

SIR A. CONAN DOYLE TRACES CONGO GUILT UP TO KING

Famous Writer, After Investigation, Declares That Leopold Is Guilty of Outrages.

A Nightmare of Devilish, Barbaric Cruelty Presented in Warm Appeal For Aid.

How the Natives' Land and Its Products Were Snatched From Them by a Relentless Lord.



The actual site of the villages and the scanty fields of grain or manioc which surround them. Everywhere beyond these tiny patches extend the plains and forests which have been the ancestral wandering places of the natives, and which contain the rubber, the camwood, the copal, the ivory and the skins, which are the sole objects of their commerce. At a single stroke of a pen in Brussels everything was taken from them, not only the country, but the produce of the country. How could they trade when the state had taken from them everything which they had to offer?

King Leopold, whom Sir Conan Doyle charges with first responsibility for the outrages, and actual photographs of King Leopold's Hand Was Struck Off Because He Didn't Bring in Rubber.

It will not be made a fool of again. There is some limit to European patience.

One Long Tragedy.

Belgium has enacted one long horrible tragedy, vouchered for by priests and missionaries, traders, travellers and consuls, all corroborated, but in no way reformed, by a Belgium commission. The nations have seen these unhappy people, who were their wards, degraded, mutilated, tortured, murdered, all on such a scale as has never, to my knowledge, occurred before in the whole course of history, and now, after all these years, with all the published in the United States and by Doubleday, Page & Co., and special permission has been given The Standard to print important extracts from it.

The following article is the first installment. The work is the most thrilling and revolting story that has ever been written of the Congo horror, and Sir Conan Doyle's hope is that it may stir the nations to take action against the Belgian rule in Africa.—News Editor.

DOYLE'S TRUE, BUT AWFUL STORY.

We have all heard more or less of the white man's misrule and barbarity in dealing with the natives in the Congo Free State. But today there was given to the world a volume that will make a shiver shiver. It is by Sir A. Conan Doyle, the famous English author, creator of Sherlock Holmes, who having made an exhaustive investigation of the entire Congo situation, has embodied all the terrible, tragic story in "The Crime of the Congo." The book, which was placed before the public of England and America today, is the most thrilling and revolting story that has ever been written of the Congo horror, and Sir Conan Doyle's hope is that it may stir the nations to take action against the Belgian rule in Africa.—News Editor.

(By Sir A. Conan Doyle.)

M. Renkin, the Belgian colonial minister, has written in the past few months, been inspecting conditions in the Congo Free State. Before leaving Belgium he said that nothing would be changed in the Congo. Last year the Congo Free State was annexed to Belgium and changed its blue flag with a golden star, for the tricolor of Belgium. M. Renkin seemed to think that change would end the reign of terror in the Congo.

M. Renkin will be back no doubt with the usual talk of minor reforms which will take another year to produce, and will be utterly futile when reduced to practice. But the world has seen the game too often. Surely

CHINESE MINISTER SEES MUCH FOR SPIRITUALISM

Dr. Wu Ting-fang Hopes to See Great Development in Science—Has Dreams of Special Exchange Station.

Washington, Oct. 17.—"Tele-Spiritualism," corresponding to the three quickest ways to impart a message—telephone, telegraph and tele-atom—is a new science which Dr. Wu Ting-fang, the retiring Chinese Minister, expects to see developed along with other lines of remarkable twentieth century progress.

Dr. Wu attended a meeting of the Temple League of Spiritualists today, and now that he has stood beside spirits and talked to them and questioned them he does not see why the mediums cannot put their art a little further and establish a "spirit exchange station," or "tele-spiritualism booth," wherein one can drop a nickel in the slot and get five cents worth of spirit talk.

"Of course there would be a satisfactory range of prices," Dr. Wu said. "That is, there would be slots for nickel, dime, quarters and half dollars, just as there are in the telephone service, and matters could be so arranged that the five cent spirits would not get mixed with the more expensive ones."

