

CANNIBAL TRIBE TORTURE ARTISTS

CALIFORNIAN TELLS EXPERIENCES AMONG DOBODURAS OF NEW GUINEA.

EXPEDITION HAS CLOSE CALL

Flesh Sliced from Limbs of Victims and Roasted Before Their Eyes—Explorer Seeking Capital for Another Trip.

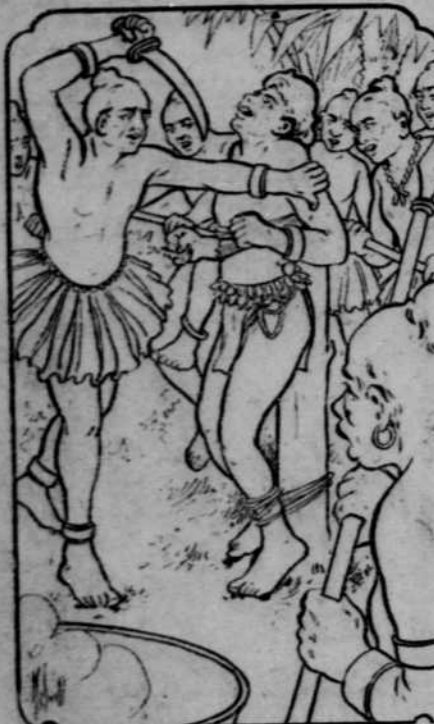
Los Angeles, Cal.—Hobnobbing with headhunters in Borneo, chumming with cannibals in New Guinea, flirting with fair Fijians, photographing natural and physical beauty in Samoa, negotiating with tigers in Burma, discovering duck-footed swamp dwellers and all the time eating butterflies and birds in out of the way corners of the globe are some of the occupations which have kept H. Wilfrid Walker, F. R. G. S., busy since he left Los Angeles 15 years ago.

He is now here canvassing for a bout with ptomaine poisoning—more deadly than the tiger of the jungle—and planning an expedition to New Guinea, the land of the bird of paradise and also of human beings far from suggestive of paradise.

"New Guinea is the only country which has not yet been crossed," said Mr. Walker. "There is plenty of excitement to be had there, but apart from this the results of such an expedition would be very valuable. I have come to America to seek capital because the go-ahead people of this country encourage matters of this kind more than any other nation. I have offers of help from the government of British New Guinea and from the Royal Geographical society, of which I am a member."

The last expedition was composed of five Germans. It failed to cross the country, four of its members being either killed or eaten or dying of fever in the interior, while the fifth died the day he got back to the coast.

But there is no danger of that sort of thing happening to the proposed



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American expedition, although cannibals still occupy parts of New Guinea. The German party was very inadequately armed. Of course it failed, said Mr. Walker, but he, because of his large experience, will be able to equip an expedition which will have little to fear from the natives, no matter how blood-thirsty they may be and no matter how great their liking for human flesh.

As a matter of fact they don't consider "white meat" so good as black. In that the cannibals of New Guinea are like the Fiji Islanders. Mr. Walker explored the interior of Fiji and talked with the old men, reclaimed cannibals, who freely expressed their opinion about white men and went into detail as to which part of our anatomy is the most toothsome. They said:

"Human flesh is much better than pig," and yelled out "venaka" (very good) in such a way as to show they meant it. "White man is not so good as Fiji man; he too salty and fat."

In New Guinea Mr. Walker accompanied a punitive expedition against the Doboduras, a tribe of gentle folk of somewhat eccentric habits. They case not to kill their enemies, too quickly, and every one who is not of their tribe is an enemy. They are an "economical people, are the Doboduras, and they have reduced torture to a fine art. They tie up their prisoners, whom they look upon as foodstuffs, feeding them and keeping them alive as long as possible, but skinning a leg or an arm one day and cutting slices off it on the next and roasting it before the victim's eyes—if those organs have not previously been gouged out as sweetmeats for the children. When there is an abundance of food these genial folk bring on a live man as a special dish at their banquets. They trepan the skull, taking out a small piece of the bone and then extract the hot living brains with wooden spoons, thereby obtaining a delicacy which they declare to be unequalled.

The expedition was hard pressed one night and Mr. Walker and his companions had visions of being served up as dishes for the hospitable Doboduras. Fortunately they escaped, but it was a close call.

Changes in Earth's Surface. The surface of the earth is undergoing steady transformation, largely through the agency of man, but perhaps nowhere is the plant and animal life of the region being more rapidly supplanted than in New Zealand.

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in the plant thrive quite as readily as in the wild. New plants are being created, designedly or otherwise, to grow very slowly, and already 12,000 larches, of spruces, Douglas firs and eucalypti have been planted. "You are doing it all right," they are being told.

