FRANCE'S NEW LAND:

Expedition Starts For the Lake Tchad Regions.

A few weeks ago a French military | try and carried many of the natives Senegatese soldiers, started from the great northern bend of the Mogangi tributary of the Congo on the way north to Lake Tchad. The expedition is under the command of Commandant Destenave. Its purpose is to establish a military government over the countries around Lake Tchad formerly ruled by the Sultan Rabah whom the French a while ago killed in battle. This is the territory of the native empires of Bornu and Bagirmi which were among the strongest native states in Africa until they were conquered by the invincible guns of Rabah. He carved out a large empire for himself in that part of the Soudan and was the absolute ruler of some millions of people until the French put an end to his rule less than two years ago. The French flag will hereafter float over this richest part of the central Soudan by right of conquest and of the treaty arrangements between France and Great Britain. The large river Shari emptying into Lake Tchad on the south, with its sources some hundreds of miles to the southeast, bisects the vast territory of which the French are now taking effective possession. Only the countries in the immediate neighborhood of Lake Tchad gave the French any trouble when they first moved into the country to subdue Rabah; and so the government proposes to differentiate be- ation upon the inhabitants of the Sultween the peaceful tribes of the south | tanates he conquered. It is not exand the fierce warriors of the Lake pected that the French taxes will Tchad sultanates which fought under Rabah's banner. The country is to be which the despot Rabah collected. A divided into two sections. A civil government is being established by the present expedition over the southern or upper half of the Shari basin. A military government is to be estab- tion will be comparatively light. lished over the northern or lower part | They are therefore submitting most of the river territory which is al- cheerfully to the rule of the French. ready held by French troops. The It is not expected that France will people occupying the upper part of the have any particular difficulty in fully Shari region are among the pagans of establishing its sway over the great Central Africa. Some of the tribes and rich country which is quite certain have suffered terribly from the raids to prove one of the most valuable of Mohammedan slave stealers, who French possessions in Africa.-New for years have devastated the coun- | York Sun.

expedition, including several hundred | into captivity. The situation has been fully explained to the powerful chiefs among them and they say that they gladly welcome the government of France which they have been told will protect them against the enemies who have so long made them suffer. The French are thoroughly convinced that this part of the country need not be placed under military regime, and so it is establishing posts all over the region, manned with sufficient force to carry out the regulations imposed upon the people. France intends to make both the civil and military governments as nearly self-suporting as possible. It has already arranged to impose a hut tax in the civil district. The tax will be paid in rubber, each hut holder being required to deliver about six pounds a year. He will take it to his local chief, who will keep a small proportion of the commodity and forward the rest to one or another of the French stations. The rubber and ivory resources of the country are said to be very large. In the regions of the lower Shari all the laws and regulations imposed upon the people will be dictated by the military regime. The government proposes to collect a tax from all the people, but it will not be onerous. Rabah enriched himself by taxes. He acquired enormous means with which to extend his power by inflicting a most grievous burden of taxamount to more than one-fourth those large part of the people already understand that the evils inflicted upon them by their conquerors will be removed and that their burden of taxa-

The Engineer's Prophecy >

It Was Fulfilled When "Old 18" Killed Her 18th Victim. YYY

railroad killed her eighteenth victim one evening recently. There strange story connected with "Old Eighteen," as the engine is called. Just a dozen years ago she was purchased by the Ohio River Railroad company and put into service. The day she arrived at the shops she presented a graceful appearance, for she was then one of the newest engines out, and seemed well prepared for the duties she was destined to perform. Her graceful outlines did not, however, speak the ghastly crimes that were to be laid at her door, nor the horrible deaths of which she was destined to be the cause. Proud and happy with a new-found pleasure was Engineer Henry Miller, one of the best and oldest engineers on the road at that time, when he swung aboard No. 18 one bright morning twelve years ago to take her over the road on her first trip. How eagerly did she respond to the pressure of his hand upon the throttle, and how her whistle awoke the echoes among the grand old hills that border the stream along the graceful hanks of which the Ohio road pursues its way.

Henry Miller and his engine became more and more firmly attached to each other as the days rolled by. Miller often said that until he was done with his work of this life he never wanted to see any hand but his own at the guiding lever of his beloved engine. She was whimsical, and an attempt to place a new master in the established seat of the old one might cause disaster. In fact, to prevent anything of the kind he had been known to leave his bed when ill and go out on his regular run. At last the inevitable happened. Miller was tight in the grasp of fever. From that moment the nature of "Old Eighteen" changed, and she was no more the tractable, loving mistress that she had been while serving Henry Miller.

Her first master recovered after a time, and once again stood at the throttle of his favorite, but there was a difference, and he felt it in every vibration of her mighty frame. worked steadily, but not with ready willingness as in the past. Shortly after Miller's return to work the first accident happened and started "Old Eighteen in a career of bloodshed. She was bowling along merrily one bright day near a crossing several miles down the Ohio, when, just as she shot around a curve, a surrey, with four persons in it drove upon the track several hundred yards away. There was a sufficient distance in which to stop the train, but for some unaccountable reason the engine was unruly, and in an instant had reached the crossing, dashin g all four occupants of the vehicle into eternity.

His prophecy was destined to prove Daily News.

Engine No. 18 on the Ohio River | true, and one day last week she ground the life out of an innocent child which lay with its head pillowed on an old coffee sack on the rails, sleeping in the sunshine of a spring day.