"The idea is not altogether new. I understand that there is such an exchange already established in England and that the spirits are kept busy, off course here, I suppose, the eight hour union law would have to apply to the spirits and all that sort of thing but progress may straighten all this out."

"Then there would be another problem. You might have difficulty in locating some spirits, not knowing where they would call. No. 1118 up or No. 1118 down, but there would be lists giving the location of those in the spirit world and indicating where they were enjoying the atmosphere of the equator or sitting among

the breezes of the north pole.

"I am only a student of spiritualism so I do not know what will happen. I am of an open mind. I do not know whether to believe or not to believe, but there are a great many prominent men who have investigated and who believe."

More Attention.

"I believe, however, that we should pay more attention to spiritual things, just as we should pay more attention to our health. There are, of course, fakirs in spiritualism, just as there are fakes that do not come up to Dr. Wu's standard, but I do not know."

Dr. Wu refused to comment on whether or not he thought there would be a "spirit trust." This matter so vitally affects the national interests that he did not feel at liberty to talk about it in his official capacity. But he said that the price of a few moments of spirit talk in England was as high as one guinea, and that something was keeping the price up.

Dr. Wu made further investigations of the spirit world yesterday when he visited a medium at a private seance, heard spirits talk Chinese dialect and was informed that messages from his mother and from former President McKinley were being conveyed to him.

At first the spirit of a Chinaman who claimed to be known to Dr. Wu many years ago made its appearance, but spoke better English than Chinese due to its long experience in a laundry in the United States.

Vital Statistics.

Eleven marriages and nine births, two of which were males, were reported last week. Eight burial permits were issued.

In the Police Court.

In the police court on Saturday John Donovan, charged with drunkenness and begging, was fined \$8 on the former charge and remanded for the presence of a witness as to begging. Walter McKay was fined \$4 for drunkenness and \$3 for profanity.

James Boyd, who escaped some time ago from the chain gang and was rounded up on Friday night was sent to serve the full term with the gang again. Thomas Powers forfeited a deposit of \$20 for assaulting Dennis Murphy on Charlotte street on Friday afternoon. Samuel Levine reported by Detective Killen for doing a junk business in the city without a license was ordered to procure a license.

Englishman in Trouble.

Vancouver, Oct. 16.—Harry Smith, an Englishman, shot his wife and him-

self and then tried to kill his daughter in New Westminster. Mrs. Smith was instantly killed and Smith died soon after. Mrs. Smith, who was a widow, was born in the city of Vancouver and was married to Smith 20 years ago. Their married life was marked with many quarrels. Smith was an old man-of-warman, and was formerly watchman on the ship *Reynolds*, sunk in the Fraser last year. The sixteen year old daughter, hearing the shots, rushed into her parents' room and found her mother dead and Smith dying. Smith raised himself from the floor and pointed the gun at the girl, who knocked it aside. Smith fell back dead.

Found in River.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Oct. 16.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Wilfrid Delisle nearly two weeks ago has been solved by the finding of the boy's body in the river near the International dock. The body was found between the dock and the Sault, which has been taken up at this point for some time. It was badly decomposed. The boy's father is out of town at present searching and cannot be reached. The parents always maintained that the lad had been kidnapped, and the authorities of the Sault have worked on this theory for some time. Much color was given to this feature of the case by the statements of Mrs. Delisle, who said that her son, Rosa, declared she kidnapped the boy and had the officials puzzled. She is now in the hands of the police and likely will be prosecuted on a perjury charge.

Duplicate-Tools.

On October 12, a very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Toole, of Central Blissett, Sunbury County, when their daughter, Eva May, was united in marriage to Bradford G. Duplisse, a very large number of guests witnessed the ceremony which was performed by Rev. A. Perry of Hoyt Station.

Teacher Fined.

