

PLANNED KINGDOM IN DESERT

Adventurous Youths Had Great Scheme to Make Fertile Region of the Waste of Sahara.

Governmental authority, co-operating with parental authority, has thwarted a romance of youthful adventure at Denver which reads like a Stevenson or a Poe. Two boys, sixteen and fifteen years old, had planned the establishment of the kingdom of Sahara. They had studied maps and devised engineering plans, delved into finance and perused the military art, until the fund of their information was astonishing to those whose duty compelled them to step across the adventurers' path.

The Denver youths were planning soon to invade the Sahara and set up their kingdom, over which they were to rule as joint kings. The natives were to be organized into a powerful army of 7,000,000 men. This army was to dig great artesian wells, water from which was to form two lakes with an area of 250,000 square miles. The Senegal and Nile were to be flooded, shutting the new kingdom safely in against hostile incursion. Portugal was to be coerced into ceding Portuguese East Africa to the new kingdom; in return for which Portugal was to be helped to take British and French Guiana and the former German possessions in Africa. Each of the joint kings had figured out an income of \$14,500,000 for himself.

A dream; born of a disordered fancy? Sure, but—

No more of a dream than that of the German military party which started out four years ago to drive the British lion to his den, to clip the wings of Liberty and tie America to their chariot wheels. Building a powerful kingdom in a desert would be no greater task than that assumed by the Germans of laying civilization by the heels.

Henceforth, if anyone proposes to fly to the moon or to build a spiral stairway to the earth's center, he may cite the example of the ruler of a once great people who assumed a task similar in its elements of romantic adventure and similarly impossible of achievement. A new standard for foolish effort has been set for all time.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Animals Fear Airships.

All animals are terrified by airships. Partridge, quail and other game birds crouch and hide, while domestic fowl utter loud warning notes the instant they perceive the monstrous bird of prey.

The Swedish aeronaut, Van Hoffken, while sailing at a moderate elevation, observed that elk, foxes, hares and other wild animals fled at his approach, and that the dogs ran, howling, into the houses.

While the Zeppelin III was going from Dusseldorf to Essen the aeronauts on board noted that horses and cattle galloped frantically over the fields on catching sight of the airship.

Considerable Kicking.

My brother, who was a private at Camp Hancock, was told to harness a team of mules and go several miles out of camp for some hay for the horses. He had never had any experience in doing farm work, but he saluted and went about the task. We knew not how he succeeded, excepting in his next letter he informed us that by night the mules had kicked a perfectly good government harness to leathery ribbons.—Exchange.

Hopeful.

"Gadspur looks more cheerful these days than I have seen him in a long time."

"Yes, poor fellow, I hate to disillusion him, so I avoid him as much as possible."

"What do you mean?"

"He thinks because the war is over the cost of living will soon come down and he will be able to live on his salary again."

Side-Show Man.

Some time ago a fire occurred in a house in Baltimore, and as the staircase was in flames before the blaze was discovered the occupants had to seek some other means of escape. Next day the companion to an elderly lady was reading to her the newspaper report of the fire, which stated that one servant escaped down a water-pipe at the back of the house, whereupon the old lady, astounded at this statement, exclaimed, "But how thin the poor man must have been!"—Harper's.

Persistence.

"I hope that Wilhelm has not decided to take up politics," mused Senator Sorghum.

"Why?"

"Because a military man can be definitely disposed of, but a politician never quits."

They'll Soon Be Above Par.

"He knew what he was talking about."

"Who?"

"The chap who said Liberty bonds would be a good investment."

UNI NOTICES

Sigma Xi

The meeting of Sigma Xi scheduled for Thursday evening, January 16, has been postponed to Tuesday evening, January 21, 1919, at 8 o'clock, Chemistry hall, room 209. Chancellor Avery will give a talk on "Development in Chemistry Due to the War." The public is invited.

Y. W. C. A. Cabinet Picture

Members of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet will meet at Townsend's for their Cornhusker picture at noon Monday.

To Have New Home

The building committee of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at DePauw University, held a meeting in Indianapolis last week and completed plans for the building of a new chapter house here, costing from \$20,000 to \$30,000. The new home will be erected on the site of the one destroyed by fire a few years ago. The present wrecked house will be removed, probably before commencement this year, and the committee said the new home would be erected during the present year.

Ensign "Jimmie" Gardner, ex-Cornhusker football, basketball, and tennis star, has been discharged from active service, and is spending a few days at the Phi Kappa Psi house. He will return to the eastern coast this week.

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