

## MR. ROOSEVELT'S AFRICAN HUNT

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Smithsonian Institution. Presi-  
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REACH KHARTOUM APRIL, 1910

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As Each Member of Party an  
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Washington, Dec. 5.—President Roosevelt today, in a statement prepared by Secy. Walcott of the Smithsonian Institution, made his first official announcement regarding the hunting trip to Africa on which he will start within two weeks after his return from the presidency.

The expedition is to be outfitted by the Smithsonian Institution, the president defraying his own expenses, and will gather natural history materials for the new national museum. Mombassa will be reached in April, next year, but no detailed itinerary beyond that place has been made except the general route to Victoria Nyanza, and thence down the Nile to Khartoum, where it is expected the party will arrive about April 15.

The official statement follows:—  
In March, 1909, Theodore Roosevelt will lead a scientific expedition to Africa, outfitted by the Smithsonian Institution and departing from New York City. This expedition will gather natural history materials for the government collection to be deposited by the Smithsonian Institution in the new United States national museum at Washington, D. C. Besides the president and his son, Kermit Roosevelt, the personnel of the party, on leaving New York, will consist of three representatives of the Smithsonian Institution: Maj. Edgar A. Mearns, medical corps, U. S. A., retired; Edmund Heller, a graduate of Stanford University, class of 1901, is a thoroughly trained naturalist, whose special work will be the preparation and preservation of specimens of large animals. Mr. Heller is about 30 years of age. His former experience, when associated with D. G. Elliot and Mr. Ackley of the Field Columbian museum, in collecting big game animals in the same portions of Africa which Mr. Roosevelt will visit, will be a valuable asset to the expedition. Mr. Heller has had large experience in animal collecting in Alaska, British Columbia, United States, Mexico, Central and South America. In the year 1888 he made a collecting trip of 11 months to Galapagos Islands, starting from San Francisco. He is a born and enthusiastic collector as well as a well equipped naturalist. He is also the author of scientific papers on mammals, birds, reptiles and fishes. At present he is assistant curator of the museum of vertebrate zoology of the University of California.

J. Alden Loring is a field naturalist, whose training comprises service in the biological survey of the department of agriculture and in the Bronx Zoological park, New York City, as well as on numerous collecting trips through British Columbia, Mexico and the United States. He is about 26 years of age, of ardent temperament and intensely energetic. In August, September and October, 1908, he made the first record for a traveling collector, having sent into the United States museum 500 well prepared specimens of small mammals in three months' journey from London through Sweden, Germany, Switzerland and Belgium.

Maj. Edgar E. Mearns, a retired officer of the medical corps of the army, about 55 years of age, will be the physician of the trip and have charge of the Smithsonian portion of the party. He has had 25 years' experience as an army doctor and is also well known as a naturalist and collector of natural history specimens.

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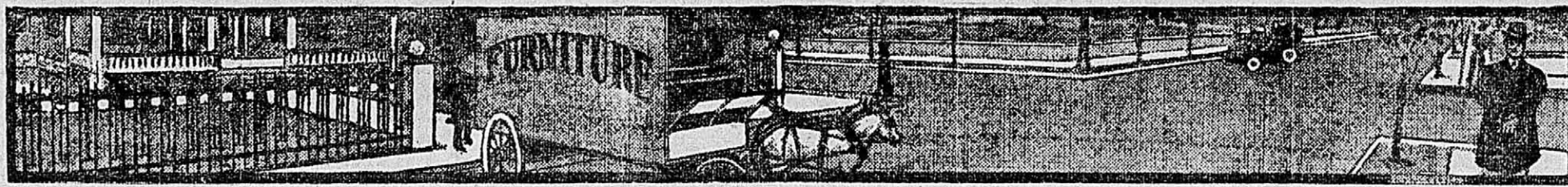
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