Earl Grey, Sask., Oct. 16.—Miss Hawkes, a teacher in the school here, was fined \$10 and costs for thrashing a young pupil, with the option of ten days in jail.

Child Killed.

Seaford, Ont., Oct. 16.—While playing in front of a house, a boy was being gathered, the seven year old daughter of Fred Eckert was accidentally run over by a heavy wagon, dying of her injuries a few hours after.

Successful Hunters.

Fredericton, Oct. 16.—Three successful moose hunters arrived in the city today. They had been shooting with H. Allen and each secured his moose. The party is composed of Mr. J. W. Bennett, head of the White Auto Co., New York; Mr. H. C. Pratt, of New Hampshire, and Mr. J. Johnston, Wilkesley, Pa. The heads, which are at Ennack Bros., are very fine specimens.

Committed For Trial.

Bellevue, Ont., Oct. 16.—As a result of an investigation by Inspector Beburn of Toronto, Lewis Leland, a farmer, 74 years old, has been committed for trial on the charge of poisoning a cow and a horse belonging to his son, John W. Leland. Apples plucked with Paris green were strewn on the ground in the pasture where John Leland's stock fed. Leland told Inspector Beburn he suspected his father.

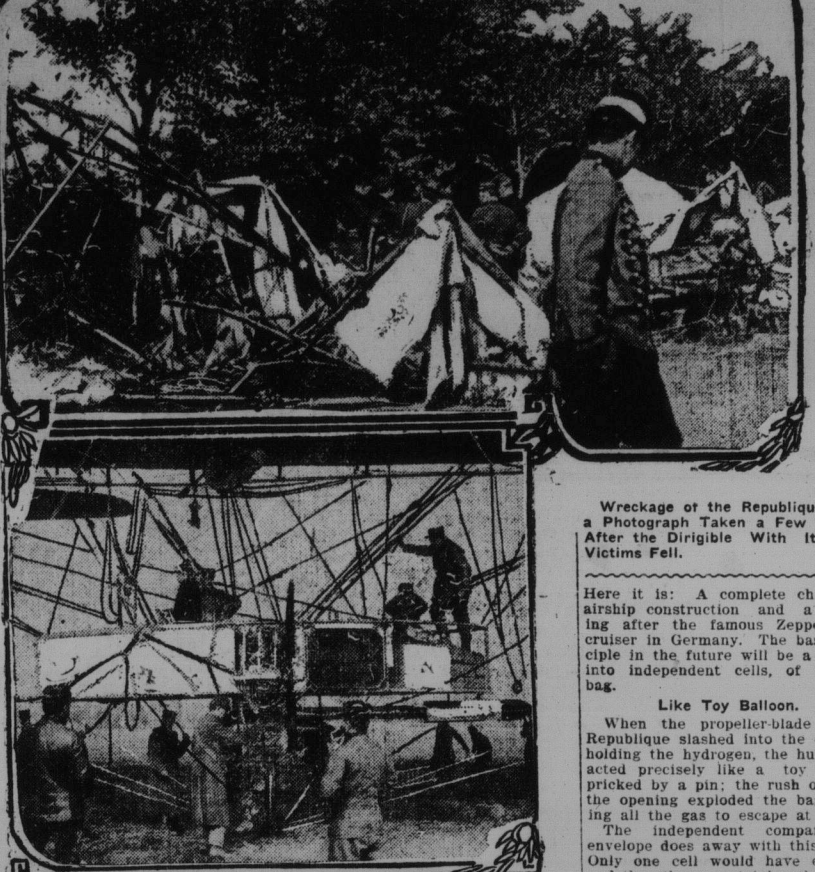
Black Hand Outrage.

Pernie, B. C., Oct. 16.—Louis Corasala, Italian merchant, upon whom the Black Hand several times has attempted to levy tribute, and who was mainly responsible for bringing on the agents of that infamous organization to justice a few months ago, was awakened early yesterday by an intruder in his room. He fired at the man, who escaped, and when pursued, returned the fire. Corasala believes it was an agent of the Black Hand seeking revenge for the fellow conspirator who is now in prison for life.

