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Bishop Of Liberia Soon To Return To African Colony Where He Faced Savagery

First White Man Ever Seen by Natives Escaped Horrible Deaths Many Times by His Wits and Strong Personality-Originally Sent by Britain to Blaze Trail of Schools and Churches for Traders to Follow Later.

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versity of Manchester, England, was a representative of the British colonial government and the foreign mission board of the Metho-dist Episcopal church of England, his mission being to teach, preach and study in the colony of Lagos, inhabited by the Ijebus, a tribe of barbarians.

After several years' work in the jungles, Doctor Overs became so a more powerful god than any of worn by the African fever that he theirs and that his god would punish them if they killed him. was compelled to return to England to regain his strength. He spent eral years in New York City and along the shores of the New York state lakes, he went to Bradford. Tree. in the Pennsylvania hills, where he regamed his strength. This enables

im to return to Africa, resume his work and round out a life's ambition. Given Dual Position.

ated from the University of Man-chester, the colonial government country which they never reached. was seeking someone to go to Lagos, on the Mave coast, to estab-lish school and churches that the traders might follow and develop the wonderful resources of the coun-the wonderful resources of the coun-

rifle in the other, the 26-year-old children will reside at Jamestown rifle in the other, the 20-year-old preacher set out for that part of Africa never before visited by a white man. How well he performed the many difficult tasks committed to his care is a matter of church and colonial history which had an important part in his election by the Present the tasks the set has the colonial history which had an important part in his election by the present the task the set has the colonial history which had an important part in his election by the present the task the set has the set has the present task the set has the set has the set has the set has the present task the set has the

Protestant Episcopal church as the first white man ever sent to Liberia

He established 35 schools and churches and built roads in addition to combatting the three principal Hammond, Ind., Dec. 6.-All is evils of equatorial Africa, human not milk and honey for the foreignsacrifice, slavery and polygamy.

Personality Made Impression. He healed the sick by application United States by slaving and saving. standard remedies offsetting the pease the wrath of the evil spirits, fate of George Lungu, who went to which in their mind, was the cause Roumania four months ago inde-

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 6.-(Spe- he at first was forced to recognize cial.)-When Rev. Dr. Walter H. because of the conduct of the native Overs sails for Africa next month fold course was idolatry, fetich and to assume his duties as Bishop of Liberia to which he was elected by the Protestant Episcopal church, he in his fight against it Dr. Overs had will be returning to a land in which 23 years ago he discovered 250000 Saved by the King.

There were fetich trees where the At that time Dr. Overs, then 26 natives offered up sacrifices. To years old and fresh from the Unisacred charms which even they did not dare remove. To do so meant death, they believed. Dr. Overs took a cutlass and stripped one of the trees of its ornaments. This angered the natives, who wanted to kill him. Only their king's course of reasoning saved him, for he lived despite the stripping of the tree. This showed them that he must have

to regain his strength. He spent several years on the continent and then came to America. After sevschool and church were reared under the branches of the former fetich

On one trip into the interior Dr Overs did not see a white man for nine months and he found 250,000 natives who had never seen one. At one settlement 30,000 inhabitants fled in terror when he approached. His

When Doctor Overs was gradu- were the experiences of Livingstone Dr. Overs is rector of the Church the wonderful resources of the coun-try. The board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal church was anxious for the propagation of the gospel among the natives and by agreement the young minister was selected for the dual job. With a bible in one hand and a the gospel among the natives and by agreement the young minister was selected for the dual job. With a bible in one hand and a the young the served Methodist Episcopal churches in New York City and at Jamestown, N. Y. He will sail for Africa soon after Christmas and Mrs. Overs and their

Had Held His Money Drives Man Insane

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 6 .- All is

er who returns to his native land after accumulating a fortune in the Word was received here of the



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admiration and affection.

His strong personality made such an impression on the natives that they elevated him to a chieftancy, making him one of the principal advisers to the king. By reason of this post he was able to influence the making of just laws, which gradually resulted in the wiping out of human sacrifice, a practice then very common.

