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PREST. ROOSEVELT'S **AFRICAN HUNTING TRIP**

He and His Party Leave New York About March 15-Arrive in East Africa Latter Part of April-Much of Hunting Will be Done in British Possessions-Arms Specially Made for Expection-Will Reach Khartoum In April, 1910, When Mrs. Roosevelt Will Join Him-Tour of Europe, Lasting a Year Will be Made.

New York, Feb. 22.—Theodore Roose-war, governor of the state of New York, vice president of the United States, and finally as president of the well, 50 years of age, having, on March with his retirement as twenty-sixth ident of the United States, comsteted over 25 years of public service, ins decided to take rest and recreation a two-rears' trip abroad, hair of which will be spent in Africa under the fritish flag as a faunal naturalist and the other half in Europe visiting at wast three of the big capitals. At the head of a scientific expedition outflited by the Smithschian Institution of Washington he will, with his son, Kermit and three American naturalists of soto-Maj. Edgar A. Mearns, J. Loring Alden and Edmund Heller-make a colection of mammals, birds, reptiles, insects and botanical specimens of Cenmal Africa, which will be deposited in the United States national museum at Washingto

DEPARTURE OF PARTY.

been circulated that Mr. Taft would be only a Roosevelt man as president, and whatever Mr. Taft, as president, might do. it would be ascribed to Mr. Roosevelt's influence. It is because of this situation that Mr. Roosevelt decid-ed to take himself out of the country, where it would be impossible for any-one to ropeat any such charge against President Taft. Mr. Roosevelt has weil selected a place where his sectusion in this respect is secure, for hardly could a more inaccessible locality be found. In this connection, Mr. Roosevelt, some months before the Republican national The party leave New York City about The party intervention for the second and the particular of March, going by the fediterranenan route to Gibralitar and aples. At Naples, the members of see expedition will board a steamer (the German East African line for Naples. will arrive at the Last African wound the end of April, proceed e Uganda railway to Nairobi, six months there, then continue six months there, then continue di to Port Florence, Lake Vic-Nyanza, making a total distance a miles by rail. The expedition cross Uganda by caravan, and, / pass down the whole length of Nile, reaching Khartourn about 1910. Much of the hunting and men collecting will be done in h East Africa, where the Uganda by will be used as a means of transportation from Nairobl, will be the base of supplies. Khartourn, it is expected, the impossible any criticism, if I were abroad, to the effect that I was dictat-ing to him and being followed, or that I had dictated and had been turned

Khartoum, it is expected, the lent and his son will be joined by Roosevelt, who will accompany on their trip to Europe. The natthe them on their trip to Europe. The nat-malists of the party will proceed di-rect to the United States from Egypt. Mr. Roosevelt probably will remain in continental Europe and Great Britain about one year, having accepted invi-aions to deliver the Romanes lecture at Oxford university, an address at the Sorbonne in Paris and a lecture before the students of the University of media.

WILL GRATIFY & DESIRE.

Long has it been the desire of Mr bog has it been the desire of all possevel to make a hunting tour into he heart of Africa. He has made interous trips in search of big game every part of the United States here such animals make their abode. where such animals make their abode. For years he has been an ardent hunt-et and a writer of hunting stories. Some of his books on the subject are "Hunting Trips of a Hanchman," writ-ten from his experiences while on a North Dakota ranch, when he spent two years raising cattle: "Ranch Life and Hunting Trail." "The Wilderness Hunter," "The Deer Family," "Out-door Pastimes of an American Hunter." in the latter volume he refers to the sport in these words: rt in these words:

From the days of Nimrod to our own ere have been mighty hunters before e Lord, and most wurlike and masoful races have taken kindly to have, as chief among those re the actimes which appeal naturally to men with plenty of red blood in their veins." One might think Mr. Roosevelt desires to emulate the earlier among the

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and British East Africa the provid at has convuited and, as a result, he has gathered a store of information not to be obtained from books.

A FAUNAL NATURALIST.

