastate the State. Numerous plants have been forced to close down and hundreds of men and women are out of work. The material damage is estimated at over \$1,000,000.

The Licking and Muskingum rivers have passed their record of 1898 at Zanesville and are still rising. If there is no abatement of the waters before morning it is stated that the waterworks and power plants will be forced to close and this will mean the shutting down of all the large commercial plants in that town. Over nine hundred people are now being fed by the city authorities.

Only a few of the big steel works at Youngstown are still running and these are expected to suspend tomorrow. The tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad are several feet under water and have been abandoned.

The huge gorge which has blocked Main street in Warren has resisted several attempts to dynamite it and it is feared that if it breaks now the town will suffer heavily. A \$50,000 bridge over the Auglaize river at Defiance has been swept away and the crops in the Mad river and Little Miami river bottoms have been completely destroyed.

A fresh horror confronts the people of Maumee, where a torrent laden with ice and debris has swept over the cemetery and it is practically certain that when the waters subside many corpses will have been uncovered.

WENDELL BREEZES.

Mrs. H. J. Batten, a most estimable lady, died near here a few days ago, after a short illness of pneumonia. She leaves a husband and a large family of children to mourn their loss.

The little child of Mr. Mack Flowers, age two and a half years, was so badly burned that it died next day, a few days ago.

Mrs. Turner Bailey and Mrs. Berry Richardson, of Kenly, are visiting Mrs. Millard Hales this week.

Mr. M. A. Griffin has sold his lumber plant to Roberts Bros. They are hustling business men, and when they take hold of a job, there is something doing. They have both nice new residences, one in town and one west of town about a mile. They are waking up that section where their farm is located, as the new barns, pack-houses, etc., testify.

Mr. Rice filled his regular appointment here on third Sunday and Mr. Woodall on fourth Sunday. Both are young men of ability, and give us strong gospel sermons.

The Civic Club gave a George Washington entertainment on the 22nd. The program was excellent and was well carried out. A mystery menu was served afterward, the object being to help improve our cemetery, a worthy cause and badly needing help.

Measles is the order of the day here and it seems that all who have not had it are getting their share this time.

Misses Gay, Shackelford and Atkinson have been visiting the Misses Mattox.

Wendell, Mar. 1, 1910.

\$10 HOG ON MARKET.

Highest Price Since 1870 Paid in the Chicago Stock Yards.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—The \$10 hog made his first appearance on the local market since 1870 at to-day's session. A load of 264-pound hogs, sixty-six in number, was bought by an Eastern shipper at that price. The sale was made early, but was "under cover" till near the noon hour. B. L. Strohm, of Cushing, Iowa, owned the hogs, and they netted him the most money of any similar weights hogs in forty years.