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SOAP ECONOMY DRIVES MAN TO LIFE IN CAVE

HERMIT VOWS NEVER TO WASH OR WORK AGAIN BECAUSE HE WAS REFUSED CLEANSER.

Hazleton, Pa.—"Because my boarding house mistress refused me soap, I have vowed never again to wash or work."

Thus did John Posar warn dispensers of pot-roads and prunes of the effect of practicing too rigid economy as to the bath, when he was found living as a hermit in a cave.

Posar was discovered by four West Hazleton young men while walking along the railroad between this city and Black Ridge.

The cave was about 8x10 feet and six feet high, in a lonely spot in the woods a short distance from the



He Looked Like a Typical Man from Borneo.

tracks. At the entrance a wood fire was burning. The big man within said he had been the lone occupant of the strange place for the last six months.

Posar added that he took to the wild life because half a year ago, when he returned to his boarding house at West Hazleton from the Black Ridge colliery, where he worked, the boarding mistress refused to give him soap with which to wash himself. He looked like a typical man from Borneo. He said he was 33 years of age and had a wife and child in Hungary.

The man's clothes were in rags and his hair long. His shoes were nearly worn off his feet.

The cave was devoid of cooking utensils, except a dinner pail and a coffee bottle that Posar carried with him to work the last day he labored in the mines. Not a morsel of food was found in the cave, the pail and bottle being filled with water. Posar told the men who came across him that he lived on water and herbs which he got in the woods.

Chief of Police Turnbach, the United Charities and Poor Director Leib were notified of the man's manner of living. They captured him and took him to his former boarding house.

FACES DEATH IN A MILE RIDE. With Unconscious Girl in Arms, Conductor Clings to Narrow Perch.

Cedarville, Va.—A perilous ride of over a mile on the narrow platform of a freight car, which was traveling at high speed, with an unconscious woman in his arms, was the experience of Freight Conductor A. J. Frances of the Norfolk & Western railway. While Frances' train was at Shenandoah Junction a young woman, in her haste to reach a passenger train, attempted to climb over the freight, disregarding the protests of Frances.

While she was midway between the cars the train started, throwing her off her feet. She would have been crushed to death beneath the wheels had not Frances sprung to the rescue and caught her in the act of falling. She promptly fainted in his arms and throughout the run the train accomplished before stopping Frances clung to his precarious position, holding the unconscious girl.

Fish Splits Man's Arm. South Norwalk, Conn.—Louis Heim of Danbury was injured and John Stobe was knocked into Long Island sound by a mammoth sturgeon, a species of skate which Heim caught while fishing for blackfish.

The sturgeon weighed 60 pounds and it took several men to land him. The tail is covered with poisonous prongs, and Heim, one of whose arms was laid open with a sweep of the tail, is giving the wound very attentive care.

The party was out in William Hubbert's launch when the catch was made. The sturgeon was the largest ever caught in the sound.

Child Dies from Eating Fish. New Orleans.—After being in the hospital inmate for two weeks in sight to the relief of Pearl Fish whose years old, of Nicholson, an annals. illness was unique in water stom-

An autopsy revealed that his normal stomach was distended with hair, size and was filled with worms, or "hook-worms" for hair. She had verted appetite, her hair from her own ented nearly other hair she could lay hand

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WHISPER FOR HELP HEARD BY POLICE

DOCTOR'S WIFE TELEPHONES ALARM FROM UNDER HER BEDCLOTHES.

TELLS OF BURGLAR IN HOUSE

Awakened by Growl of Dog to Hear Robber Rummaging in Next Room—Faints After Notifying Station.

Williamsport, Pa.—The wife of a physician, Mrs. G. Franklin Bell, played the part of a clever detective in her home while a burglar was ransacking the drawers in several pieces of furniture in an adjoining room, with the communicating door open.

Mrs. Bell was awakened by the low growl of the house dog, which was lying at the head of the stairs. She raised herself in her bed and heard plainly the robber rummaging in the next room. Not daring to call for help, as her husband was not at home, she reached to a table which stood at the head of the bed, and on which two telephones rested, which were used by the doctor for answering night calls.

She pulled one telephone under the bed quilt and then ducked her head snugly under the covers and telephoned to the police station, which was not far from her home.

She whispered through the phone, but loudly enough to be distinctly understood by the officer at the station. The officer went on with his work and evidently never suspected his danger until a policeman came running toward the house blowing his signal whistle in hopes of raising an other patrolman whom he could call on for assistance.

Mrs. Bell heard the man run from the room and go down the stairs jumping over the head of the dog, which barked loudly. She then jumped from her bed and, raising a window, informed the officer what was going on.

The officer waited a few minutes for the robber to come out, but no one appeared, and then Patrolman Segebrecht entered the house by a side door. The robber was too tired to be caught in a trap. He hid in a closed door until he heard the officer walk by, and then he made his escape.

