

FRENCH VALOR

Finds a Way Across the Quello

BALLS OF BURNED CLAY

CAN'T COMPETE WITH MODERN REPEATING RIFLES

A Merry Murder of Natives Paves the Way to French Dominion in Central Africa

Associated Press Special Wire.

BRAZZAVILLE, Africa, January 31.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) I have been waiting many days for some authentic news from Merchaud's expedition. The leaders were at Brazzaville when I arrived on the coast, but the road between Manyanga and Brazzaville, a distance of about seventy-five miles, was closed on account of wars among the natives and Merchaud's men could not get their 8000 loads up to Brazzaville to proceed on their journey up the Mobagne river towards the equator. As a last resort Merchaud burned every village on the Manyanga road, killing a few hundred natives and taking all their available food. In coming up from the coast we learned that forty natives had stopped the white men and their carriers at the crossing of the Quello river. We were in no mood to be stopped as our food supply was nearly exhausted, we having been delayed on the road by severe rains which had overflowed the rivers and creeks. So when the natives stopped us we loaded our rifles before them, advancing threateningly and told them that the first one who interfered would be shot. We passed through the blockade with our carriers and supplies without any difficulty.

Upon arriving at Brazzaville we found Merchaud making preparations to go to the relief of the men at the Quello river crossing. This was a pretext of declaring war against the natives. The details of the battles were received from one of his soldiers who returned here. The first real skirmish was with a chief named Mobyalla, who, some of his tribe, killed a French soldier. Merchaud's men marched on the village. Mobyalla showed resistance but his flintlocks were not equal to the modern rifles. Mobyalla was wounded and his head was cut off and brought to Brazzaville. The natives say over one hundred men were killed in this village, but Merchaud's soldiers assert that the number was not more than twenty-five or fifty. After the battle the village was burned. Continuing their march, the villages along the Manyanga road were surrounded at night and as daylight appeared, the natives were awakened by the blast of a trumpet and they came out, their huts were shot down on all sides. Village after village was destroyed in this manner, no quarter being given. The natives used clay balls in their old muskets, having burned them to about the consistency of a brick. In shooting they do not put the gun to the shoulders or look along the sight, but point at the object as one would with a stick, and then fire. Several of Merchaud's men were struck by these clay balls but were not wounded seriously.

They arrived at Loango, on the coast, July 24, 1896. Merchaud and some of the white officers came direct to Brazzaville, but the main body did not succeed in getting here until January 12th. Preparations are now making to continue the march up the Mobagne river. Captain Dhans has charge of a force which is marching to the equatorial lakes and the source of the Nile, on Henry M. Stanley's old trail, up the Arumini river. Captain Danville is the man who had charge of the expedition of the Congo state that cleared the Arabs out in the upper Congo, back of Stanley Falls station. He it was who killed Sefo, Tippo Tib's son, and captured Rashid, Tippo Tib's nephew and governor of Stanley Falls. Rashid is now a prisoner on the Kasai river, a thousand miles away and is closely watched and has no hopes of escape.

Another expedition under the leadership of M. Gentile, which started out from here some time ago, is blockaded on one of the small rivers which empties into the Mobagne, where it turns empty toward the Congo. The latest word from him is that his expedition is short of provisions and his position critical. The object of the Merchaud expedition is to march to the head waters of the Mobagne, cross over to the head waters of the Nile and attack the Derives or Arabs, while Captain Dhans will attack them from another point. The expedition, while endeavoring to conquer the Arabs, will also look after the French interests in this section and checkmate the English in attempts to occupy the territory. If the plan is successful it will connect the French Congo with Lake Tchad.

MARRIED IN HASTE

Future Will Decide as to Leisurely Repentance

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Mrs. Jeannine Shurtliff Young, a young woman who has attained considerable local notoriety of late, was unexpectedly married yesterday to Baron Robert Ludwig von Turkheim, who claims to be a member of the royal guards of Germany and the owner of vast estates near Mannheim. The wedding was celebrated in a most unusual manner in Oakland, where the marriage license was secured by the groom but twenty minutes prior to the ceremony. Immediately following a little repast was served at the Galindo hotel, after which the so-called baron and his wife, accompanied by his little son, Delvin M. Delmas, Jr., and his nurse, Mrs. Richardson, were driven to the Sixteenth street station just in time to catch the eastbound overland train, on which they left for New York city en route to Mannheim.

Baron von Turkheim arrived in San Francisco about ten days ago. Whence he came no one seemed to know, though he claimed to have made frequent visits to this city. He met the young woman, became infatuated and in less than two days proposed marriage. He told her of his estates and castles in Germany, of

his rank and title and finally induced her to accept him.

The German consul-general said that he knew nothing about the "baron" and that he could give no information either as to his family, his military rank or his estates.

