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Japan says that she can't make provisions for any more newspaper correspondents at the front. She seems to have suppressed effectually those that she already has.



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STANLEY HAD HIGH PLACE AMONG WORLD'S GREAT MEN

explorer, died at London May 10.

Stanley's Place in History.

There are in Africa four great rivers. In connection with the explorations of the Nile the world will remember Bruce, and Burton, and Speke, and Baker, and Grant. In connection with the explorations of the Niger it will remember Mungo Park. In connection with the explorations of the Zambesi it will remember Livingstone. In connection with the explorations of the Congo it will remember Henry M. Stanley. As long as the discovery of the earth by its inhabitants it studied



The Late Henry Morton Stanley. Stanley and the Congo will go together in the human mind.

But Stanley's work was even greater than this. He labored at a time when exploration had come to have a political as well as a geographical value. Bruce and Park and the rest have their place in the history of adventure and of science. For Stanley was reserved the distinction of being the first of the African explorers whose travels led directly to general exploitation and whose personal career is itself entwined with the partition of African territory among European powers.

J. Scott Keltic, the great English authority on the colonization of Africa, is sustained by the facts when he says that in the descent of Europe upon the newest, as well as the oldest, of continents, "Stanley's memorable journey across Africa and especially his discovery of the great waterway of the Congo may be regarded as the initiatory episode."

While Stanley was still in Africa on the journey which took him through undergrowth and dwarfs from the headwaters to the estuary of the Congo, King Leopold of Belgium, his imagination fired by the prospect of a new continent split down the middle and exposed to the view of civilized mankind, had convened the Brussels conference of 1876. Here the International African Association was organized for the aggrandizement of geographical science. So iridescent had this science become that subsidiary African associations were organized even among the mountains of Switzerland and along the plains of Hungary. far from the European coast line and equally far from maritime ambition.

As soon as Stanley landed at Marseilles on his return from Africa he was saluted by King Leopold's emissaries. Then came the establishment under Belgian auspices of the committee for the exploration of the upper Congo. Shortly afterwards came the reincarnation of this committee as the International Congo association, still controlled by the head of the Belgian government, and largely supported by his private purse. Stanley was about to assist in the unique enterprise of creating an empire on hehalf of an ambitious royal millionaire and thereby drawing the wolf pack of Europe into combined but mutually hostile attack upon the regions by which that empire was surrounded.

In 1879 Stanley was back in the basin of the Congo, this time not as an adventurous newspaper correspondent, reaping thrills and stories, Rhodes.

Judge Parker's Red Hair.

Judge Alton B. Parker, in younger years, had red hair. "My hair wasn't quite a pronounced red. but it was undeniably red," he is credited as saying to a reporter. "That hair brought me many moments of abasement when a youngster and got me into a fight." "Yes? The boys called you 'brick top' and all those rude epithets?" "Yes, I got them all. It grew darker later in life, but it was still decidedly auburn before it turned gray."

Gen. Miles at Kansas Celebration. Gen. Nelson A. Miles has been invited to attend the Kansas semi-cenpart in the exercises and parade on Tuesday, May 31. He saw a good deal of military service there when Kansas was a territory. The plans for the celebration are increasing in magnitude, and it is now promised that day for the entire week

Status of Married Men. The late Miss Frances Power Cobbe, married men."

Sir Henry M. Stanley, the African | but as a politic diplomatic representative, making treaties and laying the foundations of sovereignty. Up the Congo he went, fortified by his unrivaled skill in rough travel and by his equally unrivaled acquaintance with native manners and customs. The reports which he sent back of the resources of the country and of the stealings and butcherings committed by the Arab slave traders convinced an avaricious and humanitarian Europe-both characteristics being genuine—that Africa could no longer be allowed to go its own way to the everlasting bonfire.

The result was the Berlin conference of 1884. At this conference the nations of Europe drew up rules for the game of scramble which was about to begin. Stanley had traversed the unexplored center of Africa which separated the better known regions of the south from the still better known regions of the north. He had brought the period of curious, investigatory exploration to an end. He had taken service under Leopold. He had transformed the International Congo association into a sovereign landed estate. Sir Francis de Winton had been sent out as territorial governor. The United States had recognized the blue fielded and gold starred flag of the Interantional Congo association as "that of a friendly government." It the other nations of Europe were not to be left on the cold edge of conquest it was time for intervention.

The Berlin conference, rendered in evitable by Stanley, meant intervention. The International Congo assoclation became the Congo Free State, with its territory roughly defined and with its sovereignty lodged in the person of the king of the Belgians. The rest of Africa was manifestly destined to be gradually rounded up into spheres of influence, the centers of gravity of which would be at London. Paris, Berlin, Lisbon and Rome, The laws govering this process were constructed in skeleton and were left to be provided with flesh and blood by subsequent conventions between the governments particularly concerned. The year 1884 must, therefore, be taken as the epoch of the modern partition of Africa and Stanley must be taken as a compelling figure in that

This is the reason why only an inadequate conception of Stanley's work is secured when he is studied only as a member of the glorious fellowship of African explorers. He ranks with Diaz and Vasco da Gama and Livingstone, and his affinity is mainly with them. But circumstances gave him a right to be counted with also an-



Widow of the Late H. M. Stanley other group of men. He is included in the history of politics as well in the history of exploration. He are cupies a minor but indubitable place among the organizers of Africa along with Kitchener and Cromer and

Articles Served Good Purpose.

Senator Cullom dropped in to see an editor friend of his and while they were chatting the man who knows how a paper ought to be run made his appearance. He complained that some articles from his pen had not been published, though they had been sent in weeks before. The editor smiled sadly. "I'm holding them," he replied. "And they serve a very good purpose, too. Now and then I get to thinking that perhaps we are not of fering the public as good a paper as we ought to. At such times I look up your articles and see how much worse the sheet might be. So I become real tenary celebration in Topeka and take | cheerful again. Please don't take them

Wants Soldiers Taught to Swim. Gen. Leonard Wood is pushing a reform in the army. He wants all soldiers taught to swim. There are some something will be "going on" every thing like fifty deaths a year in the en listed strength of the army from drowning. This is in time of peace. Gen. Wood regards it as ridiculous for soldiers, who are liable to be ordered the author, was tremendously in earn- | to ford rivers or disembark from est in her humanitarian views. While transports through surf during war chatting in her presence on one oc- time, not to be able to take care of casion Kegan Paul said something themselves under these circumabout "the lower animals." Miss stances. The responses from the Cobbe exclaimed indignantly: "Lower | army to his suggestion that swimming animals! I acknowledge no such dis- be made a part of the setvate soltinction, Mr. Paul, unless you refer to dier's education have been all along the one line of hearty approval.

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