

TO SEE THE ECLIPSE.

The New Cruiser Baltimore Will Probably be Used by the GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC PARTY

In Its African Expedition in Search of Solar Wonders.

PROFESSOR TODD WILL BE IN CHARGE.

Any Number of Learned Savants Enrolled Among the Volunteers.

Arrangements are now made for the expedition of American scientists who will go to Africa to witness the great eclipse in December. It will be fully equipped in every respect. October 1 is set as the probable date of departure.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

WASHINGTON, August 29.—Prof. David P. Todd, of Amherst College, is here making the final preparations for his expedition to Africa to observe the total eclipse of the sun on the 22d of December. It is still uncertain what vessel will convey the party to the observation, and this makes it impossible to decide just how many are going and who they will be.

It is hoped that the new ship-of-war Baltimore, which is undergoing her first tests, will prove satisfactory and be placed at the disposal of the expedition. Her size will enable a large number of scientific scholars to go along—not simply astronomers, but naturalists, anthropologists, ethnologists and physicians, who can improve the opportunity to collect specimens and data in their several departments of research. As the Baltimore will have to make a long sea cruise anyway, this will afford our Government a chance to kill two birds with one stone.

ALL WILLING TO GO.

In regard to the composition of his staff, Prof. Todd is in correspondence with astronomical experts all over the country, as well as with leading men in other scientific walks. The dissension manifested by those gentlemen is encouraging in the extreme. Some of the brightest and best of them are willing to make large personal sacrifices for the sake of taking part in the expedition, but few are in such circumstances as to be able to pay their own expenses entirely.

The institutions with which they are connected are willing to spare them for a season and allow their salaries to continue.

Their maintenance on the long trip, however, will involve a considerable sum, and Congress appropriated \$5,000 for the purpose of the eclipse only. It is hoped that private liberality will supply another fund of like amount, and efforts are now making in New York to raise this money.

The party will sail from New York, if all goes well, about the 1st of October. A stop will be made at Rio Janeiro, the Can Verde Islands, some 3,000 miles, and a brief stop will probably be made at St. Vincent. Thence there will be another continuous voyage to St. Paul De Loando, on the south-west coast of Africa, 250 miles below the mouth of the Congo river. A railway now building, and which is expected to be finished by the time the party arrives, will carry them generally southeast direction to Muxima, in about the middle of the path of the eclipse.

As it proves impossible to go all the way by rail, it is hoped to have a steam launch or a local transport boat, to carry the men and instruments up the Quanza river to their destination. The party will thus be thus keeping out of the fisheries of the hostile natives who infest the country on the other side of the stream. Indeed, it is the fear of annoyance from these savages that prevents the observation from being taken on the coast, because the only district in the path of the eclipse is within the edge of the forest.

A RAB TRADITION.

The only reluctance shown anywhere to accompanying the expedition is manifested by a few of the naval officers here who stand a fair chance of being detailed for this service. Their families due to the name which naval tradition gives to St. Paul De Loando, where the man-of-war will make her headquarters while her scientific passengers travel into the interior. It seems that a number of years ago our Government kept a squadron in the waters off the coast to co-operate with squadrons of other civilian powers in the suppression of the slave trade.

It was a most unattractive spot, to which officers could not bear to be assigned, and the authorities of our navy acquired a habit of sending men there when it became necessary to discipline them. The Botany Bay atmosphere has clung to the neighborhood ever since, and the name of the place has certainly not been relieved by the circumstances that any indulgence in dissipation is liable to expose a man to a very malignant local form of malarial fever, which makes short work of its victim. The observers who go to Muxima have little to fear from this source, as that town is near the edge of the fever belt.

The arrangements made by the party will be as elaborate as the accommodations on shipboard will permit. A very important part of it will be the instruments constructed for observing the eclipse of last New Year's Day in California, and lent by the observatory at Harvard University. A small outfit will consist of Prof. F. W. M. Pease's telescope at Amherst College, and some pieces will be furnished by the Government from its collection in Washington.

A JOINT AFFAIR.

It is expected that the American party will meet at St. Paul de Loando, M. Trenet, of the Paris Observatory, has applied for a place in the American expedition, and if it is decided to grant his request he will join the party probably at St. Vincent. As far as is known, no other Governments have made any independent movements to secure observations. The English and French astronomer—the Rev. Father Perry to Calcutta, on the northeast coast of South America, where he will witness the eclipse about two hours and a half earlier than the observers at Muxima.

