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Bouche Sec.....	992
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AMONG THE CANNIBALS.

PRESTON HARRISON'S NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

His Comrades Killed and Their Bodies Cooked and Eaten by Solomon Islanders.

Many readers of the BULLETIN will remember William Preston Harrison, who paid Honolulu a visit about a year ago, and whose father was the murdered Mayor of Chicago and proprietor of the Times newspaper. Mr. Harrison has been detailing some of his experiences to the Call, in which he gives the particulars of some of his narrow escapes among the Solomon Islands. He pushed into some of the wilder parts and fell in with the head-hunters, and his partner and a sailor, who had gone down with him from Sydney, were killed and eaten.

Many other people, among them over a dozen white men, shared a similar fate just before and after Mr. Harrison's arrival. He says that the natives are practicing cannibalism all the time, and that no native is considered fairly in the swim till he has taken a head. This used to be so in the old times, as most people are aware, but most of them have an idea that the custom was now nearly obsolete. The summer campaign of the islanders, however, has in every way, he says, been a remarkable busy one.

He saw in some places as many as seventy-five heads in a bunch. They were stacked up over the canoe houses as the trophies of prowess. The bodies were eaten, in conformity with the long-standing custom.

Mr. Harrison has been absent from the United States about a year, and was in the Solomon Islands, from which he has just arrived, for three months.

"I went down there from Sydney on the little coasting schooner Chittoor," said Mr. Harrison at the Palace last night, "and cruised about, visiting many different parts of the islands. Among the passengers was Charles Atkinson, a bright young Englishman, who became my friend and companion in visiting different parts.

"There was also on board a sailor named Flood, formerly of Philadelphia, with whom we became acquainted. He was a very good fellow, and after we had landed at the native village of Robiana we all three became very good friends.

"One day it was proposed that we all go aboard the little schooner Narova, that had touched there, for a cruise up the island. It was agreed to and we were all ready to go aboard. My baggage was already on the vessel, when at the last minute I decided not to go.

"I did not like the looks of things. I had been advised by a white man at Robiana not to risk it, as the natives were especially dangerous where the little craft proposed to go. It was too late for me to get my baggage off, so I let it go. It was a lucky thing I did.

"That night, ten miles from Robiana, while the little schooner was tied up, the natives came aboard and killed everybody, and Atkinson, Flood and the rest were killed while they were sleeping on the deck. Then the natives stole all the goods, rifled the baggage and finally dragged the bodies to the bush and ate them.

"Just before that two white men who had been wrecked near the same place were also killed and eaten.

"Besides these, twelve Solomon Island boys, who had been working in one of the colonies, and

who were on their way home, were landed at the wrong village and were killed and eaten by a war-rigging tribe.

"Early in September an attack was made on another schooner, some of those aboard being killed. I was in twenty or more different places, and everywhere I went I saw evidences of cannibalism.

"A native may take you into his house at night and treat you the best kind. He will never molest you there on the score of hospitality, and you can remain there and be perfectly safe. Nevertheless, the next day, after you start away, he is just as liable as not to overtake you and knock you on the head with his club. The social ethics are then off, if it may be considered that being boiled in the head-taker's pot is not a social affair.

"They are very bad people and I find them very necessary to watch. I, however, learned to eat the native food, and in general enjoyed it very well. I had previously been initiated in some of the island modes of living by staying for a while in Samoa, Fiji, New Caledonia and other wilder islands.

"The Solomon Islanders I found by far the worst of all. They are nothing like so handsome, being hard-featured and showing in every way that they are warlike. There are but twenty-five white men in all the Solomon Islands, while the native population is supposed to be about 100,000. As to that, however, no one can actually tell.

"There are whole tribes in the interior that no white man has ever seen. This is learned through natives at the coast.

"I discarded all clothes, except a native garment about my loins, and let my beard grow long till I got back to Sydney. While going naked the sun burned my back till it became exceedingly sore and the skin peeled off in patches. Finally it healed up and got as hard and as impervious to the sun's rays as that of any native."

"I saw in some places as many as seventy-five skulls in a place, all relics of the head-hunters. There were many places where such lots of skulls could be seen. The more heads a brave had taken the higher he was esteemed. They hold the heads in the same estimation as an Indian does his scalps. They add renown to him according to the number he has. As long as this state of feeling prevails it can be seen that it will not stop.

