

## ROOSEVELT OFF FOR GREAT HUNT

EX-PRESIDENT SAILS AWAY TO DARK CONTINENT.

TO BE IN AFRICA A YEAR

Then He Will Travel and Speak in Europe—Three Skilled Naturalists and His Son Kermit Accompany Him.

New York.—Theodore Roosevelt, ex-president of the United States, sailed out of New York harbor Tuesday on the steamer Hamburg of the Hamburg-American line on the way to his much-heralded hunting trip in British East Africa.

On the dock was a large assemblage of Mr. Roosevelt's friends, who had gathered to bid him God-speed, and who cheered him as he stood at the rail of the steamer waving his hand and smiling with delight. Beside him stood the three men selected from hundreds of applicants to accompany him and assist him in collecting the specimens of African fauna which he hopes to send back for the enrichment of the Smithsonian institution. These fortunate individuals were Maj. Edgar A. Mearns, J. Loring Alden and Edmund Heller. They comprise the Smithsonian's expedition. The fifth member of the little party, and not to be considered of least importance, was

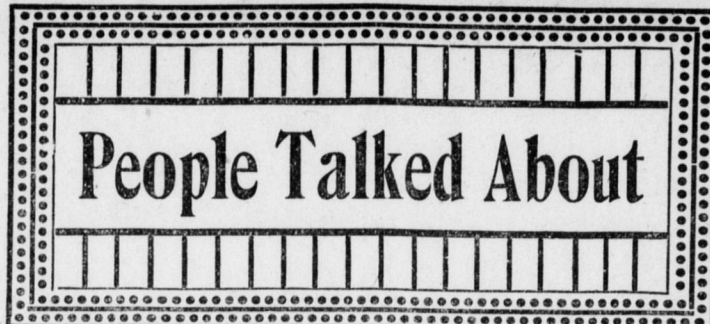
living ally to the type of the extinct Tichorine or woolly rhinoceros which lived in England at the close of the Glacial period.

Journey Across Uganda. Leaving Nairobi in October, the party will proceed by the Uganda railway to Port Florence, on the shores of Lake Victoria Nyanza, where a short stop will be made; then a steamer will be taken to Entebbe, 150 miles away. There a caravan will be formed and the journey across Uganda to the Nile will be begun. It is expected that the White Nile will be reached about the first of the year 1910. Lake Albert Nyanza will be touched at Kibira.

In a general way the course of the Nile will be followed to Gondokoro, and thence to Khartoum. At this city Mr. Roosevelt and Kermit will be joined by Mrs. Roosevelt and they will continue down the Nile slowly to Cairo, visiting many points of interest on the way.

To Speak in European Capitals. Plans for the remainder of the expedition's two years' tour have not been decided upon definitely, but the time will be spent in Europe, and several matters of importance have been announced. He will visit Berlin at the invitation of Emperor William and while there will deliver an address upon the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the University of Berlin.

From Germany he will go to France and deliver an address at the Sorbonne. It has not been learned how long Mr. Roosevelt intends to stay in Berlin and Paris. After his visit in France, Mr. Roosevelt will go to England, where a reception of great warmth undoubtedly will be accorded



## RELIEVED OF BUSINESS CARES



Luther Burbank, whose achievements in the plant world are to be capitalized by a company that will undertake on a large scale to introduce his improved plants, vegetables, fruits and flowers, is the foremost living specialist in his line. He has originated the Burbank potato, several varieties of stoneless plums and prunes, various new fruits, flowers, grasses, grains and vegetables, and the spineless cactus, which promises to transform the deserts of the far west and southwest into fruitful dwelling places for man. Mr. Burbank was born in Lancaster, Mass., in 1849 and has lived in Santa Rosa, Cal., since 1875. All his experiments and discoveries have occurred on his California farm, where for several years he has been supported by the Carnegie fund.

In order that his wonderful discoveries may be more generally distributed and incidentally that his work of discovery may not be hampered by business worries, the brains and genius of Burbank, the "plant wizard," have been capitalized for several million dollars.

The men who have secured the sole right to distribute to the world the plant discoveries of the Santa Rosa naturalist are Hartland Law and his brother, Herbert E. Law, well known millionaires of San Francisco, and Oscar E. Dinner, a wealthy eastern capitalist.

There is no limit to the rights which the men have secured except one or two small contracts which Burbank is now filling.

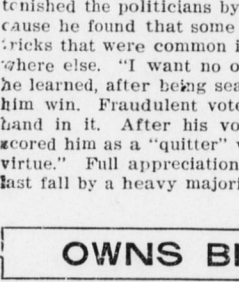
Working alone, Burbank has not had time to give the results of all of his experiments to the public, but now a systematic effort will be made to distribute both his past and future products to all the world. One of the first things undertaken by the new company will be the fuller development of the spineless cactus, which promises to transform desert wastes into grazing lands for cattle. In this connection it is announced that Burbank has developed a cactus capable of producing saccharine matter which will yield both sugar and alcohol.