Scores of photographs will be taken of the corona during the eclipse, with very large cameras, and these will be sent to our knowledge of the motion of the moon, and so help the cause of accurate navigation; but most of the apparatus will be employed during the total eclipse, in investigating the corona, an appendage of the sun visible only during totality. A full knowledge of the corona is important in the theory of the sun's physics. Some of the apparatus will be specially designed for tests of a theory of the solar corona newly elaborated by Prof. F. H. Bigelow, and which appears to explain many things about the corona not understood before. Prof. Bigelow will himself be one of the astronomers of the expedition.

Prof. Todd and his staff will remain in Africa for a week or two after the eclipse, and then return home by the quickest route.

FOR SLEEPLESSNESS.

Eve Horford's Acid Phosphate. ST. PAUL, N. Y., August 29.—The safes in the Cornwall postoffice were blown open by burglars last night, and \$500 in stamps and \$60 in money taken. The loss will fall mostly on Postmaster Hunter, who will give up the office to his successor next Saturday night. Burglars robbed this office about a year ago.

ADOPTED BY A WOLF.

The Story of Romulus and Remus Re-enacted in Texas—A Wild Beast Steals and Nurses a Negro Child.

SANDY POINT, TEX., August 29.—Some 20 months ago a negro woman living on the banks of the Brazos missed her 3-month-old baby from the pallet where she had left it lying during an absence of a few minutes. Search was made for the infant, but no trace of it could be discovered, and the whole affair was wrapped in profound mystery until a few days ago. A party of gentlemen were riding through a somewhat unfringed portion of the thick woods border the river, when they saw a small, dark object running across the road. Thinking at first sight that it was a wild animal, several of the party were about to fire on it, when the one who had been nearest it called to them not to shoot, but to let it down instead. This was done with perfect safety for the underbrush, the bark, and last the creature was over taken in dense cover. It was half running, half leaping, first on all fours and then nearly upright.

The gentlemen dismounted and attempted to lay hands upon it, but chattering frightened and savage biting and scratching it broke away from them. They could see that it had a human face, the hair was black, the hands were clawed, the fingers were long and curved as to be claws. It ran with incredible swiftness, getting over fallen trees and dense masses of creepers at a rate that obliged its pursuers to exert themselves to the utmost to keep it in view. It lay upon the ground and the hollow trunk of which formed a yawning cavern.

By the dint of poking in the tree with sticks the party succeeded in driving out an old wolf, which immediately took to its heels. It was not pursued, as it was the object sought. This, too, was finally destroyed by a bullet. The animal was a Westside woman whose ticket in the lottery company is about to be confiscated by the State, seems to be unknown to Frank W. Rawlison, and his mother, Mrs. Rowena Rawlison. This morning they secured an injunction from Judge Jamieson restraining Wells, Fargo & Co. from paying \$10,000 derived from a Mexican lottery to Jacob Bar. Rawlison is the son and Mrs. Rawlison is the widow of Eugene Rawlison, of Hillsdale, Mich. Eugene Rawlison bought ticket 23,502 in the Lottery Dela Americana Publica of Mexico. The ticket drew \$10,000.

A notification was sent by the lottery in the City of Mexico by mail to Rawlison informing him that he held the lucky number, but before it reached him Rawlison died. His death occurred August 15. It is charged that the notification fell to the share of his widow, Mrs. Rawlison, in possession of Eugene Rawlison's papers. Bar sent the ticket to Wells, Fargo & Co., who collected the money and were about to pay it over to Bar when enjoined by the Superior Court. Mrs. Rawlison lives in Hillsdale, and Frank W. Rawlison lives in St. Paul. They notified the lottery company not to pay the money to her, but the lottery company replied that it had already been paid to Wells, Fargo & Co.

Bar claims to be the owner of the ticket and Eggert Hallstelle also sets up some interest to it. A suit similar to this was brought some weeks ago by a woman on the Westside, who claimed to be a widow-in-law entitled to collect a \$15,000 prize. She secured an injunction. The action broached the circumstances to the attention of the Citizens' Association and Murray Nelson began proceedings to confiscate the money under the laws of the State.

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