It was to Seey. Walcott, of the Smithsonian institution, that Mr. Roosevelt first unfolded the tonial va-plans for his African trip. In a letter to the secretary he made known his project of going, after his term of ol-fice expired, to Africa for the purpose of hunting and traveling in Brishsh and German East Africa, prossing Uganda and working down the suband therman East Africa, pressing Uganda and working down the sills with side trips after animals and birds. He declared then that he is "not in the least a game butcher," says: "I like to do a certain amount of hunding, but my real and much interest is the interist of a formal narvanite."

In traveling abroad Mr. Roosevit will not make any such tour as did Gen. Grant after retiring from the presi-dency. Gen. Grant was received in state by emperors and kings wherever he went on his tour around the world. He was feted as no other American ever has been. Mr. Roosevelt will avoid all that, it being his desire to travel as a plain American cluzen, and spending a good part of his time in the faunal naturalist." his letter he expressed the opinior hat this trip opened the best chance or the United States national museur tor the Contest states national museum to get a fine collection, not only of this big game beasts, but of the smaller mammals and birds of Africa, and ought not to be neglected.

OFFER TO EMITHSONIAN.

The president offered to take with bim several processional field natural-ists and taxidermists who should pre-pare and send back the specimens he is to collect, the collection to go to the national museum. The president all that as an ex-president he should feel that that institution is the museum to which his collection should go, while

that that institution is the inter data to which his collection should go. While he would pay the expenses of himself and his son, he feit that he had not the means that would enable him to

the means that would enable him to pay for the naturalists and their kit and like curing and transport of the specimens for the museum. All be desired to keep would be a few personal trophies of little scientific value which for some reason he might like to keep. He said the actual hunting of big game he would want to do himself or have his son do.

his son do. Seeing the value of the president's proposition. Secy. Walcott immediately set to work selecting men to form the party. He decided that three men should form the Smithsonian in titu-tion's portion of the party. The neess-sure fonds for the Smithsonian's share

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spending a good part of his time in the pursuit of game: he will put himself out of the way of social entertainment. TO NUNT UNDER RULES.

states, and finally as president of the inition, the highest gift in the power of he people of the country—Mr. Roose-selt feels that he has earned the right to put in a portion of his time in the oport which most appeals to him. He oport which most appeals to him. He independent two years away from the United States for two reasons. Rast and recreation in hunting and scientific concerned are only the minor ones. He attends to put himself beyond the reach

tends to put himself beyond the reach those persons who, he believes, nuld inevitably seek, if he were with-

reach, to use this influence with the fministration of President William H. aft. Mr. Roosevelt is of course aware the manner in which the charge has sen circulated that Mr. Taft would be

with before the Republican national avention had nominated Mr. Taft to presideoy, minde a statement in itch he said: "If Mr. Taft is nom-ited and elected president, which hald be very gratifying, it would make

TOUR ABROAD.

In traveling abroad Mr. Rooseevit will

down in any suggestions."

Statements have been made to the

effect that the game preserves in Brit-ish East Africa under control of the British Colonial government are to be ened to the president and his com-mions to shoot at will No advantage these offers will be taken, Mr. Roosevelt having made up his mind to de-cline to do any shooting on government preserves where the hunting is not open to all. The feeling of the president on this matter of shooting on government reservations he explains in this way: A person taking advantage to shoot on government reservations in Africa would be exactly in the same position of any foreigner who came to Ameri-ca and was given permission by the United States government to shoot at will in the government reservation at Yellowstone Park, where the American buffalo, to be found almost nowhere las, roams unmolested. The president declares that such permission rightly would arouse resentment.

Mr. Roosevelt shares with other sportsmen the feeling that the wild ammais on reservations should be pro-tected to the utmost and that under no circumstances should permission be when predatory animals become too numerous for the safety of other prac-tically defenseless animals. Permis-sion for one person to shoot on a re-servation, Mr. Roosevelt believes, would lead eventually to permission to others and that in the end the game reserva-tion would not be a reservation at all by the various dama. when predatory animals in its proper sense.

ciety of National History of Naw York of the National Geographical society of the Biological Society of Washing-ton, of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a patron of the American numeum of natur-al history of New York. He is 24 years of age.

