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Krutown People Water-Loving

But a Visitor's Olfactory Nerves Must Not Be Too Sensitive When He Goes Sight-Seeing.

CHILDREN NUDE AND HEALTHY

Guy B. Robbins Continues Some of His Interesting Articles on Liberia and Her People.

Reserving Monrovia for a later article, this will deal with Krutown, which is the largest native town adjacent to Monrovia. It is located at the foot of a hill on a low sandy beach. The Krus are a water-loving people and generally build their towns at the water's edge. Despite the natives' love for water, the town is very filthy, but if a visitor can deaden his olfactory nerves he will find many things of interest.

The streets are narrow and lined with thatch huts and small stands upon which are offered the wares of the native merchants; chiefly food stuffs, notions and wood. There is only about one straight street in the town, the others wind in and out among the cluttered huts and houses. Many are only narrow paths.

Children Nude and Healthy.

The people have pleasant, intelligent faces. Nude children play about the streets and on the beach. They are healthy-looking and fat. Their abdomens are exceedingly large, due to over eating. Some have a row or two of beads around their bodies just below their large stomachs. They are very friendly and if you give one a penny a crowd of youngsters, just like American "kids," only these are undressed kids, surround you saying "Howdo" and looking for more "coppers," as they call pennies. In America boys mean something entirely different by "coppers."

How a Mother Feeds Child.

It is interesting to see a mother feeding her child who is old enough to take solid food. She lays the child on its back in her lap. Then she takes a mushy brown paste on her fingers and forces it down the child's throat. All its crying and kicking will not interrupt the mother until she thinks it has had enough. This she determines by feeling the youngster's large round stomach. If the rotundity seems sufficient the food-forcing process ceases.

Physically Superior to Americans.

It is marvelous that people can live with no regard whatever for sanitation and cleanliness. Nevertheless, the Krus seem to thrive on the dirt. Doctors say that their health is preserved by the large quantities of pepper they eat with their food. As compared with the people of this country they seem physically superior. This may be accounted for by the high death rate among the infants. At that stage of development it is "the survival of the fittest." Thus only the strong mature.

Eighth Illinois Has Trouble With Texans

Resent Taunts and Insults From Soldier and Civilians.

San Antonio, Tex., July 29.—Four soldiers, members of the Eighth Illinois national guard, were shot Sunday by a squad of the guard that had come to the rescue of a white man the soldiers were attacking near the militia camp.

None were seriously injured, all the bullets striking in the legs.

The trouble began when Herbert Henne, a lawyer of New Braunfels, Tex., went to the military camp. He passed in an auto a group of Negro soldiers on the street that extends from the army post to the camp. An instant after, one of them threw a rock at him. It struck the rear of his car. Henne alighted from his car and was chased by the soldiers.

Members involved in trouble told officers investigating the incident that they had been goaded into a display of their resentment by a series of derogatory remarks made to them by the white soldiers and civilians as they passed along the street.

A thorough investigation by headquarters of the Second Illinois brigade is being made. None of the injured men in the hospital are in a critical condition. Quiet prevailed at the camp of the Eighth.

COLORED CONVICT WHO SAVES GOVERNOR'S LIFE FREED

Little Rock, Ark., July 29.—When Gov. George W. Hayes gave Hezekiah Porter, a Helena Negro, a pardon from his twenty-one years sentence for manslaughter imposed in 1909, he revealed a story of his own escape from drowning at the state penal farms at Cummins, six weeks ago. The governor was fishing when the boat in which he was sitting capsized. Porter rescued him from the deep water.

SON OF RUSSEL TAYLOR SHOT WHILE HUNTING

(Special to The Monitor.)

Empire, Wyo., July 29.—Russel, the fourteen-year-old son of the Rev. and Mrs. Russel Taylor, the Presbyterian minister here, was accidentally shot in the arm while hunting Monday, July 24. Russel was taking his shot gun out of the buggy when somehow it was discharged, the full charge lodging in his arm. With singular presence of mind, his sister, Theodora, two years older, bound up the wound to stop loss of blood until medical aid could be secured.

MOVES TO NEW QUARTERS

Savannah, Ga., July 29.—The Mechanics Saving bank has moved into its new quarters at 721 Broad street. Hundreds of new accounts were added on the opening day. Mr. Fleming Tucker is cashier.

