ROYAL AFRICANS EASILY BOUGHT

King of the Danakils Demands 100 Thalers for Passage of Mission.

GETS TWENTY AS A PRESENT

Camel Trust Also Hampers American Diplomatic Mission on Way to Negotiate Commercial Treaty With King Menelik of Abyssinia.

Washington dispatch: Camel trusts and the agents of European govern ments were the principal difficuities against which the diplomatic mission, headed by Robert P. Skinner, had to contend in negotiating a commercial treaty with King Menelik of Abyssinia The report of Lieutenant C. L. Huessey, U. S. N., who commanded the naval escort, has been received here. He says: "About six miles out from Harar the advance was met by a messenger from Ras Makonan, nephew of Menelik and governor of Harar, inquir ing if it was a private or national mission. The commissioner had been warned at Dire Daoua that some of the foreign representatives were trying to make it appear that the mission was a private undertaking in order to defeat its object.

Bribes a King. Returning to Harar, the expedition encountered a camel trust, which caused a delay. Lieutenant Huessey says: "While our itinerary for the irip, requiring fast traveling by a route which the camel men claimed was undesirable, was stated as the cause for not wishing to enter our service the real reason seemed to be a concerted plan to obtain a large advance over the current price of transportation at which the agent had agreed to furnish the caravan."

This camel trust caused considerable delay. At Eliabella, one of the camping places, the "King of the Danakils," a rough looking youth of 17, with a considerable number of men with lances, shields and knives, demanded 100 thalers (\$47.29) from the commission for passage through his country, and he declared that unless it was paid he would not let the camels be loaded. The king was promptly told to get out of the camp, out finally Commissioner Skinner gave him 20 thalers for the sake of good feeling.

ILLINOIS COAL MINERS SIGN TWO-YEAR SCALE

Agreement la Unanimously Adopted at Meeting With Operators and Strike Is Averted.

Springfield, Ill., dispatch: The Illinois coal miners and operators Sunday signed the state agreement, effective for two years. There was not one dissenting vote in the joint convention against the agreement reached by the joint scale committee. The scale, which averts the possibility of a strike, follows:

First District-Streator, Cardiff, Clarke City and associated mines, 61

and associated mines, 52 cents.

Third District-Springfield, Dawson and associated mines, 52.7 cents. Fourth District-Chicago and Alton

district, including Carlinville, 52 Fifth District-Glen Carbon and

Belleville, 52 cents, Sixth District-Duquoin, Odin Sandoval and Centralia, 48 cents,

Seventh District-Mount Vernon, 5: conts: Jackson county, 48 cents.

Fighth District-Fulton and Proris counties, 79 cents. Ninth District-Mount Olive, Staun

ton, Gillispie, and associated mines, 2 cents.

PERISH IN A BANK EXPLOSION

Three Iowans Are Killed and Four Business Houses Are Destroyed.

Albia, Iowa, special: An expiosion in the Citizens' National Bank building Sunday morning resulted in three men being killed and several persons injured. The dead: R. Ramsey, Edward Dougherty, Richard Grimes, The cause of the explosion is unknown, but it is supposed it originated in the heating plant. Besides the bank building, a clothing store and two grocery stores were destroyed by fire. The loss is \$75,000.

Flood an "Act of God." East St. Louis, Ill., special: A jury in the city court decided that the Mississippi River flood of last May was "an act of God," and that James Burnison, government inspector at the stock yards, could not recover damages from the Illinois Central Railroad because his household goods were delayed in

transit. WAR HELPS CHRISTIAN WORK

Japanese Endeavorers Resolve on an

Aggressive Campaign. Tolko cable: At the twelfth annual convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, just closed, there was a gratifying attendance. The officers were all re-elected. The prevailing war spirit has aroused great enthusiasm among the native Christians and has determined them to conduct an aggressive movement. Their motto for the coming year is "Forward."

A SUBSTITUTE FOR PRAYER.

One Man's Reason for Not Attending Revival Services. The late Dr. Otis Avery of Honesdale, Pa., said he was the first Ameri-

can ever to receive a dentist's certificate. Dr. Avery was talking one afternoon to a reporter about the earlier, unen-

lightened days of Honesdale.

"We had not then," he said, "as much religious feeling as we have now. I remember a revival service, very poorly attended, that was held during a certain winter. The revivalist, since the people would not come to him, went out to them, and on the street corners he would halt and question them concerning their religious beliefs.

"'I haven't seen you at our revival," he said to one very old, bent man.

other answered. "'Don't you ever pray?' said the revivalist.

"The old man shook his head. "'No,' he said, 'I carry a rabbit's foot."-New York Tribune.

in the Spring.

Lowndes, Mo., April 4th.-Mrs. H. C. Harty of this place, says: "For years I was in very bad health. Every spring I would get so low that I was unable to do my own work. seemed to be worse in the spring than any other time of the year. I was very weak and miserable and had much pain in my back and head. saw Dodd's Kidney Pills advertised dast spring and began treatment of them and they have certainly done me

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Press Agent Is Victorious.

When Barnum & Bailey's circus was announced for a season in New York the editors of that city determined to brace themselves against "Tody" Hamilton, the famous press agent of that show. They remembered the wonderful stories with which be had "worked the papers" in past years and decided to bar such inflictions this time. But "Tody" is breaking into their columns as of yore, his stories being the kind that cannot be denied. He is the man who invented the "sacred white elephant" for Bar-

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ST. LOUIS TO CALIFORNIA 630

THE IRON MOUNTAIN ROUTE.

These tickets will be on sale daily during March and April, when Pullman Tourist Sleeping Cars will be operated daily between St. Louis, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Particulars from any agent of the company. H. C. Townsend, G. P. & T. Agent, St. Louis.

Plan to Beautify New York. Daniel S. Lamont, ex-secretary of war, has been made the chairman of the New York municipal beautification commission, which is to devise a plan for the grouping of city buildings, the laying out of parks and boulevards, arrangement of streets and the improvement of the aspect of the

Has Fallen on Hard Lines. Mrs. Lizzie Bishop, 70 years old, who says that she was chief cook for President Hayes and Garfield, and who also cared for the establishments of other famous men, is now held as sleeper at the Atlanta, Ga., police barracks until she can be sent to some institution in Atlanta or elsewhere.

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Mendicant In Luck. George W. Beaten, president of the American Finance and Securities Company, by way of celebrating his hardearned success is going to give a ban-"'What would I be doin' there?' the quet to residents of Athens, O., where he spent his barefoot days. Since the announcement he has been besieged by mendicants. One of them met him in Nassau street, New York, and said he wanted to "borrow" 10 cents, as he needed a new shirt. "Ten cents," said Mr. Beaton. "Why certainly. Here's a quarter. Get a suit of clothes, too, while you're at it."

> Mr. John R. Carling in "The Viking's Skull," has written a spirited story of love and adventure, with an ingeniously constructed plot in which he tells how Idris Marville, true Earl of Ormsby, recovered a treasure hidden by one of his progenitors—a Viking of the ninth century-and how he cleared the memory of his father, who had been wrongfully convicted of murder. The whole story is exceptionally strong, dramatic and interestcompelling-a worthy successor to the author's remarkable povel, "The Shadow of the Czar." (Little, Brown &

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Quastion of Officers' Retirement. Col. Charles H. Heyl of the inspector

general's department, on duty at St. Louis, has applied for retirement under the thirty years' service clause. The secretary of war recently denied a similar application from Col. S. W. Fountain, Fourth cavalry, on the ground that the services of officers are needed and that they should not be re tired except for disability.

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