J. LORING ALDEN.

As a field naturalist, Mr. J. Loring Alden in probably the most officent and experienced man in the party. He has made a specialty of the simulies mammals and it is said of him that where other traps and baits rail, ho an devise a trap and select a bait that will fure any of the smaller wild that will pure any of the smaller wild creatures into captivity. His training comprises service in the biological sur-very of the United States department of agricultures and in the New York koological gardene in Brons Park, New York City, as well as on numer-ous collecting trips through British America, Mexico and the United States. He is about 38 years old, of ardent temperament, and intensely energetic. In August, September and Occo-ber, 1898, he made the high-est record for a traveling col-lector, having sent to the United States national museum 900 well pra-pared specimens of small mammais in the three-months' journey from Lonbaren specimens of shari marimais in the three-months' journey from Lon-don: through Sweden, Germany, Swit-zerland and Belgium. His home is in Owego, N. T.

EDMUND HELLER.

EDMUND HELLER. Of the party the only one who has had previous experience in that sec-tion of Africa through which the ex-pedition will journey is Mr. Edmund Heller. He was associated with Prof. Carl E. Akeley and Mr. K. D. G. Ellot in the expedition of the Field Colum-bian museum of Chicago, which, in 1966, visited the same portions of Africa that the Roosevelt expedition will cover. Mr. Heller is a graduate of Stanford university of California and is a theroughly trained naturalist, whose special work with this expedi-tion will be the preparation and pres-ervation of the specimens of large aniviation of the preclaman of large ani-ials. Having gone over the ground nee he is a valuable asset to the ox-celliton. In order that he might ac-ompany Mr. Roosevelt his release om his position as assistant curator of the museum of verticate values. of the museum of vertebrate zoology of the University of California was se-cured by the Smithsonian institution. Mr. Heller has had large experience in nimal collecting in Alaska, British folumbia, United States, Mexico, Cen-ral America and South America. In 1598 he made a collection trip of eleven months to the Gala-pazos islands, starting from San Francisco. He is an enthusiastic col-lector as well as a natively equipped naturalist. Of numerous selentific papers on mammals, birds, reptiles and fishes he is the author. Mr. Heller's home is at Los Gatos, Cal,

KERMIT ROOSEVELT.

Kermit Roosevelt, the president's sec-nd son, a young man of 19 years, is a be the official photographer of the spedition. His collection of photo-raphs of animals and scenes will be ande use of in a scientific way and as Einstrations for books and articles which his father will write. Young Mr. Roosevelt is a student at Harvard unlreparing and a great favorite of his fath-r. He has spent considerable time in reparing himself for the work he is to indertake, During his summer vacation to made a study of the namera and hotographic methods. He also experneuted in taking pictures of the ani-mented in taking pictures of the ani-mals at the zoological gardens in New York. It is his first trip abroad and he looks forward to it with the keenest in-terest. He is tall and slender, a good horseman and a splendid rife shot. Much of the shooting of the big game he hopes to share with his father.

R. J. CUNINGHAME.

To complete the personnel of the ex-sedition Mr. R. J. Cuninghame, an sedition Mr. R. J. Cuninghame, an Englishman, was chosen. He is a noted hold naturalist and big game hunter and had guided numerous hunting par-lea in Africa. It was he who was chief numer and guide of the Field Colum-dan museum expedition in Central Af-ica. Ms. Cuninghame. for some clea. Mr. Cuninghame for some inonths has been employed in assem-bling the materials for Mr. Roosevelt's use. He will act as general manager of the expedition, guiding the party and taking charge of the native porters, Mr. Cuninghams is an experienced collector of natural history specimens and has made collections for the British muse-

it will be easy to reach quickly the remote parts of the country where the party can strike off into the jungle. All the specimens will be taken care of al Natrobi before shipment to the

ational museum. No definite arrangements have been made for the six months the party will spend in the territory about Nairob except that short trips in search of speciments are to be made from there. The president's expedition will not visit Mount Kilimanjaro, on the bor-der between British East Africa and German East Africa. The reason for this is that the national numeum has been receiving a splendid collection of specimens from that locality from Dr. Abbott, of Philadelphia, who has been here for some time.

