

PUTUMAYO WORSE THAN THE CONGO

Stuart Fuller, U. S. Investigator. Here After Months in Jungle.

AWFUL CRUELTY FOUND

Monroe Doctrine May Be Invoked to Clear Situation.

BRITISH COMPANY RULES

Consul Sends Secret Report of His Findings to State Department

Stuart Fuller, detached last April from his post as American Consul at Göteborg, Sweden, to investigate the atrocities against the Indians by British contractors in the Putumayo rubber district in Peru, arrived here yesterday on the White Star liner Magnolia from Liverpool. He declined to tell the nature of his report, which he sent to Washington, but he said that the investigation revealed a greater barbarism in the treatment of the Peruvian Indians than that practiced in the Congo.

Mr. Fuller intimated that the Monroe doctrine might be invoked in the Putumayo situation. He was unable to say what the procedure might be, as the United States never had faced a situation like it. In the case of the Congo outrages this country was concerned because of the anti-slavery treaties.

Mr. Fuller spent two months in the jungle accompanied by G. R. Mitchell, the British Consul in Peru, who reported his findings to the Parliament committee. Mr. Fuller refused to guess why the British Government made a second investigation, but admitted that it might have been because the Britons did not want Uncle Sam to get more than they did.

Mr. Fuller said his two months in the jungle was in the hottest season and that before he got out he was taken ill and that he had not fully recovered.

Peru has taken steps at last to check the spread of yellow fever, which ravaged the Putumayo district. There had been an issue of bonds and Dr. Converse of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service had been employed by the Peruvian Government to attempt to control the malarial.

Mr. Fuller has been in the consular service sixteen years. He will go from Washington to his home in Madison, Wis., to spend Christmas with his family, of which there has not been a reunion in sixteen years.

The Putumayo atrocities, compared to which the Congo crimes have been called less cruel, were first made known to this country through an article in The Sun of July 7 last, following the report of Sir Roger Casement, British Consul General at Rio de Janeiro since 1909 and especially delegated by his Government to investigate stories of barbaric treatment of the Indians.

Sir Roger left England in 1910 with three representatives of the Peruvian Amazon Company, the English corporation holding the concession to the rubber rights of the Putumayo district. The three representatives of the rubber company went along, not as investigators, but to represent their firm. The hearing of witnesses and taking of testimony occupied from August 28, 1910, to December 8 of the same year.

The Putumayo district is a remote region at the headwaters of the Amazon to the east of the Andes Mountains, which separate it from Lima, Peru. The region can only be reached from that city by travelling north via Panama and thence to the mouth of the Amazon, continuing to Iquitos, the most important inland city of the region, and then still further inland.

In 1898 the rubber possibilities of the region were first discovered and the concession for collecting the sap was given by the Peruvian Government to Arana Bros. The district was inhabited by a harmless, peaceful race of Indians, who were employed in tapping the trees and collecting the milk.

A campaign of most wasteful exploitation of the rubber possibilities followed, in which the Indians were reduced to a state of slavery by the most shockingly barbaric methods. Results only were asked, without regard to the future development of the rubber possibilities.

Not only men, but women and children, were expected to furnish their share of the supply or suffer the most horrible tortures.

In 1905 thirty-six Barbadian negroes, British subjects, were imported as deputies and the cruelty increased.

About this time the rubber concession was sold to the Peruvian Amazon Company, a British trading concern of good standing. It is not known whether it had any knowledge of the means employed to produce results, but the system continued.

The list of tortures and methods of cruelty used is too long for publication. Indians who could not produce rubber were suspended with their arms twisted and bound over their heads and their feet swinging while they were flogged. Two hundred lashes a day constituted no unusual flogging.

Pouring kerosene over the bodies of men and women and setting them afire was a pastime. Many were burned at the stake.

AMERICAN AID IN AFRICA.

Missionaries to Take Place of Portuguese Roman Catholics.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LISBON, Dec. 21.—Through the provisions of the law providing for the separation of Church and State the Portuguese Roman Catholic missionaries in Africa were withdrawn. The Government, however, has authorized the American and British Protestant missionaries to replace them on condition that they teach the natives the Portuguese language.

James Gordon Bennett Gets King's Photo.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. ROME, Dec. 21.—Instead of a decoration, which is usually bestowed on such occasions, King Victor Emmanuel sent a signed photograph to James Gordon Bennett for his defence of the war in Belgium.

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CAMPANIA'S XMAS AT SEA.

Liner Bringing Home the American Cavalry Commission.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Cunard liner Campania, which sailed for New York today and which will spend Christmas at sea, carries among her passengers the American cavalry board under Brig-Gen. McClelland, which has made a tour of Europe in an investigation of matters pertaining to training of cavalry and mounts.

All the members of the commission expressed themselves as delighted with the courtesies which had been shown them by the British military authorities and the unity of English cavalry training. This was illustrated at Aldershot by Gen. Kusanauh, who operated with separate squadrons from each side of his brigades at Tidworth. The commission saw the detailed training of the British troops at work in the riding school, &c., in fact there was not a line upon which they had been sent to Europe to investigate that the British military officials did not give them the fullest information.

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ROCHETTE AFFAIR DISCUSSED.

French Socialists Blame Government for Letting Him Escape.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day the Socialists made an interpellation as to the supineness of the Government in the matter of Henri Rochette, the financier who is said to have swindled the French people out of millions and who failed to appear in court on Thursday when his case was called.

