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CONAN DOYLE CRIES FOR CONGO JUSTICE

Declares Lust and Greed Will Go
On for Years Unless the
Nations Act.

London, Sept. 5.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle has taken up the task of arousing the conscience of England in regard to the Congo question, which he calls the greatest crime ever committed in the history of the world.

In a long letter to the London Times Sir Arthur contends that the fact that Belgium has taken over the Congo Free States has made no change in the methods by which 1,000,000 natives have already been "ameliorated out of this world."

"There were hopes that the methods would be changed," the creator of Sherlock Holmes proceeds, "but they have not been changed. M. Renkin, the colonial minister for Belgium, has frankly said that they would not be changed. He has gone on to the Congo to report, but he is himself an ex-concessionaire, who has been a fervent defender of the system in parliament. As well send Rockefeller to report on the Standard Oil abuses."

Play for Time.

"Are we children to be deluded by such devices as these? Do we not know the course which events will take? M. Renkin will return about Christmas. Six more months will be gained for squeezing the country. Then he must not be buried in his report. Six more months for that. Then there is legislation. Time must be allowed for that. Then that legislation must be gradually enforced, and so on and on—through the time-honored round, and all the time more mutilations, more murders, more extortions in order that a rich king may be richer and a few companies pay 300 per cent."

"If we wait for any practical result from M. Renkin's visit, then we wait with our eyes open for at least three more years of this orgie of blood, lust and greed."

Wants a Conference.

Doyle urges the calling of an international conference for the purpose of taking from Belgium the trust which has been so dreadfully abused. He questions Sir Edward Grey's statement that peril lies in such action.

"Where can that peril be?" asks Sir Arthur. "Who will take up the sword for Leopold? Will France or Germany or the United States, who abhor injustice as much as we do?"

In conclusion, Doyle says: "The public conscience cannot be at rest until every one of the men who have betrayed religion and civilization— from the schemer at Brussels to the red-handed agent on the spot—has had his deserts. An international tribunal could surely out of the gorged money bags of the Congo concessionaires force a pension for the thousands who have been maimed by their representatives and through their deliberate system."

TRAGEDY ON LINER

Young Lady Commits Suicide After a Postponed Wedding.

London, Sept. 5.—A young lady of 19, Miss C. Slagau, a passenger from Buenos Ayres in the Royal Mail Steam Packet company's liner Aragon, shot herself dead with a revolver just before the vessel reached Southampton.

The vessel was met in Southampton Water by the company's interpreter with telegrams for those on board. One was for Miss Slagau. She hastily read the message and went into her cabin. Just before the liner reached the quay a shot was heard and Miss Slagau was found in her cabin with a bullet wound in her temple. She died immediately.

Miss Slagau, it is understood, went out to Buenos Ayres to be married. The day before that fixed for the ceremony she postponed the wedding and booked a passage home on the Aragon. Her fiancé was waiting on the land also, but took passage in another steamer. Miss Slagau was accompanied in the steamship by her sister.

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WITHIN GUNSHOT OF NORTH POLE

Cook Does Not Claim to Have
Put Finger on Pole.

COURTS INVESTIGATION

Tells Copenhagen Admirers That He
Doesn't Want Any More Polar Ex-
ploration, North or South.

Copenhagen, Sept. 5.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook stepped from the steamer Hans Egede in Copenhagen harbor on the arm of the Crown Prince of Denmark at 10 o'clock this morning, unshorn and looking like a sailor before the mast. He sat down to dinner at 8 o'clock this evening in the city hall, the guest of a brilliant company of the capital's most distinguished men and women, arrayed in evening dress provided by the king's tailor.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Sept. 5.—"I do not claim to have put my finger on the exact spot; I do not claim to have put my foot on it, but personally I think we have been at the spot. When the observations have been figured out again it is possible that there will be found slight errors and differences, but I am certain that a gunshot fired from where we were would have passed over the pole."

In these modest words Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the returned Arctic explorer, expressed himself this evening to a crowd of newspaper correspondents in the Hotel Phoenix. He declared that he did not want to go to the pole again, north or south.

Freely Answers Questions.

Dr. Cook consented to answer all questions. First he was asked whether or not the first account of his discovery of the pole could be accepted as entirely his own work. He replied in the affirmative, except for obvious errors in transmission. He then explained doubt about the 30,000 square miles discovered, saying that he meant they were able to see fifteen miles on each side during their journey to the pole and that therefore a hitherto unknown territory of 30,000 square miles was now discovered.

