

# The Wide World in a Page

## PEEPS INTO THE HEART OF DEEPEST AFRICA

A communication to the Royal Geographical Society from P. A. Talbot gives an account of his visit to some fine falls on the Mao Kabi River, in French Equatorial Africa, says the London Times. Mr. Talbot was accompanied by his wife, Miss Olive MacLeod and M. Bertaut, the Resident of the district. According to a local legend these falls had never yet been seen by mortal eyes. Natives shun them because of the devils who are said to dwell within, while Europeans are kept from profaning the solitude by troops of guardian giraffes, which have only to show themselves in order to lure away the white intruders.

The route taken was along the course of the Mao Kabi. The way led through high grass and bush unusually thick for this part of the world, and was strewn with great masses of rock, the cliffs and fissures of which were hidden by the undergrowth. The banks rose generally on each side into sheer walls of granite, between which the river swirled down in a series of rapids at the rate of about twelve miles an hour, while every step brought the party nearer to the deep boom of the falling water.

After some distance the opposite bank was broken by a beautiful cascade, a little further another appeared with a great volume of water, and after a scramble of about ten minutes more a spot was reached where two rivers came foaming down in a series of falls. The cascades are separated from one another and from the main stream by deep promontories of jagged rock, wooded up to the summit, and form with the Mao Kabi itself, which winds sharply at this point, a great gleaming St. Andrew's cross.

The sandy bottom of this stream was thickly marked in many places by lion tracks and those of other bush beasts, while its steep banks were overgrown by patches of blue and pink flowers.

## \$7,500,000 FOR WAR ON THE "WHITE PLAGUE"

Mr. Lloyd George presented the budget in the House of Commons on May 16. About the only novelty it contains is a proposal to pay members of the House of Commons a salary of \$2,000 a year.

The Chancellor's realized surplus, including payments delayed in 1909-10 by the action of the Lords in throwing out the budget of that year, totalled \$28,035,000, of which he proposes to donate \$7,500,000 to the support of sanitariums for consumptives. The estimated expenditure for the current year is \$906,170,000, which is \$38,750,000 more than last year. The estimated revenue for the current year is \$908,580,000.

The navy, civil services and old age pensions account for most of the increase. The payment of members of the House of Commons will absorb a further sum of \$1,250,000, while the Coronation will add another \$1,500,000 to the demands on the Treasury.

Mr. Lloyd George said he had paid off \$130,000,000 of the national debt, which has been reduced by \$350,000,000 since the Liberals had assumed power. The prospects of a continuance of good trade, he said, were excellent, as the trade barometer stood "set fair."

The Chancellor announced the revision of the cocoa import duties, from which the protective effect is removed.

## FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR AN IDEA

According to reports from England, James Hodgkinson, of Salford, has sold the American rights to his process of salt-making for \$5,000,000, and a royalty. The Canadian rights have been sold to the Canadian Pacific railway, but the price has not been announced.

It is claimed that the invention is not only an improvement in salt-making, but is revolutionary. It is said that it will produce salt four or five times as easily as the present process, will save three tons for every four tons of coal now consumed, will make the various qualities of salt and every size of crystal simultaneously by the use of a single regulated fire, will produce by a process of pure crystallization a salt equal to the present finest ground salts, and will secure an automatic discharge of the salt from the pans.

The experimental plant consisted of three covered and four uncovered pans, all heated from one fire instead of from seven, as at present. Uniform temperature is assured by means of a patent stoker, and the intensity of the heat furnished each pan is under the control of a special draught system.

The Daily Mirror says the excessive hotel prices have effectually stemmed the tide of American visitors. The abnormal rates demanded and the reports of the crowded condition of London, it states, have frightened Americans away.

The Mirror declares that some seats on stands erected on the line of the coronation parade still can be had for one and a half guineas (\$7.75) and upward.

Hotel managers, realizing the folly of trying to make the profits of a year in a week, are announcing that increases for accommodations in the coronation season will be slight.

The exodus to the Continent has taught

them a salutary lesson, and they now realize that Americans are willing to pay liberally, but will not submit to extortion.

## "BRYCE PRO-AMERICAN"

"Unfortunately for this country, we have at Washington a British Ambassador who is pro-American," said J. A. Currie, Conservative member for North Simcoe, in the House of Commons recently. The House appropriating \$75,000 for the salaries and expenses of Canadian members of the International Joint Commission created by the waterways treaty, of which Mr. James Bryce, British Ambassador at Washington, and Elihu Root were authors. The bill also provided that Parliament "confirm and sanction" the treaty, although it was ratified last year by the crown, and "Americans be given rights to sue for damages before the Exchequer Court of the Dominion."