Danish West Indies Purchased By United States

Valuable Strategic Acquisition. Population Largely Negroes.

Washington, D. C., July 29.—Official announcement was made at the White house Wednesday that negotiations have been completed for the purchase of the Danish West Indies by the United States from Denmark for \$25,000,000.

The three islands of the Danish West Indies, St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John lie due east of Porto Rico and their value to the United States is strategic from a military point of view. The harbors of St. Thomas and St. Croix are of first importance to the American navy, and St. Thomas itself lies in the lane of shipping from Europe to the Panama canal. Important German and French and English mail companies have coaling stations there.

The total area of the islands is 1238 square miles with a population of about 35,000, the bulk of whom are Negroes. Spanish is the chief dialect spoken, English being used only in the ports.

Negro uprisings have been a constant source of alarm to Denmark. As early as 1733 a revolt began on St. John's island. Three hundred Negroes, surrounded by French and Danes, shot one another rather than surrender. The constant revolts and growing fear of the Negroes led to the stoppage of the slave trade in 1792 and to a general emancipation in 1848.

The acquisition of the islands by the United States has been the subject of unsuccessful diplomatic negotiations since the civil war.

BLIND BOONE'S MANAGER DIES SUDDENLY

Kansas City, Mo., July 29.—John Lange, known as the wealthiest Negro in Kansas City, and thirty-seven years manager of the Blind Boone Concert Company, died here Saturday, July 22, following a motor accident.

Lange was driving with two friends in his car. At Sixteenth Street and Tracy Avenue another motor car bumped into his, bending the fender of his car. As the other machine speeded away, Lange gave chase. Catching up, he demanded settlement for the damage. He suddenly collapsed and died in a nearby drug store.

Dr. L. J. Pierce of the emergency hospital, who responded to the call for the city lungmotor, was of the opinion that fright at the moment of collision may have caused a cerebral hemorrhage that produced death later. Mr. Lange was 76 years old.

DROWNED IN BLACK RIVER

Special to The Monitor.

Poplar Bluffs, Mo., July 29.—Cluster Shanklin, of this city, was drowned Wednesday while swimming in the Black River. The body was found later by Mrs. J. H. Gatlin.

Unrest Among the Colored Americans

Enmity of Democratic Administration Changed Northern Sentiment and Increasing Discrimination.

PROMINENT MAGAZINE WRITER

Critically Analyzes Chief Causes of Racial Disquietude Over Present Conditions.

Ray Stannard Baker, writing in the World's Work, notes six causes of unrest today among Colored people, namely: (1) The enmity of the Democratic administration at Washington. (2) The changed sentiment of the North. (3) Increasing discrimination. (4) Poor educational facilities. (5) Lynching and injustice. (6) Racial slander. He continues:

Duties Rather Than Rights.

"Ten years ago the optimistic, constructive, educational program of Booker T. Washington, the emphasis of which was upon duties rather than upon rights, was the dominant movement in the race and had, likewise, the support of the wisest white men, both South and North. It is still, probably, the best influence among the masses of the Colored people and still has the support of leading white people. But in one sense it has been too successful. When it started it was thought by many Southern people that its purpose was to produce a kind of super-servant; but it has, instead, turned out independent, upstanding, intelligent men and women who have acquired property, and have come thus into sharper competition with the whites.

Rights Rather Than Duties.

"The influence within the race—I am speaking here of Negro public opinion—which is now growing most rapidly is no longer what may be called the Tuskegee movement, valuable as that continues to be, but it is the movement toward agitative organization—the emphasis upon rights rather than upon duties. Ten years ago, this movement was inchoate and confined largely to a few leaders like Dr. Du Bois; today the chief organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has a wide membership throughout the country, with many branches, and includes a large proportion of the leading men of the race. It is also supported by a few Northern white men and women. This Association maintains a strong publication called The Crisis, which has the largest circulation of any journal devoted to the interests of the Colored people—and has employed men to appear before Congressional and State legislative committees in racial matters.

Leaders and Race Press Outspoken.

"The utterances of these leaders, like the editorials of the Negro press—and few white people realize that there are more than four hundred and

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