On being raised to the chieftancy, Dr. Overs was presented by the ing with a large tract in the interior. He spent two days in walking around its bounaries and then nveyed it to the mission board. It has since become very valuable, its wealth in mahogany timber and minerals being estimated at \$2,000,-000, which is now being used to further the work he so auspiciously started.

Proposed Laws Adopted.

the king: ceasing the unnecessary shedding of blood; no beheading without trial; no punishment without hearing; confiscation of property for minor offenses. After much arguing, all were adopted as edicts of the Ijebus.

Whmen Dr. Overs went into the territory, 50,000 of the 250,000 us were slaves. He started out to fight the slave traffic and this aroused the hatred of the traders, several attempts being made on his inspector, that large numbers of

is hand with a poison ring, but a oyal native saved him by sweeping Dr. Overs reached to grasp it are said to be loose and drifting to-Another tried to wave poison, which ward the Swedish coast. Efforts had been sprinkled on a fan, into are made to sink such mines as are Doctor Overs' eyes. Again a friend- seen by shooting them, but it is im-

by native upset the plot. Every attempt failed, because of the loyalty of the native members of his household. One of his most highly prized possessions is a vest through which the knife of a wouldbe assassin passed. A man whose ife had been saved when he was II, by Dr. Overs, saved the missionary's life.

Wiped Out Slavery.

But Dr. Overs continued his fight and by invoking the strong arm of the British government, virtually wiped out the slave traffic.

Only in the matter of polygamy was no sweeping reform made. It was almost impossible to convince the natives of the error in their ways because the women did all the work. But by working with the children n the schools and instructing them in the beauties of domestic life as exemplified by the English people, he was able to sow the seed that has done so much to abolish polygamy.

Dr. Overs was embarrassed by the ffers of wives and when he declined the king took it as an insult. Relations between the two were nearly broken. Dr. Overs squared matters by accepting a chief's son. The transfer was made when the chief placed the lad's hand in that of Dr. Overs. The boy was sent to the na-tive schools and later studied at Lagos. Now he is back teaching and preaching the better ways to his

own people. Dr. Overs also had to combat the uperstitions of the natives, which

performed minor surgical operations and ministered to the spiritual as well as mental welfare of the na-tives. By his methods he gained

gether with most of his money. As he neared his home in Roumania he was robbed of the money he had on his person by one of the numerous bands of ex-soldiers who now infest the country. But he consoled himself with the thought that he had still enough money in his trunks. When his trunks arrived, however, they contained only wood and coal.

That was too much for Lungu. He became violently insane and is now confined in an asylum.

Floating Mines In North Sea Still Are Menace to Vessels

Stockholm, Dec. 6 .- The danger He studied the native laws and Stockholm, Dec. 6.-The danger proposed the following changes to 10 shipping from floating mines in the North Sea is increasing, according to the chief inspector of the Swedish mercantile marine for that district of navigation, who predicts that this winter the mines will constitute a greater menace than at any period since the mine fields were

laid So extensive were the mine fields and so numerous the mines, says the

them escaped destruction by the One day a native tried to inoculate English and American mine sweepers, notwithstanding the energy and al native saved him by sweeping diligence with which they worked. de the barbarian's hand, just as More mines than ever before now possible to cope with them all in

Takes Oath: Urges Revolt Rome, Dec. 6 .- The socialist deputy, Misiano, who before his elec-

tion and while he was absent from the country was condemned by an Italian military court to be shot for desertion and who for a time had been imprisoned in Germany on a charge of participating in revolutionary movements, made his first appearance in the chamber today. When asked to take the oath he said: "I swear, wishing for a social revolutionary soon." Some socialrevolutionary soon." ist deputies applauded this utterance, but the remainder of the chamber hooted.



Sector .

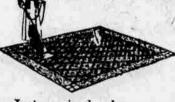


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