

### SIZZLING DANAKIL GIVES ETHIOPIANS BAR AGAINST FOES

#### Heat In Desert And Semi-Waterless Waste Goes High As 167 Degrees—Natives Cruellest Savages

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Sp)—Heat so great that shirt buttons grow too hot to touch, men so savage that many of them prize a trophy of murder above all else, cruel deserts, waterless barrens—such is the Danakil country, most forbidding of Italy's three routes into Ethiopia.

"Sizzling in tropical heat that sometimes reaches 167 degrees, three-fourths as hot as boiling water; most of it either totally desert or at best a semi-waterless waste, the Danakil region of eastern Ethiopia is one of the world's most desolate and deadly spots," says a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic society.

**Fierce Men, Fiercer Nature**

"A country where men are fierce and nature if anything, is fiercer still, the Danakil covers an area roughly the same as that of Kansas. It interposes a feared and commonly-avoided barrier 400 miles long and 150 miles wide along the boundaries that separate Ethiopia from southern Eritrea and much of French Somaliland.

"Not all of the Danakil is a waste, however. In parts of it there are forests, grassy plains, large herds of game and some agriculture. Near its eastern border the Awash, one of Ethiopia's 'disappearing rivers' loses itself in the ground on its way toward the sea, but before vanishing it waters a large area of the southern Danakil.

"In the north is the Danakil Depression, the Danakil at its worst, 100 miles of desert sink 300 to 400 feet below sea level, deeper below the sea than California's Death valley and many degrees hotter.

**Raw Meat, Milk Danakil Meal**

"The Danakil people who live out an existence in this inhospitable country are primitive men in almost every sense of the word. Some of them, explorers have said, live more like animals than men, sleeping on the bare ground and subsisting on nothing but raw meat and milk from their thirsty, half-starved flocks.

"Their method of making fire by rubbing sticks is more primitive than that used by the Egyptians 4,600 years ago. Many tribes kill all strangers on sight, are constantly attacking and plundering each other, and have a marked hatred for all white men.

"Many a Danakil warrior wears a feather in his hair as a proud sign that it is less than a year since he has killed a man. In some tribes a man may not marry until he has taken at least one human life.

**Mixed Egyptian, Arab Blood**

"Though the Danakils are dark of skin, explorers believe they have little or no negro blood but are a mixture of Egyptian and Arab strains. The typical Danakil is clear cut of feature but almost painfully emaciated, for at the best his life is hard in the desert, and famine not infrequently kills whole tribes when lack of water wipes out their scanty flocks.

"Some Danakil tribes, until recently at least, never had seen a European. The rulers of Ethiopia never have had more than nominal control over them. Along the borders of French Somaliland an armed truce exists between Danakils and French garrisons. Most of the Danakils are Mohammedans.

"The Danakil country is an ancient ocean bed, most of which is now upraised. It has huge deposits of salt and potash, chalk beds, lava flows, and in the north several active volcanoes. Crocodiles and hippopotami thrive in the waters of the Awash in the south. There also are herds of zebra, antelope and wild boar, and farther north hardy herds of wild asses find a precarious living around the scattered water holes.

**Desert West of Mussa Ali**

"West of Mussa Ali (Mountain of Moses) in the vicinity of which Italian forces have been advancing, the Danakil is a dry waste of hills, low mountains, deserts, boulder-

strewn barrens, basalt cliffs and canyons. Available maps show only 'occasional water' scattered through the region.

"This area roughly marks the center of the Danakil. To the north it is even more forbidding, with volcanoes active or quiescent surrounded by rough lava flows, a chain of huge salt lakes along the western edge of the Danakil Depression, and many of the water holes so mineralized as to make the water almost unfit to drink.

"Even in the shade temperatures have been registered from 140 to 156 degrees Fahrenheit, so much greater than the normal temperature of the human body that travelers cool their hands by placing them under their armpits.

"In the southern Danakil, just north of the railroad from Djibouti to Addis Ababa, the country is more

inviting. High mountains rise from 6,000 to 8,000 feet. A belt of forest extends along the course of the Awash river and game is plentiful. There are hot springs, swamps and many water holes, with grassy plains and thorn bush scattered here and there.

"Farther north this country merges into treeless plains, some grassy and others barren. Plains and hills alternate with open scattered bush. This type of country continues to the southern border of the Aussa Sultanate, due west of French Somaliland. Where the Awash river nears the border there is enough water for cultivation of crops and grazing for abundant game and herds of cattle and camels.

"Most of the Danakil people are nomads, except those along the coast of the Red Sea in Eritrea who

are fishermen. They live largely on their herds of sheep and goats, with some caravan traffic, and in the past at least, an occasional slave raid or plundering expedition.

"Rifles are comparatively few in the inner Danakil. A knife and curved knife, a water skin and the scantiest of clothes—in some cases little more than a loin-cloth—compose the entire equipment of most of the Danakils."

### VET COMMISSION SELLING PROPERTY

SALEM, Ore. (UP)—The world war veterans' state aid commission returned to the tax rolls \$383,489

worth of property in the first ten months of this year.

The commission made 154 sales of state-owned property to get it off the tax-free list. Last year the whole twelve months saw only 63 sales totaling \$133,023.

The business upturn is reflected in the commission's revenues, said Governor Martin. During 1934 delinquencies increased \$150,000. To date this year the increase has slowed to about \$10,000 since January. Since the commission's establishment it has sold for \$1,355,988 property for which it paid \$133,023.

LONDON (UP)—The Rev. G. R. Balleine, vicar of St. James', Bermondsey, recently addressed his congregation as follows: "Worshippers who are kind enough to contribute buttons to the collections are requested to bring their own and not pull them off the hosiery."

### INDIANS FRIGHTENED BY GHOSTLY FIGURE IN NORTHERN WILDS

KASKESIG, Sask. (UP)—Appearance of a weird, hooded figure which stalks and attacks settlers during the night has aroused fears among Indians and superstitious whites that a "Weetigo," mythical Indian devil, again is roaming this northern country.

The legendary evil spirit is described as a ghost-like figure of a man, wearing a sack over the head with slits cut out for eyes.

Several settlers and Indians have reported to police that the figure had sneaked near their lonely homes and camps in the north area around the National park and frightened them with weird antics.

One Indian said the figure stalked out of a bush to his camp, seized a kettle of boiling water and threw it at him, scalding his back.

Indians in the district swear the figure is a "Weetigo," an evil spirit with no eyes and no mouth. White settlers say it is a "crazy Indian."

The "spirit" disappeared after wandering around for several weeks, but the Indians predict it will return.

**Rich Stamp Exhibitors Barred**

SPOKANE, Wash. (UP)—Wealthy stamp collectors will be barred from the semi-annual exhibit planned by the Spokane philatelic club next winter. "This year our exhibit was dominated by collections from New York, California and Florida," said Dr. K. D. Kohler, president. "The men who owned them were millionaires, with whom we cannot compete."

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