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LINE THROUGH NIGERIA

BRITISH TO CONSTRUCT RAILROAD IN WILD LAND.

Laborers Who Will Be Employed Are Cannibals, and White Men Will Be in Constant Danger of Their Lives.

A new railroad is being constructed by the British through the territory of Nigeria, in West Africa.

It will penetrate the regions known as "Jujuland," so-called because the inhabitants were long enthralled by a horrible idol known as "Long Juju." It will be built by cannibal natives who have shown themselves the most intelligent and industrious workmen. It will open up the last region of Africa where white men have not yet settled.

The new line into Nigeria will be 530 miles in length and will take four or five years to build. It will cost about fifteen million dollars. It is being built by the colonial government, of which the head is Sir Frederick Lugard. The country which is to be opened up is rich in palm oil and coal, which the British expect to yield a handsome revenue on the money invested in the road.

Fifty thousand natives have been hired for the work of building the road. They will work under the direction of British engineers and foremen. Doubtless some Americans will be associated with the enterprise.

These natives of Nigeria are noted for their obstinate cannibalism. Although the practice has been suppressed wherever possible by the British officials, the Nigerians in the depths of this wild country frequently find an opportunity to indulge in their peculiar taste. They attack an isolated village, destroy the houses and feast upon the inhabitants.

Sometimes they take their victims to a lonely part of the forest, keep them in a corral and fatten them up for a great banquet. Several times the white men have accidentally stumbled upon the hiding place of these destined victims of the cannibals.

The white engineers and workmen will have to guard themselves carefully, for the cannibals believe that white flesh is the greatest kind of meat. By eating it they imagine that they will acquire the cleverness and other qualities of the deceased person. Very few natives are daring enough now to attack white men, but there is no knowing what they might do in a moment of excitement. Half a dozen white men in a jungle 500 miles from help may be in a delicate situation.

Danger from lions and other wild animals will be very great. During the building of the Uganda railway hundreds of laborers were carried off by lions, and in recent months the beasts have walked into railroad cars and snatched off defenseless travelers.

In Nigeria lions are even more numerous than in Uganda. Their numbers depend largely on the amount of food they can find. Elands, antelopes and other game of various sizes are so abundant in Nigeria that the lions find inexhaustible food. Sometimes as many as 50 or 60 lions lurk in a patch of jungle a few acres in extent, near a drinking place where the food animals gather.

The new railroad will run along the river banks and will cross the favorite hunting places of the lions. There will be a tremendous disturbance among the animals.

Clear Conscience.
"I never read a newspaper," remarked the self-sufficient man.
"How do you keep informed on what's going on?"
"I don't. As a result, if anything goes wrong I won't feel that I am in the slightest degree responsible."

A Horse's Medal.
A Russian artillery horse won a bronze medal at Plevna. Orders were given for some ammunition wagons to be hurried to a spot that meant crossing the enemy's zone of fire. All the time shells were crashing among the horses, bringing them down in heaps and frightening such as escaped.

HAD NO USE FOR EDUCATION

Old Gentleman Deeply Resented the Deception of Which He Had Been a Victim.

There was a man about forty years old seated on the fence in front of the house and swinging his legs as he smoked, and as I halted and saluted him and inquired about the road ahead, he asked:

"Stranger, be you what is called an eddecashun man?"

"I have something of an education," I replied, as I noticed how grim he looked.

"Then I don't want nuthin' to say to you," he continued, as he settled back.

"Perhaps you are down on education?"

"Perhaps I am, sah. Yes, sah, I don't want nuthin' to do with them kind o' critters."

"Have you suffered any injury at their hands?"

"Hev I? Wall, now, you climb up yere and take a look over that field. It's becase of eddecashun that I've broken my back and hain't got no mo' ambishun left."

I climbed up beside him and saw that the field had been dug up in a hundred different places, as if some one had been digging graves.

"That's what I've bin at fur the last y'ar," growled the man, as he kicked the fence with his heels to prove his feelings. "Yes, sah, I've put in ten hours a day right yere with pick and shovel for the last twelve months, and mebbe you don't wonder that I'm down on eddecashun."

"What have you been doing?"

"Diggin' fur gold, sah."

"And you haven't found any?"

"How could I when it wasn't thar to be found? I jest feel myself gittin' dangerous when I think of it. Better pass on, stranger, befo' I break loose!"

"But tell me why you dug all those holes in this field," I persisted. "Who told you there was gold there?"

"Wall, sah, it's all a-owin' to my son, Sam. He wanted eddecashun and couldn't be denied, and I finally sent him down to Rosedale to skule. Jest as soon as he could read he cum home and told me about Captain Kidd the pirate, and we figgered that the ole critter buried his treasure right yere. I went to diggin' fur it and kept at it till last week."

"But Captain Kidd was an ocean rover."

"Of co'se."

"And he couldn't have buried any treasure hundreds of miles inland."

"Of co'se not. That's what a critter told me as he cum along last week. He made it so mighty plain that I quit diggin' and went to waitin'."

"You—you are waitin' for some one, eh?"

"I ar', sah—waitin' fur my son Sam, who'll be home this day! He'll find me right yere as he cums along. He'll ax how the diggin' cums on, and if I've found the gold yit, and then sunthin' will utter a war whoop and light down on him. That sunthin' will be me, and befo' I'm through with that varmint of an offsprin the cause of eddecashun in this state will git so tangled up and pulverized and tied into knots that it will take twenty y'ars fur it to go ahead and deceive an honest man!"—Washington Herald.

New Nature Story.
The strange sight of pigeons swimming over the surface of a lake is recorded by a foreign publication. It is said to have occurred in Holland. The birds are ordinary domestic pigeons, and during a fight among the birds some time ago one of them fell into the water and was rescued by a human spectator. After this it was noted that all the birds acquired a familiarity with the water, and soon were seen making their way into it in search of food. Tempted by pieces of bread floating on the surface, the birds were coaxed into the water, and soon acquired the art of swimming.

Importance of Manners.
Manners are of more importance than laws. Upon them, in a great measure, the laws depend. The law touches us but here and there, and now and then. Manners are what vex or soothe, corrupt or purify, exalt or debase, barbarize or refine us, by a constant, steady uniform insensible operation, like that of the air.

PALLADIAN GIRLS TO GIVE PROGRAM

Short Play and Musical Numbers Will Be Given at Regular Meeting Friday Evening

The Palladian Literary Society will meet as usual next Friday. The program for the evening will be in charge of the girls of the society. They have taken great pains in the preparation and it promises to be very interesting. A short play will be given besides several musical selections. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Interfraternity Baseball League

Kappa Sigma defeated Delta Chi in the Interfraternity Baseball League by a score of 4 to 0 on the athletic field last Saturday.

Batteries—Kappa Sigma, Crawford and Gibbons; Delta Chi, Eriest and Johnson.

Delta Tau Delta defeated Delta Upsilon in a hard-fought game in the Interfraternity Baseball League yesterday morning on the athletic field. The advantage in the score shifted as regularly as the innings changed, the game ending 11 to 10 in favor of Delta Tau.

Batteries—Delta Tau, LeBas, Hugg and Riddell; Delta Upsilon, Chambers, Harney, and Claar.

Senior (excitedly)—It's all over school!

Martha (very excitedly)—What?

Senior (very calmly)—The roof, little one.—Denver Clarion.

"Why are automobiles like some people?"

"Because the cheaper they are the more noise they make."—Denver Clarion.

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