

British Mission's Great Hardships

Terrible Sufferings Endured by an Expedition in North Afghanistan.

Fifty Members Succumb to Privations Besides Loss of Animals.

London, Sept. 28.—The story told by members of the British mission who spent two and a half years in marking the boundary between Persia and Afghanistan in the Saitan region shows that they encountered terrible hardships. Fifty of the members died from various causes and nearly 5,000 camels and 120 horses succumbed.

The mission consisted of 11 British officers under command of Col. Arthur Henry McMahon, with survey and irrigation staffs and 200 native infantry and transport service, embracing altogether 1,500 men. They were equipped with guns and all supplies were brought to Saitan from the coast over a waterless and uninhabited desert.

Several persons died from sunstroke during the winter months of privation. Last winter numbers of camels and mules, which were used in large packs to transport the men and animals, were killed by the men, camels and horses were bitten and died of hydrophobia. On March 15, 1904, a severe storm of hail and snow, accompanied by a blizzard, and during this storm 40 camels were killed.

The members of the mission tell many stories of heroism of individuals during the winter months.

SANG AS SHE FACED DEATH. Victim of Train Accident Dies With Smile.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Although she knew death was in the room, fast closing her span of life, Miss Clara Butler, prominent in Morgan Park society and leading soprano in the First Baptist church there, passed away on the operating table with a smile on her face and a song in her heart, chanting the favorite hymn, "Abide With Me," until the very end.

HUNCH FOR SUBSCRIBERS. Walnut (Missouri) Herald.

One wife suffered a severe disappointment last night. Her husband's pockets when he was asleep.

WHAT DAN WOULD LIKE. Bokelegon Independent.

There is a rumor that among the next legions of honors that will be conferred on his birthday in November, Mr. William Mackenzie of Kirkfield, railway builder, will be knighted.

PACIFIC COAST SUPPLY OF LUBBER. Pearson's Magazine for October.

The lumber camps in the timber region of the Pacific are all obviously showing a temporary character. The buildings, consisting of a few shacks, a long work shed, a "bank house" or sleeping quarters, shops, and a few other buildings.

OREGON LAND FRAUDS. Portland, Ore., Sept. 28.—After being out six hours the third jury which has heard the testimony of six witnesses in the case of the Oregon land frauds, including the Bennington.

Tragedy in Far East. San Francisco, Sept. 28.—The Examiner says: "Three Japanese fishermen were murdered by the natives of the settlement of Unka, which is situated on the Kamohakia peninsula, and a similar fate would have been visited on ten other men if they had not managed to escape to the American fishing vessel, the Castle, which was lying at anchor close to the settlement."

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THINGS HAVE CHANGED.

Ottawa Citizen. Time works wonders. The Liberal press used to denounce Sir Charles Tupper as the "Great Strever" because he predicted that the Northwest would yield one hundred bushels of wheat per acre.

RESULT OF EARTHQUAKE. Mountain in Italy Splits in Two, Threatening Village's Destruction.

New York, Sept. 28.—A Rome despatch to the Herald says a mountain near Ajello, 300 metres high, split in two yesterday owing to shocks of earthquake, and threatened to bury the town. The inhabitants have fled.

KER-SHOPLAND. Wedding in Vancouver of Much Interest to Victorians.

The marriage yesterday afternoon of Mr. Walter H. Ker and Miss Annie Shoplund, which was celebrated in the presence of a large number of guests, was a social event of much importance because of the prominence in local circles of both the contracting parties.

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Thinks Bulkley A Fine Country

Col. Topping Returns From an Extended Tour of Northern Country.

District Destined to Be Hearty From as a Wonderful Copper Field.

"The Bulkley valley, the Tol-Kwa and Howland Basins the names destined to occupy a conspicuous place in the future of this province. This entire northern region is rich in copper."

Such was the declaration of Col. E. F. Young, a pioneer, who has discovered a fine coal field, which is a fine coal field, which is a fine coal field.

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THE STRIKE IS OVER!

Nanaimo, B. C. (Special) September 29th—At today's convention between the committee representing the miners and the management of the Western Fuel Company both belligerents tonight agreed on terms of peace.

The miners will submit the same to a mass meeting tomorrow for confirmation. The strike is virtually over.

ALLEGED STEAMER COMBINE. London, Sept. 28.—Enquiries made in shipping circles today failed to result in the circumstantial story sent out from Liverpool in regard to a large Japanese shipping combine.

