

BITTERNESS OF DEATH IS PAST IN SACKED CONGO BUT WHAT OF JUSTICE?

Shall Human Hyenas Answer For Most Colossal Crime In History?

Sir A. Conan Doyle Concludes Thrilling Narra- tive of African Horrors

(Herewith is the concluding instalment from "The Crime of the Congo" by Sir A. Conan Doyle, in which the author calls for justice for the victims of the white oppressor.)

(By Sir A. Conan Doyle.)

When a Belgian commission was appointed to investigate the Congo matters after the publication of Mr. Casement's report of astounding atrocities, the soldiers kept many natives from appearing before the commission with their stories.

One aged chief was held back from the commission and was punished by witnessing the killing of his wife, for trying to testify.

He brought with him, in the hope that he might lay them before the judges, 132 long twigs and 76 smaller ones to represent so many adults and children who had been killed by the A. B. I. R. company in the past few years.

"His account of the method by which these unfortunate people met their deaths will not bear printing. The wildest dreams of the inquisition were outdone. Women had been killed by having stakes thrust into them. When a horrified missionary asked the chief if this was personally known to him his answer was, 'They killed my daughter Nsunga in this manner; I found the stake in her.'

Tied to trees, "Last year, or the year before," reported Mr. Harris, a missionary, "a young woman Imenga was tied to a forked tree and chopped in half with a hatchet, beginning at the left shoulder, chopping down through the chest and abdomen and out at the side."

In spite of the fact that such evidence as this did not reach the commission the result of its research was that one man and one woman were sent to the commission. Stannard could prove neither by the chief, who had been tortured and his whalers pulled out, nor by the commission that the commission had received the evidence.

As a matter of fact, Chief Lontulu gave just the evidence Mr. Stannard says he did and here are some of the questions and answers:

His Answers.
President Janssens, to Lontulu—Were the people of Monji given the corpses to eat?
Lontulu—Yes. They cut them up and ate them.

Baron Nisco—Did they fog you?
Lontulu—Repeatedly.

President Janssens—Did you see sentries kill your people? Did they kill many?
Lontulu—Yes. All my family is finished.

President Janssens—Are you sure that each of your twigs (110) represents one person killed?
Lontulu—Yes.

President—Were the sentries and those who helped given the dead bodies to eat?
Lontulu—Yes, they ate them; those who took part in the fight cut them up and ate them.

Lontulu, after torture, and while Stannard was being prosecuted for criminal libel for reporting Lontulu's testimony, was forced to deny all that he had previously testified to.

Such was the manner in which the Belgian commission was able to blazon to the world a triumphant vindication of King Leopold and his Congo administration!

Not Improved.
Conditions in the Congo today, though murder and mutilation have ceased, are not greatly improved, according to testimony given by W. Cassie Murdoch, a traveler.

"All the people I saw"—with few exceptions—"are taxed with rubber," says Murdoch. The rubber tax is an intolerable burden. It is difficult to describe it calmly. What I found was simply this:

"The tax demands 20 to 25 days' labor every month. It was some time before I discovered that in the Domaine de la Couronne, west of Lake Leopold, there is no rubber. Once the vines have been found the working of the rubber is the small part of the labor. I have made a calculation of the distance the people I have met have to walk to find the average canoe—less than 300 miles. They will cover this distance in 10 or 12 days. The rest of the time is used in hunting for the vines and tapping them. I saw some men returning empty handed. They had been hunting for over eight days and had found nothing. What the poor wretches would do I cannot imagine. If they failed to produce the usual amount of rubber they would be put in prison."

"Individual acts of atrocity have, for the most part, ceased. The state agents seem to have come to the conclusion that it is a waste of cartridges to shoot down these people."

Problem Solved.
It will be seen that, so far as the people are concerned, the problem is solved, the bitterness of death is past. No European intervention can save them. They have been utterly destroyed. But they were the wards of Europe, and surely Europe, if she is not utterly lost to shame, will have something to say as to their fate.