there for some time. The altitude of the Nairobi district is over 5,000 feet above the sea and further west the country reaches 7,000 feet above sea level. Taking the coun-try as a whole, the climate is distinctly favorable to health. The days under the equatoral sun are hot, but cool nights amply atone for the heat of the day. The rainy season in that section of Africe occurs from the end of Jan-uary till the end of April. Another rainy season, but of short duration oc-curs about October or November. From May to February is considered as the best season for the shooting of big game. game.

AT VICTORIA NYANZA

AT VICTOPILA NYANZA. In October the expedition will pack its outif at Nairobi and continue its journey inland over the Uganda rail-way to Port Florence, on Lake Vic-toria Nyanza. At thist place a short stop will be made and probably a trip will be made to Mount Elgon. 75 miles north from there. Mount Elgon is over 14,000 feet in height. When the party again returns to Port Florence it will bourd a steamer of the railway service which place about the lake and proceed to Entoble. 150 miles away. It is ex-pected that Entebbe will be reached early in December. At that point a small coravan will be made up from animals and natives which Mr. Cun-inghame has specially engaged for the trip across Uganda to the Nile. The first stop after leaving Entebbe will be trip across Uganda to the Nile. The first stop after leaving Entebbe will be at Mengo. Then by short stages it will preceed until reaching Kibora on Lake Albert Nyanza. The journey across Uganda is expected to take not more than a month and the expedition should strike the White Nile about the first of the year 1910. first of the year 1910.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

first of the year 1910. ARMS AND AMMUNITION. Of the greatest importance is the bat-tery of guins which Mr. Roosevelt will carry along with him. Since it became known that he intended to make a hunting expedition into Africa many of his friends have presented him with guns. But he did not select any of these to take with him on his trip. Instead, he had made specially for him by one of the best American gun man-ufarturers, four different types of ri-fice, each having a special use. The first of these is a powerful rife of 466 caliber, carrying a 300-grain builet, and is intended for the very largest type of African game such as the thincerous, hippopotamus and elephant. Smoke-less powder is used and its power can be measured by the fact that the builet at the time of impact has an energy of \$500-foot pounds. The second rifle is known as the new 30 United States government rimless cartridge type, carrying a 200-grain builet and is fitted to kill very large sume at a range of from 500 to 1,000 yards. This will be the lion gun. The third rifle is an extra light weapon, carrying a 45.70 cartridge, with its most effectives. The fourth rifle is s. 400 gun for mod-erate sized game, carrying a smoke-less powder cartridge with a builet of 170 grains. It also is of a very high power type and has been used by the power type and ralists will be a 12-bore gun.

ALL GOOD SHOTS.

There is not a member of the party ho is not an excellent rifle shot and surances have been given that not assurances have been given that not the least fear need be entertained for Mr. Roosevelt's safety while he is away. It is pointed out that the party will be accompanied by native gunbearers who are experts with trites and should any heast be missed by Mr.



The versatility of Mr. Roosevelt will be shown by the fact that he will speak German in his address before the students of the University of Ber-lin. French in his lecture at the Sor-bonne, and Enguish in delivering the Romanes lecture at Oxford. It is ex-pected that this feature of his visit to the capitals of the three feading nanected that this feature of his visit to the capitals of the three feading na-tions of Europe will attract a great deal of attention. Holland, being the home of his ancestors in Europe, it is considered not improbable that he will go there for a short visit, when he undoubtedly would speak in the tengue of his forefathers. Mr. Roose-visits wenestiftee to incomment is cultivelts versatility in ingrange is quite well known in this country, but it will receive still higher commendation when he makes his addresses abroad in the languages of the country he state.

visits. One point of particular interest in London which, no doubt, Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt will visit, is St. George's church where they were married in 1886. It is likely that they will be in London on the twenty-fourth anniver-sary of the wedding.

