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"Darkest Africa" Will Welcome the Ex-President With Open Arms

Mombasa, East Africa, By Cable.—Mombasa is preparing already to welcome Theodore Roosevelt when he lands here the latter part of next month on his much-heralded African trip, and the coming of the former president of the United States has given a decided impetus to the interest in the present hunting season. The governor of the protectorate, Lieut. Col. Sir James Sadler, is getting up entertainment for the distinguished visitor, but in spite of these arrangements, the greeting to Mr. Roosevelt will be more to the great sportsman whose fame is well known to local hunters than to the former president. East African sportsmen were highly gratified to learn that Mr. Roosevelt had refused the offer of the authorities to grant him a special hunting license that would have permitted him to kill game to an unlimited extent instead of confining himself to the two elephants, two rhinoceroses, two hippopotami, etc. Lions and leopards are classed as vermin and consequently no license to kill them is required. The white population of Mombasa has heard much of Mr. Roosevelt's personality and in a joking way frequent references to the "big stick" are being made. The prospects for good hunting this season are considered excellent. Many settlers in the outlying districts, realizing the increasing interest in the prospects for good sport because of the coming of Mr. Roosevelt, are voluntarily sending in information about the movements of game. According

to a dispatch received here a record group of lions, numbering 32, was seen on the Nandi plateau Tuesday at a point about 50 miles north of Port Florence. (The Nandi plateau is on the west side of the great Rift valley.) Among them were three huge males. Giraffes Seen. Four families of giraffes have been seen at Makindu, 200 miles inland from here, on the line of the Uganda railroad, and elephants have been seen at Elburgon, 475 miles inland on the railroad and along the Sabaki river, not far to the north of Mombasa. R. J. Cunningham, the noted English big game hunter and naturalist, who is to be guide to and general manager of the Roosevelt party, has been here for some time completing the preparations for the trip into the wilderness as well as the shooting and collecting excursions along the line of the railroad. He is selecting and hiring native porters for the excursion. He takes only experienced men who are known to be courageous and to possess great physical strength. The safari kit, in other words, the camp equipment for the work in the open, is to come from London and will be in readiness when Mr. Roosevelt arrives. Everything points to a successful stay in British East Africa and Uganda for Mr. Roosevelt; the natives are peaceful; game is plentiful and the people of Mombasa are waiting eagerly to extend him a welcome.

DECISION IN FAVOR OF THE OIL COMPANY

Chicago, Special.—The Standard Oil Company, of Indiana, found not guilty of accepting rebates from the Chicago & Alton Railroad on shipments of oil from Whiting, Ind., to East St. Louis, Ill. The verdict was returned by a jury in the Federal Court on instructions of Judge A. G. Anderson, who averred that he followed the Circuit Court of Appeals' decision as to the verdict returned at the former trial of the same case and on which verdict Judge Kennesaw Mountain Landis assessed a fine of \$29,240,000. Judge Anderson's decision was not unexpected as he had Tuesday told the government prosecutors that the proof relied on in the first trial was incompetent and that it must be complemented or fail. It was with something of an air of hopelessness that District Attorney Edwin W. Sims and

his assistant attempted to show the advisability of the Illinois classification to prove the existence of a legal rate of 18 cents, which was a vital point in the government's contention. Attorneys Threw Up Case. It was after Assistant District Attorney James H. Wilkerson had argued for two hours and in the end admitted that the prosecution could not furnish the further proof deemed necessary by the court for a continuation of the case, that Judge Anderson announced his decision. Mr. Wilkerson said that the government could proceed no further and suggested dismissal of the case. Attorney John S. Miller, chief counsel in the case for the oil company, immediately moved that there be an instructed verdict of not guilty. The court so ordered, and the jury, which had been excluded during the arguments by the attorneys, was called in and charged.

