

Voice In Wilderness

PAPUAN JOURNEYS

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can be safeguarded much better than in most tropical countries."

Much of Papua is still unexplored. Until three years ago a vast area lying beyond limestone hills had never been entered by white men, and a party which penetrated at that time was the first white party to come in contact with native tribes numbering many thousands.

The unknown people, according to Champion and Adamson (news of whose escape from the interior reached London before it was known 60 miles away), were remarkable. They possessed well-built homes and had cultivated gardens which actually included flowers, most unusual things to find in a native garden. The strange people were very friendly and treated the explorers well. One tribesman showed, by pantomime methods, that he knew who these queer white people were. Pointing to his people, then falling down on the ground, pointing to heaven, and back to the white men, he indicated they were spirits of the dead returned to earth! Champion caused one warrior to break his bow and arrow in disgust when with his rifle he killed a bird well beyond the reach of the native's arrow. Champion and Adamson entered this unfamiliar, wild country with 1000 rounds of ammunition, and came out with 960 rounds. Forty only had been expended in shooting game. Their departure from the country had been delayed because it took them 28 days to cross a flooded river.

"I hope to return to Papua before long," said Mr. Hurst. "I love the country and its people, and I must go back to them."

Ask Us Another!

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WHAT was the difference between Disraeli, Cardinal Richelieu and Oliver Cromwell? This has got more to do with movies than you might imagine. — HISTORICAL STUDENT, Weedons.

According to George Arliss, there was no difference between Disraeli and Cardinal Richelieu. Mr. Arliss has made history so much simpler than it was in my young days. He discovered that Alexander Hamilton, the Duke of Wellington, the House of Rothschild, a couple of tramps, a pirate and a green goddess all closely resembled one another. There is no doubt that Oliver Cromwell and the Duke of Arliss would also look alike if necessary; but there is no truth in the rumour that Mr. Arliss is going to play Mrs. Pankhurst and the dual roles of the Princess in the Tower. Latest suggestion is for a "Life of George Arliss," with Paul Muni in the title part.

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