

Trying to "Stake" a Nation upon the World's "President's" Difficult Task



A Typical Scene in Guyana, the "Capital."



President Drezel of Guyana.

"Who will loan me \$2,500,000 on my republic?" This is the question, "President" Drezel of Guyana, South America, is asking leading financiers of Europe.

"It is a real nation, independent of all others," he insists, although nobody else will admit it. It has its own flag, army, cabinet, consular corps—of one man—and postage stamps—although none of these signs of sovereignty has been recognized by other governments. "If we only had money," continues the "president," "we would have made along the pathway of twentieth century progress."

The alleged country of Guyana lies along the north coast of Brazil, between the Amazon and the Oyapock rivers, and Drezel asserts, has maintained its independence of Brazil for thirty-two years, defeating, now and then, a Brazilian army sent to subdue it. Brazil insists that Guyana is part of its state of Para, but against this claim "President" Drezel has protested hard and long.

So now he is in Europe endeavoring to borrow money to equip an army of 15,000 men, which he says, the United States will recognize his country as one of the independent nations of the earth. Other governments will follow suit, and then Guyana's flag, consular corps and postage stamps will probably take their rightful places.

A well-equipped army of 15,000 men, Japan has addressed a communication to "his excellency, the minister of the Free State of Guyana," which is, at least, semi-official recognition. My republic is no myth.

Although containing an area considerably larger than Germany, Guyana is but little known, principally because of its inaccessibility. Some years ago France and Brazil had a dispute over this territory, which lies between French Guiana and the Amazon river. Finally, the matter was referred for arbitration to the Swiss confederate, at Bern, which decided that France had no legal claim. Brazil then declared the territory hers, and had it incorporated as part of the federal state of Para.

Long before that time, however—in 1874—Guyana proclaimed its independence. Later, a French citizen, M. Drezel, was elected "president," and he steadily refused to recognize the "sovereignty" of Brazil.

As he still claims to be president, maintains a sort of republican government, and has never been overthrown by the armies of the larger nation, he thinks his claims to recognition should have weight.

M. Drezel does not give one the impression, either by looks or demeanor, of being an adventurer. He is tall for a Frenchman, but wears the characteristic of a typical French soldier.

"The independence of Guyana was declared August 15th, 1874," he stated recently. "At that time neither France nor Brazil paid much attention to our section, and matters were allowed to drift quietly along."

"I was elected president first in 1892, but retired from office two years later. Again, in February, 1901, I was elected for a ten year term."

"It was during this second term that gold was discovered in Guyana, and a big rush of gold-seekers took place. This event opened the eyes of both Brazil and France to the importance of the country, and they began a dispute, which was finally settled by arbitration at Bern.

"But this conference only established the Oyapock river as the southern boundary of French Guiana. It was not asked to decide to whom Guyana belonged, and, therefore, the award could not have settled the land dispute, as the Brazilian government declared was the case.

"I feel that Guyana has every right to be a free state, and recognized as such by the powers. There is a great future for the country. We are rich in minerals, and our earth is fertile. We have large gold, silver and copper deposits, and large coconuts and plantations. There are also many forests of rubber trees. But the difficulties of export are great, for steamships call at our ports.

"That handicaps us greatly. Our capital, even, is difficult to reach. To get to it, one must sail to Cayenne, and then journey down the coast on one of the little fishing vessels bearing our flag.

"Sometimes this trip may be made in two days; at other times, if the wind is unfavorable, it may require nearly a month.

"At present, all our exports and imports pass through the hands of three agents. Thus the cost of an article becomes 300 per cent. of its value when duties are added."

The capital of Guyana, which also bears that name, has a population of about 100, while 1,500 persons live in the surrounding district, along the banks of the river.

Although rain falls every day, in the dry season the downfall lasts only



The South American Territory Drezel Claims to Govern.



HE TURNS TO SUICIDE.

Paris, July 28.—From sheer boredom and lack of facilities for amusement, Prince Ounilo, son of the exiled ex-king of Dahomey, attempted to commit suicide at Algiers yesterday by drinking a decoction of match heads.

He shares his father's exile, and as the French government has kept the family short of funds, the young prince moped all day for want of something to do.

He got several hundred matches yesterday, cut the phosphorus heads off and boiled them down. Then he swallowed the decoction, but the pain was so great that he could not bear it in silence.

His cries brought help just in time to save his life, and he is now out of danger. He said his life was not worth living without amusement.

His father, ex-king Behanzin, suffers from Bright's disease, and the doctors declare that the Algerian climate does not suit him. It is probable that whether the king and his son cannot be permitted to return to their own country.

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WOMAN IN-GANG.

Passengers on European Railroads Robbed of Over \$100,000.

Berlin, July 28.—The German police are co-operating with the police of France, Switzerland, Belgium and Holland in attempting to suppress a band of international railway thieves, who have captured a booty of over \$100,000 upon Continental express trains within the last three weeks.

The operations of the gang, which consists of several men and one woman, range from petty robberies of \$75 to \$100 to the theft of jewels worth \$50,000 from a woman diamond merchant at Genoa, Paris.

It is the practice of the thieves to select a certain train, crowded with wealthy passengers. They take seats in one part of the train, suddenly discover that they belong to another class, and while making the change contrive to push a number of other passengers about, so that their pockets can be picked without detection.

Several English travelers have been among the victims of the gang.

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The following way to reheat a roast of beef is given by a European cook. By the roast will be, to all appearances, as fresh as first service, unless it has been marred by the marks of the carving knife. Wrap the roast in tough, buttered paper, and put it in the oven. Let it stay until it is thoroughly heated, but do not allow it to cook. Reheat the gravy and serve beside the meat in a hot gravy boat.

