



MR. ROOSEVELT'S TRIP TO COVER TWO YEARS

ONE IN AFRICA, OTHER IN EUROPE.

Details of His Plans and Itinerary for Hunting Expedition—To Lecture Abroad.

The trip abroad which Theodore Roosevelt will begin soon after his retirement as the twenty-sixth President of the United States on March 4 next will occupy two years. During this time he will combine the rest and recreation won by more than twenty-five years of public service. As a faunal naturalist he will spend a year in Africa at the head of a scientific expedition fitted out by the Smithsonian Institution, and in which he will be accompanied by his son Kermit and three American naturalists, Major Edgar A. Mearns, J. Loring Allen and Edmund Heller. This expedition will make a collection of mammals, birds, reptiles, insects and botanical specimens of Central Africa, which will be deposited in the United States National Museum, at Washington. Mr. Roosevelt will spend the other year in visiting at least three of the big foreign capitals.

The party leaves New York City about the middle of March, going by the Mediterranean route to Gibraltar and Naples. At Naples the members of the expedition will board a steamer, the German East African Line for Kildin Harbor, Mombasa Island. They will arrive at the East African port toward the end of April, proceed by the Uganda Railway to Nairobi, spend six months there, then continue by rail to Port Florence, Lake Victoria Nyanza, making a total distance of 684 miles by rail. The expedition will cross Uganda by caravan, and finally pass down the whole length of the Nile, reaching Khartoum about April, 1910. Much of the hunting and specimen collecting will be done in British East Africa, where the Uganda Railway will be used as a means of ready transportation from Nairobi, which will be the base of supplies.

WILL STAY A YEAR IN EUROPE.

At Khartoum it is expected the President and his son will be joined by Mrs. Roosevelt, who will accompany them on their trip to Europe. The naturalists of the party will proceed directly to the United States from Egypt. Mr. Roosevelt probably will remain in Continental Europe and Great Britain about one year, having accepted invitations to deliver the Romanesque lecture at Oxford University, an address at the Sorbonne in Paris and a lecture before the students of the University of Berlin.

It has long been the desire of Mr. Roosevelt to make a hunting tour into the heart of Africa. He has made numerous trips in search of big game in every part of the United States where such animals make their abode. For years he has been an ardent hunter and a writer of hunting stories. Some of his books on the subject are "Hunting Trips of a Ranchman," written from his experiences while on a North Dakota ranch, where he spent two years raising cattle; "Ranch Life and Hunting Trails," "The Wilderness Hunter," "The Deer Family" and "Outdoor Pastimes of an American Hunter." In the latter volume he refers to the sport in these words:

"From the days of Nimrod to our own there have been mighty hunters before the Lord, and most warlike and masterful races have taken time to the chase, as chief among those rough pastimes which appeal naturally to men with plenty of red blood in their veins."

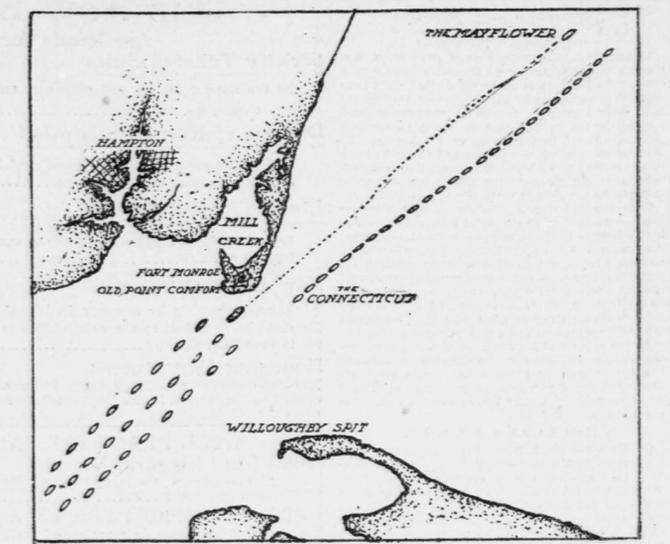
One might think Mr. Roosevelt desires to emulate the earlier among the great conquering kings of Egypt and Assyria, who, he says, hunted the elephant and the wild bull, as well as the lions, with which the country swarmed; and Tigliath-Pileser I, who was overlord of Phoenicia, embarked on the Mediterranean and there killed a "sea monster," presumably a whale—a feat which, Mr. Roosevelt declares, "has been paralleled by no sport loving sovereign of modern times save by that stout hunter, the German Kaiser; although, I believe, the present English King, like several members of his family, had slain both elephants and tigers before he came to the throne."