Like most men of genius Burbank is decidedly averse to the worries and routine of business affairs, and he welcomes the incorporation as the best means of ridding him of this handicap to his experiments. The company will be called "The Luther Burbank's Products, Incorporated."

Mr. Burbank, when asked regarding the formation of the new company, made the following statement:

"It is a fact that Herbert Law and his brother and Oscar E. Dinner have secured the sole rights to the handling of my products, with the exception of a few varieties I have already sold. I am glad to be rid of the business end. It will give me so much more time for the development of more fruits and flowers."

## NEW COLORADO EXECUTIVE



Gov. John F. Shafroth, the new executive of Colorado, has stirred up a state-wide avalanche of comment, good and bad, by his announcement that he will depart widely from the ways of his predecessor in the matter of pardon-granting. The former governor was a Methodist preacher, Rev. Harry M. Buchtel, and he found himself unable to turn a deaf ear, apparently, to the pleas of the pardon-seekers. Men and women were released from the penitentiary in a stream by his orders.

Now Shafroth announces that while he is on the job it is going to be a pretty heavy task to drag a pardon out of his office. He has started to prove his promise by dumping a wagon-load of petitions and affidavits into the wastebasket and declining to grant audiences to hear arguments for the unlocking of the prison doors. As a result, he is being bombarded with letters, some praising him for his stand and others denouncing him with bitterness for his lack of human sympathy and charity.

As congressman-at-large, before his election as governor, Shafroth astonished the politicians by deliberately and voluntarily resigning his office because he found that some of his followers in a hot campaign had indulged in tricks that were common in politics but not exactly up to the moral code anywhere else. "I want no office that is tainted with fraud," he declared, when he learned, after being seated in Washington, of some things that had helped him win. Fraudulent votes had been cast and counted, although he had no hand in it. After his voluntary retirement his fellow Democrats at home scored him as a "quitter" while the Republicans sneered at his "pretensions of virtue." Full appreciation came later, however, and he was elected governor last fall by a heavy majority, succeeding a Republican.

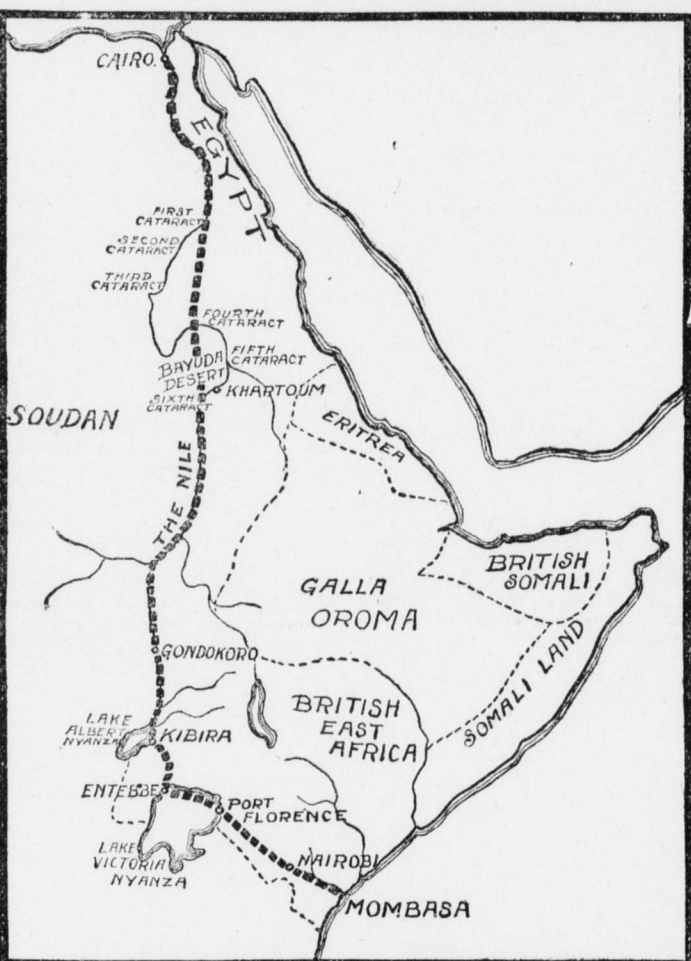
## OWNS BIG AFRICAN RANCH



W. N. McMillan, from whose African estate Former President Roosevelt is to make his start into the interior wilds of the dark continent in quest for white elephants and other big game, is a nephew of the late Senator James McMillan of Detroit, and the son of the late William McMillan, whose estate holds the largest interest in the American Car & Foundry Co. Mr. McMillan's legal residence is in St. Louis, but being a millionaire with the ability to satisfy his craving for adventure in the untamed sections of the globe, he is as much at home in Africa, India and a dozen other parts, as he is in the United States. As a hunter of big game, he is a notable figure and Mrs. McMillan, his wife, has killed her lion as well.

