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THE LATEST NEWS from Stanley is dated Yambuya Rapids on the Aruvimi River. This is the most eastern point that could be reached by steamers, and here the overland journey to the Mutuan Nside was to begin. The expedition, which consisted of 612 men, left Stanley Pool on May 1, on the 'Henry Reed,' of the American Baptist Mission, with 131 men on board; the 'Stanley,' of the Kongo Free State, carrying 364 men, 500 loads of baggage and goods, nine riding asses and a herd of goats, and the 'Peace,' of the English Baptist Mission, with 117 men on board, and towing two boats. The 'Stanley' towed the hull of the steel steamer 'Florida,' which had been the last day before. Two miles above Kinshassa the 'Peace' met with an accident, her rudder being broken, and she had to return to Leopoldville for repairs. After this accident the expedition travelled steadily on; but the 'Peace' proved to be very slow, and was unable to keep up with the other steamers. A short distance below Bolobo another accident befell the expedition. The 'Stanley' struck a reef, and one of her sections was completely wrecked. Fortunately she could be restored to use by patching plates underneath. In order to make up for the time lost, Major Barttelot marched overland from Wamiboro River to Kwamouth, and his party was afterward brought up to Bolobo by the 'Stanley.' Meanwhile the engineer of the 'Peace' had resolved to screw down the upper safety-valve, and by this expedient enabled the 'Peace' to proceed at the same rate as the other steamers. The journey from Bolobo to the rapids of the Aruvimi was effected without any further delays or incidents. On June 18 this place was reached, and Stanley proceeded at once to build an intrenched camp, in which Major Barttelot is to remain. While Stanley's steamers ascended the Aruvimi, Tip-To Tip was conveyed on the 'Henry Reed' to Stanley Falls station, of which he is the chief. He was accompanied by 96 Zanzibari, and Major Barttelot, who had 40 Sudanesan soldiers with him, commanded the steamer. It seems that Stanley was going to leave the Arabian trader at Stanley Falls, and proceed to the Mutuan Nside alone. Barttelot was to return the day after his arrival at Stanley Falls, and to rejoin Stanley at Aruvimi Falls. The natives of Yambuya would not allow the expedition to land, but, on hearing the steam-whistles, fled into the woods. The next day a few returned, and were sent off with presents. Stanley hoped to gain their confidence within a short time. On June 20 the 'Stanley' left the Yambuya Falls, and arrived at Leopoldville on July 2. These are the latest letters from Stanley so far; but the cable informs us that he found the river navigable above the Yambuya Falls, and that he was able to proceed in boats. Probably the 'Henry Reed' brought this news to Leopoldville. It may be that the river proves to be navigable for a long distance, and in this case Stanley's march to the Mutuan Nside will be greatly facilitated.

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