THE HUNTER'S PARADISE.

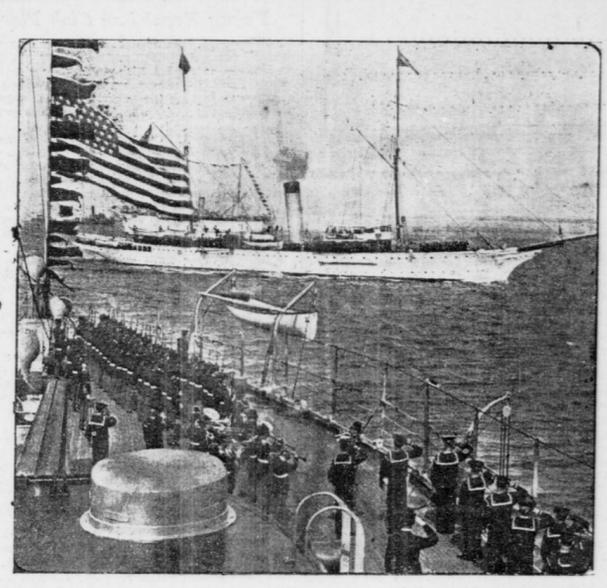
Speaking of the great hunting grounds of the world, Mr. Roosevelt says that there remain only three in the present century. South Africa is the true hunter's paradise, in his opinion. If the happy hunting grounds are to be found anywhere in this world, he says, they lie between the Orange and the Zambesi, and extend northward 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 and such infinite variety. "We should have to go back to the fauna of Pleistocene to find its equal." It is to this section of the world that he is now bound.

Having been in public life almost continually since he was graduated from Harvard University in 1886—serving the people in the capacity of Assemblyman in New York State, Civil Service Commissioner of the United States, president of the Police Board in New York City, Assistant Secretary of the Navy of the United States, colonel of the 1st United States Volunteer Cavalry in the Spanish War, Governor of the United States, and finally as president of the nation, the highest gift of the people of the country—Mr. Roosevelt feels that he has earned the right to put in a portion of his time in the sport which most appeals to him. He proposes to spend two years away from the United States for two reasons. Rest and recreation in hunting and scientific research are only the minor ones. He intends to put himself beyond the reach of those persons who, he believes, would inevitably seek, if he were within reach, to use his influence with the administration of President William H. Taft. Mr. Roosevelt is, of course, aware of the manner in which the charge has 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 decided to take himself out of the country, where it would be impossible for anyone to repeat any such charge against President Taft. Mr. Roosevelt has well selected a place where his seclusion 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 Convention had nominated Mr. Taft to the Presidency made a statement in which he said: "If Mr. Taft is nominated and elected President, which would be very gratifying, it would make impossible any criticism, if I were abroad, to the effect that I was dictating to him and being

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MAP SHOWING HAMPTON ROADS, THE POSITION OF THE MAYFLOWER, FROM WHICH THE PRESIDENT WILL REVIEW THE FLEET, THE STEAMING COURSE OF THE BATTLESHIPS AND THEIR ANCHORAGES AFTER THE REVIEW.



THE MAYFLOWER PASSING THROUGH THE FLEET, DECEMBER, 1907. Similar scenes will be enacted to-day, when the President reviews the battleships after their 42,000-mile cruise. (Copyright, 1907, by Underwood & Underwood.)