Sums of money amounting to \$35,000,000 have been traced to the king, and this money has been spent partly in buildings in Belgium, partly in land to the same country, partly in buildings on the Riviera, partly in the corruption of public men and of the European and American press,



Type of Native Soldier in the Congo. These are the Men Who Are Turned Loose With Orders to Punish Natives Who Do Not Produce Enough Rubber.

and finally in the expense of such a private life as has made King Leopold's name notorious throughout Europe. Of the guilty companies the poorest seem to pay 50 per cent, and the richest 700 per cent, per annum.

Surely there should be some punishment for those who by their injustice and violence have dragged Christianity and civilization in the dirt. Surely also there should be some compulsory compensation out of the swollen money bags of the 300 per cent. concessionaries for the widows and orphans, the maimed and the incapacitated. Justice cannot be satisfied with less.

CHASE-DEWAR NUPTIALS CELEBRATED YESTERDAY

St. James Church, St. Stephen, Thronged Yesterday to Wit- ness the Marriage of Popu- lar Couple.

St. Stephen, Oct. 20.—St. James' Presbyterian church at Milltown was thronged at five o'clock this afternoon with relatives and friends of the contracting parties to witness the nuptials of two of our esteemed young people, Mr. Edward Chase, manager of the Granville-Chase Lumber Company, of Baring, Me., and Miss Bertha Jane Dewar, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dewar, of Milltown, and for several years an efficient teacher in the Milltown public schools.

Rev. W. W. Rainnie was the officiating clergyman, and Miss Frances Coughlin presided at the organ. The bride was attended by Miss Gretchen Laughlin, and the groom by his brother, Mr. Clifford Chase, Miss John N. Wall, Misses Ethel McMurtry, Maud Williams and Molly Mungall, young friends of the bride performed the duties of ushers.

When this Congo Boy's Father Did Not Produce Enough of Rubber They Chopped Off His Right Hand, When the Father Fell Behind a Second Time, They Chopped Off the Boy's Foot.

Back of the pulpit the church had been handsomely decorated with greenings, ferns autumn leaves and the berries of the rowan tree, and the scene was a very pretty one.

The bride was attired in white crepe-de-chene with bridal veil caught with valley lilies, and carrying a shower bouquet of the same flowers. The bridesmaid was gowned with pale pink silk mull with black picture hat, and carried a bouquet of roses.

When the ceremony at the church was concluded the bride and groom with relatives and a few intimate friends, drove to the home of the bride, where a delicious wedding supper was partaken of. The young ladies who had performed the duties of ushers also serving the guests.

At the conclusion of the festive gathering Mr. and Mrs. Chase drove to the Washington county depot and departed on the evening express for a tour of the New England cities and a visit to the Catskill Mountains, where they will spend most of their honeymoon.

FASHIONS THAT ARE REVOLVING THROUGH AGES

How History Repeats Itself in Wearing apparel as in every- thing else—Dr. Johnson and Women's Dress.

Almost every modern fashion that comes in is a revival of something that has gone before. The large hats tilted at the side are the revivals of fashions that prevailed about the year 1778. Peplums were revived in 1869, and the same classical garments appear at the present day in various forms and always with a border, often of a very pattern.

The long coats now so prevalent have a sort of resemblance to the pelisses of our great grandmothers, says the Queen. Satin pelisses and huge mantles such as that shown in the fashion plate of 1805, were once quite the thing to wear; so also were toques with drooping leathers at one side.

There was whisper not long ago that caps were to come into fashion, and this is, as we all know, a revival of a fashion which prevailed in the eighteenth century, when every woman, young and old, wore a cap. Dr. Johnson, who was a great critic of fashion, was a great critic of caps.

What, sir? cried Fanny amazed. "Why, your cap! I have looked at it for some time, and I like it much; it has not that vile bandeau across it that I have so often cursed."

Nothing Escaped.
Near sighted as the great man was, nothing in the way of dress escaped him, and he gave a certain Miss Brown no peace about her "vile cap."

Caps were of all sizes and shapes—worn at a right angle, worn over the front curls, worn tilted back—and to some faces they were very becoming. Jane Austen is represented in the best portrait of her that we have as wearing a cap, though at that time she was a young woman. Somehow, it suited the bright archness of her face.

She was often much exercised about the choice of her caps. She tells how she made herself "two or three caps to wear of evenings."