GEORGIA TOWNS SUFFER FROM STORMS

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—With the completed death roll of Sunday night's Arkansas tornado just coming in, the tail end of the Arkansas storm which Tuesday night swept across Alabama and south Georgia Wednesday set in motion a new death count for the latter two States. This count was ten, five negroes killed in Cuthbert, Ga., and three whites and two negroes drowned at Montgomery, Ala., the latter deaths a result of high water following a record rainfall for the past 20 years. Cumming, Ga., Tuesday got into telegraphic communication with the outside world and sent word that a tornado ploughed through miles of timber, farm yards and valuable property in that vicinity besides destroying half a dozen farmers' homes and seriously injuring a young man and a young woman. Cuthbert Hard Hit. Cuthbert, Ga., reported the damage at \$500,000 and Mayor D. A. McPherson issued an appeal for aid.

Nearly half of the main business block of Cuthbert was demolished. Every store on Depot street was blown down, filling the street with piles of brick and timbers. Homeless persons wandered through the town searching for household possessions which the wind had scattered for blocks in all directions. The whites dead at Montgomery are: William Dillard, 20 years old. Thomas Harper, of Atlanta, 22 years. Unidentified white man. Floods at Montgomery, Ala. Montgomery, Ala., Special.—Heavy and continuous rains wrought great damage here and the situation was made serious Tuesday. Several homes in north Montgomery were abandoned and inmates carried to places of safety in boats. The Grand Theatre, a handsome new structure, was flooded and the damage will be heavy.

SHIPS COLLIDE ON MASSACHUSETTS COAST

Chatham, Mass., Special.—The steamer Horatio Hall of the Maine Steamship Company, from Portland, New York and H. F. Dimock, of the Metropolitan line, from New York to Boston, collided at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning and the Hall went to the bottom in half an hour and the

Dimock ran ashore six hours later on Cape Cod beach, where the passengers and crew of the Hall were landed unharmed. Wireless calls were made but the position of the ships was not well stated and in the dense fog assistance failed to reach the point of disaster.

MUST NOT PLACE ON THE "UNFAIR LIST"

Washington, Special.—The American Federation of Labor hereafter may freely refer to the boycott against the Buck Stove and Range company of St. Louis, except by inclusion in the "We don't patronize list." This in substance of widespread importance to the labor world, to manufacturers and to newspapers generally, is the sweeping decision handed down Thursday by the court of appeals of the District of Columbia in the noted injunction case of the Bucks Stove and Range company against the American Federation of Labor, which has been before the

courts of the District of Columbia in various phases for months. In a recent decision by Justice Gould of the supreme court of the District the American Federation of Labor and the officers, Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell, Morrison, and others were enjoined from conspiring to boycott the Bucks Stove and Range company and from printing or publishing or distributing, through the mails or otherwise, any copy of The Federationist or other publication referring to the complainant, its business or products in the "We don't patronize" or "Unfair list."

JURY HAS CARMACK CASE

The Attorney General Concludes His Speech Begun Saturday and Judge Hart Orders a Recess to Prepare His Charge—The Judge's Charge, It is Believed, Will Be Short and the Case Will Probably Go to the Jury Late Tuesday. Nashville, Tenn., Special.—The general belief that the case would go to the jury Monday caused the largest crowd yet assembled to try to get into the court house for the final scenes of the trial of Col. Duncan B. Cooper, Robin Cooper and John D. Sharp for the murder of United States Senator Edward W. Carmack. But there was another delay. After Attorney General McCarn had closed for the State Judge Hart announced that he had not completed the charge but hoped to have it ready some time Tuesday. General McCarn spoke only a little over an hour but closed with a burst of eloquence, a farewell invocation to Carmack, "statesman, patriot, diplomat, Christian, gentleman and friend." General McCarn's argument is considered to be a remarkably able and strong one. This is his first big case, almost the first case he has actually tried since he took the oath of office last September and his friends were out in force to see how he acquitted himself. Mrs. Carmack was in court again heavily veiled as usual. When General McCarn reached his peroration she leaned over and rested her head upon her sister's shoulder.

LOST \$6,000 ON COUNTY ROAD.

