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Confidential Reports Received From Front Indicate That The Moors Are Without Food Compelling Them to Disband

SOLDIERS APPREHENSIVE OF WINTER'S APPROACH

Madrid, Sept. 6.—Confidential reports received by the Spaniards state that the Riffians are suffering from lack of food, which is compelling the forces under the command of El Chaldi gradually to disband. The supply of figs which is their main food, is almost exhausted, while their cattle have been destroyed and their villages swept by the Spanish artillery.

This, with the fact that their fields are uncultivated, makes them feel apprehensive about the coming winter, when their situation may become desperate.

The Spanish outposts report that the Moors approach their lines in the night shouting, "Cursed be you and your nation for killing us and our women by hunger."

Caid Hannue Serghi, who commanded the Riffians defeated by Colonel Larreas, in the recent fight at Tassaguin, is concealed with part of his troops in the Trinfu Valley, where he took refuge after crossing the Muluya River. El Chaldi failed to send him reinforcements necessary for continuing operations.

A column left Cape de Agua this morning under command of Colonel Larreas to operate for the next five or six days against the Moors in the vicinity. Its object is to protect some friendly tribes which have been demanding help. It is further destined to inculcate respect for the Spanish among the neutral elements bordering on the Spanish zone of influence.

It is generally expected that after the Spanish advance from La Restinga and Cape de Augua and the operations in the country round Lared the Moors, recognizing their superiority, will not risk any pitched battles.

El Chaldi's last hope was that the Spaniards would attempt to storm Mount Gurugu, where the Riffian position is practically impregnable. Now that the Riffians are convinced that this will not take place there is only dwindling desultory guerrilla fighting. In the end famine and the constant bombardment of the heights by the Spanish artillery will drive the Riffians from Mount Gurugu. When the canal into Marchia is finished the marine force will be able to make its first forward move.

ROYALTY THRONG THE ALPS THIS SUMMER

An Unusual Procession Of It In Switzerland; Queen Dowager Of Italy Is There Among Many Others.

Berne, Sept. 6—Switzerland this summer is a perfect rendezvous of royalty. To give the names of all those who are stopping her would read like a page from Debrett or the Almanach de Gotha. Margherita,, the Queen Dowager of Italy, likes to travel incognito, and enjoys motoring as the Countess di Stupinigi, in touring Switzerland, where she can go about free from the restrictions of court etiquette. She enjoys arriving and putting up at the Swiss hotels without disclosing her identity, and is at present touring with three 70-horse-power Italia cars.

At Brunnen she "dropped in" on August Benziger, the noted portrait painter, who, with his wife, entertained her majesty. She reached Brunnen Friday August 13, making the same day an excursion to Lucerne in Mr. Benziger's motor boat. Next day, at her majesty's desire, Mr. and Mrs. Benziger accompanied her to Einsiedeln, where she visited the shrine of the Holy Virgin, founded in the ninth century, and located in the Benedictine monastry. On Saturday she made a motor boat trip on the lake of Lucerne, again the guest of the Benzigers. Arriving at Alpnschstad at midday she made the ascent of Mt. Pilatus, lunching at the Kulm, and afterwards spent some time on that part of the mountain known as the Esel, whence the finest views are obtained. The day was perfectly clear and a splendid panorama of the glorious Alps stretched before the visitors.

Her majesty evinced much interest in the famous railroad which was built in 1888. It has an average grade of 38 per cent. and at its steepest point the grade is 48 per cent. This railroad has a remarkable record, carrying enormous numbers of delighted passengers. The figures for July show a total of 10,238 passengers. In spite of the steep gradients and other difficulties mountain railroads have to contend with, the Swiss lines are particularly free from accidents, and the Pilatus Railroad has yet to record the first one of any kind.

The queen bestowed marked attention upon Mrs. Benziger, who is the daughter of Mrs. Henry C. Lytton, of Chicago, which shows that she is not impervious to the charms of American girls. Mr. Benziger is well known as the painter of the latest portrait of ex-President Theodore Roosevelt, and maintains an American residence in Philadelphia and a luxurious villa at Brunnen, where he royally entertains. He is also the proprietor of the Grand Hotel at Brunnen, a famous hostelry of some three hundred rooms.

Archbishop Farley of New York visited Mr. Benziger, with his secretaries, to consult him in regard to the stained glass windows to be placed in the Lady Chapel in the cathedral in New York. The archbishop enjoyed numerous excursions into the surrounding country with Mr. Benziger in his 40-horse-power car. The Benzigers have also lately entertained Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Guild, Jr

LONDON BOOK SALES TOTAL MANY THOUSANDS

Auction of 1,691 Lots During the Season Produced a Total of $375,000--The Ventures of Pierpont Morgan.

London, Sept. 4.—Eight "lots" of printed books and manuscripts have been actually sold under the hammer for sums of $5,000 and over during the book auction season now closed, and these have produced a total of $65,000.

If to these are added the fourteen Caxtons which Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, one of those dramatic swoops for which he has become famous in the art world, obtained on the very eve of the Amherst Library sale, and each one of which would have run into four figures if they had been put up to public competition, you get a result almost, if not quite, without precedent in the history of book auctions in England.