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Perils of Aviation Seen In First Pictures of Republique Wreck



The "Republique," Just Before It Started On The Fatal Trip.

Paris, Oct. 16.—Dirigible construction in France, and as a matter of fact all Europe, is just now practically at a standstill. The sudden death of four French officers in the explosion and fall of the Republique is the prime cause.

One great result is likely to manifest itself at once, a result, like most, paid for with human life.

Like Toy Balloon.

When the propeller-blade of the Republique slashed into the envelope holding the hydrogen, the huge thing acted precisely like a toy balloon pricked by a pin: the rush of gas to the opening exploded the bag, allowing all the gas to escape at once.

The independent compartmented envelope does away with this danger. Only one cell would have exploded, and the others, sustaining the nacelle until the ground was gently touched would have prevented the horror which plunged France into mourning. It is understood that Italy, which was on the point of ordering a good two dozen dirigibles, has deferred action until a future date, preferring to watch events before buying.

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One million dollars to be given for charity.

A New York Lawyer Whose Name is Withheld Wants to Know Where He Shall Place It—He Is Being Told.

Albany, Oct. 16.—There's a man in New York city who wants to give \$1,000,000 for charity. His name is withheld. So is the name of his lawyer. The man, who is a resident of New York city, has been asked to give the money to the State of New York or New Jersey. He has no preference.

Secretary Hill of the Department of Charities said today that he had answered the lawyer's letter and had pointed out carefully how any one of all of the charitable institutions of the State would be grateful for the gift. Secretary Hill urged the lawyer to communicate with the president of the State Board of Charities, William R. Stewart, who is ready to explain to the philanthropist how he can most expeditiously contribute his money. Secretary Hill said nothing in his letter about New Jersey.

"There is so much of a demand for charity made upon this department," said Secretary Hill today, "that I would not care to make the name of this willing benefactor. Before the newspapers were on the street ten minutes this man would be swamped with appealing missives. They would come from all kinds of public and private charitable institutions."

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It is interesting to note that it is distinctly declared that the lady pleaded the name of her husband, and not of a scribe or lawyer, and judgment was given in her favor.

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Hotel Arrivals.

Royal.

H. H. Magee, London; R. S. Broderick, Toronto; M. Labourette, Paris; W. H. Rhora, Dunville; W. D. MacKay, Sydney; C. P. Mackay, Bathurst; C. B. MacNeil, Vancouver; A. S. Close, Toronto; C. H. McLeod, New York; Thos. C. Morehead, Newcastle, Pa.; W. W. Matthews, Montreal; H. C. Forrest, Toronto; S. D. Likely, Montreal; J. H. Reid, Fredericton; Mrs. J. A. Walsh, Dawson; J. J. Lockyer, Toronto; W. Stewart, London; W. H. Hill, Clarksburg; R. Matheson, New Glasgow; Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Boyd, New York; Mrs. French, Halifax; W. P. White, Toronto; Lou Wener, Montreal; N. S. Burrell, Hamilton.

Victoria.

T. A. Stafford, Lepreux; J. C. Murphy, Haldon; J. S. Neil, Montreal; J. H. Kirkup, Montreal; Alex. McD. Stoddart and wife, New York; J. N. Rooney, Boston; Alfred H. Ferrin, Brookline; A. F. Robertson, J. H. McIntyre, Montreal; J. M. Saviles, Wonscot; R. E. Fowles, Sydney; J. N. Smith, Texas; B. Freedman, Montreal; John F. G. Hatt, Marysville.

Miss Elizabeth Thomas.

The funeral of Miss Elizabeth Thomas was held on Saturday afternoon from her father's residence, 22 Brunswick street, at 2.30 o'clock. The body was taken to the Cathedral, where Rev. M. O'Brien read the burial services. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

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