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A NOTABLE JOURNEY

There has arrived in Hong Kong, the first lady, or, at any rate, one of the first ladies, to accomplish the difficult overland journey from Rangoon to Haiphong, via Yunnan. Mrs. Crowley traveled with her husband—Aleister Crowley, the leader of the ill-fated Kangchen-Janga expedition last year, and not unknown, I believe, in London, as a poet—and the third member of the party was their daughter of eighteen months, who looks none the worse for her long overland journey. The party left Rangoon last November, and traveled through Burma by boat along the Irrawaddy to Bhamo. The land journey then commenced, Ten-yueh, on the Chinese frontier, being reached on Christmas Eve. H. B. M. consul, Mr. G. J. L. Litton, died whilst Mr. and Mrs. Crowley were his guests. The most trying part of the journey was across that province of countless peaks, Yunnan, via Ta-li-fu and Yunnan-fu. After leaving the latter city there was not much difficulty in reaching Laokay, via Mengtsze, and the French railway into Yunnan having reached the former place, the rest of the journey to Tonkin was comparatively luxurious. The whole trip occupied roughly four months, easy going. The party, on the whole, met with extreme kindness everywhere.

At Teng-yueh they met Mr. Forrest, who was chased out of Tibet last year by the Lamas, who sought to murder him. Mr. Forrest's nerves were badly shaken, but he intends to return to Tibet. Mr. Crowley said he did not notice any signs of unrest amongst the Chinese in the interior.