"Anyway if any civilized power set out to stop it, I don't see how it could be done. No one can track them to their camp in the bush. It would be too dangerous even if pursuers knew how to do it.

"The weapons of the savages are very formidable. They use long war clubs, which are fitted into rounded pieces of granite, and murderous blades that will fetch off a head at a single blow. Worse than those by far are the poisoned arrows, which are so deadly as to cause instant destruction. I collected many barbored relics. I have knives and swords with human bones for handles. They were easily got for they were very plentiful. I also got many other articles, including articles of wearing apparel, but these are very simple contrivances, for in general the Solomon Islanders, male and female, go stark naked.

"I also spent considerable time during my absence in the interior of Samoa. I slept night after night with Malietoa, Tamasese and other chieftains. They told me a great deal about their trouble. My opinion is there will be another war there, and it may come soon. The correspondents at Apia don't give the facts. They don't know them. They do not go into the interior, and a man in Alaska might just as well be quoted on what was going on in the United States.

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS.

NOTES HERE AND THERE ON THE WAR SCARE.

Interesting Budget of General News—Fighting to Be Forced in Cuba by Campos.

The following selection of foreign intelligence is from the City of Peking's advices, up to and including December 21.

UNITED STATES.

The New York Sun names the Venezuelan boundary commission as follows: ex-United States Senator George F. Edmunds of Vermont, Andrew D. White, ex-president of Cornell University and ex-Minister to Germany, and Edward J. Phelps, ex-Minister to the court of St. James.

President Scott of the Union Iron Works denies that he has received orders to hurry work on the battleship Oregon.

Major General Miles says the country is in a deplorable condition for defense with its obsolete and decayed coast armaments.

It is alleged there is a secret agreement with Russia filed in the State Department, whereby that country will help the United States in a war with Great Britain.

McKinley is said to have captured the majority of the Louisiana delegation to the nominating convention.

A fire damp explosion in a Tennessee coal mine killed thirty men.

The late Senator Thurman's will showed he was worth from \$160,000 to 170,000.

Another trial of the battleship Texas had to be abandoned, after steaming for three hours, owing to structural defects in the vessel.

Harry E. Hayward, the California murderer, made a full confession at Minneapolis, before his execution that took place lately. He committed murders in different parts of the Union.

Senator Hale has introduced a bill for the increase of the navy. The bill provides for the construction of twenty-five torpedo boats at a cost of \$175,000 each and of six sea-going coast line battleships designed to carry the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance upon a displacement of 11,000 tons, at a cost, exclusive of armament, of \$4,000,000 each.

EUROPE.

The North German Lloyd steamer Spres is ashore on the Isle of Wight.

The tone of leading Russian papers is against England in the Venezuelan dispute. One paper anticipates that the hour of retribution may be near for the past upon which Englishmen pride themselves, forgetting that success gained by force and guile is never enduring. Another suggests the best way out of the difficulty for England is a vote of censure on Lord Salisbury and a new Cabinet.

OTHER LANDS.

A. C. Butler of South Africa has arrived at the City of Mexico with a letter of credit to the amount of \$15,000,000 from Barney Barnato, Cecil Rhodes and the Rothschilds. He invests several millions in the drainage tunnel and water works, also takes an option on the street railway system for \$7,000,000.

The Venezuela rebels were going to stop fighting and help the government against England, as a result of President Cleveland's message.

Canadian officials claim that in the event of war Canada could put 30,000 men fully equipped into the field in twenty four hours and hold any invading force in

check for a couple of months at least.

H. B. M. S. Royal Arthur made a cruise searching for the missing steamer Strathnevis, and might make another one after Christmas.

The Cuban War.

Advices from Havana state that Campos will make desperate efforts immediately to break the power of the insurgents. He has determined to force the fighting because of urgent orders from Madrid. The Cabinet has informed Campos that unless decisive victories are won over the insurgents immediately it will be impossible for Spain to procure money to maintain her army on the island. The Minister of Finance has said that the Spanish treasury is empty, and the insurgents have made such a showing that it is impossible to float a new loan in a European capital.

EX-MINISTER CASTLE.

