

ROOSEVELT BAGGING

The GNUS in AFRICA

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NAIROBI, British, East Africa.—I guess everybody in the civilized world knows that ex-President Theodore Roosevelt of the United States is getting two American dollars for every word of "copy" he writes for a certain New York publication. Therefore the business of bagging the gnus in this lonely spot on the world's map has a double meaning.

Spell it gnus or news—suit yourself—they are pronounced alike. The only difference is that you get one with a rifle of heavy bore and the other by means of mental ingenuity.

Mr. Roosevelt, I have discovered, makes his own news. And he sells his own news. Hence his declaration that "because there are no journalists with this expedition all apparently authentic reports are barren



In the make-up of the semi-savage blacks.

Eighty-four souls comprised the small army which Mr. Roosevelt took with him from Mombasa. Bwana Tumbo dressed his aides up in American made loose shirts and khaki trousers. Of their own choice were queer little skull caps decorated with feathers and tassels.

Wall tents, the same as those used by American army officers, provided the ex-president's sleeping quarters and his patriotism was fully shown by the fact that the American stars and stripes floated from the flag pole before Roosevelt's tent.

The colors were dipped at sunrise and sunset in accordance with the United States army custom. The Roosevelt camp presented a unique scene. Situated in the center was Mr. Roosevelt's adobe, which also housed Kermit. Before it floated the American flag and grouped around it along miniature "streets" were the "pup tents" of the porters, gunbearers, bush beaters, cooks and other servants.

Kermit Roosevelt's personal servant, Juma by name, became as devoted to his young master as though the latter were of regal heritage. He followed him everywhere and was at his side during the rhinoceros incident in which Kermit's life was periled.

Juma's gaudy turban, khaki half-hose and American-made calfskin shoes, which were a present from Kermit, marked him as a man to be envied among his fellows. The ex-president said that whenever he needed Kermit for any matter whatsoever, it was only necessary to scan the horizon for Juma's gay headpiece.

During his hunting travels and speaking Bwana Tumbo never has lost sight of his writing. He is writing a chapter here and there, whenever he has the time or inclination to devote a few hours to the book of travels which he has half completed.

Mr. R. D. Cuninghame, Mr. Roosevelt's hunter, is typical of the African sportsman and is declared to know more about game in this section of the world than any other game expert.

No more unique sight was ever presented to the casual observer than that which met my eye when I alighted from a Uganda railway coach at Kapiti Plains, where Mr. Roosevelt and his army were grouped. The station is on Sir Alfred Pease's ranch or estate, as it is known here.

"The Plains" consists of hardly more than the signboard which tells its name. Mr. Roosevelt's "army" was drawn up about him, the ex-president was conversing with Hunter Cuninghame and the former executive's gunbearer, Abdallah bin Said, was awaiting orders from his chief. Of the army Abdallah is most devoted to his master and the frequent lashings which the heads of the expedition are often compelled to administer to quell impending mutiny are never necessary with this character. He is a unique type of African and because of his good qualities he commands better pay than the rest of his fellows.

The man who aided Mr. Roosevelt in getting his expedition ready cautioned him against asking any of his servants to do duties for which any of the others were hired.

The labor union instinct is second nature with the attaché of the African hunting expedition. Let a gun bearer try to do the work of a porter or bush beater and there is war in camp at once. Neither may the game carriers beat the game into sight. Perhaps this system is for the best after all for the reason that every man specializes and therefore is able to do his own allotted work to a better advantage.

It is said here that Mr. Roosevelt's entire expedition will cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000, which to an American hunter may seem an enormous price. But hunting wild game in Africa is a heavy undertaking and in order to go through with such a task that amount of money is actually necessary. But the party is getting results and that is what they figure is the proper viewpoint.

Having arrived in the Stoik district Kermit and his father had plenty of game upon which to exhibit their prowess. The younger Roosevelt immediately set about establishing a hunting record by bagging the biggest lion which, up to that time, had found its way to the taxidermist of the party. In the Stoik district Mr. Roosevelt shot many buffaloes, their skins being preserved for the Smithsonian institution.



ROOSEVELT IN HUNTING COSTUME

falsehoods or are obtained by means of bribing ignorant servants and it stands to reason that for the sake of a bribe one of evil intentions is not above inventing falsehoods for the purpose of obtaining the bribes."

Be that as it may, early in the month of August Mr. Roosevelt will impart some of his news to a select gathering of East Africans at a banquet. You can't keep reporters from a banquet, consequently at the time of writing there is no reason to suppose that the world will not get the former American executive's remarks in full.