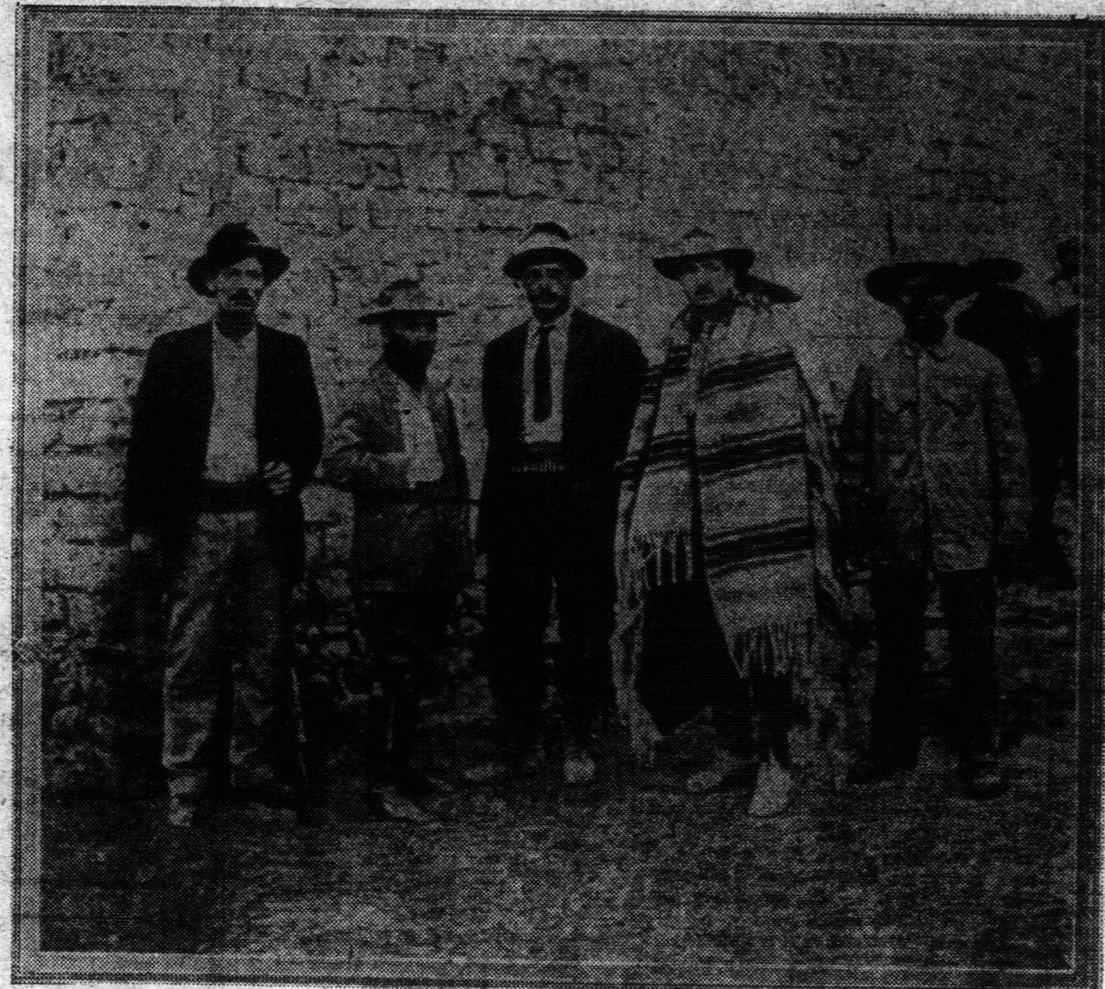
Several opposition members objected approving the treaty, Mr. Currie going further than the rest when he likened Mr. Bryce's pro-Americanism to that of one of his predecessors,

## RIDDLES "BURGLAR," ONLY A MANIKIN

Mons. Leon Bergniolle, a commercial traveller, living in the rue Monge, Paris whose wife is a dressmaker, had a somewhat unpleasant experience. He returned from a journey and, after ringing several times, opened the door of his apartment with his latch-key.

He saw a tall figure in the hall. He called out a couple of times "Who is there?" receiving no reply, and convinced that he was in the presence of a burglar, he drew his revolver and fired. The figure, however, did not move, and the terrified commercial traveller emptied all the chambers of his revolver.

This seemed to have no effect on the supposed burglar, but roused the whole house. Half dozen policemen were soon on the scene and Mons. Bergniolle was arrested. When a light was brought it was found that the figure in question was a manikin bought by his wife a few days before, clothed in a dress she had just made for a customer.