This was when she was not 30 years old. She adds: "They save me a world of trouble as to hairdressing, which gives no trouble at present beyond washing and brushing, for my hair is always plaited up out of sight and my short hair in front curls well enough without powdering."

It would be strange indeed if the fashion of wearing caps by quite young girls should be again revived. Turbans, too, may get another lease of life. Mme. de Staël is generally represented as wearing a huge turban and the charming Pamela—Lady Edward Fitzgerald—never looked so well as in a turban, the brilliant colors of it contrasting well with her brun vert eyes and arched eyebrows.

To Picture Galleries.
Many of the great French dress experts go to picture galleries in order to consult the cut and fit of the garments worn by bygone beauties. Perhaps it was some such study which brought back to the light of day the Empire and Directoire styles. What are they but revivals of last century's fashions—fashions which that arch priestess of dress, the Empress Josephine, wore with such grace and dignity.

The fashion of wearing the hair piled on cushions and plaited with powder and jewels was also introduced by Queen Charlotte, but after a long run it was going out of vogue as far back as 1855, for in an account in Walker's Hibernian Magazine for that year of the queen's birthday ball on January 15, we find "that the ladies' hair was dressed very low and mostly in the form of a horseshoe; the caps (caps again) were decorated with flowers and feathers and the general dress was satin, (spelled satten)."

"One conspicuous lady, though her name was not to be in general disrespect, sported a black body and pink sleeves. Everybody stared, many laughed, and the outfit habit was so much condemned that the lady departed at an early hour. The very chairman condemned it and said it put them in mind of a porter who had got new sleeves to an old coat."

American Women At The Court of St. James

The Position Occupied By Western Women In Society Life of England

Newborough, goes in for vulgar display or advertising herself in any way. Not Free Either.

The latter also is not free from comment, and only lately it was said that she was trying her utmost to get into favor with King Edward in order to use her influence for her husband's appointment to a certain viceregal post ere long in a restaurant or mac for car, in season and out of season, with the utmost sangfroid, and I myself have heard her say to a young American duchess who was holding a reception at her Mayfair palace: "I am dear, where can I go and smoke? I am simply dying for a cigarette."

Then, too, as to cigarette smoking, to which Anglo-Americans are credited with being particularly addicted, I can truthfully say that the most inveterate women smokers I know are members of our "haute noblesse." One, the mother of a young marquis, is seldom to be seen in the house without a cigarette between her lips.

Another, the sister of one of our most beautiful and benevolent duchesses, of English birth, smokes in public and private in a restaurant or mac for car, in season and out of season, with the utmost sangfroid, and I myself have heard her say to a young American duchess who was holding a reception at her Mayfair palace: "I am dear, where can I go and smoke? I am simply dying for a cigarette."

The other day, travelling up to Scotland I had my vis-a-vis in the rail way carriage a young girl, the label on whose dressing bag bore the legend "The Honorable Margaret." Glancing at the hand which was holding her book—for the hands are as great tell-tales as eyes—I noticed the first and second fingers of her right hand stained as brown from tobacco as those of any inveterate male smoker. I have ever seen.

Smoked at Railway Station.
A few days later, waiting on the platform of a small Scottish country station for my train, I noticed a woman and her little girl strolling up and down, and on turning recognized her as the wife of a large and titled landowner of the Highlands, and quite frankly and openly, as she walked, she smoked her cigarette.

At the marriage of Lady Dalmeny the number and beauty of the cigarette holders and boxes was a matter of comment, and every society girl this last season has had at least two such articles among her wedding gifts.

I could go on adding examples to examples, but among them all I have never yet seen one Anglo-American indulging in this habit in public.

In fact, to sum up the whole matter the American woman who takes up her residence in England, whether permanently or temporarily, is far from being the one to indulge in the gay and often questionable frivolities and so-called "smart" evening parties which I know take place in some of our most "exclusive" houses of Mayfair, St. James' or Belgrave, for it seems to me that the American woman in society more than any other, knows how to have a good time without in any way spoiling her character or becoming "detraquee."

Mrs. Dewey C. Bailey, president of the Denver Woman's Club, has been honored by the State Woman's Club of Colorado for the nomination for Congress in the First district. Mrs. Bailey, the wife of the United States Marshal of Colorado.