FLEET STEAMING FOR HAMPTON ROADS

BATTLESHIPS ON TIME FOR TO-DAY'S REVIEW.

President to Visit Each Divisional Flagship—Thousands Flock to the Scene.

United States Steamer Connecticut, at Sea, via United States Steamer Yankton, Feb. 21, 10:45 p. m.—The battleship fleet is ninety miles south-east of Cape Henry, in line of squadrons, steaming ten knots, will arrive on schedule time, slowing down, if necessary. Strong southwest winds during the night of the 19th increased to fresh westerly gales. All battleships pitched heavily but made satisfactory progress. The weather moderated on the night of the 20th. The cruisers North Carolina and Montana joined the fleet at 11 p. m. on the 20th, after heavy weather, causing some delay to them, making a total of thirty ships—the strongest fleet ever brought together under the American flag.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Feb. 21.—The weather was well-nigh perfect off the coast to-day, and the battleships are expected to arrive off the Capes at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning for the review, which will be notable in the annals of the American navy.

The number of vessels in the line that will file by the Mayflower will not be so great as at some previous reviews, but never before has the President personally visited so many of the ships as he plans to do to-morrow. The review will also be noteworthy in that it will bring together the greatest number of battleships ever assembled under the American flag. There will be twenty first class battleships in the impressive column, two more than at the review in San Francisco Harbor in last May. In anticipation of to-morrow's pageant, the waters off here to-night are filled with brilliantly lighted yachts and many classes of government vessels. All water lanes seem to be leading to Hampton Roads.

Word was received here to-night that the President and his party, on board the Mayflower, were well on their way down the Potomac. The Dolphin is en route from Washington with the members of the House and Senate Naval committees on board. A specially chartered steamer is bringing another party of more than one hundred members of Congress. From Baltimore, Richmond and New York veritable fleets of excursion boats are making their way to the reviewing grounds, and to-morrow morning will find the Roads filled with a welcoming host of all manner of floating craft.

SPERRY REPORTS ARRIVAL

Rear Admiral Sperry reported the arrival of his fleet and the escorting squadron, under command of Rear Admiral Arnold, to the Navy Department this morning as soon as the twenty-five ships of the joint command were brought to a standstill at the ocean drill grounds. Practically all of the messages sent to the Norfolk Navy Yard wireless station by the flagship Connecticut were in cipher code. None but official messages were exchanged, Admiral Sperry having given orders to the wireless operators neither to send nor receive personal or commercial messages. Whether or not Admiral Sperry will take advantage of the stay at the drill grounds until to-morrow morning to inspect any of the vessels is not known, but it is generally believed by the officers who are here that he will leave this duty until after the President's review.

Hundreds of persons went to Virginia Beach and Cape Fear to-day, hoping to catch a glimpse of the returning ships. They were disappointed, however, as the ships lay too far off the coast to be observed even from high towers. The faint tracings of smoke from some commercial steamer passing up or down the coast occasionally set the watching throngs aflutter with excitement, but hopes were quickly dispelled when the unromantic vessels of commerce came within range of vision.

Both Norfolk and Old Point were fairly choked with excursionists and visitors to-day, and the hotels are being hard put to it to care for the crowds.

The repair ship Panther, a converted cruiser, commanded by Commander Valentine S. Nelson, steamed in to-day, the third of the auxiliaries of the fleet to make home after encircling the globe. A homeward bound pennant of red, streamered far behind the white vessel as she entered behind the caps and proceeded to an anchorage almost directly off the government pier. The Panther seems an ill named vessel, having none of the tendencies or qualities of a beast of prey. Instead, she has been more of a guardian angel to the fleet, being ready at all times to make any repairs that might be needed. Fitted with forges and much of the equipment of a modern naval station ashore, the presence of this floating machine shop has given a feeling of security to every commanding officer in the fleet. The Panther, on a larger and more complete scale, has been to the world cruising fleet what the better named Vulcan was to the American naval forces in Cuban waters during the Spanish-American War.