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GREAT HUNTING GROUNDS.

Speaking of the great hunting rounds of the world, My Rocevelt uss that there remain only three in the present century. South Africa is in true hunter's paradise, in his opin-in. If the happy hunting grounds are ble found anywhere in this world. says he, they lay between the Orange and the Zambesi, and extend northward here and there to the Nile countries and here and there to the Nile countries and Somaliland. Nowhere else are there such multitudes of game, representing so many and such widely different kinds of animals of such size, such beauty, such infinite variety. "We should have to go back to the fauna of picistocene to go its equal." It is to this social of the world that he is now bound

CAREER SINCE GRADUATING.

llaving been in public life almost continuation of phone international from Harvard university in 1880-merv-ing the people in the capacity of as-semblyman in New York state, civil wrvice commissioner of the United Status, president of the police board in New York city, assisting memory of w York city, assistant secretary of e havy of the United States, lonel of the First United States volunteer cavalry in the Spanish



HIS REAL OBJECT.

HIS REAL OBJECT. It is Mr. Roosevelt's desire that his African hunting expedition shall not be looked upon as one with sport as a main object. A limited number of reaching a spectrum of the limited states the killed for the uses of the United States national museum. Other killing will be confined to the limits of the non-size food supply of the camp. On his trip Mr. Roosevelt hopes to secure for scientific purposes two adult specimens, one of each sex, and a specimen of their young of animals he is likely to meet on the dark conti-ment. For the ordinary needs of the museum the president and the natural-lats and director of the Smithsonian institute, whom he has consulted think they are sufficient, but whether they are sufficient or not these are all be has in mind to kill: no matter how plentiful the game may be. It is the known wish of the president

plentiful the game may be. It is the known wish of the president that the expedition into Africa shall be made with the privacy that marks, or should mark, any other scientific ex-pedition. Mr. Roosevelt wants an out-ing and a chance to a moderate amount of shooting, with the first view to get-ting results that will be of some bene-fit to science. While a number of the American' newspapers would like to send correspondents with Mr. Roose-velt, it is needless to say that no news-paper representatives will accompany the party. the party.

PLANNING TRIP.

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was derived from any government ap-propriation or the income of the Smith-sonian institution. That it was ad-vanced by some one interested in a i-ence there is no doubt, and there have been reports that it was donated by Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

MAJ. E. A. MEARNS.

MAJ. E. A. MEARNS. In selecting the four men to accom-pany Mr. Roosevelt the best men in the scores of naturalists of the country were selected. It was decided that Maj. Edgar A. Mearns of the medical corps of the United States army, a re-tired officer who has had 25 years' ex-perience as a doctor in the army should have charge of the Smithsonian po tion of the party. His professional services as physician to the expedition undoubt-edity will be of the greatest value, not to speak of his ability as a well known naturalist and collector of natural his-tory specimens. As an oraitholog 8. naturalist and collector of natural his-tory specimens. As an arnitholog s., Maj. Mearns probably is one of iha highest authorities, having imide a spe-cialty of bird study for many y-airs. The major was one of the founders of the American Ornithologists' union and has written widely on bird subjects He is a member of the Linnaean So-



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um in Norway and Africa. No better

um in Norway and Africa. No better manager for the trip could have been selected bicause Mr. Curlinghame is thoroughly familiar with every nook and corner of Central Africa and its na-tives. He spent some time in London purchasing the outfit for the expedition and shipping it to Mombasa. After that had been completed he proceeded to British Africa and has been engaged in selecting the natives and animals neces-sary for the expedition. He will meet the party at Mombasa.

AFRICAN HEADQUARTERS.