He Thinks Cleveland Will Assent to Annexation.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—Before starting on his return trip to Hawaii Thursday ex-Minister Castle expressed himself very freely as to the future prospects of his country. "Inasmuch as I was born in Hawaii," said Mr. Castle, "I am a full-fledged Kanaka, and naturally interested in everything pertaining to my country's welfare. On my return to Honolulu it will be a source of pride as well as pleasure to tell the representatives of my Government that the prospects were never better for amicable relations between Hawaii and the United States. Although I have not had a direct assurance from the White House, my information is such as to lead me to believe that any measures taken by Congress regarding Hawaii will be promptly sanctioned by President Cleveland. Should a bill pass the two houses of the National Legislature favoring annexation or any other course of procedure toward Hawaii, there need be no fear entertained of a veto at the Executive Mansion.

"Our people are very much encouraged by the many vigorous tone of the message of President Cleveland on the Venezuela matter, because it gives them an assurance against further British encroachments or aggressions in the Pacific ocean. This intelligence will be gratefully received and appreciated by those interested in the preservation and protection of the Republic of Hawaii, and it will be a source of pleasure for me to be the bearer of such good tidings to my people."

FIRE ON THE OLYMPIA.

Coal in the Bunkers Ignited by Spontaneous Combustion.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.—An official report on the fire on board the United States cruiser Olympia during the recent voyage from San Francisco to Yokohama, received at the Navy Department, shows that after leaving Honolulu fire broke out no less than four different times in the coal bunkers of the vessel.

Fortunately the automatic temperature indicators in the bunkers worked perfectly, and each fire was quickly suppressed by taking out as much coal as possible and then sending streams of steam upon the rest.

It is stated in the report that fires were caused by spontaneous combustion, induced by the quality of coal with which the Olympia was stored. There was no danger at any time, and no damage resulted. The report is made by Captain Reed, commander of the Olympia.

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OPIUM SMUGGLERS CONVICTED.

Judge Perry Renders His Decision This Morning.

In the District Court this morning Judge Perry rendered a decision in the case of the Henrietta crew, charged with smuggling opium into the country. All the defendants are found guilty as charged. Captain Anderson and Gale, the passenger, were sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment at hard labor and a fine of \$500 and costs. The crew consisting of M. Connell, E. W. Wheeler, J. H. Brown and H. Wai were sentenced to three months each and the same fine. The case has been appealed to the Supreme Court on points of law.

ALOHA CIRCUS.

Close of Honolulu Engagement and Departure for Hilo.

Wirth's circus leaves by Kinau today for the other Islands and will not return for two weeks. Saturday's matinee and evening performance closed their engagement in Honolulu and they leave on their inter-island tour with the best wishes of the whole community. Their show is the best of the kind ever seen here, and it will probably be a long time before we are fortunate enough to witness another as good. The members of the troupe have each and every one made many friends here, and their departure is much regretted.

Miss Lyndhurst, Miss Veron and the little girls have been applauded to the echo in every act they have given during the 25 separate performances given, while the male members have appeared astonished and delighted at the audiences by their marvelous feats of daring, strength and agility, as well as by the versatility they have all displayed.

If they should, some time in the future, return to show here again, they would without doubt secure as decided a success and receive again the liberal patronage well deserved. At the Saturday matinee, little Muriel received an ovation which illustrated the feeling of the public very well indeed. Mme. Musin presented her white handsome floral emblem and congratulatory card. The members of the company gave her an elegant silver cup, while there were bouquets and flower pieces galore from the spectators in general. There was a fine attendance, while in the evening the canvas was packed.

Prof. Berger assisted the band with his violin. Both of Saturday's programs contained many new features, all extremely well executed. Miss Lyndhurst and especially well, the spirit and dash of her riding act bringing forth hearty cheers from the 1500 people present.

Y. M. C. A. Celebrity Dead.

H. Thane Miller of Cincinnati, Ohio, is dead. For more than a quarter of a century he had been prominent at international Y. M. C. A. conventions, having been selected as president thereof on more than one occasion. He was an orator with a strong humorous vein, and a singer of remarkable power. Through all the period Mr. Miller was blind. He was president of the Mount Auburn Institute, a woman's college in Cincinnati.

Death of G. A. Sala.

George Augustus Sala, the well-known English journalist and author, died at Brighton, England, on the 8th of December. He was in the 68th year of his age. Mr. Sala was entertained by the newspaper fraternity of Honolulu about 11 years ago, while the steamer he was journeying to Australia in was in port. Almost 50 of Kona, Hawaii, is a brother of the deceased.