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ABOUT PAUL KRUGER.

English Papers Speak only of his Good Points—Sorrow at Pretoria.

Paris, July 14.—The death of the former president of the Transvaal, Paul Kruger, at Clarens, Switzerland, aroused widespread regret here owing to French sympathy for the Boer cause and personal admiration for the ex-president. When he recently left Montone his health was gradually failing through old age, constitutional disorders, and throat trouble, which threatened to extend to the lungs. Kruger resisted the idea that his physical powers were failing. He had arranged to return to Montone next fall, re-leasing the picturesque villa which he had occupied on the outskirts of the town. Nevertheless, his near friends recognized that Mr. Kruger's once rugged constitution was gradually going to pieces. Visitors described him as being a pathetic figure of calm endurance. His eyesight had dimmed, but he sat much at times with his Bible open before him, muttering well known passages. He avoided references to the Boer war, but when it was occasionally mentioned, he showed no resentment and expressed the belief that Providence would eventually render justice to the Boer cause.

Pretoria, Transvaal, July 14.—General Louis Botha, the former commander-in-chief of the Boer forces, today received a cable message announcing Mr. Kruger's death. The announcement called forth general expressions of regret, especially because the ex-president died among foreigners.

London, July 14.—The announcement of Mr. Kruger's death was the main feature of all the afternoon papers. It was accompanied by lengthy sketches of his career. All the papers devoted editorials to the former president's demise, refraining from anything denunciatory and speaking generously of his remarkable character.

Pretoria, Transvaal, July 14.—The flags on all government buildings are at half-mast.

Mr. Kruger will be buried beside the former presidents of the Transvaal unless his will has provided otherwise.

Memorial services will be held July 17 in all the Dutch churches.

General Botha has ordered that all the Boers shall wear mourning until after the funeral, which it is expected will be attended by representatives of every district of the Transvaal.

HE DIED GAME.

The Tragic End of the Famous Western "Bad Man."

New York, July 15.—Kid Kerry, one of the last of the western "bad men" is dead. For cool, unflinching outlawry he takes his place with "Billy the Kid," "Wild Bill," "Apache Kid," "the Youngers" and the James boys. True to tradition, he died fighting and wounded. Cornered by a posse, he said calmly to the companion who sought to rescue him "I'm all in" and turning his pistol to his head, sent a bullet through his brain.

"Kid" Curry and two companions, all masked, held up a Denver and Rio Grande train at Parachute, Colo. They dynamited the express car and safe, but got no booty and escaped on horseback. The posse that pursued them came upon the robbers in a glen near Rifle, and both sides opened fire. One of the outlaws was wounded. "Are you hurt bad," a companion asked him. "I'm all in," came the reply, and the wounded outlaw, rather than be captured, turned his weapon upon himself.

His real name was Harry Logan, and he began his career as an outlaw one Christmas day, 1894, when he murdered Pike Landusky at Landusky, Mont. He and a brother held up a train in Dodson, Mo., in 1900, and in the fight that followed with a posse, "Lenny" Logan, his brother, was killed. The kid, with Tom O'Day and Kid Longbough, were arrested for robbing the Butte county bank at Bellefourch, and escaped from the jail at Tipton, Wyo., Aug. 23, 1900, and less than a year later held up the Great Northern express near Wagner, Mont., obtaining \$945,000 in bank notes.

Curry commanded one of the bands that made the "Hole in the Wall," their home, and more desperate criminals have never gathered together than those men that from the Wyoming fastnesses defied arrest.

LEPROSY IS CURABLE.

Remarkable Discovery by an Indian Army Surgeon.

E. R. Rost, of the Indian Medical Service, Rangoon, has succeeded in cultivating the bacillus of leprosy,

and has made a substance from the cultures which he calls leprolin, and which when injected into lepers has a marked beneficial action, alleviating the symptoms of the disease. He has discovered that the best method of growing the bacillus of leprosy is to extract salts from nutrient media and that the bacillus of leprosy will not grow in the presence of salt. In order to make such a nutrient medium he distills beef extract soaked in pumice stone in a current of superheated steam and obtains a medium in which the bacillus of leprosy, and also that of tuberculosis grow with the greatest ease. Leprolin is made on somewhat similar lines to those first employed by Koch in the manufacture of tuberculin. Over a hundred cases of leprosy are being treated in Burma by injections of this substance, and the treatment is also being tried in thirty places in India. Already four cases have been reported cured, and in the great majority of those under treatment the improvement is marked.

THE BANANA.

Fruit That Ripens on the Plant Is Not Suitable For Food.

There is a vast amount of ignorance prevailing among intelligent people of the north concerning the growth, production and marketing of bananas. Many people imagine that the natives in tropical climes step out of their huts in the early morning and pluck and eat bananas from the plant, the same as they would oranges and other fruits. Bananas ripened on the plant are not suitable for food and would be much the same as the pith which is found in the northern cornstalk or elder. Bananas sold in the United States, even after traveling 3,000 miles in a green state, are every bit as good as bananas ripened under a tropical sun. This is probably true of no other export fruit.

The plant of which bananas is the fruit is not a tree, nor is it a bush or vine. It is simply a gigantic plant, growing to a height of from fifteen to twenty feet. About eighteen feet from the ground the leaves, oftentimes eight feet long, come out in a short cluster, from the center of which springs a bunch of bananas. These do not grow with the bananas pointing upward naturally, and if the stem grew straight they would hang exactly as seen in the fruit stores and grocers' windows. This, however, is not the case. The stem bends under the weight of the fruit, and this brings it into directly the opposite direction, with the large end of the stalk up and the fringes pointing toward the sun.

A word of explanation concerning some banana terms. Each banana is called a "finger," and each of these little clusters of fingers surrounding a stalk is called a "hand." The quality and value of each bunch depend on the number of hands it has. Some may wonder how the fruit is cut from the top of a plant fifteen feet from the ground. The native laborers cut the stalk part way up its height. The weight of the fruit causes the stalk to slowly bend over until the bunch of bananas first nicely reaches the ground; then the bunch is cut off with the ever ready machete and carried to the river or railroad for shipment. The plant at the same time is cut close to the ground. The banana is a very prolific producer of itself, and at every cleaning of the land it is necessary to cut down many of the young plants, or "suckers," as they are termed, in order that they may not become overcrowded up to a certain limit. The fewer suckers on a given area the larger the fruit they will produce.

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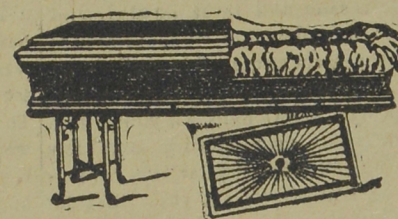
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