"I never was so frightened in my life," said Mrs. Bell, in talking to a friend about the robbery. "I just knew that I might be there was called for help, and the doctor and no one to help me. When I heard some one in the next room I thought of the schemes I had covered. He 'phones under the covers. He didn't hear me, I whisper, I got the exchange in a whisper. I got the place right away and when the man said 'Hello,' all I said was: 'Send an officer to Dr. Bell's; burglars,' and then I almost fainted. I never saw until I heard that whistle and I had the yard, when I knew the robber had been saved."

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Dublin.—A spectral figure, gray in color and about eight feet in height, is said to have haunted the railway line near Galway for nights.

The apparition, which is described as "tapering toward the top," walks from the railway viaduct across the bank of the stream and then disappears.

A number of people have visited the place toward midnight, when the apparition is due to appear. One man declares that he saw it jump from the top of the viaduct into the Corrib, where it disappeared.

It was "drowned," however, for on the succeeding night it was seen again by a number of students from Queen's college, Galway. One of the students volunteered to go over and talk to it, but when it appeared he changed his mind.

On a Sunday evening a party of six men, armed with shotguns, revolvers and sticks, sallied forth to "slay the ghost." They had been in ambush but a short time only when the specter loomed up before them. One of the men raised a revolver, but before he could fire he fell in a swoon. The expedition was abandoned and the man was taken into Galway, where he was medically attended.

These strange reports have created excitement in the district, and search parties are out nightly for the purpose of unraveling the mystery.

First Chew Breaks Teeth. Gumboro, Del.—One chew of tobacco broke two front teeth for Lewes Roach the other day and probably will cost him a \$20 dentist's bill. Roach bought a piece of tobacco for five cents, and with the first chew two of his teeth cracked off as they struck something hard in the middle of the plug. Roach investigated, and was astonished to find a small iron bolt running through the tobacco.

Monkey Smashes a Double. York, Pa.—Constable Jacob Cookes of the Seventh ward has had to get rid of a "Jonah monkey." Pompey, escaping from his cage, saw himself in the fine dining-room mirror, and threw dishes at the mirror till the monkey counterfeit was demolished. Loss, \$60.

Dutch Plan World's Exposition. The Dutch intend to celebrate the centenary reestablishment of their national independence by a world exposition, to be held at The Hague in the year 1913. The exposition ground and guaranty fund have already been secured.

Joker's Humorous Placard on the Wall at Monte Carlo.

"I saw Wilbur Wright fly at Le Mans," said a Chicagoan. "It was great. Afterward I had the pleasure of lunching with Mr. Wright and Louis Bollee, the motor builder, who is one of his most ardent supporters."

"We talked at luncheon about flying," said another. "I am a quite satisfied with business. My employment is crowded into a narrow space. I have been told that the rubber stamps

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CONQUERS A LIONESS IN FURIOUS ENCOUNTER

TRANSVAAL TROOPER SEIZES WITH BARE HANDS JAWS OF RAGING BEAST.

Johannesburg.—From Messina comes a striking story of a Transvaal police trooper's terrible encounter with a lioness. On his way from Rhodes' Drift to Messina, Trooper Eagle met some transport riders, who had just killed two young lions. A little further on he encountered the parents, which were following the wagons up.

The lioness approached and growled menacingly, and the trooper fired, his bullet shattering her shoulder. He at once made off for the camp, intending to get assistance, as he knew the lioness was badly hurt. She, however, headed him off, and about a

quarter of a mile further on she sprang upon him, tearing him from his horse. His carbine was knocked out of his hand. Fortunately, he landed on his feet, the horse clearing a way under him when the lioness sprang. Eagle, who is a powerful fellow, used with the brute, forcing the fingers of his right hand into her nostrils, and twisting the nose as far as possible, gripping the animal around the neck with his left arm and kicking her in the belly with all his might.

All the time the lioness was biting and clawing him, as he thought he must succumb, but before her wound-grip, possibly on a spot before she had inflicted several terrible wounds, all inflicted several terrible fingers of the most severing kind with her teeth, trooper's right hand, several huge gasps while there in his thighs. The left arm was badly lacerated.

Finding himself free, Eagle picked up his carbine and raised it again, but found himself powerless to use it but found his wounds. Just then two other men, who had heard the shot, came upon the scene, and watched the lioness, and afterward conveyed the wounded man to a ward.

In this district recently four men were killed in a single week.

ALWAYS HAS A GIANT GHOST. Apparition Eight Feet High Leaps Into the River.

At ten o'clock the dark was under full sway. Uninvited guests to the number of 100 marched a body to the hall and took possession. Banners and flags of the freshmen class decorated the walls, as these were the first objects for assault. Some of the freshmen tried to prevent the others from tearing down the class emblems, but they were thrust aside.