On Ju-Ja ranch, 20,000 acres of land 23 miles from the seat of government of British East Africa, the McMillans are experimenting in the domestication of wild animals, an experiment that is being watched with great interest by zoologists and naturalists everywhere. Here Roosevelt is to remain for several weeks discussing with his host the final plans for his plunge into the wilderness. Like the president, McMillan did his first hunting in the American west. He is 36 years old.

retire from his position trouble may be ahead. Sir John has been in the diplomatic service in China in some capacity or other ever since his graduation at Dublin 37 years ago, with the exception of a few years at Korea.



the ex-president's second son, Kermit, who will be the official photographer of the expedition and, next to his father, the chief hunter.

To Mombasa Via Naples.

Mr. Roosevelt will go via Gibraltar to Naples, where he will board a steamer of the German East African line for Kilindini harbor, the port of Mombasa. At the latter place the party will be joined by R. J. Cunningham, an Englishman of long experience in Africa, who has been engaged as general manager and guide.

The party will spend a short time in Mombasa and then proceed by train on the Uganda railway to Nairobi, headquarters of the administration of British East Africa Protectorate, a city of 13,514 inhabitants, of whom 579 are Europeans.

On MacMillan's Ranch.

William Northrup MacMillan, formerly of St. Louis, owns a large estate near Nairobi and his big, luxurious farmhouse will be headquarters for about six months while the hunters and scientists make trips of varying length in all directions. It is in this section that Mr. Roosevelt hopes to obtain most of his specimens, for it abounds with animals of all kinds. The smaller mammals will be trapped.

The supplies of the party are packed in tin-lined boxes. These boxes when they have been emptied will be used as packing cases for the various specimens. Many valuable natural history specimens have been spoiled by ants and other insects, it has been found from experience on other expeditions, and it is to guard against this that the tin-lined boxes are being taken along.

Caring for Specimens.

When the specimens have been prepared they will be carefully packed in the boxes and shipped to Nairobi, where they will be forwarded to the United States. One of the taxidermists will always be with Mr. Roosevelt, and as soon as any big game is shot by him it will be skinned and prepared on the spot.

Mr. Roosevelt will be greatly disappointed if he fails to kill several specimens of the white rhinoceros. This animal is the same as the square-mouthed rhinoceros and is the nearest

to him. He has accepted an invitation to deliver the Romanes lecture at Oxford university and in all probability the honorary degree of D. C. L., which Oxford has bestowed on Emperor William, will be conferred on Mr. Roosevelt.

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 Berlin, French in his lecture at the Sorbonne, and English in delivering the Romanes lecture at Oxford.

Pays His Own Expenses.

Mr. Roosevelt will defray the expenses of himself and his son on the African trip, but those of the scientists and the cost of preparing the specimens and shipping them to America will be paid out of a fund secured for the purpose by the Smithsonian institution.

One of the objects of Mr. Roosevelt in taking this trip is for the purpose of collecting material for writing several books regarding his experiences. During last summer he contracted with Charles Scribner's Sons, of New York, giving that firm all the rights for the serial and book-form publication of whatever he might 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.

No Slaughter of Animals.

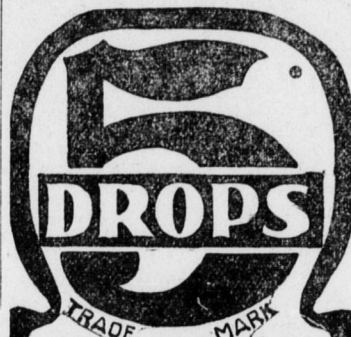
Even if the British colonial government should offer to throw open to Mr. Roosevelt and his companions the African game preserves under its control, the ex-president will refuse to take advantage of this opportunity. Like other true sportsmen, he believes that the utmost protection should be given to wild animals on reservations and that permission to kill them should not be given or accepted under any circumstances unless, possibly, when predatory animals are becoming too numerous.

Moreover, the killing of animals for sport is not the main object of his trip. Mr. Roosevelt hopes to send back to the Smithsonian institution two adult specimens, one of each sex, and a specimen of their young, of animals he meets with on the Dark Continent. Beyond this the killing will be limited to the demands of the commissary.

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