

REVIEW OF MR. AFRICAN AND

ROOSEVELT'S EUROPEAN TOURS

How He Won the Honor of Being the Most Distinguished Private Citizen on Earth.

Where He Has Been and What He Has Done. Kings Met on Terms of Equality.

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THE fact seems to be pretty well established that during his fifteen months abroad Colonel Roosevelt has bagged several lions and other big game in Africa and most of the royal lions and other big people in Europe. His trip filled the Smithsonian Institution with specimens and the newspapers with the news of his adventures. Of a truth he has been the most talked about traveler who has visited the monarchs of Europe since Napoleon Bonaparte made social calls at the head of the French army. On the stage of the old world the

Colonists and spoke for the British government. In Rome he refused to meet the pope unless he could retain his entire freedom. In Austria he met on equal terms the emperor and Kossuth, the friend of liberty. In France he spoke vigorously against race suicide and in favor of the homely virtues. In Christiania he lifted his voice, already hoarse and frayed, in favor of peace, provided it be the peace of righteousness. In Denmark he walked the ground that Hamlet walked and would have talked with the ghost as a brother if the apparition had dared put in an appearance. In Germany he spent long hours with the kaiser, witnessed a sham battle and discoursed on the fighting edge. In Holland he greeted the burghers as fellow Dutchmen, and in England he accepted the sad duty of representing his country at the funeral of the king. Everywhere he was the same Roosevelt we had known at home, as keen in his pleasures, as untrusting, as democratic and as full of information on all possible subjects.

ridden a camel in Egypt, listened to the riddle of the sphinx and been met by racing boat loads of American reporters on the waters of the Nile. He has talked volubly, explosively and enthusiastically from Mombasa to Christiania and from Cairo to London.

It was on March 23, 1909, that Colonel Roosevelt left New York by the steamer Hamburg bound for the dark continent. On board he made himself most popular with the other passengers by his democratic and unassuming demeanor and friendliness. He touched at Gibraltar and Messina on the way, but requested that all formal receptions be eliminated, as he traveled only as a private citizen. In Messina he was greeted in person by the king of Italy and was touched by the warm welcome of the people.



PHOTO BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION. COLONEL ROOSEVELT AFTER RECEIVING HIS DEGREE FROM CAMBRIDGE.

which he accepted as a token of their thankfulness for the American relief work following the great earthquake. The one thought he expressed at this demonstration was pride in being an American and in standing for the time as the symbol of the country that had helped these people in their calamity.

The Game Bag In Africa.

The expedition landed on the coast of Africa at Mombasa and proceeded inland to Nairobi, where it established its base. On the trip up it is narrated that the colonel rode on the pilot of the engine. Riding on the pilot is no uncommon occurrence in Africa, though not practiced much in America, for the reason that it causes one to collide too violently with the atmosphere. In the Roosevelt party were Kermit, the son and ostensible photographer, although in the end he proved a better rifle shot than his father; R. J. Cunningham, a mighty English hunter, who went along because of his knowledge of the game and of the country; Major Edgar A. Mearns, J. Alden Loring and Edmund Heller, representing the Smithsonian Institution, and a small army of natives. The party took several trips out from Nairobi and shot enough game to make the Smithsonian Institution look like a petrified section of Africa transplanted to the banks of the Potomac.

After making the game scarce in all the available hunting grounds about Nairobi the expedition proceeded by rail to Port Florence, on the shores of Lake Victoria Nyanza, over which it took passage, then traversed Uganda, threaded its way down the Nile, emerged with a great beating of native tomtoms at Gondokoro, took passage by boat to Khartoum and was soon on its way by rail to Cairo and Alexandria, making stops en route. The hunting was continued till the arrival at Gondokoro.



PHOTO BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION. MR. ROOSEVELT IN FRANCE.

Despite the extravagant notions of the number of animals killed by Colonel Roosevelt, the size of the game bag was comparatively modest, the colonel's bag containing only seventy-six specimens. Of course this represented but a small part of the kill by the entire expedition, but the other members were chiefly concerned with birds and smaller game. Colonel Roosevelt has the following to his credit: Rhinoceroses, including three white specimens, 18; elephants, 9; lions, 7; giraffes, 10; wildebeests, 4; Thompson's gazelle, 1; hippopotamuses, 4; buffaloes, 8; topi, 5; elands, 4; pythons, ostriches, leopards, hartebeests, bobars, impallas, water bucks, 3 each; zebra, oryx, bush buck, oribia and kob, 1 each.



SNAPSHOTS AT MR. ROOSEVELT'S TOUR.

1. The start. 2. Colonel Roosevelt reviewing Norway's fleet. 3. Hiding a camel in Egypt. 4. Kermit and Colonel Roosevelt and African buffalo.

colonel has played many star parts—mighty hunter, faunal naturalist, college lecturer and the most distinguished private citizen on earth. He has met kings on terms of equality. He has preached the good old gospel of many endeavor with nations as his congregations.

In Africa he became a child of the forest and the veldt, kept going for

He made the name of private citizen a badge of distinction.

As to the number of kings he gathered in his collection of specimens it is impossible to be numerically exact, but to the best of my recollection he bagged them all except Nicholas of Russia and Alfonso of Spain. Perhaps he overlooked them in the rush. But with these two possible exceptions he saw everything and everybody worth seeing, went through Europe with an express train force that gave the effete monarchies nervous prostration, took the degree of LL. D. at Cambridge, propelled words of advice like a human Gatling gun and made John Bull apoplectic by advising him either to govern Egypt or get out.

Cannot Escape Publicity.

It is a great thing to be president of the United States. It is greater to be as big a man outside the presidency as in it. Some ex-presidents have raised chickens, some have become college lecturers or business men, some have been elected to congress, and some have gone into innocuous desuetude. Only one has become a faunal naturalist and the big noise of two hemispheres. There is none like him; none ever was or ever will be. It is impossible that there should be another like him in this land or any other beside the seven seas.

Colonel Roosevelt went to Africa to escape publicity. Did he escape it? Is it possible that he should escape it anywhere? When he is absent people wonder what he is doing. When he is present they wonder what he will do next. There is no keeping such a man out of the newspapers. If he were to hunt for the south pole his every move would be chronicled. If he were to live in Zululand, in China or in Hoboken it would be the same. The reporters would find him out, and if they did not find him out they would write about him anyway. Roosevelt is a front page character. Tidings of him run as naturally to display type as the river flows to the ocean or the sparks fly upward.

Nobody knows how far he has traveled since he left us, but he has covered a considerable portion of two continents. He has not been as great a traveler as his successor, but has probably enjoyed it more. He has been over the least civilized and most civilized parts of the globe and has been equally at home in both. He has gone from the virgin jungle to the ancient pyramids where Napoleon said "forty centuries look down upon us." He has



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IN SWEDEN, GERMANY AND HOLLAND. 1. Colonel Roosevelt and the crown prince of Sweden in Stockholm. 2. With Ambassador Hill and Dr. Schmidt in Berlin. 3. With Minister Beaupre at The Hague.

eight, ten or twelve hours a day, defied the fevers, waded through swamps and shot all the game that got in his way provided it was big enough. In Egypt he braved the wrath of the Na-

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