Mr. Roosevelt will tell his hunting experiences, his views on world politics and lots of other things which will astonish his staid British hosts and will set them to thinking.

The world at large is getting little Roosevelt "stuff," as the editors call it. The reason for it is said to be the hunter's desire to pursue the life of a Nimrod undisturbed by eager newspaper men. They are on his trail every day, but they keep out of sight.

Entering the port of Mombasa, Theodore Roosevelt and his big stick made an instantaneous hit. He was strenuous. Britishers are slow of movement and thought; they are deliberate. Not so with the American hero. He thought quickly, spoke quickly and said things which made the inhabitants stand up and shout.

He talked about the great country which the British had built and almost civilized in Africa. He made other points which tickled his hosts and he was solid with them from the minute he put foot on the gangplank of the steamer which brought him from Naples, Italy. He told his East African friends that he wanted to be treated like a regulation American citizen, not like a former president of the United States. This, the British seemed to think, was a first class invitation to treat him like a king, which they did.

With his entourage riding in the passenger compartments of a primitive Uganda railway coach, Mr. Roosevelt gave a real strenuous exhibition by daring Acting Governor Jackson to ride with him on the cowcatcher. He said there was more breeze on the front of the train anyway. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Roosevelt then stopped the outfit and took positions of vantage ahead of the fireman and engineer.

This tickled the Britishers. Nobody had ever thought of riding on the front of an engine before in East Africa. They had always done the most commonplace thing by seating themselves on the "cushions." So, because he was different from their kind, they liked the American from the start.

The ride that day lasted 50 miles, when the engine, being a union engine, refused to work over eight hours and gave out. The next day the ride was repeated and to-day half the British East African highbrows ride on the front of the engine when they want to make an impression.

Once on Sir George MacMillan's ranch the real sport of the expedition commenced.

MacMillan's ranch is a notorious hangout for man-eating lions. They roar around the ranch at night and tear up things generally. Colorado mountain lions were easily beneath the hunting prowess of Mr. Roosevelt and he proved that African lions are also-rans alongside of the American brand by depleting the kingdom of Leo by six in two days, thereby setting a new record for hunters in this section of Africa.

A big, hungry hippopotamus chased Mr. Roosevelt one day. Formulating his plans as he sped along through the jungle, the ex-president led the enraged animal to the open and set two steel bullets crashing between his eyes when the hippo was only 100 feet away. Kermit had a similar experience with a rhinoceros and, displaying the family traits of his father, stood his ground and succeeded in dispatching Mr. Rhino



KERMIT AND SERVANT



ALL ABOARD FOR THE HUNTING GROUNDS



A NOVEL RIDE

at 40 yards. The beast was charging him in dangerous fashion.

Not long ago Mr. Roosevelt captured two baby antelopes and sent them to his daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, who by this time doubtless has received them. More than 1,500 specimens had been captured by the Roosevelt party up to the time of this writing

ing and before the expedition weighs anchor for other shores probably 1,000 more will have reached the taxidermists.

Lions, wildebeests, antelopes, giraffes, hippopotami, rhinoceri, tigers, monkeys and dozens of other varieties are among the trophies of the chase.

To Kermit Roosevelt the expedition has been a source of wonderment and pleasure. Everything was new to him. He had read about the mysteriousness of darkest Africa but had never been given an opportunity to even peer into the confines of a real lion hunting camp.

At the present writing both Kermit and his father are in the best of health, both wearing a swarthy tan which is darker than the jungle stained khaki suits in which most of the hunting is done.

A short time ago Mr. Roosevelt visited the American mission near here and he expressed pleasure at the work which the organization is doing for the African savage. The morning of the day he visited the mission he spent in hunting Culubra, monkeys and succeeded in shooting several, which were added to the list of specimens.

Officials here have expressed the belief that Mr. Roosevelt's bagging of game is justifiable in view of the fact that his specimens are being secured for the purpose of stocking up the Smithsonian institution at Washington.

Perhaps the biggest test of Rooseveltian strenuousness came when the party crossed the desert west of this city. In this instance they were compelled to go for more than a week without procuring water. All the liquid refreshment they had was carried with them in great water skins, suitable for this purpose.

Bwana Tumbo, which is an African expression of reverence, was the nickname which Mr. Roosevelt's native servants soon attached to him, and when I met the ex-president at Kapiti Plains station, where he was obliged to stop during his travels, he seemed pleased to be reminded of the fact that he had struck a responsive chord

Paul Chief Missionary at Athens

Sunday School Lesson for July 25, 1909

Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—Acts 17:16-34. Memory Verse 23.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"God is a spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth."

TIME.—A. D. 51.