AFRICAN HEADQUARTERS. Upon reaching Kilindini, April 2I, the party will spend a short time in Mom-basa and then proceed by train on the Uganda railway to Nairobi, the capital of Utamba province and headquarters of the administration of British East Africa Protectorate, a city of 13,514 in-habitants, of whom 579 are Europeans. Nairobi will be used as the headquar-ters and have of supplies and from there utips will be made into the country thereabouts which abounds with ani-mals of all kinds. It is in this sec-tion that Mr. Roosevelt hopes to do most of his hunting and collecting. Trips, extending from a week to a month in length will be made in all directions Supplies and camping outfitfrections. Sumplies and camping outfit-still be carried by natives and camps Iblack at various points on the slight at various points on the . It has been decided that snow-ed Mount Kenia, 18,000 feet bigh, stinct volcane near Ndoro, to the of Natrobi, will be the objective of one of these trips. On Mount a, at a point part way up, one of and corrections mechanics will be field maturalists prohably will be ioned for some time in order to col-specimens of all kinds there. The aniler maximals will be caught in ups, an elaborate outfit of which is oing taken by the expedition. In fact,

anisht The supplies of the party packed in the linest boxes. These in when they have been emptied by used as packing cases for the aus specimens. Many valuable various spectroent. Many valuable natural biscory spectroents have been spalled by anis and other insects, it has been found from experience on other exheditions, and it is to guard against this that the tin-lined boxes are being taken along. When the spectroens have been along, when the spectroens have been along when the spectroens have been along will be converted to the United States. One o the United States. One cruists will always be with the tastite

of the taritermists will always be with Mr. Romervelt, and as soon as any big gume is shot by bim it will be skinned and permared on the spot. Mr. Romevelt will be greatly disam-pointed if he folis to kill several speci-mens of the white rhinomeron. This is the same as the square-mouthed rhin-omeron and is the nonrest living sily to the type of the extinct tichorine or woolly rhinomeron which lived in Eng-ined at the close of the ginctal period. land at the close of the glucial period.

THE OUTFIT.

and should any beast be missed b Roosevelt, which is improbable, declared, the animal will not t far befare it is brought down. will not travel

WANT TO GO ALONG.

WANT TO GO ALONG. Hundreds and hundreds of applica-tions have been received by Mr. Roose-velt from people who wished to accom-pany him on the expedition. They of-fered their services graits. These of-feres came from all kinds of people, from cooks to naturalists. None of them was granted by Mr. Roosevelt. Numerous announcements have ap-peared in the newspapers from time to time stating that some person or other was to go with the president and not a few gained considerable newspaper advertising in this manner. The latest was a young prize-fighter who was iraveling with a theatrical company. A DOLLAR A WORD.

A DOLLAR A WORD.

A DOLLAR A WORD. One of the objects of Mr. Roosevelt in taking this trip is for the purpose of collecting material for writing sev-eral books regarding his experiences. During last summer he contracted with Charles Scribners' Sons, of New York, giving that firm all the rights for the serial and book-form publica-tion of whatever he mirth write on his visit to Africa. It is said that the contract price agreed upon is \$1 per word, but this never has been verified. The president's stories will be read with deep interest by the many peo-nie of this and other countries who ad-mire this brillbant style. His contract ple of this and other countries who ad-mire his brilliant style. His contract with the Scribner firm will in no way interfere with a contract he signed last October to become an associate editor of The Outlook magnaine. For that publication be will write on other matters which he may become inter-ested in while abroad. From time to time that magazine will print articles under his same. under his name.

SECOND YEAR ABROAD.

<text> The outfit which Mr. Cuninghame has selected in London consists of rot-proof tents green in coldric a greed sup-ply of moscuito netting, camp tools and the other mombers of the party will pleep on the simulest kind of light cols. A invery that will be taken are fold-ing baths. A large quantity of pre-nervatives and meterials for outlag akins and preparing them for shipment home is being taken. Natrobi heing the contral station of the Uganda raliway

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