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Raccoon Blew Out Lantern. Chester, N. Y.—Jan Myers and H. B. Tutill were out for coons the other night and located one in a tree which it was impossible to climb. They fired 35 shots without dislodging the animal, so they fastened a lighted lantern on a tree six feet from the ground and fired for more cartridges. On the return they found that the coon had descended, blown out the lantern light and escaped.

Woman of Eighty Led as a Man. Butte, Mont.—The death of a Manhattan of "Sary" Jones, 80 years old, disclosed a fact that, instead of being a man as everyone in the vicinity of Manhattan for the last 18 years had thought, Jones was a woman. This discovery resulted when the undertaker took charge of the body. She chewed tobacco and drank and associated freely with men as a man.

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CLIMAX OF FRESHMEN DANCE

Upper Classmen of Medical College at Chicago Give Beginners an Unpleasant Experience—Girls Routed by Pepper.

Chicago.—As the climax to a dance by the freshmen class of a medical college in this city the other night, the sophomores, junior and senior students captured 20 of the freshmen and locked them in a box car on the Illinois Central tracks.

They were held prisoner until others who attended the dance on invitation released them by tearing off the door of the car. All of the freshmen wore evening dress, as when rescued they were thoroughly chilled from the experience.

Previous to taking the freshmen from the hall where the dance was held, the seniors and other students had torn the flags and banners from the walls of the dance hall, red pepper and formaldehyde were sprinkled over the floor, while the freshmen and their partners were whirling round to the strains of a waltz, and the combination drove the girls from the hall.

Several gallons of sweet cider that was purchased by the freshmen to quench their thirst was conked by the other students, and the same thing happened to the ice cream, which was intended for the girls.

Failure of the freshmen to invite the other classes to the annual "blowout" was the cause of the trouble. The freshmen observed the closest secrecy regarding the dance, but the matter came to the ears of the other students during the afternoon.

A meeting of the sophomore, junior and senior classes was called after dinner and plans were laid to circum-

vent the holding of the freshmen soiree.

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PRISONER WINS WAY TO LIBERTY WITH TEETH

MAN IN JAIL GNAWS THROUGH TWO HEAVY BEAMS ONLY TO BE RECAPTURED.

Erfurt, Germany.—The police have captured a man named Schaarschmidt, who escaped from the Gera jail three weeks ago. The manner of his flight makes one of the most remarkable of all of those told in the romances of prison heroes.

Crossing the one window of his cell within was an oak beam 7x7 inches square. Outside the window was another beam nine inches thick. These were his only bars besides the massive masonry of the building. That is to say, there were no metal bars between these wooden barriers.

But the wood, toughened by age, was enough to make any prisoner



He Spent Seven Months Gnawing Through the Outer Bar.

without tools despair. Schaarschmidt had not even the metal shank from his shoes to make a saw of, for he had only felt slippers in his dungeon.

He got to work with his teeth, hooking upon the inside beam. It took him three months to gnaw through this formidable barrier. He could only work when he was certain that his guards were out of sight and hearing. Before their expected return he always covered up the ravages his teeth had made with a structure of brown bread, saved from his rations. This bread patch closely resembled the color of the wood and as his work progressed it had to be handled with extreme care to prevent its crumbling and betraying him.

Schaarschmidt spent seven months in the same patient toil, gnawing like a rat through the outer bar. One night he judged that the apertures were large enough and he squeezed through. The space was so small and the 16 inches of jagged ends of the beam were so rough that he tore his body frightfully.

When he was caught the prison surgeons who examined him found that he had worn his teeth down to stumps and that his body was terribly lacerated. His jaws were developed abnormally by his superhuman exertions to win his way to liberty.

AUTO RIPS OFF HIS PANTS. Victim of Peculiar Accident Has to Dress Himself in Barrel.

Greenwich, Conn.—Robert Lee, a bookkeeper in the employ of Maher Bros., was stripped of his trousers in an automobile accident the other day and had to dress himself in a barrel pending the arrival of first aid to the injured. Apart from the casualty to the garment and the shock to his sensibilities Lee was unhurt, but he was much disturbed in mind until assistance reached him.

Martin Christensen, a contractor, was driving the machine when the emergency brake snapped, and Lee, who was crossing the street, was struck and knocked down. Some part of the gear caught his trousers and peeled them off like the skin of an orange.

Lee leaped to his undressed legs and with a shriek ran into the nearest store. It happened to be one in which half a dozen women were shopping, and then there were more shrieks.

Fortunately, the barrel was near at hand and Lee did an acrobatic act in getting into it. He stayed there until Mr. Christensen, having learned the nature of the accident, went to a clothing