Nicaragua, with 50,000 square miles of territory, has only 151 miles of railway.

"Why should not Guyana take its place among the recognized nations of the earth?" its "president" asks. For two years he has been trumpeting his demands into the ears of the foreign secretaries of Europe.

Although tucked away in an obscure corner of Brazil, only a little encouragement is needed, and soon the world will be sitting up and taking notice of Guyana, at least so its "chieftain" declares. "Why," he asserts, "it has been a free and self-governed commonwealth for thirty-two years."

There, he will tell you, 300,000 white men and 10,000,000 Indians in the country. Its army drills regularly, although only 500 rifles, captured from the Brazilians, compose that body's equipment. Guyana's own flag flies upon the high seas—at the peaks of fishing boats.

A regularly constituted ministry assists in the direction of state affairs; there is a state order of knighthood, modeled after England's Garter, and other evidences of a proud and independent nation.

Then, too, there are its postage stamps and its consular force—the latter being stationed at Cayenne, French Guiana, to receive and forward letters for as yet the ambitious young republic's stamps do not carry mail outside its own borders—they really carry them within.

Every day rain falls in Guyana and the fertile soil, so "President" Drezel says, produces four crops a year. On the country's one little railroad passenger coaches and freight cars are drawn by mules.

Not particularly industrious is the bulk of the inhabitants, but, if Guyana could be formally recognized, could get its flag and its postage stamps officially before the world, it would be the happiest of nations.

Cautious money lenders of England, however, are not inclined to take even a republic as the pledge for gold, unless it bears every earmark of authenticity.

When Drezel applied to members of the chamber of commerce of Manchester for temporary accommodation, the unromantic Englishmen telegraphed their foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, for information.

"How about Guyana? Is it really a nation?" they asked, although in a formal and more diplomatic manner.

Back came a brief dispatch that greatly depressed the South American "ruler." It stated: "The republic of Guyana is purely fictitious." This backwash flooding his hopes proved a cruel blow to "President" Drezel.

"I cannot understand it," he said. "Guyana has been a free and independent republic since 1874. Despite everything that Brazil could do, she has never had any authority over its territory since then.

"The United States government has intimated that she will recognize my republic as soon as we can maintain

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SOME DARING FEATS TO BE SEEN AT BARNUM & BAILEY'S CIRCUS.

The "Dip of Death"—Fearful Automobile Ride of a Young Girl—Some Clever Bicycle Feats By French Riders—A Good Circus.

Into the dome of the vast amphitheatre a young girl is drawn. She is about to "loop the loop" in an automobile—one of the most thrilling and hazardous feats of modern times—but her fair, smiling face betrays no sign of trepidation. There are a few moments of intense silence as the young automobilist reaches the elevated platform and takes her place in the car. The director, standing on the ground, inquires: "Are you ready?" And down from the dome comes the response, "All ready." So far as you can detect there is no quiver in the musical voice.

Suddenly you are conscious that the car is moving. Your first impulse is to turn your head away, but a fascination stronger than your will hooks your eyes riveted upon the automobile and its fearless occupant. As the car descends the incline it gains velocity. You are dimly conscious that its speed is so terrific as to be beyond comparison with anything you have ever seen before. An express train in seemingly slow beside it. Before you can realize it, the car has descended the incline, turned upside down, and still inverted, has shot into space. Forty feet away, across a veritable chasm of death, is a moonshape running. Your breath comes fast—you gasp—your heart seems to stop pulsating. Will the auto strike the runway? Will it be upright? Will the daring driver of the aerial racer come through that "dip of death" unscathed? The next instant the auto has landed safely, rapidly rights itself, and has speeded safely to the ground.

When this startling act was first produced at the Folies Bergere, in Paris, it was called "Auto Bolide," which literally translated, means auto meteor. When, last season, it was first made known at Madison Square Garden, New York, by the Barnum & Bailey circus, it was more fittingly named the "Dip of Death." The automobilist at that time was a French woman. During her temporary illness a young American girl, essayed the daring role, and performed the feat so successfully that she was engaged to present the act this season. She is young, handsome and attractive, and her gown is a marvel of cleverness than the original, and she has created a genuine furore throughout the country.

The "Dip of Death" has been retained, because of the universal desire to witness an act of this nature. The steel used in the structure alone weighs more than twenty tons. The weight of the auto-car is 1,800 lbs. The inside of the automobile running on the old "loop the loop" circle, as it is traversed by the broken bicycle acts, face, and a great "S" at the lower end of the incline turns the automobile upside down just before it shoots into the air. The whole apparatus is ingeniously constructed, and hundreds of spectators linger after the performance to examine it, and to speculate on the skill and daring of the young girl who makes the perilous flight.

The "Dip of Death" is not the only "thriller" with the Barnum & Bailey circus. Sensation has been billed on by living without amusement. The French bicyclists, and it is significantly termed "The Two Twirls of Terror." The brothers perform a number of difficult feats on their wheels—trips radically different from anything hitherto presented in America by expert bicyclists—and, as a finale, introduce two exploits of such startling nature as to create astonishment among the beholders. In one, John Boller descends a steep incline on his wheel, strikes an obstruction, and is thrown in the air where he lands, a complete somersault, safely to the ground. He is at all times absolutely in control of his wheel. In the other exploit, Louis, on one end of the teeter-board, thus depressing it. Over the other end of the teeter-board there is a narrow platform, raised on a pedestal, eight feet above the ground. On this John, also mounted, takes his stand. When all is ready, bicycle and rider strike the far end of the teeter-board with terrific force. The impact is so powerful that it sends the second bicyclist flying into the air. He also makes a completed revolution, and comes down gracefully to the ground, his daring exploits occupy only a few seconds, but they are thrilling in the extreme.

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