PREHISTORIC MONSTERS in JUNGLES of the AMAZON

Who Describes a Saurian That Was Unhurt by Volleys of Bullets from Elephant Rifles. En -/ 1 -

ONG before the scientists began to discover indisputable evidence in fossil re-mains of reptilian monsters there were

Cover interpretation monsters there were stories of strange gigantic animals in the far interiors of Central Africa, South America and even in the Indian jungle. Amyas Leigh, in his early explorations from the vast Matto Groeco district of Argentina and Bolivia to the upper tributaries of the Orinoco, sets down many instances of the reports of huge amphib-ious animals brought to him. Von Humbeldt head of them also. Scientists are more willing to credit the state-ment that some surviving forms of the ancient dinosears are to be found in the gigantic tropi-cal swamps ceast of the Andes, because the con-ditions of heat, regetation, &c., are to-day near-ly what they might have been in prehistoric periods.

ditions of heat, vegetation, &c., are to-day hear-ly what they might have been in prehistoric major George W. Fawcett, F. R. G. S., who rearresed the southern section of the Amazonas region to give a scientific report of the great district of Acre and the map the boundary for the Brazilian government, describes many new fish and animals that he discovered, and heard often of the gigantic saurians that the Indians had seen further morth. Colonel Julius G. Tucker, late United States Consul General at Marfinique, penetrated further into the Gaqueta country than any white man had ever done before and was assured by the highest digni-taries of the Gaqueta tribes that terrible am-phibious reptiles were to be found further south. Charles Johnson Post, American engineer, artist and writer, who crossed the continent at its widest point some years ago, heard the same stories, saw some very remarkable signs and is a firm believer that gigantic animals of some kind exist there. Adriano Portales, collect-ing agent of the Itapu Trading Company, wrotes an article for a Rio Janeiro newspaper five years ago saying that natives had shown him the head of a dead monster which they had found. The following article is by an unscientific man, who, as he says, can merely relate what he saw. It is the most definite and circumstantial account as yet made public. Fram Herrman Schmidt is an employe of the Hamburg-Ameri-can Company, with headquarters at Manaos. While seemingly incredible, what be has to tell may in a few years be a matter of common knowledge

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me to make public the account I am about to write, and so many others in the United States and in Germany have laughed at the story when I told it to them, that I have besiteted

g time about mentioning it again. It is not sant to be called a Har good humoredly, even when means of proving that he is not, but knows is telling the truth. If box constrictors as es and over one hundred feet long are com and are admitted to exist. I do not see why th public should not believe that what I the same country is really there.

are I want to remark at the outset does not believe what I have to say can go Amazon, and, with emongh patience, see the same things; or if he does not care for the hardship e can find plenty of proof that many other men besides myself have had proofs brought to them. It is as well to add that when the wildernesses of Amaonas, Acre and Matto Grosso are opened up there will be many a surprise awaiting the college professors and

On October 8, 1907, Captain Rudolph Pfieng, who veil known as a sailor and trader, and myself mbia, seeking a number of conns in the Orinoco country, but political condi being very unquiet we failed to get them, and date mentioned determined to set out at once trate the interior and descend some river on

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