Walter George Newman Hurrying on 15-Mile Drive to Catch Train Loses Large Sum of Money and \$1,000 Worth of Jewelry. Salisbury, Special.—Mr. Walter George Newman, a well known mine owner of New York, drove across country Monday from his mines at Gold Hill to Salisbury, a distance of 15 miles and upon reaching the city informed officers here that he had lost \$6,000 in cash and a lot of jewelry valued at \$1,000. The trip was made hurriedly in order to catch a train for New York and Mr. and Mrs. Newman left the city immediately. Mr. Newman came to North Carolina Saturday to pay off the employees at Gold Hill where he is operating two rich mines. To a company of friends at the Salisbury station he talked excitedly of the loss, but resumed his journey to New York. Roosevelt Inspects Outfit. Oyster Bay, N. Y., Special.—Ex-President Roosevelt Monday made a careful inspection of the articles for his African trip. Mr. Roosevelt saw his small tents pitched on the lawn and everything put in order for occupancy. The ex-President was enthusiastic during the inspection of the outfit and expressed himself as being highly pleased with the clever manner in which the materials were made and packed. Before finally packing his guns Mr. Roosevelt took them out to his target range and discharged each half a dozen times. It is said he succeeded in hitting the bull's-eye in a majority of the shots during the practice.

Lineman's Tragic Death.

Asheville, Special.—Hicks Caphart, a lineman in the employ of the Asheville Electric Company, met a tragic death here Monday, by having his brains dashed out on the pavement through the fall of a pole up he was climbing. It is presumed Caphart fell face down, on the stone paved street. A great hole, nearly as large as a man's fist, was made in his forehead, while his brains were scattered about on the car rail and the street.

Will Make His Own Selections.

Washington, Special.—Only five committees of the House will be named by Speaker Cannon, for the present. These will be ways and means, rules, printing, mileage and accounts. In making up the committees it is stated the Speaker will consult with "every member of the House, who desires to discuss assignments with him."

Slander Suit Settled.

Raleigh, Special.—The mutual friends of ex-Judge W. A. Montgomery, of Raleigh, and Mr. Thomas Dixon, of New York, conferred here Monday in the presence of Aycock and Winston and J. N. Holding, representing Dixon, and The News and Observer and R. H. Battle & Son, representing Judge Montgomery, and amicably settled all matters in litigation thus ending all pending suits, including that against The News and Observer. The substance of the agreement signed is that neither Dixon nor Montgomery intended to impeach the private life of the other.

THE 61ST CONGRESS

Predicted That Extraordinary Session Will Be Short One

SPEAKER CANNON RE-ELECTED

Senate Meets and is Ready—House Elects Mr. Cannon Speaker, But Changes the Rules.

The Sixty-First Congress of the United States Assembled in Called Session in Washington City on Monday. When the Senate assembled 66 Senators answered to their names. When Vice President Sherman called the Senate to order, the Republican side had a full representation present, while but 15 Democrats were in their seats. Senators Alrich and Money were appointed a committee to wait upon the President to inform him of the meeting of the Senate and to notify him that that body was ready to receive any message he might wish to communicate. At 2 o'clock the Senate, after receiving word of the election of Speaker Cannon, adjourned for the day. Five Democratic Senators, all from the South were absent from the opening of Congress on account of illness. Senator Tillman is at his home in South Carolina, suffering from a general breakdown similar to that which compelled his trip to Europe about a year ago. After one of the stormiest sessions in its history, the House of Representatives regardless of party alignment, adopted, 211 to 172, a resolution by Mr. Fitzgerald, (Democrat), of New York, whereby the rules were amended in several important particulars. The resolution was a substitute for one offered by Mr. Clark, of Missouri. Its adoption was accomplished only after the "insurgents," with the aid of the Democrats, with one or two exceptions, had won a decided preliminary victory by voting down a resolution by Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, making the unamended rules of the Sixtieth Congress applicable to the present Congress. The call of the roll on the Clark resolution was followed with interest. As analyzed by parliamentarians the amendment makes three important changes: First, it establishes a "calendar for unanimous consents," the effect of which is to enable a member to have a proposition brought before the House without having to go to the Speaker for recognition. This change, they say, will be a relief to the Speaker. Second, when consideration of a bill is concluded and the previous question is ordered the rules heretofore have provided for a motion to commit with or without instructions. It has been the practice to recognize a member of the majority party to make this motion and thus prevent the minority from offering such instructions as it may desire. The new rule gives the minority the preference in making such a motion and thus enables it to get a record vote on propositions which would otherwise be settled in committee of the whole house, where no record vote is possible. Third, it protects the calendar Wednesday by requiring a two-third instead of a majority vote to set it aside. Three hundred and eight-two members responded to their names, more than a quorum, when the House convened. Mr. Currier, of New Hampshire, nominated Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, for Speaker and Mr. Clayton, of Alabama, presented the name of Champ Clark, of Missouri. Mr. Cannon was elected by a vote of 204 to 166 for Clark.

