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APRIL

Abyssinia, King Menelek asks Italy to represent him at the Brussels Anti-Slavery Congress.—April 7.

Abyssinia, King Menelek asks that Italy allow the free passage through her territory of arms required by him to fight the Dervishes.—April 7.

killed while ascending the Alps.—April 5.

Ballooning, Topeka, Kan., Prof. E. E. Craig badly injured in an attempt to make a balloon ascension and parachute drop.—April 14.

Bridge falling, Springfield, O., bridge supporting two hundred people witnessing a baptism breaks down; four persons fatally and fifty badly injured.—April 20.

ACCIDENTS.—Alpine, Berne, Switzerland, young professor named Odin Broken dam, Palestine, W. Va., portion of the dam on the Little Kanawha river breaks, and navigation suspended until the last of June; damage estimated at \$20,000.—April 1.

Carriage, Mansfield, O., Mrs. C. Levering and Miss Hill thrown out of their carriage; the latter killed and the former fatally injured.—April 12.

Carriage, Monte Carlo, France, Mr. J. S. Morgan of New York and London, fatally injured through a fall from a carriage.—April 3.

Collapse of building, Fowey, Cornwall, Eng., grand stand collapses during races; 2,000 people thrown to the ground; many injured, some fatally.—April 2.

Drowning, Newport, Vt., three men drowned on Lake Memphremagog.—April 28.

Fall of a roof, Bergamo, seventeen girls killed in a weaving mill.—April 17.

Poisoning, Hagersville, Ont., William Nicholson and family poisoned by eating wild parsnips in mistake for carrots; one child dies, the others may recover.—April 15.

Railway, Plainfield, N.J., Potter Johnson run over by a coal engine at a railroad crossing.—April 12.

Railway, Lehigh, Cal., passenger train on Southern Pacific jumps the track and eleven cars ditched.—April 17.

Railway, Stanley, N.Y., train on the Northern Central R.R. thrown from the track by a fallen tree; one woman fatally injured.—April 9.

Railway, Staunton, Va., brake rod of engine falls and train whirls along at 70 miles an hour; sleeping-car jumps the track, one member of the "Pearl of Pekin" opera troupe killed, and another severely injured.—April 28.

Railway, W. Va. Central R.R., engineer loses control of freight train on the Mineville Branch; cars leave the track and are completely wrecked, one man killed and six injured.—April 4.

Steamboat, East Saginaw, Mich., "Handy Boy" steamer runs into Pere Marquette R.R. bridge; four persons drowned and a number injured.—April 13.

AFRICA.—Anti-Slavery Conference, Brussels, agrees in favor of gradually increasing duties on alcohol in Africa for a certain period.—April 2.

Bagamoyo, Major Wissmann leaves with large force to attack Kilwa; British corvette "Turquoise" sails for Kilwa to protect British interests there.—April 30.

Belgium said to have abandoned the attempt to raise a Congo State loan of £6,000,000.—April 19.

Carbonza, explorer of the Nyassa and Thire districts, returns to Lisbon.—April 5.

Congo State, Belgium guarantees a loan of six million pounds.—April 14.

Congo Free State, Lieut. Baert forms a station at the confluence of the Itumbiri and Hongouli, and another near the confluence of the Louba.—April 15.

Congo Free State, King Leopold denies that any proposals were made by Germany for the purchase of.—April 16.

Dahomey, France forbids the landing of arms in.—April 4.

Dahomey, France to blockade the coast of.—April 7.

AFRICA.—Continued.

Dahomey, all the powers recognize the blockade of the coast of, by France.—April 10.

Dahomey, natives burn eight villages.—April 18.

Dahomey, French soldiers attack the native position, but are compelled to retire after losing thirty men.—April 22.

Dahomey, natives make two vigorous assaults on the French position.—April 21.

Dahomey, natives advance closer to the French position; French warship "Mesange" lands fifty men as a reinforcement.—April 26.

DeWinton Sir Francis, indignant with Emin Pasha for entering the German service, and declares that he has letters from Emin, written while he was in Africa, begging to be rescued.—April 3.

DeWinton Sir Francis, to start for Mombassa early in May, to take charge of affairs of the British East Africa Company.—April 26.

Emin Pasha starts on his expedition.—April 21.

Emin Pasha starts on his expedition for the interior with four hundred porters, five German officers, and a large body of Nubian soldiers.—April 26.

Emin Pasha said to have offered to surrender to the Mahdi, but his letters were stopped by his officers at Wadelai; a Coptic clerk swears to the truth of this before Mason Bey at Cairo.—April 26.

Gaboon, F. L. James, explorer, killed by an elephant while hunting.—April 29.

Italian East Africa Company formed.—April 18.

Mahdi reported to have disappeared, and famine raging throughout the Soudan.—April 14.

McKay Rev. Alexander, missionary in the Uganda country, dies of fever.—April 16.

Mombassa, Cologne *Gazette* has advices from, stating that the mission of Lieut. Ehlers to the Sultan of Mandara resulted successfully; German flag hoisted in his and other territories.—April 7.

Mozambique, Minister Arroyo sends instructions from Lisbon, directing that in view of negotiations with England the Portuguese expedition to Chiromo under Capt. Conatinho be stopped.—April 23.

Peters Dr. and Lieut. Tiedemann reported safe.—April 3.

Uganda, Mr. Jackson's expedition for the British East Africa Company arrives at Uganda, and concludes a treaty with Mwanga and other chiefs, placing Uganda exclusively under British influence.—April 30.

Zanzibar, Bwana-Heri concludes peace with the Germans.—April 2.

Zanzibar, the German consul pays an official visit to the Sultan of Witu.—April 2.

Zanzibar, Emin Pasha accepts Major Wissmann's proposals, and enters the German service, on a salary of \$5,000 a year.—April 2.

Zanzibar, Major Wissmann forbids caravans to enter the German sphere of influence north of Tanga, except by special permission.—April 2.

Zanzibar, rumours afloat that Major Wissmann is trying to secure the services of Tippoo Tib.—April 3.

Zanzibar, H.M.S. Sultan captures a dhow with twelve slaves, near.—April 5.

Zanzibar, handbills distributed bearing Emin's signature, accusing the British consulate of falsely accusing him, printed by the German East Africa Company.—April 5.

Zanzibar, Capt. Casati, the explorer, leaves for Rome.—April 6.

Zanzibar, Mr. Carcell, an American sportsman, returns to, from three months' hunt in Masailand; he met with great success.—April 7.

Zanzibar, Germans preparing to attack Kilwa.—April 10.

Zanzibar, reported that the Germans by threat have compelled the Sultan to cancel the concession of Manda and Patta to the British East Africa Co.—April 14.

Zanzibar, Emperor William donates 20,000 marks to the German Hospital at.—April 19.

Zanzibar, Major Wissmann's decree forbidding the passage of caravans through the country behind Tanga and Pangani withdrawn, owing to the representations of the British consul.—April 21.