Dr. Cook proceeded to show that he was fully competent to take all observations, saying that on previous exploring expeditions he did very little observation work, which usually was divided among the members of the party.

"This time," he continued, "we had started out to reach the pole and everything else was of a secondary consideration. It was not possible to carry certain apparatus, and it was impossible also to study the deep sea or take soundings. We carried all necessary simple instruments for astronomical observations and making astronomical observations especially in the polar regions. I think that all explorers will be satisfied with my data."

"Why should I sit down and invent observations?" he exclaimed. "I did not do this thing for anything but sport and because I take a real interest in the problem. It would not do me any good to invent these things. The only witnesses I had were two Eskimos, certainly, but in all polar expeditions observations have been made by one man. I regard the Eskimos as much more intelligent in finding positions than the white men in the Arctic. These people as a rule are not absolutely ignorant. They know that the earth is round. They have a name for the pole, which they call the 'Big Nail.' They appreciate the work of explorers when participating therein."

"I think Rasmussen has obtained some information regarding my expeditions from the Eskimos, who have learned it from the two with me. Rasmussen was there much later and his information will be published shortly possibly tomorrow."

"Concerning the ice around the pole, so far as I could see, it was slightly more active there than at one or two degrees south. It drifted somewhat more to the south and east. Its general character is not very different from that at other places. We stayed around the pole for two days making many observations."

Royalty Dines Cook.
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The hours between these events were the busiest of his life. Polar exploration never afforded anything half so crowded with variety and excitement. They were hours of speaking-making and handshaking and bowing to clamorous crowds and then, after addressing the people who almost tore him to pieces in their eagerness to see the discoverer of the pole, Dr. Cook was the recipient of formal welcomes at the hotel where he is the government's guest.

There he passed through the hands of tailors, outfitters and barbers. Later he lunched with Dr. Maurice F.

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Returning to his hotel, he received a battalion of correspondents, who subjected him for another hour to a merciless cross-examination, demanding explanations of all the criticisms that have been leveled against his claims.

Scientist Convinced.
Commander Hovgaard, the commander of the royal yacht and one of the foremost of Denmark's Arctic explorers, had an opportunity today of examining Dr. Cook's journals. Later he said to the Associated Press: "I noticed certain discrepancies and inaccuracies in the newspaper reports of the expedition, but a long conversation with Dr. Cook convinced me that his statements are absolutely reliable. His replies to my questions were clear and precise and left no doubt in my mind."

"I did not have sufficient time to read the diary but from my brief inspection thereof I obtained the firm impression that the doctor's claim of having reached the North Pole is correct."

"Naturally I cannot place the official seal of acceptance on Dr. Cook's achievement; that is for the head of his country to do. Dr. Cook has ab-

APPENDIX A SHOT POUCH

Patient Had Eaten Hassenpfeffer and That Accounted for It.

New York, Sept. 6.—When Jacob Deisler, 30 years old, of 43 Pierce street, Newark, underwent an operation for appendicitis in the city hospital in that city twenty-two bird-shot were found in the appendix. Subsequent inquiry revealed that an unfortunate rabbit which formed part of a dish of hassenpfeffer had first received the charge of leaden pellets. Twenty days after the operation was performed Deisler left the hospital cured. Because of its unusual features a record of the case has been made at the hospital.

After the doctors had removed the appendix they found among other things, a No. 8 bird shot. They thought little of this, but in further examining the removed visceral attachment they discovered in all twenty-two of the leaden pellets. To get a clue as to the presence of the shot the physicians quizzed Deisler, and it was not until he mentioned hassenpfeffer that they were satisfied. They concluded that a bunny riddled with these shot had been used in the preparation of that well known German dish.

The shots were found in a dilated part of the appendix, and it seemed that they had been only indirectly responsible for the attack of appendicitis. The doctor at the hospital said that of the heavy bodies which gain access to the appendix, the most common are

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shot or bullets, but even these are unusual. They said that in 1,000 cases in one hospital only four cases showed this sort of junk in the appendix.

At a concert which took place in the large hall of the Royal Museum at Stuttgart at which the King and Queen of Wurtemberg were present, no instruments were used save spinets, clavichordals and pianos of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Canadians are accumulating money at a much faster rate than the banks and businessmen can profitably invest it there. The Ottawa October bank statement showed a decrease of \$64,000,000 in home loans in one year, and an increase of \$6,000,000 in the loans made abroad, says a consular report.

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