Miss Ethel Mitchell, of Massachusetts has been appointed librarian of the public library of Boise, City, Idaho. Miss Mitchell is an honor graduate of Simmons College, Boston.

The students at Bryn Mawr have formed a self government club, the object of which is to abolish all teaching of young girls just entering college. The club is made up from the upper classes and has the approval of President Thomas.

The Unitarians in their Pacific Coast conference at Seattle declared themselves in favor of equal suffrage.

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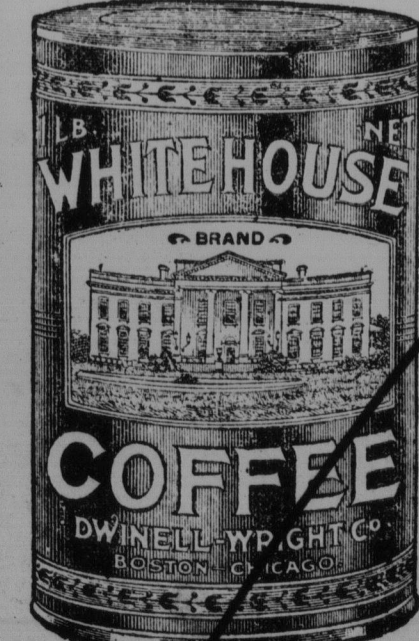
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ing in the claim of J. Frederick ... against the Minas Basin Steamship Company, under the Workmen's ... and Injuries Act, was ... yesterday morning before ... Mr. Justice McKeown. In ... court chambers at 10 o'clock ... is concluded in the afternoon ... before four, when the matter ... until Monday next at ... a. m. and operated by the defend- ... April 5th last between five and ... in the afternoon, Mr. Bax- ... engaged in putting a pro- ... on the S.S. Brunswick, which ... and operated by the defend- ... company. The steamer was lying ... at position and Baxter ... to put on the shaft, when a ... bolt from which the blocks ... pulled out and the propel- ... blocks fell. The latter struck ... man's finger on his left ... cutting it off. He claims \$1500 ...

claimant says that the applica- ... were defective, and the defend- ... that had he used ordinary ... accident would not have oc-

Friday morning the claimant ... and for the defendants ... Potter, of the Brunswick; En- ... Perrin and Brogan Manuel ... evidence. In the afternoon ... W. White who dressed Bax- ... was a witness. The hear- ... adjourned above.

Jeffries, K. J. accourt, ... A. Wilson, K. C., appeared for ... and Mr. W. H. Harrison ...

ROTH IS NOT
AFTER BIG FIGHT.

ard S. S. Lusitania, at Sea ... (By wireless telegraph via ... to the Associated Press, ...

find and shall be glad to get ... say nothing definite to be- ... America. I expect my ... Johnson to take place be- ... between club offering the ...

JAMES J. JEFFRIES." ... foregoing wireless mes- ... om Jeffries tonight. He will ... New York on the Lusitania ... night or early Friday ... returning from ... after taking the waters ... Bohemia, and a brief ... preliminary training at ... near Paris.

at New York is awaited ... of interest in sport ... as it is confidently be- ... the details of a match ... chief Johnson, the champion, ... arranged here with my ... days. Tuesday night of ... has been set for a meet- ... between Jeffries, his manager, ... George Little, manager ... and James Coffroth. The ... fight promoter, Cot- ... will come prepared ... a large purse to have the ... of the fight.

in New York, Coffroth will ... number of other propositions ... including a match ... Stanley Ketchel and Sam ... and one between the winner ... and James Powell contest and Bat-

TO PLAY
ST. JOSEPH'S TODAY.

ton, Oct. 20.—The St. Jos- ... football team will ar- ... this evening for the first ... season in ... with the U. N. B. at College ... afternoon.

eting of the athletic council ... N. B. held last evening the ... team was chosen as follows: ... Jones; half backs, Capt. ... Kinghorn, Spicer and Willis; ... acks, Jennings and P. Zub- ... Deedes, Mc- ... Brooks. The spare men se- ... as follows: Heed back, Mc- ... back, McKeen; forwards, ... Duke.

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