PLACE.—Athens, the capital of Greece and one of the most renowned and influential cities in the history of the world.

Suggestion and Practical Thought.

1. Athens in St. Paul's day. Driven from Berea, as we learned in our last lesson, Paul came to Athens in Greece. As he walked from the Piraeus, where he landed, along the new road to the city; he saw raised at intervals altars to the unknown gods.

As the city of Athens came into his view his soul must have been filled with the deepest emotions. He had seen Jerusalem, the most influential city in the world for religion; he longed to go to Rome, which stood above all others in power, in law, in imperial way, the capital of the world; but now he was to gaze upon the city which then stood and still stands enthroned above all others for intellectual supremacy, for literature, art, architecture and philosophy.

2. Paul Begins his Work in Athens.—Vs. 16-21. "While Paul waited" for Silas and Timothy to come from Berea before proceeding farther, or beginning special work in a new and peculiar field, "his spirit was stirred in him," urged on as with a sharp goad to give the Gospel to a "city wholly given to idolatry." His work was with four classes of persons. The Jews, devout persons, epicurean philosophers and stoics. These met Paul in debate.

3. Paul's Address Before the University of Athens.—Vs. 22-31. The Athenians were proud of their city and could be called by no higher title.

A Wisely Chosen Text. 23. "As I passed by" along the streets and avenues of the city, "and beheld your devotions," not acts of worship, but objects of worship—idols, altars, temples, "I found an altar with this inscription, 'to the unknown god, or an unknown god.'"

1. God the Creator of Heaven and Earth. 24. Not an idol to be seen and handled, not a being in human shape, not shut up to dwell "in temples made with hands."

2. His worship therefore must be spiritual. 25. "Neither is worshiped with men's hands," presenting to idols costly offerings, and food and drink. God wants not help, but love.

3. One God and All Men Brethren. 26. "Made of one blood," all races, kinds, and degrees are from God, and therefore are brethren.

4. His Desire Is That All Should Find Him. 27. "If haply they might feel after him and find him."

5. For We Are His Children. 28. "For in him we live, and move, and have our being." This is true both of our natural and of our spiritual life.

6. Therefore God Is a Spirit. 29. Therefore "we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold," etc. The human soul with its vast powers must have an author and father greater than itself, of the nature of spirit, but infinitely greater than our spirits.

7. If God Is Our Father We Should Be Children Worthy of Him. 30. "The times of this ignorance God winked at," overlooked, did not punish with the severity that falls upon willful sin against light and knowledge. "But now." Since Christ has come with new light, new motives, a new message from God, "Commandeth all men everywhere to repent." To turn from their sins, and live as children of a holy God should live.

8. New Motives. 31. (1) God "will judge the world in righteousness." Every decision will be right, correct, loving. God will judge men according to character and life, the test being whether they have done right or wrong; not their wealth or position or rank or genius. (2) The great motives were embodied in Jesus Christ "whom he hath ordained" to be the Saviour of men, the test of obedience, the way and the truth and the life. (3) "Hath given assurance," that he, Jesus, is the judge, the Saviour, the everliving King. "In that he hath raised him from the dead."

It is probable that Paul's address was cut short here before he had finished what he wished to say.

4. The Effects Produced by Paul's Address.—Vs. 32-34. 1. 32. "Some mocked." The teaching seemed absurd to them.

2. Some refused to decide. "We will hear thee again." Like Felix, they would wait for a more convenient season. They could endure almost any strange theories, but when it came to giving up their sins, and to a change of life, they rebelled.

3. A few accepted the truth, repented, and became disciples of Jesus. 34. "Dionysius the Areopagite," that is a member of the learned council before whom Paul had preached, Damaris.

The resurrection of Jesus proved that he was the Son of God, and was living, though unseen; that there is life beyond the grave.

Thus the duty to repent was enforced by new motives, of fear, of love, of hope; by new light on conduct, on the judgment, on God, on Heaven, on the future; by new helps and opportunities, through Christ's love, and teachings, and atonement, and example, and the Holy Spirit; by new proofs, through the resurrection of Christ, and the assurance it gave that he was the son of God, and that there is immortal life.

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"You bet!" answers the man with the big scarf pin. "He feels just as punk as he does when he misses the owl car and has to stand on the corner an hour for another one."—Chicago Post.

A Gentle Aspersions.

Among the prisoners brought before a Chicago police magistrate one Monday morning was one, a beggar, whose face was by no means an unfamiliar one to the judge.

"I am informed that you have again been found begging in the public streets," said his honor, sternly, "and yet you carried in your pocket over \$10 in currency."

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