LOOKS LIKE LEISURE. SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Mrs. Jeannine Young, the woman who assumed the name of Mrs. D. M. Delmas, is not a baroness at all. The man she married in Oakland on Saturday and with whom she is now speeding across the continent on her wedding tour, is not the Baron Robert Ludwig von Turkheim. He is not a member of the Royal guards of Germany nor does he own estates at Mannheim, county Baden, Germany. He is plain Charles Von Arnold, alias Baron Carl A. R. von Steinmoltz, a private detective in the employ of Charles J. Stilwell.

"This rascal entrapped the woman into a marriage with him," said Attorney Hutton for Miss Young, in the presence of Chief of Police Lees last night. "It was a trick of Delmas to get her out of the state. Von Arnold was in Stilwell's employ and the money he spent so lavishly on the day of the wedding, as well as the \$1000 he paid the woman for her interest in the property Delmas bought for her, came from Delmas through Stilwell."

"But the trick will avail Delmas nothing. The wedding party will be stopped at Ogden or some place this side of Ogden and Von Arnold will be brought back to Sacramento by order of the Police Jury of that city to answer a charge of perjury. Once inside this state he will be held, if he escapes the charge of perjury, to await a requisition from Kentucky, where he wanted for a forgery committed in Louisville. The marriage ceremony with Miss Young being legal, Von Arnold made misrepresentations to her. She will come back to this city and if I am any judge of character she will make things hotter than ever for the men that had the trick played on her."

A DOSE OF CONVENTION

FOR DISEASES AFFECTING MUNICIPAL BODIES

The National League Knows Some of the Evils and Hopes to Discover the Cures

PHILADELPHIA, April 11.—Clinton Rogers Woodruff, secretary of the National Municipal League, has prepared the program of the conference to be held in Louisville on May 5, 6 and 7. The purpose of the conference will be to show the actual municipal conditions of a number of American cities, what has been accomplished and to discuss some of the more important phases of the problem of city government and its administration in this country.

Major Edwin W. McInnis of Providence will speak for his city; ex-Mayor John P. Ficken for Charleston, S. C.; J. Richard Freud for San Francisco; Rev. Henry Hopkins, D. D., for Kansas City; Prof. George L. Fox for New Haven, Conn., and A. C. Cass of Cincinnati on the municipal conditions of Ohio cities.

Charles J. Bonaparte of Baltimore will speak on the results of a victory for reform; Charles Janvier, president of the League of Cities of America, is expected to speak on what has been accomplished in that city under the reform regime; Joseph T. Ailing on municipal reforms in Rochester, N. Y., and Corporation Counsel Francis M. Scott on the features of the charter of Greater New York, showing wherein it is an improvement over existing laws. Prof. Edmund J. Jones will discuss home rule in American cities, and Prof. Frank J. Goodnow of Columbia college, the powers of a municipal corporation. Frank M. Loomis of Buffalo, N. Y., has prepared a paper on the exclusion of partisan politics from municipal affairs, describing particularly the Democratic-Republican method of accomplishing this end.

The participation of the wage earner and the business men in politics will be discussed, and there will be other addresses by the president of the league, James G. Carter of New York, ex-Mayor Schermer of Brooklyn, and Horace B. Deming of New York, who will discuss the condition of affairs which will prevail in Greater New York by reason of the new charter, with special reference to the deprivation of the people and their representatives in the council to a certain extent of the powers of taxation. It is expected that there will be also some papers on municipal affairs in Glasgow by eminent members of the Glasgow council. A considerable number of mayors of southern cities have expressed their intention of being present, which will add an element of considerable interest.

VOORHEES' FUNERAL

The Dead Senator to Be Buried at Terre Haute

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The remains of ex-Senator Voorhees will be escorted from this city to his native state of Indiana tomorrow. Before being taken to the Terre Haute home the body will be in state in the capitol building at Indianapolis, at the suggestion of Governor Mount. Funeral services will be held here at noon tomorrow at St. John's Episcopal church, after which the remains will be removed to the Pennsylvania railroad station, and will leave on the Chesapeake and Ohio express at half past two o'clock. The honorary pall-bearers selected are: Senators Morrill, Turpie, J. K. Jones, Willard and Cullom, ex-Senator Butler, Judge Lawrence Weldon and Hon. Richard J. Bright.

The original intention was to take the body direct to Terre Haute and have funeral services there on Wednesday. Thursday, contingent on the death of the ex-senator's eldest son from Spokane, Wash., but these plans were changed tonight by the receipt of the following telegram from the private secretary of Governor Mount:

"Governor Mount tenders his sincere sympathies in the affliction you are called on to endure, in consequence of the death of your distinguished father, and begs to be informed if it will be agreeable to the family to have the remains lie in state at the Indiana capitol en route to Terre Haute."

