

TRAVERSED THE GREAT WALL.

Explorer Says He Discovered a Race of Pigmies in China.

Among the passengers arriving yesterday from London on the Atlantic Transport liner Minnehaha was Dr. William Edgar Geil, an explorer who has just returned from an expedition along the Great Wall of China. He said that he had traversed the entire distance and believed that he was the first white man to accomplish the feat.

"I went to China from San Francisco," said Dr. Geil. "We had an expedition of about twenty-five men and did most of our travelling with pack mules starting out in May of 1908 from Shan Hia Kuan. It is at the latter place that the Great Wall has one of its ends, it being there that it dips into the Yellow Sea. The other end of the wall is at Kian Yu Kuan, which is north of Nan Shan mountain range, and which we reached in September.

"We discovered about 200 miles of the Great Wall that had not been charted. The distance between the two ends of the Great Wall is about 1,250 miles, but our whole trip along the wall was about 1,800 miles. Our journey took us into Tibet, where I was taken sick and had to be carried along by my men for several days."

In his journey through North China, south of the Great Wall, Dr. Geil said, the expedition encountered a peculiar race of Chinese pigmies who were probably descendants of a race that was engaged in building the Great Wall centuries ago.

"According to local historians of that time," said the explorer, "the abuse of the task masters was so cruel that many of the laborers fled to the country in the south to escape from them. Our expedition never had any trouble with the natives in China, although we went into provinces that had never before been visited by foreigners."

Dr. Geil had crossed China seven years ago and said that he noticed a wonderful advance since then. "China is building up a standing army," he said, "of 3,000,000 men and in every little town we saw the men drilling in army work."

The explorer added that he had been all through the British East African Protectorate and Uganda where the ex-President is going to hunt and said that there was very little sickness in the higher altitudes away from the coast line but that tsetse flies were in abundance in certain districts and precautions should be taken.

Other passengers on the Minnehaha were O. A. Baker, Miss I. H. Prichard, Miss M. F. Carmen, F. Harding Lock and Mrs. L. W. White.

CITY GIVES WARNING.

Encroachments Must Be Moved from Fifth Avenue by May 1.

The Corporation Counsel has served notice on the owners of the property included in the Fifth Avenue encroachments that if they do not begin work on their removal before May 1 the city will take up the work itself.

The various encroachments, which included such property as Sherry's, the Fifth Avenue Trust Company, the old Lotos Club, Delmonico's, the Waldorf, and many private residences, were condemned a year ago, and notice was given that the projecting steps and porticos must be removed at once.

Many of the property owners affected have already removed their encroachments, and others are at work on them now.

"GERMAN VILLAGE" ACCUSED.

Excise Commissioner Charges That It Is Disorderly.

Justice McCall presided in the Supreme Court yesterday at the trial of an action begun by Maynard N. Clement, State Commissioner of Excise, for the revocation and cancellation of Liquor Tax Certificate 2,296, issued to Thomas J. Dorian for the premises 147 West Fortieth Street, better known as "The German Village." After hearing evidence from both sides the court reserved decision.

The petition charges that Dorian "permitted the premises to be disorderly." Should the court decide against the house, it will mean that on the expiration of the present license on Sept. 30 next, the house must remain closed to the liquor business for one year.

WIFE ASKS \$40,000 ALIMONY.

J. Roosevelt Shanley Agrees to a Referee to Decide If He Shall Pay It.

As the result of the suit brought in the Supreme Court by Mrs. Adele Buchanan, the former wife of J. Roosevelt Shanley of the contracting firm of B. M. & J. F. Shanley of Jersey City, to enforce an agreement under which Shanley was to pay her \$40,000 alimony a year, Mr. Shanley's counsel entered into a stipulation yesterday to have former Justice Morgan O'Brien appointed referee to determine whether the amount shall be paid.

Mrs. Buchanan's counsel said that after his client obtained her divorce from Shanley, in 1906, the defendant entered into a written trust agreement with his wife to pay her \$1,000,000 upon his coming into his share of his father's estate, and also to pay her \$40,000 a year. Shanley paid the amount for the first year, and then refused to continue because his former wife had married again. The present suit is a test as to future payments.

Park Around J. Rodman Drake's Grave

The American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society announced yesterday that the city would soon acquire the property about the grave of Joseph Rodman Drake at Hunt's Point, the Bronx, and that the proposed Joseph Rodman Drake Park would be laid out in the near future. The park will embrace an area of two and a half acres, bounded by Hunt's Point Road, Eastern Boulevard, and Longfellow Street.