A further analysis of the season's figures shows that 136 "lots" which represent about the same number of single volumes, sold for sums ranging between $500 and $12,000 and that these made the extraordinary aggregate of $310,000.

During the seven or eight months over which the auction season extends four sales consisting of 1,691 "lots" produced a total of $375,000, as compared with eight sales, 4,621 "lots" and a total of $350,000 in 1907, the year which most nearly compares in recent times with the results of 1909.

WATERBOROUGH.

Waterborough, Q. Co., Sept. 6.—Service was held in St. Luke's Episcopal church Sunday morning at 10.30, Sept. 5th, by Rev. G. Edgar Tobin.

Miss Alice Gale, of St. John, who was the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Kennedy, Sunday, returned to St. John by this morning's boat. Miss Gale is a teacher in the Dufferin school.

Mr. Richard Wolfe and Mr. William Robinson, of St. John, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John McCaw.

Mr. Archie Ferris came down in this morning's boat from Chipman and will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Ferris, for a few days. Mr. Ferris is connected with the King Lumber Co., Chipman.

If a few fine days come harvesting will be in full swing. Oats are ripening very unevenly.

There were quite a number of young men on this morning's boat who are going on the harvesters excursion, Sept. 8th. They were confident of getting plenty of work, some of them having been out before.

Potatoes are being shipped quite plentifully now. Messrs. D. and C. H. Mott being the largest shippers here.

THIS SHERLOCK HOLMES LIVES AND BREATHS

Inspector Arrow Chosen By King Alfonso to Make War On Barcelona's Terrorists ---Suffragettes Boom Idea.

HIS EXPLOITS SUGGESTED RAID

London, Sept. 6.—Sherlock Holmes' counterpart in real life, Inspector Arrow, will probably have some thrilling stories to tell of anarchy ridden Barcelona, when he returns to London. For two years he has been head of the Spanish detective force, a position to which he was appointed by King Alfonso at a salary of £1,000, being given a free hand.

During this period his life has been in constant, deadly peril, so that probably, apart from his emoluments, he will not be sorry to be back again in London, where he can sleep quietly o' nights.

The Suffragists' Model.

Inspector Arrow is a handsome, distinguished looking man, with a dark rugged face, eyes like a hawk's and a curled iron gray mustache. Possibly the suffragists got from this master the idea for their memorable pantechnicon van raid on the House of Commons, which came within an ace of succeeding.

The Inspector had to raid a West End club, and knowing how difficult it would be to force an entrance in the ordinary way, he took with him a furniture van full of policemen. This drew up outside the house, whereupon three men, dressed as upholsterers' workmen, got down and began tinkering with the wheels as if something had gone wrong.

An inquisitive person came out of the house; then the police made a rush and were quickly masters of the situation.

The famous detective has received for special services the personal thanks of Queen Alexandra and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. He was associated with Scotland Yard for more than a quarter of a century, and has been engaged in the most notable criminal cases of recent years.

HOW TEMPERANCE IS TO BE FARTHERED IN GERMANY

Retailers Put Up Price of Liquors and Public Prosecuted Poputar Campaign in Favor of Fruit Syrups and Sodas.

Berlin, Sept. 6.—Germany's domestic perplexities are not without their lighter side. There is a wine and beer war going on, productive of much amusement to the onlooker.

The new law imposes heavy penalties for the sale of wines under names not belonging to them. It has often been remarked that Moselle wines of well known growths are dearer where they are grown than in Berlin. The famous Berncastle Doctor can be bought at a dollar a bottle in Berlin, but at Berncastle they say that such a price is impossible. The explanation is that the cheaper wine is a mixture, "verschnitten" the Germans call it, but after next month that kind of trick will be impossible, and already the wine merchants are selling at huge reductions "verschnitt" wines, which in a few weeks would be unsalable at any price.

Demand Exceeds Supply.

The demand for the well known brands of Moselle wines exceeds the supply about fortyfold, but that will new be changed. Moselle drinkers will turn to brands of which they have never heard, but which will now come into their kingdom.

As for beer and spirits, the producers and wholesale men would not let the opportunity provided by the government go by without squeezing a little out of the public for themselves. Whereas the state is to get five millions in taxes from beer, the brewers propose to extort thirty-six millions from the consumers, and whereas the state is to get four millions from spirits the distillers propose to extort fourteen millions.

Retail sellers of beer who tried to get 30 per cent more for a glass of beer while the increase in cost is really about 3 per cent, have suddenly noticed an absence of customers, and in consequence brewers who have tried to get 85 cents a barrel extra from retailers (the actual increased cost to themselves being about 60 cents) have been notified to stop deliveries. Whole bodies of working men have pledged themselves to drink nothing but fruit syrups and soda until the price of beer is reduced again.

WHITE'S COVE

White's Cove, Sept. 6—Mr. Hugh Hay of Woodstock is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. L. P. Farris.