Witte's Hearty Welcome Home. Envoy is Accorded a Great Reception on Reaching St. Petersburg.

The Great Crowd Stands Bareheaded While Public Address is Read.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—M. Witte arrived at 8:25 a. m. and was accorded a magnificent reception. A large crowd of the natives who had put out from their homes to meet him, and he was taken to the hotel by a motor car.

Address of Welcome. "You have accomplished your difficult task, and the nation is grateful to you for the peace which you have brought to the world."

Witte Deeply Moved. When the uproar had died away, M. Witte, who seemed deeply moved by the sincerity of his words, said: "I have performed my duty well, but I am sure that I must ask your pardon for the incoherence of my words."

Shipping Disasters. Details of shipping disasters in the South Seas were received by the Minister yesterday morning. The largest ship built in America, the "Roanoke," was destroyed by fire.

Evacuation of Manchuria. Gansu Pass, Sept. 28.—The Tartar general of Heliunshiang province has been transferred to Kirin for the purpose of instituting order following the evacuation of the foreign troops.

A Philosopher. "There was a man in our town, and he was a philosopher. He was a philosopher, and he was a philosopher."

Tragedies of The South Seas

Mutiny and Murder on Trading Vessel—W. Finlayson Hacked to Death.

Cannibals Feast on Bodies of Two Traders—French Punitive Expedition.

Steamer Mowera, which arrived yesterday morning from Australia via ports, brought news of several sensational South Sea tragedies, of mutiny and murder, looting, escape and capture; of cannibalism.

Mr. Finlayson, a trader in the Solomon group, was hacked to death by blacks as a result of a mutiny on board the trading vessel, the "W. Finlayson," which was on a punitive expedition by a French party from the Marseilles, which had a party from the Marseilles, which had a party from the Marseilles.

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Tidal Wave Kills Hundred

Typhoon and Enormous Wave Sweeps Many to Death on Island of Jaluit.

Witness of Disaster in Marshalls Gives a Very Graphic Account.

Steamer Mowera, which arrived yesterday morning from Australia, brought a graphic account of a recent typhoon and tidal wave which caused such devastation and caused the loss of over one hundred lives at Jaluit, in the Marshall Islands.

"The settlement of Jaluit stands on a plain about a mile long, and where the typhoon was gathered, about 100 yards wide. This is one of the chain of islands forming the Jaluit Lagoon, which is about 20 miles from north to south and 15 miles from east to west."

"I was strolling along the sea beach on the day of the typhoon when it was blowing from the east, and I saw the waves breaking over the reef. I went back to the hotel, and I saw the waves breaking over the reef. I went back to the hotel, and I saw the waves breaking over the reef."

Storey of Hotel Blown Off. The hotel was blown off by the typhoon, and the storey of the hotel was blown off. The hotel was blown off by the typhoon, and the storey of the hotel was blown off.

By 11 o'clock the wind had ceased off a light breeze, and the sun was shining. The hotel was blown off by the typhoon, and the storey of the hotel was blown off.

Many Lives Lost, Buildings Wrecked. The typhoon caused the loss of many lives and the destruction of many buildings. The typhoon caused the loss of many lives and the destruction of many buildings.

Francio-German Understanding. Agreement on Moroccan Affairs Signed by Both the Governments.

Measure Reveals Compromise by Each Side on Minor Matters.

Paris, Sept. 28.—The Franco-German accord on Morocco, signed today, announces the friendly understanding, not only on account of Morocco, but chiefly because it terminates the suspense of months which threatened to disturb the peace of Europe.

The official text of the accord says: "The negotiations between France and Germany on Moroccan affairs have been successfully terminated; France is ready to accept the proposal of Germany to organize the police, the regulation and suppression of contraband arms, and the creation of new means of revenue, and also the termination of principles of reform consisting principally in the organization of a state bank and also the best means of collecting duties."

Between France and the Sultan. The agreement then makes a special reservation of the frontier region between Algeria and Morocco, where the maintenance of police will be regulated directly by the Sultan.

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Clearing Suez Canal. Port Said, Sept. 28.—The wreck of the British steamer Chatham, which was sunk in the Suez Canal, was cleared on the 6th inst. to prevent an explosion of a large quantity of dynamite, which formed part of the cargo.

Charters Steamer. In order to handle the great quantities of Oriental freight goods, the Boston Steamship Company has chartered the British steamer Crook Hall, with a cargo for a voyage to Yokohama.