WIVES OF OFFICERS ON HAND.

Mrs. Sperry, Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Wainwright and Mrs. Potter, wives of the rear admirals commanding the four divisions of the fleet, are here, and more than one-half of the wives of the captains will also be on board the Sylph to-morrow. The naval yacht Oneda, assigned to the militia of the District of Columbia, is here with General George H. Harries, of Washington, and a party on board. Vessels of the Virginia and Maryland "oyster navies" arrived this afternoon and threw out their rainbow dressing lines immediately upon anchoring. Several lighthouse tenders and revenue cutters are here to take out parties of government officials, army officers, etc.

The decision of Rear Admiral Sperry not to attempt to address the hundreds of wireless messages addressed to officers of the fleet has occasioned much woe here among the "navy widows" and the host of sweethearts who have gathered to greet the home coming officers. The

SECRET SERVICE REPLY

THE PRESIDENT ANSWERS HEMENWAY REPORT.

In Letter to Senator Hale Mr. Roosevelt Calls It Inaccurate and Misleading.

Washington, Feb. 21.—President Roosevelt to-day added another stirring chapter to the Secret Service controversy. In a vigorous and long reply to the attacks made on this branch of the government in a report made recently by Senator Hemenway, of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. Senator Hemenway, in this report upholding the limitation in the scope of the Secret Service, asserted that it never had been the intention of Congress to build up a "spy" system, and with evident reference to this part of the report the President declared that if the limitation of the use of the Secret Service had been in force when the sensational land frauds were unearthed a few years ago, a Senator, a Representative and various men of wealth and high political influence, who at that time were convicted, would all have escaped punishment. The President's letter is addressed to Acting Chairman Hale of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Characterizing as "inaccurate and misleading" in various important respects both Senator Hemenway's report and the debate which it aroused in the Senate, the President presented a mass of facts and figures in defence of the Secret Service during the seven years of his administration. Some of the President's data are based on information supplied by Attorney General Bonaparte and Secretary of the Interior Garfield, in support of the efficiency of the Secret Service in the detection of crime.

The text of the President's letter to Mr. Hale is as follows: "I have seen the report presented by Senator Hemenway on behalf of your committee in reference to the Secret Service matter. The report is inaccurate and misleading in various important respects, and I desire to make certain corrections in reference to statements which appear therein and in the subsequent debate. Until last year the Secret Service, a small body of sixty or seventy men in the Treasury Department under Chief Wilkie, was practically the only body of public servants engaged almost purely in criminal investigation. The Secret Service men were assigned at different times to different departments to investigate crimes and criminals. They were thus assigned to different departments, but above all to the Interior Department and the Department of Justice. During the seven years of my administration they were instrumental in bringing to justice great numbers of criminals. I append herewith the occasions on which they were furnished by the request of the Attorney General to the Department of Justice during the years 1907 and the first six months of 1908.

They rendered invaluable assistance in securing the conviction of many criminals of desperate character and of many other offenders of great wealth and of social and political prominence. In not one single instance during these seven years has it been shown that their action jeopardized the safety of the United States, and that they had rendered exceptional service to the public, and that Chief Wilkie himself, in a very trying and responsible position, has shown qualities of the highest grade and has been one of the main standstays of the government. No other man in the government employ is so dreaded and hated by lawbreakers, and they especially desire to see his activities curtailed, and the men restricted in every way. Congress last year forbade by law the use of the Secret Service men to put a stop to crime aside from counterfeiting, and thereby not only hampered justice in other departments but deprived the Secretary of the Treasury, the official guardian of a billion and a half of the nation's actual money, of the police force so long as it could get men detailed to it from the Secret Service. In consequence the Department of Justice is obliged to develop as speedily as possible its own corps of special detectives to take the place of the Secret Service agents which it had previously used, and the nucleus of agents which the Secret Service had had in this force was made up of officers formerly connected with the Secret Service and trained in its methods. 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