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Statues Found in Afghanistan that Exceed Bartholdi's in Height.

The English papers have exhibited considerable jealousy of the friendship that is likely to ensue between France and the United States as a result of the presentation of the great statue of Liberty. This is evidenced in the tone of their editorials, but more particularly in the way in which their illustrated papers ignore such a picturesque subject as the statue of Bartholdi's, by giving a small picture of it in an obscure corner of their papers, while the same papers publish elaborate articles on some statues hewn in the rock on the side of a cliff in Afghanistan.



THE STATUE OF BAMIAN 173 FEET HIGH.

The London News says: The statue of Liberty, just inaugurated at New York, is described as towering to the skies, above all known statues of the present and of the past. A much higher statue exists, and has long existed, in Afghanistan. The little knowledge which has been obtained of this statue, or statues—for there are more than one—has been hitherto confined generally to a few Indian archaeologists; but we are now indebted to the Afghan boundary commission for much more complete information.

These statues are on the principal road between Cabul and Balkh, at a locality known as Bamián. At that place the road passes through valleys, with high scarped cliffs of conglomerate. Probably about the early centuries of the Christian era the Buddhists excavated numerous caves, as monasteries for themselves, in the rock of these valleys.

These ancient excavations still exist, and can be counted by thousands. In addition to these, a number of statues of Buddha were cut out of the solid rock. Two at least are still standing, and the largest was measured by Capt. Rabot with the theodolite, so that we now know the height to at least a few inches. The measurement gave it as 173 feet high; that is, rather more by a few inches than the Nelson column in Trafalgar square, and nearly 22 feet higher than the New York figure. This figure of Buddha is the real Great Eastern of statues. The celebrated Memnon statue of Egypt would only come up to the face of this mighty lion. At Bamián there is another figure of Buddha 120 feet high. These are erect standing figures. There is also a sitting figure about 30 feet high. There are the remains of two other figures, but they are in a ruinous condition; one of them is said to be about 50 feet or 60 feet. These statues were originally, we know, either gilt or covered with metal.

COL. WILLIAM A. STONE,

The United States Attorney Who was Removed for Pernicious Activity.

No two candidates in the late elections have attracted such widespread attention by their success or defeat as has been given to the two United States attorneys who were removed by the president for activity in politics during the late canvass. One of these men, Col. M. H. Benton, has since been reinstated. The other, Col. William A. Stone, remains removed as an example to other office holders, as there appears to be an effort made in some quarters to make an issue of his case. His portrait and sketch of his life, which is now for the first time given, may prove of interest.



COL. WILLIAM A. STONE.

Col. Stone was born in Tioga county, Pa., about forty years ago. He worked on a farm and attended school during the winter until the late war broke out, when, though only about 16 years of age, he enlisted in the army and went to the front with the Army of the Potomac. He participated in a number of battles, and was promoted for bravery on the field to a commissioned officership in his company. At the close of the war he attended a normal school at Tioga, Pa., after which he taught school, read law, was admitted to the bar, and subsequently elected district attorney of his native county, which position he resigned to go to Pittsburg, where, in 1878, he hung up his shingle and soon enjoyed a lucrative practice. He was appointed United States attorney for the western district of Pennsylvania by President Hayes, and reappointed by President Arthur.

Mr. Stone is 6 feet 4 inches in height, weighs 240 pounds and is a decided blonde in appearance. He is married and has a house full of children.

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