Col. A. Q. Holladay Dead.

Raleigh, Special.—The funeral of Col. A. Q. Holiday, for ten years president of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts and a man well-known and beloved throughout the South, took place at the First Presbyterian church, Raleigh, Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Colonel Holladay died Sunday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Pickel, after a sudden attack of pneumonia.

Great Floods in the South.

A special from Montgomery, Ala., says the Alabama is 51 feet above normal and is slowly rising. It is expected to be 55 feet. No great casualties have yet occurred as fair warnings were given and residents from the lower districts moved to the higher parts. The Coosa at Rome is 31 1-2 feet, and 29 feet at Gadsden. The Tallapoosa is a raging torrent.

South Pines Chosen.

Fitzgerald, Ga., Special.—The Blue and Gray Association at its annual encampment here Saturday selected Southern Pines, N. C., for the next reunion. The following officers were elected: Commander in chief, Major B. F. Dixon, North Carolina; senior vice commander, Capt. William M. McCormick, Georgia; junior vice commander, Capt. Joseph Price, Florida; chaplain in chief, Rev. W. S. Harden, Georgia; judge advocate general, O. S. Deming, Warren, O.; quartermaster general, C. H. Worth, Texas.

The Nicaraguan Situation.

Washington, Special.—Nicaragua, through her minister here, Senor Espinosa, protested to Secretary Knox Monday that the military and naval activity now in progress in that country is destined entirely for defensive purposes; that she does not contemplate making any attacks on her sister republics and that conditions are quiet within her borders. The minister went to the State Department armed with a bundle of dispatches from his government and spent half an hour with the Secretary.

TWO TRAINS COLLIDE

Colored Firemen the Only Victim of Head-On Crash Between Freight and Passenger Trains at Colon

Sanford, Special.—Seaboard passenger train No. 32, southbound, and a northbound freight ran together head-on Saturday morning about 4:30 o'clock at Colon, a small station about .35 miles south of Raleigh. Hassey Lindsay, the colored fireman of the passenger train was killed, and the engineer, Ed Robertson, of Raleigh, was badly hurt. The engineer, M. J. Eisenhart, of the freight, and his fireman jumped and neither was hurt. Capt. W. C. Cox, conductor of the passenger train, had a leg broken; Ernest Duval, baggage master, was hurt in the back and internally. W. R. Lamb, a merchant of Hamlet, was badly bruised; John Newton, colored, of Hamlet, had a leg crushed; W. S. Rowe, express messenger, was badly cut; Sam Wicks, colored, of Charlotte, was badly cut. Others received minor injuries. The injured were taken to Raleigh for treatment. The engineer of the freight train misread the orders. He thought No. 32 was an hour and a half late, when it was No. 32 that was late. The trains were running at full speed and engines were practically demolished. The baggage and express cars and first passenger coach of the passenger train were splintered.

WAR ON "BLACK HAND."

Brutal Murder of Italian Detective Stirrs New York Police—Other Cities Asked to Aid in the Extermination of the Criminals.