Gen. Pasqual Orozco, Prov. Pres. Madero, Jose Garibaldi, Raoul Madero, Francisco Gonzales. The Men who are determined to make a new epoch in Mexican History: Madero, the "Provisional President," and other leaders of the revolutionary movement

Lord Ashburton. He sought to explain Mr. Bryce's attitude by saying that his book, "The American Commonwealth," was a text book in many American universities, and that the Ambassador was dependent for money and fame upon the good will of the United States. The bill was debated all day.

## IN MEMORY OF BATTLE

When the battleship Idaho passed Port Hudson on May 16, a simple but impressive ceremony was held. It was off this point that the Mississippi was sunk during the civil war by the Confederate batteries and many sailors met death. As the Idaho passed this historic spot, the guard was paraded and presented arms as the band played and the colors were dipped. It was recalled by the officers of the Idaho that Admiral Dewey was an officer on board the Mississippi at the time of that desperate fight.

## CLERGY DIVIDED ON LISBON LAW

Portuguese clergy are divided. The prosperous prelates and priests have decided to stand by the Vatican, declining the stipends offered to them by the government and assisting in the propaganda against the provisional government.

The poorer clergy show a friendly spirit toward the government, hoping that by supporting republican candidates the National Assembly will improve their condition after the Separation Act is enforced.

The Russian Consul here, in publishing a denial of the report that Russia and Japan are negotiating an offensive and defensive alliance with the object of supporting their mutual interests in Manchuria, states that the object of Russia's policy is only the maintenance of the status quo and the preservation of friendly relations with China.

At the annual meeting of the British Iron and Steel Institute at London the Carnegie Research Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Mr. R. M. Keeney, of Colorado.

that he will not continue the work if the German concession is granted.

Pending a decision by the State government the survey laborers on the Farquhar line in the eastern part of the State have been discharged. Work has also been suspended on the projected road from Porto Alegre north to Blumenau, in the State of Santa Catharina, which line was to have been financed by French capital.

## CANADIANS AT CORONATION

Arrangements for the entertainment of the representatives of Dominion Parliaments are proceeding very rapidly. Invitations have been received in such quantities that the principal difficulty is to select from them, an dit is requested that those who have any further proposals to make should communicate without delay with the hon. secretary, Mr. Howard d'Egville, at the offices of the Lords and Commons Committee, Waldorf hotel.

Although the visitors become the guests of the Committee on Saturday, June 17, the formal welcome will take place at the luncheon of welcome which is to be held in Westminster Hall on Monday, June 19. After this it is probable that the hospitality of certain of the great Livery Companies will be definitely accepted, and that the guests will also pay a visit to the Festival of Empire, while on Wednesday, June 21, they have been invited to dine with Lord Derby. June 22 and 23 will be mainly occupied in viewing the Coronation city, but on the afternoon of the latter day the Dominion representatives will probably go to Portsmouth as the guests of the Mayor before witnessing the Naval Review on June 24.

A part of Sunday, June 25, will probably be spent upon the upper reaches of the Thames, as Mr. Waldorf Astor has extended an invitation to them for that date, and other invitations have been received and will be included as far as possible. On June 27 there will be a banquet with the London County Council, and on Thursday, June 29, it is hoped to arrange a visit to the Royal Agricultural Society's show at Norwich. On Friday, June 30, there will be the Dominion Day banquet.

The country tour will probably begin with a visit to Ireland, Dublin and Belfast being the principal objectives. For the short visit which it is hoped to pay to Glasgow it is proposed that the journey be made by sea, the Clyde being reached probably during the morning of July 5. The later portions of the tour are not as yet very clearly defined, but it is hoped that, in addition to visits to Manchester, Liverpool, and Birmingham, there will be time to get a glimpse of the industries of Yorkshire and of centres of other interests, such as Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon. Endeavors will be made to include in the tour the Investiture of the Prince of Wales at Carnarvon, and visits be paid to the University towns of Oxford and Cambridge.

## SOLDIERS OF SULTAN SLAIN IN SKIRMISH

In skirmishing between the Sultan's troops and the rebels three of the Sultan's soldiers were killed.

The news reaches headquarters from the Sultan's spies that the tribesmen who are besieging Fez have prepared for a general attack tomorrow.

The Sultan's troops are taking up positions to repel the assault.

## BERLIN MOVES TO THIRD

The Prussian Diet adopted the Greater Berlin Bill, which will combine the capital and the suburban municipalities, forming a metropolitan area with a population close to 3,500,000. This union will move Berlin from the sixth to the third position among the great cities of the world in point of population. The city would rank next to London and New York.