> British Farmers Want Protection. Many farmers in England are giving large acreages over to grass in order to meet the labor difficulty, and it seems probable that the crops will be considerably reduced this year, says a London newspaper. This fear has been communicated to the government by leading agriculturists, and it is stated that if any enterprising firm secure a corner in American breadstuffs, the effect upon consumers' prices will be disastrous. It is being urged upon the government to give a bounty for wheat production in order to encourage home growth, and to place a tariff upon imports, so that the farmer can secure fair prices. In the future the British farmer will have to compete more earnestly with the engineer and the shipbuilder for labor, and in the present tendency of farm wages to rise there is an indication that the realization has come home.

She Alleges Monosyllable Cruelty. A woman has consulted a Kansas City lawyer about getting a divorce from her husband because in his conversation with her he confines himself to the monosyllables "yes," or "no," or "I guess so." The attorney is at a loss to know whether to bring the suit, if he brings it at all, on the ground of cruelty, indignities or failure to provide. As a certain amount of "talk" is indispensably necessary to a woman, he thinks the suit might be brought on the last named ground. However, if the man should file a cross bill declaring this to be the extent of his vocabulary, no divorce could be secured. -Kansas City Journal.

Bank of England's Early Trials. A writer in the Criterion says that twice in its history the Bank of England was threatened with embarrassment. In 1696, the time of the great recoinage, the bank was in some straits, but managed to pull through. Another time in "The Forty-five," when the Highlanders under Prince Charlie advanced as far as Derby, there was a run on the bank, and to gain time the directors devised the plan of paying in shillings and sixpences. However, the leaderless Highlanders fell back, and the city merchants (who have always stood by the bank) pledged themselves to accept its notes in payment of any sum due them.

New Orleans' Millionaire Patrolman. Patrolman Clarence Routh, a policeman on the New Orleans force, who This was the first of "Old Eight- owns 100 acres of land just south of sen's" crimes, but it was not to be the Beaumont, was recently offered \$1,last. A short time after she struck a 500,000 for his property, and a big indeaf and dumb man and hurled him | terest in a \$10,000,000 off enterprise of the distance of three telegraph poles New York. Routh refused the offer along the track, killing him instantly, and asked the police board for a sixty That sent her headlong on her career days leave of absence that he may of murder. Then it was that Henry to Beaumont and watch his interests. Miller, her engineer, said: "Boys, she'll Although he is now worth a million kill her number, eighteen, and then and a half, the officer says he has to she'll quit."

WESTERN CANADA'S DECEMBER WEATHER

Equal to That of May in Minuscota. To the Editor: -Thomas Regan and C. Collins of Eden Valley, Minnesota, went out to Western Canada last December as delegates to look over the

grazing and grain lands that are being

offered at such low prices and reason-

able terms. This is what they say: "Wearrived in Calgary about the 20th of December and although we had left winter in Minnesota and Manitoba, we were surprised to find beautiful warm weather at this point, quite equal to what we have in May in Minnesota. There was no snow nor trace of winter to be seen, and the climate was really splendid. Horses, cattle and sheep were running out, in prime condition, with plenty of feed on the prairie, and really better than that of ours stabled in the south. We are impressed with this country as one of the finest mixed farming countries we

have ever seen. The immense tracts

of fertile lands well sheltered and

abundantly watered leave nothing to

be desired.

"Leaving Alberta we returned east and visited the Yorkton district in Assiniboia. We drove out about ten miles at this point and were highly pleased with the splendid samples of grain we were able to see-wheat yielding 25 bushels, oats 60 bushels. Roots were also good specimens. From what we have seen, we have decided to throw in our lot with the Yorktoners satisfied that this part of the country will furnish good opportunities for anyone anxious to make the best of a really good country."

"Any agent of the Canadian government, whose advertisement appears elsewhere in the columns of your paper will give you full particulars of the new districts being opened out this year in Assinibola and Saskatchewan. Yours truly, Old Reader.

Summer Vacations.

Spend yours this Summer in California. There is no telling when the trip can again be made so cheaply. July 6th to 13th inclusive, Round-Trip Tickets will be sold to San Francisco via the Southern Pacific Company's routes at rates less than the regular one-way fare and will be good for the return until August 31st. These tickets cover first-class passage and will allow holder to stopover at various points of interest en route either going or returning, or both, and can be purchased for passage going via any of the Southern Pacific Company's three routes, Sunset, Ogden or Shasta, returning the same or either of the others. Through Pullman Palace and Pullman Tourist sleeping cars. For particulars address W. G. Neimyer, G. W. A., S. P. Co., 238 Clark street, Chicago, Ill.

French Architecture in Washington. The French government is to have an official residence in Washington, and it will be a fine one. Nearly two acres of ground have been bought. well located on a high knoll commanding a fine view of the city, and there the famous French architect, Carre, is to design a home for the embassy, which shall be the finest specimen of French architecture on this side of the

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South Dakota Farms

Is the title of an illustrated booklet just issued by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, descriptive of the country between Aberdeen and the Missouri River, a section heretofore unprovided with railway facilities, but which is now reached by a new line of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. Everyone contemplating a change of location will be interested in the information contained in it, and a copy may be had by sending a twocent stamp to F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, 111.

Measurements of a Meteorite. The meteorite which fell at Porto Alegre, Brazil, is reported to measure 56 feet on the base and 85 feet in height, most astonishing dimensions.

The Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway has got out a neat booklet descriptive of the beautiful summer resorts at Spirit and Okoboji Lakes in Northwestern Iowa. Free copies will be mailed upon application to Jno. G. Farmer, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

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