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THE FUR SEAL

Again Becomes a Burning Issue

AN EFFORT TO BE MADE

TO AVOID FURTHER CAUSE OF FRICTION

Unless Some Agreement With England Is Reached, Extermination of the Herd Is Imminent

Associated Press Special Wire.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The recent appointment of ex-Secretary Foster and ex-Assistant Secretary Hamlin by the president to assist in the negotiations now in progress with Great Britain respecting the Bering sea seal fisheries, is indicative that this long-standing diplomatic issue has at last assumed grave importance and that an earnest effort is to be made to end the present unsatisfactory state of affairs or to place the subject on such a footing before the beginning of the approaching open season as will prevent it from passing into a more serious phase. The diplomatic correspondence of the past year makes it evident that a severe strain was placed upon the patience of the officials of both the United States and Great Britain and the winning team quietly but firmly, by the British premier that further proceedings by the American revenue cutters in the line of last year's program would not be tolerated, and the intimation from Secretary Olney that there would be no change unless additional restrictions were imposed upon the British sealing vessels, hold out latent possibilities of a serious entanglement for the two friendly powers unless some arrangement can be made before the end of May. For the reason that ex-Secretary Foster was familiar with the early stage of the negotiations leading up to the Paris arbitration, while ex-Secretary Hamlin, due to a large measure the credit for the conduct of the negotiations of the last administration on this subject, they have been chosen to assist now in composing this threatened difficulty.

The trouble appears to have begun principally through the refusal of the British authorities to accept the regulations requiring British vessels going into the seal waters to place their firearms under seal, to give effect to the Paris regulation prohibiting the use of such weapons in killing seals. This regulation was laid down on evidence that a large proportion of the seals killed with guns sank and were never reached, involving wasteful mortality. The British having refused to seal up their arms, the United States government adopted the plan of making a most thorough search of every sealing vessel in Bering sea, to remove the guns for a search in the regulations, but again the British government protested, claiming that British vessels were thereby subjected to unnecessary and most vexatious detentions, and that their catches were overhauled and thrown into confusion, and that the only result was a delay to the sealing of the vessels, which was a serious matter, as the seal was a scarce commodity, and the loss of a few days in arrears in entries. Yet for this twenty-six out of twenty-nine British vessels in the seal waters were searched eighty-two times, one vessel being boarded six times in twenty-four days.

From actual counts on the other hand, justified the course of the revenue officers by pointing out that all of the three seized vessels were convicted in British courts. He also gave some startling figures to show the need of additional restrictive regulations which he said. From actual counts he showed that in 1935 no less than 25,000 dead seal pups were found on seal islands which had perished from starvation because their mothers had been killed at sea by sealing vessels. Also it was stated that in the same season the vessels had taken 44,169 skins, as against 31,587 in the previous year, and Secretary Olney admitted that if the killing was to go on at this rate the total destruction of the seal herd would be accomplished in the course of about two more seasons. To make the showing worse from our point of view it was stated that the lawful catch of the seal islands had largely fallen off. Efforts were made to devise a method of ensuring the seal against the use of firearms by poachers, but they came to nothing and the upshot was that both sides stood firm, the British warning against further indiscriminate search of British vessels and Secretary Olney standing on our right to make a search while an expert commission was to be set up by both governments made an exhaustive report tending to sustain Secretary Olney's assertions regarding the probable extermination of the seals under present conditions, and it must be upon this basis that negotiations will now proceed.

EUROPEAN MARKETS

Money Is Easy and Eagerly Seeking Investment

LONDON, April 11.—The money market is unusually easy, the result of the release of £5,000,000 in the form of dividends. This has compelled the Bank of England to reduce the rates and although the rates in the open market show only a slight decrease a further reduction is expected at an early date. The exchange, which is firmer in the market, lies in the direction of gold exports but it is doubtful if the continued demand will be strong enough to take bars from the bank.

There was some improvement on the stock exchange at the beginning of last week in consequence of the impression that the Eastern trouble would be tidied over, but this was followed by a relapse on Friday after the receipt of the unfavorable news from the Turko-Greek frontier. After this relapse there was a partial recovery on Saturday. The market, apart from the fluctuations due to news from the East has been favorable since the bank reduced its rate. A large amount of money is now finding its way to the stock exchange. Home funds and railroads in particular have profited by this and are showing in general, substantial advances. Foreign securities

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The New Regent

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TRACT SOCIETY WORK

THE CHRISTLY MESSAGE CARRIED EVERYWHERE

Christian Prayers Are Asked, but the Most Pressing Need Is for More Money

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Through its missionary, Col. Portage, the report says, the society has carried the gospel truth to the out-of-the-way places and into the congested wards of the cities. "It has gone into the lumber camps, the mining regions and the sparsely settled districts, leaving the Christly message among those people who were entirely destitute of all religious privileges. Hundreds of Sunday schools have been organized and devotional services held in log cabins, school houses and in the open air.

DURRANT'S CASE

Attorney Deuprey Does Not Give Up Hope

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