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M. Klotz, the Minister of Finance, maintained that the Government had safeguarded investors to the best of its ability. He said the admissions to quotations in 1912 were 1,635,000,000 francs worth of foreign securities and 1,782,000,000 francs worth of French investments.

M. Briand said Rochette was admitted to bail during his (Briand's) Premiership because many people, including the Socialists, originally believed that he was a victim and also because the committee of inquiry into the Rochette affair reported that his continuance in prison would cause a great financial crash. The Government, said M. Briand, had done its duty and had lost no time. The detective who saw Rochette cross the frontier had not been empowered to arrest him. When the Court of Cassation gave a decision in Rochette's case his extradition was demanded and the police kept their eye on the man. M. Briand said he believed he was in a position to say that Rochette would soon be undergoing deserved punishment.

PASSES A BURNING WRECK.

Wooden Sailing Ship Destroyed; Crew Rescued.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—The steamer Watermouth, which arrived here today from Galveston, reports that she spoke on December 15 the steamship Ardoyne, from Antwerp for New York, which signalled: "Beware of a burning wreck; I have the crew aboard." Later on the Watermouth passed a derelict affre. It was a wooden sailing ship and the position of the wreck was 48.45 north, 28.14 west.

TO STUDY MONKEYS' LANGUAGE.

Prof. Garner Leaves Paris for Africa to Resume Work.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Prof. Richard L. Garner, the student of monkeys and chimpanzees, has sailed for Cape Lopez, in the French Congo, to resume his study of the monkey language, to which he devoted the latter years of his life.

SEARCH FOR SECRET OF TUBERCULOSIS SERUM

Berlin Doctors Experimenting With Turtles to Find Coveted Fluid.

RESULT OF LONG STUDY

Dr. Friedman, Who Claims Cure, Tells of His Experiments.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Since Dr. Friedman's announcement early in November of his discovery of a serum for tuberculosis there have been such demands for turtles by physicians who have been endeavoring to discover Dr. Friedman's secret that the supply is virtually exhausted.

Dr. Friedman's statement before the Berlin Medical Society that three years ago he discovered a live bacillus which he originally obtained from turtles as a certain cure for tuberculosis set scores of physicians and bacteriologists experimenting with turtles.

Dr. Friedman is guarding his secret well. To-day he again refused requests from Government laboratories and clinics for samples of his serum. He declared that for the time being his proofs would be his results in curing the disease.

In a statement to the correspondent of The Sun Dr. Friedman said: "My studies and experiments extend over eight years. I am following the theory laid down by Dr. Koch that success in curing tuberculosis can only be obtained by a live germ which will kill the bacilli. Three years ago in a final series of experiments with turtles I obtained the tuberculosis bacillus which through a long series of cultures I have succeeded in developing into a germ in which the breeding is killed out but the curative properties are retained.

"My serum cultures have now nothing to do with the trials. It is the live germ which when injected into the blood causes the tuberculosis bacilli to disappear. When the case is not hopeless it not only cures but it makes a person immune to the disease. I am convinced that my discovery will make tuberculosis as rare as smallpox has been made by vaccination."

Until the serum is protected by patents it is improbable that Dr. Friedman will give any of it out.

PENSION FOR MME. DEVOIR.

Claim Against Seven-Year-Old Granddaughter Granted.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Mme. Devoir, the eighty-year-old great-grandmother of seven-year-old Yolande Ward, the daughter of Eber Ward, brother of Clara Ward of Detroit to-day applied to a legal tribunal for assistance, as she desires to bring an action against the guardians of the child, who recently compelled her to abandon the Yolande mansion, to allow her a pension as she is without resources.

The lawyer for Yolande Ward did not oppose the application, but asked that Mme. Devoir's two daughters be joined in the action against Yolande Ward. The tribunal without deciding this point granted Mme. Devoir assistance whereby she will be able to claim a pension immediately.

THAMES IRON WORKS CLOSED.

Birthplace of Nine Hundred Vessels—400 Men Idle.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The official receiver to-day finally closed the Thames Iron Works, which in the last seventy years have constructed 900 vessels of all classes, in addition to floating docks and caissons. Four hundred men are thrown out of employment by the closing down of the works.

RESUMES FLIGHT TO ROME.

Aviator Reaches Calabria Town in Trans-Mediterranean Journey.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

ROME, Dec. 21.—Roland Garros, the French aviator, started from Tripoli at 8 o'clock this morning on his trans-Mediterranean flight from Tunis to Rome and landed at Olivieri, near Milazzo. He resumed his journey after having partaken of luncheon and landed at Sant' Eufemia, in Calabria, where he will spend the night.

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FIFTH AVENUE AT 46TH STREET

REJECT NEW INSURANCE PLAN.

British Physicians Vote Heavily Against Lloyd George's Scheme.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The conference of doctors which was called to consider the latest proposition of Lloyd George for their work under the insurance law voted to-day, 182 to 21, to reject the Government's final offer "as unworkable and derogatory." The conference further decided to advise the members of the medical profession to decline to perform service under the act.

BUBONIC PLAGUE IN RUSSIA.

Southern Town of Popovka Isolated by Soldiers.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—The bubonic plague has broken out at Popovka in South Russia. There have been many deaths from the disease and the town is now isolated by soldiers.

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