Suffering from a multiplicity of styles, particularly those of an extreme pattern, representatives of shoe manufacturers and dealers throughout Germany in conference in Berlin, decided to appoint a committee authorized to prescribe a limited number of styles and prohibit freak shapes. The chairman of the conference was of the opinion that eight models of shoes for men and women were adequate.

The deliberations of the German Reichstag were interrupted by a woman in the gallery who attempted to make a speech protesting against the inaudibility of the debate on the floor of the Reichstag. The officials were unable to quiet the woman and she was forcibly removed from the gallery, the chamber resounding with her hysterical shrieking.

An exciting Mayoralty contest at Stuttgart, which attracted national attention, ended in a victory for Herr Lautenschlager, national liberal, over Dr. Lindemann, socialist, whose election had been expected.

The Duchess of Marlborough, presiding at the National Conference in the Guildhall, made eloquent appeal for decent hygienic lodgings for young working girls and women.

## VATICAN CONDEMNS SEPARATION LAW

A Lisbon newspaper says that, according to a communication received from the Vatican, the Pope has concluded an examination of the Separation law and absolutely condemns it, but, as it is not to be enforced until July 1, he will await that date before expressing his opinion officially.

He does this in the hope that in the interim the unwavering opposition of the Portuguese clergy to the law and their refusal to take stipends may induce the provisional government to alter some of its most stringent clauses, especially those concerning interference by the government with the clergy's canonical rights which wholly appertain to the Church.

It is reported that in event of the actual decree being enforced many churches will be closed and the priesthood will be deprived of all property and reduced to poverty.

However, it is well known in official circles that the government desires to avoid a rupture with the Holy See, as that would tend to aggravate hostility on the part of that section of the country which is almost wholly Catholic, especially in the north, against the government in the forthcoming elections.

## PILOT BOAT'S FORCED VOYAGE

With not a rope yarn missing, the stanch little Bermuda pilot boat No. 2 made fast recently to the Bermuda Steamship Company's pier at the foot of West Eleventh street, and there was a curious crowd around all day to see the forty-five foot sloop that had come all the way from the islands much against the will of the crew. James D. Brangan, J. Lamb, Robert Lang and George Smith, the crew, started back to their island home on board the Bermudian, of the Quebec Steamship Company's line. Captain Englis August Smith, pilot and master of the craft, will stay behind to find out just what to do next. It is probable that he will ship an American crew, for his own men have had all the deep water sailing that they wish for some time.

James D. Brangan said that a southwest gale drove them off so they could not put back and they hoped to pick up some steamship and get provisions and water. They had little to eat but bread, and only little water to drink. When at last on Friday they spoke the Mar Negro, a Spanish steamship, they were told that they were 324 miles from Bermuda. The crew had only a few drops of water left and had no food for a day.

The captain of the Mar Negro gave them meat, ship biscuit and a keg of water. Then they sailed on until they spoke the pilot boat Washington off the Jersey beach.

## ROYAL AERO CLUB

The Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom has chosen its own aerodrome, at East Church, Isle of Sheppey, as the scene for the Coupe Internationale D'Aviation race, July 1, when a team of three English aviators, to be chosen later, will endeavor to retain the trophy won by Claude Grahame-White in New York last October.

## CARUSO'S VOICE O. K.

Dr. William Lloyd, a throat specialist, after an examination this morning, stated that the condition of Signor Caruso's vocal chords is absolutely normal. He laughed at the story of a corn on the tenor's vocal chords. The singer suffered from catarrh, due to influenza, but now is all right.

## BRITISH PLAYERS HURT

At Cedarhurst, L. I., in a recent polo game on the Rockaway Hunt Club's field between the British cup challengers and a scratch team was marked by an unfortunate mishap to Capt. Barrett, of the challenging team. The British player was accidentally struck by a swishing mallet toward the latter part of the game and was badly gashed alongside the left eye.

Colonel Wonljarjarsky, who has been closely connected with the Yalu concessions, and his stepson, formerly a captain in the Russian army, are on trial, charged with having forged a will whereby they will become legatees to the vast estates of the half-witted Prince Oginsky, godson of the Tsar and a descendant of the house of Rurik.

The case is attracting much attention and promises sensational developments.

Count Witte, member of the Council of the Empire, has closely followed the testimony since the beginning of the trial.

Franz Molnar, the Hungarian playwright, was removed to a hospital recently suffering from the effects of an overdose of a sleeping potion, taken, he said, through mistake while he was suffering from insomnia.

Karl Baedeker, the son and successor of the noted publisher of guide books for travellers, died recently at Esslingen. Herr Baedeker retired from business a number of years ago.

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