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It is reported a gentleman wrote this poem after he had lived sixty days in the vicinity of

ALLANDALE FLORIDA

If we could view at one swift glance,
 All this great land of ours,
 This land of wealth, of golden grain,
 Of fruits, and shrubs and flowers.
 In all, no brighter spot we'd see,
 Than this fair state of Florida.
 How like a fairy land she lies,
 From ocean shore to shore;
 A veritable paradise, with garlands
 covered o'er.
 She is all her magic name implies,
 The land of flowers and sunny skies.
 Her soil to labor here, gives back,
 In wealth an hundred fold,
 More fertile than the richest mines,
 Of diamonds or of gold.
 For Florida, herself a gem,
 A jewel in God's diadem.
 When frigid blasts sweeps o'er the
 north,
 In all the winter time,
 The people with their grips come forth
 To seek a milder clime.
 And thousands of them come each
 year
 To bask in balmy sunshine here,
 Where soft and gentle zephyrs blow,
 From Gulf coast to the sea;
 Where golden oranges always grow,
 On this peninsula.
 Where no snow or blizzards ever
 come,
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"OP" LEADS BRITISH

Long Islander Is Fighting in Africa.

He Makes Soldiers of His Men and Leads Them in Battle Against Trained German Soldiers.

New York.—At last accounts the fighting the Germans in German East Africa from Uganda were led by a Long Islander, "Reilly, op."

J. Reilly, formerly of New York, chief of police of Uganda, a African possession adjoining East Africa. Reilly turned his police into soldiers and with invaded the enemy's territory, a 12-hour battle in which he lost seven and the German 100 and many wounded, according to a report from Reilly received here by Hemment.

Reilly writes to his friends that he comes through a 12 hours' fight with five machine guns and one cannon on us all day. I had only a few casualties, as I was beautifully shot. The Germans attacked us and had twice our number. Ammunition ran out (some of my men had \$50 rounds) and we had to when night set in. The funny was that the Germans also had a cannon behind them. We were fighting in their country. They told them that we had and they came back next morning occupied our position.

Some narrow escapes, as I had charge, and had to keep running. It was my first independent command and things turned out. We are still in their territory and going to attack them in two days. We hope to give them a thorough but of course, we will be doing this time and will have casualties. We killed nearly a hundred of the enemy and the Germans were in scores all around. The German commander was wounded and we also killed the man working the big gun.

Reilly first met Chief Reilly when he went to Africa with Paul to photograph elephants and to get the moving pictures. A year ago October Reilly came to New

York to visit his sister in Flushing, L. I.

A mighty man is Reilly. He fights lions single-handed and gets away with them. When Theodore Roosevelt made his African hunting trip, he became a warm friend of the big Long Islander, whom the natives of his province treat as if he were the real ruler of British Uganda.

Reilly's letter was written on January 12. It's a long way from Uganda to New York. Hemment has not heard anything further from the chief. He is pretty sure that if Reilly and his men won the next skirmish mentioned in the letter, he will learn of it in due time through another letter from his friend. If he does not hear, says Hemment, it will be because another intrepid Irishman has earned the Victoria Cross without knowing it and the name of W. J. Reilly has been added to the long lists published weekly in London under the caption: "The Roll of Honor."

German East Africa joins Uganda and when the king, kaiser, president and czar let loose the dogs of war in Europe, it was not long before they were barking over in Africa. By way of Mombasa and Zanzibar the news spread to the interior and erstwhile friends were bidden to be up and at each other's throats.

The military force of the Uganda comprises the force of Askaris the chief has under him. Policemen is the name in English for the Askaris, 300 of them, all of the tribe of Uganda, who wear their puttees on their bare legs.

But Reilly had taught them to fight hand and foot as they do in Ulster. He has taught them to use guns and revolvers and banished from their hearts fear of the big game of the jungle and wild. The Germans have real soldiers over there, but Chief Reilly wasn't a bit dismayed. Overnight he made soldiers of his policemen and the next day marched 40 miles to meet the foe on his own territory.

Life Amid Deathlike Stillness.

In the rainless interior of Australia there is a "silence of the grave." This deathlike silence has a peculiarly depressing effect. If two men are camped and one of them goes to a distant township to get provisions while the other remains behind to look after the camp, the man who is to remain says to his friend in forcible, gold fields language: "Now, Bill, don't be long away. You know what kind of a place this is to live in by yourself." Or words to that effect. If his mate is away for two or three days the silence gets on the man's nerves, and in the end he shouts to make a noise. And often he is afraid of the sound of his own voice.

Experience teaches a lot of things we never cared to learn.—Judge.

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