REVIEW OF MR. ROOSEVELT'S AFRICAN AND

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

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head of the French army.

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

tionalists and spoke for the British government. In Rome he refused to Messina he was greeted in person by meet the pope unless he could retain the king of Italy and was touched by his entire freedom. In Austria he met the warm welcome of the people, on equal terms the emperor and Koslished that during suth, the friend of liberty. In France his fifteen months he spoke vigorously against race sulabroad Colonel cide and in favor of the homely vir-Roosevelt has bag- tues. In Christiania he lifted his voice, ged several lions already hourse and frayed, in favor of and other big game peace, provided it be the peace of rightin Africa and most eousness. In Denmark he walked the of the royal lions ground that Hamlet walked and would and other big peo- have talked with the ghost as a brothple in Europe. His er if the apparition had dared put in trip filled the Smith an appearance. In Germany he spent sonian institution long hours with the kaiser, witnessed with specimens and a sham battle and discoursed on the the newspapers with fighting edge. In Holland he greeted Un- scare heads. Of a the burghers as fellow Dutchmen, and truth he has been in England he accepted the sad duty of the most talked representing his country at the funeral about traveler who has visited the of the king. Everywhere he was the monarchs of Europe since Napoleon same Roosevelt we had known at Bonaparte made social calls at the home, as keen in his pleasures, as untiring, as democratic and as full of



tinula 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 un-

assuming demeanor and friendliness.

He touched at Gibraltar and Messina

en the way, but requested that all formal receptions be eliminated, as he

traveled only as a private citizen. In

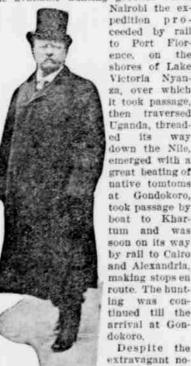
Photo by American Press Association. COLONEL BOOSEVELT AFTER BECEIVING HIS DEGREE FROM CAMBRIDGE.

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 Nairobl, 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 He made the name of private citizen a father; R. J. Cuninghame, a mighty English hunter, who went along because of his knowledge of the game ered in his collection of specimens it and of the country; Major Edgar A. is impossible to be numerically exact, Mearns, J. Alden Loring and Edmund tives. The party took several trips haps he overlooked them in the rush, out from Nairobi and shot enough game to make the Smithsonian institution look like a petrifled section of body worth seeing, went through Africa transplanted to the banks of

After making the game scarce in all Nairobi the expedition proceeded by rail to Port Flor-



tions of the number of ani-Proto by American Press Association. mals killed by MR. ROOSEVELT IN Colonel Roose-

FRANCE. velt, the size of est, the colonel's bag containing only represented but a small part of the kill by the entire expedition, but the Nobody knows how far he has trav- other members were chiefly concerned with birds and smaller game. Colonel credit: Rhinoceroses, including three llons, 7; giraffes, 10; wildebeests, 4; over the least civilized and most civ- Thompson's gazelle, 1; hippopotamuses, 4; buffaloes, 8; topi, 5; clands, beests, bohors, impallas, water bucks,





SNAPSHOTS AT MR. ROOSEVELT'S TOUR. [1 The start. 2 Colonel Roosevelt reviewing Norway's fleet. 3. Riding a camel in Egypt. 4. Kermit and Colonel Roosevelt and African buffalo.]

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 but to the best of my recollection | Heller, representing the Smithsonian manly endeavor with nations as his he bagged them all except Nicholas institution, and a small army of nacongregations.

In Africa he became a child of the



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IN SWEDEN, GERMANY AND HOLLAND. [L. Colonel Roosevest and the crown prince of Sweden in Stockholm. 2. With Am-bassador Hill and Dr. Schmidt in Ber-lin. 2. With Minister Beaupre at The

eight, ten or twelve hours a day, de-Egypt he braved the wrath of the Na- centuries look down upon us." He has and kob, 1 each.

badge of distinction.

As to the num! er of kings he gathof Russia and Alfonso of Spain. Perforest and the veldt, kept going for But with these two possible exceptions he saw everything and every-Europe with an express train force the Potomac. that gave the effete monarchies nervous prostration, took the degree of the available hunting grounds about 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

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 anothor like him in this land or any other beside the seven sens.

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 the game bag was comparatively modis a front page character. Tidings of him run as naturally to display type seventy-six specimens. Of course this as the river flows to the ocean or the

sparks fly upward. eled since he left us, but he has covered a considerable portion of two con- Roosevelt has the following to his tinents. He has not been as great a traveler as his successor, but has prob- white specimens, 18; elephants, 9; ably enjoyed it more. He has been ilized parts of the globe and has been fied the fevers, waded through swamps equally at home in both. He has gone 4; pythons, ostriches, leopards, harteand shot all the game that got in his from the virgin jungle to the ancient way provided it was big enough. In pyramids where Napoleon said "forty | 3 each; zebra, oryx, bush buck, oribia

CLAIRVOYANT AND PALMIST ridden a camel in Egypt, listened to the riddie 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 en-thusiastically from Mombasa to Chris-

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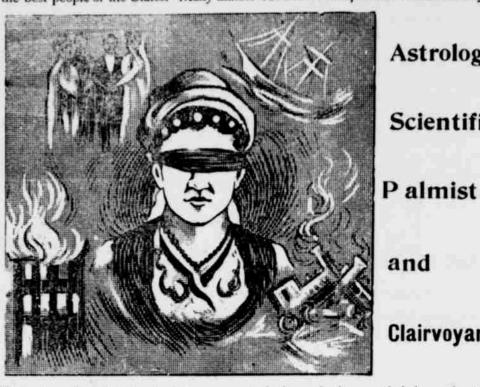
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