

Africa in a day or two to attend the cotton growers' congress at Orleansville on the 20th. An important new office has just been created in the Colonial Office. M. Chevalier has been made a sort of traveling inspector of the Colonial gardens and experiment stations. He is full of energy and will be a valuable man to work with."

INDIA. Calcutta. Mr. William H. Michael, American consul, writes November 13, that he has been looking into the matter of canning mangos as practiced in India. He finds that the work is being done by a young Indian who was trained in the United States, and with machinery obtained from the United States. This young man, whose factory last year turned out 20000 cans of mangos and pineapples, and who this year expects to put up 18000 cans of mangos and 12000 cans of litchis, says that there is practically no difference in canning mangos from the methods used in canning the large freestone peaches of California. The fruit so far put up has withstood shipment to England and in the cans examined the fruit retained its flavor as well as could be expected.

MEXICO. Zacuapam. Huatusco. Dr. C. A. Purpus writes October 31, that he has been collecting seeds and cones of *Pinus rudis*, *P. pseudostrobus*, and another which may prove to be *P. teocote*. On account of the insecurity of the country he was unable to ascend the peak of Mt. Orizaba in order to obtain seeds of *P. hartwegii*.

RUSSIA. Samara. Mr. Frank N. Meyer writes November 8, that he has returned to European Russia and will probably get into the alfalfa regions of the northern Caucasus, since the troubles in China have probably effectively prevented any work in the northwestern provinces of that country this winter.

#### SPECIAL NOTE.

Through the kindness of the Forest Service we are enabled to offer a small quantity of the seeds of the bigtree (*Sequoia washingtoniana*) to experimenters interested in cultivating this tree.

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