New York, Special.—Relentless warfare will be waged against the "Black Hand" societies by the police of this, and it is hoped, other cities as a result of the murder of Lieutenant Joseph Petrosini, the noted detective of New York, in Palermo, Friday night. For years Petrosini had been active in his work to bring to justice members of his own race who carried on blackmailing operations in this country through threats of murder made in the name of the "Black Hand." It is believed here that his murder was the result of a plot that had its inception in the United States and that the persons indirectly responsible for his death are still within the reach of the American police. If so, every effort will be made to bring about their arrest and conviction, and with this end in view Inspector McCafferty, head of the New York detective bureau, sent telegrams Saturday to the authorities in the principal cities of the country asking that increased activity be exerted against all "Black Hand" suspects. Immediate orders were given to arrest at once all men in New York City who are believed to have connection with "Black Hand" operations. Petrosini's murderer, who was a member of the "Black Hand," fired four shots from a revolver. Petrosini arrived in Sicily only a short time ago and was engaged in conducting an investigation regarding Italian criminals. Inspector McCafferty said Saturday that he was anxious to know whether Petrosini had been robbed after being shot. He intimated that Petrosini had some papers valuable to the police here in running down Black Hand and other Italian offenders. A cablegram from Palermo (Italy) says: The assassination of Lieutenant Petrosino has stirred the police to unprecedented activity. Many arrests already have been made, including a number of Italians with criminal records, lately returned from the United States.

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

By an act of Congress on Feb. 1st the windows of President Harrison and President Cleveland may use the mails free of postage for the balance of their lives if their autographs be placed on the letters. The annex for the demented at the county home of Rockingham, N. C., was burned on Tuesday and two aged inmates were burned to death. The State of Washington has local aption. Every incorporated town and every country district is a unit. When Mr. Fairbanks was Vice-President he had an elaborate inkstand made for his desk. On hearing complaints of extravagance he sent in his check for \$200, which covered the cost and took it with him when he retired. The federal grand jury in New York found a true bill for slander against the New York World in the Panama affair. South Carolina makes it bad on the man that drums for liquor orders. Diplomatic relations with Nicaragua were practically broken off Friday by the State Department, which ordered Secretary of Legation Gregory at Managua to return home, leaving the legation in charge of the consul, who will have no diplomatic capacity. Six persons were hanged in Louisiana for murder and one for criminal assault March 5th. Maj. Hale, editor of the Fayetteville Observer, presented to the N. C. Supreme Court last week an oil painting of Jno. De Roset Toomer, who made the speech of welcome to Gen. LeFayette when he visited Fayetteville. Editor Hale also published the speech and the General's response. At this writing Gen. Butler of South Carolina, and Hon. Cyrus B. Watson of North Carolina, seem to be in the power of fatal sickness. Preparations are being pushed for the 12th conference for education in the South to be held in Atlanta, Ga., on April 14, 15 and 16. Telegrams received from Carinthia, Austria, report that a series of devastating avalanches have occurred there and that numbers of houses have been swept away. It is already known that ten deaths have resulted. Hirschel Hogg, a confessed member of the band of night-riders who murdered Captain Quenten Rankin at Walnut Log in October, escaped from jail at Dresden Sunday night. It is said that there are 32,000 cases of land frauds for the Attorney General to see to as soon as practicable. Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt has won her divorce suit and is now free from her husband. Miss Jennie Reed and Joseph Mueller were strolling in Baltimore a few nights ago when she was shot and killed. Mueller raised the cry that a highwayman had held him up and gotten his valuables and on approaching her received a slap in the face, whereupon the robber shot her. Mueller now says he himself shot her accidentally. Bib Springs, Texas, had a fire Wednesday that destroyed a number of business blocks entailing a loss of \$100,000. Lewis Nixon, the shipbuilder, predicts a great future for aeroplanes and airships. Michael Donnelly, judge of Third District, Ohio Circuit Court, is charged with imbezzlement of funds belonging to the Ohio German Insurance Co. to the extent of probably \$300,000. The company has failed. A tornado struck Brinkley, Ark., last Sunday night and killed 35 persons, demolishing most of the houses and leaving few fit for habitation. Charles M. Schwab said the Bethlehem Steel Company would not reduce wages. The Standard Oil Company won its suit that relieved it from paying the \$29,240,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis. The United States District Court at Kansas City declared the 2-cent railroad rate in Missouri confiscatory and illegal. Dr. W. D. Crum has resigned as collector of the port at Charleston and it is understood that Mr. Edwin W. Durant will become his successor. The technical high school of Munich has conferred the honorary degree of doctor of technical sciences on Wilbur and Orville Wright, the American aeroplanists.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Items of Interest Gathered By Wire and Cable

GLEANINGS FROM DAY TO DAY

Live Items Covering Events of More or Less Interest at Home and Abroad.