C. D. Strang and wife, of North End, St. John, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. White.

J. D. McLaughlan, contractor, spent Sunday with his parents at Mill Cove.

Mrs. Linda White has taken the school here for another term. During vacation the school house was renovated with paint, paper, etc.

Rev. W. E. McIntyre of St. John had service at Mill Cove Sunday morning.

Charles Reardon, who has been in Rowley, Mass., for some time, is visiting his parents for a few days.

Mr. E. J. Wright is not able to leave his bed and is gradualy failing.

Herb. Parlee and wife and H. E. White and wife, spent Sunday here.

Hon. L. P. Farris left on Saturday for up river.

LIVED 2 YEARS AMONG SAVAGES IN FAR OFF JAVA

English Naturalists Back From a Perilous Trip---Papuans Who Are Far Below The African Natives.

JAVAN STATES AND A RUNAWAY RIVER

London, Sept. 6.—Three English naturalists, a father and two sons named Pratt, have just returned to Samarang in Java, after spending two years among the savages of Dutch New Guinea.

"Two years ago," says the Singapore correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette, "the naturalists landed at Doreh in Geelvink Bay, where missionaries have been stationed for over fifty years. Behind Doreh stretch the Arfak Mountains, with two large lakes lying at a height of 8,000 feet above the sea. There the naturalists took up their quarters in the midst of savage Papuans, whose characteristics they soon discovered were untrustworthiness and thirst for blood.

On Extreme Fringe.

"They were right on the extreme fringe of the Dutch authority, so had to look after themselves to the utmost. They found the savages far below the African natives, without knowledge or understanding of the most elementary virtues—even kindliness or thankfulness. They were of good physique and lived partly by agriculture, but their habits were loathsome.

"It was largely due to his ability to keep his temper even under provocation that Mr. Pratt was able to manage them. They fancied that the traveller must have supernatural powers to control his anger, and in addition to that they were notified by the Dutch authorities that any harm to the naturalists would meet with prompt vengeance.

Perpetual Warfare.

"Perpetual warfare is waged among the tribes, for treachery is constant and every death leads to blood vengeance. The naturalists were often goaded to near the danger point of shooting but restrained thmselves and so won to some extent the confidence of the savages.

"Head hunting is a custom of the land, and not merely villages but also houses are at war against houses. The result is that fear and treachery stalk like twin demons through the island. Women never go out except under armed masculine guard. They do the work in the fields with a man guarding them with his native weapons.

"European and Chinese traders who have attempted to treat the savages with their own methods, have rued the day, for vengeance has fallen swiftly in the night. It is a country where every rustle may mean the approach of death bearing treachery. Even their warfare is stealthy murder, not open fighting in which bravery is required.

Still in Stone Age.

"After a year at the lakes the travellers went to Humboldt Bay, where the mountain natives are still in the stone age and had never seen any European. They live miserably on wild plants, insects and grubs, with an occasional wild pig as a delicacy.

"In the distance they sighted the standing problem of New Guinea—the Snowy Mountains. Certain scientists have scoffed at the title, maintaining that in that latitude there are no snow mountains and what has been seen is the reflection of light from the white rocks on the mountain tops. Mr. Pratt is convinced however, that they are snow caps.

TARRED NORTH CAPE TO GREET TOURISTS NOW

For Years It Has Been The Practice Of Travellers To Decorate The Old Historic Landmark With Paint.

London, Sept. 6.—Travellers to the Land of the Midnight Sun will now find a tarred North Cape. For a long time tourists have defaced the sombre, awe inspiring crag that marks the northernmost point of Europe by painting the names of their steamers in fifteen foot letters on it. Now the Norwegian authorities, impelled by public opinion in the country, have despatched a warship to obliterate the names. This has been done in most cases by painting them over with tar. The only name that remains is Hohenzollern, that of the kaiser's yacht, which started the craze. Out of deference to Emperor William the name of his yacht has been allowed to stay.

BIBLE SOON TO BE PRINTED IN EVERY LANGUAGE

British And Foreign Bible Society Issues 105th Report---Six New Translations Issued During Year.

London, Sept. 6.—According to the 105th report of the British and Foreign Bible Society the Bible will soon be printed in every language and dialect known throughout the world. Complete Bibles or portions of the Bible were issued last year in 418 different languages. During the year six new translations were added to the list. Besides these languages, there are complete Bibles or portions of the Scriptures made in embossed type for the blind in thirty-one different languages.

The number of Bibles issued by the society last year was nearly 6,000,000. Of complete Bibles, there were 884,195; New Testaments, 1,116,674, and portions of Scripture, 1,933,842, making a total of 5,934,711.

The colporteurs employed in the work of distribution have an adventurous life. Last year some of them were arrested as spies in Nicaragua, robbed in Burma, bitterly mocked by Social Democrats in Germany, driven out of villages in Peru by priests who burned their books, stoned in the Philippines and beaten by Moslems in Baluchistan.

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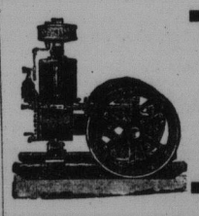

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