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White Labor in South Africa.

Previous to the South African War the only laborers employed in the great mines of the Transvaal were natives, most of them Kaffirs. The conditions under which they worked have been generally regarded as a misfortune, if not a reproach, to civilization, yet they seemed to be the only conditions under which they would work at all; and it was steadily maintained that white labor was out of the question on account of the climate. The war left a large number of discharged soldiers in the country, as every war does, and the experiment was made of employing about two thousand of them in the mines. The result, as reported by the Johannesburg correspondent of the London Times, upsets the whole South African social theory. Heretofore the industrial fabric has rested upon the idea that the Kaffirs must do the rough work and the whites supervise it.

The pay of the Kaffirs was eight dollars and seventy-five cents a month; that of the white laborers is one dollar and a quarter a day, in addition to food and lodging in each case. This seems to be an immense increase in the labor cost of the work, but it is just the opposite. On one reef of the Transvaal mines two hundred and fifty whites do the same work as was formerly done by one thousand Kaffirs; and the greater intelligence and trustworthiness of the whites make possible economies and labor-saving devices which it has hitherto been regarded as unsafe or unprofitable to introduce. It is a new and unusually clear illustration of the old economic truth that the highest-priced laborer is the cheapest.

The increased demand for white labor in South Africa and its successful employment will encourage the immigration of British farmers, and relieve to some extent the apprehensions for the future which have arisen over the industrial dependence of the small number of whites upon a vastly greater number of blacks.

The Day of Miracles not Past.

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Control of the Black Sea.

For three or four hundred years the Black Sea was a Turkish lake, practically surrounded by Turkish territory. It was not until 1774 that Russian merchant ships were allowed upon it, and not till 1856 that it was opened to the commerce of the world. In the intervening period Russia had crowded Turkey from part of the northern coast, and since then has extended its sway over still more of that coast.

In 1841 the "great powers" of Europe admitted the right of the sultan to prevent the passage of foreign war-ships into the sea by way of the Dardanelles, and the sultan pledged himself to exercise that right. This agreement was repeated in the treaty of 1856, after the Crimean War, and was again recognized in the Berlin treaty of 1878. Russia and Turkey, however, were each allowed to keep not more than ten small war-ships in the sea. In 1870 Russia announced that it would not respect the limitation on the size of its squadron, and in 1871 the powers modified the treaty of 1856 to conform to Russia's wishes.

Russia, not content with the recognition of the right to enlarge its Black Sea squadron, has desired free access to the sea itself, that it may have an outlet from the south to the Mediterranean, and thence to the great oceans. In August it asked the sultan to permit the passage of four torpedo-boats through the Dardanelles. He consented, after some delay, on condition that the boats should fly the commercial flag and leave their armament and naval crews behind. He thus avoids establishing a precedent for opening the Black Sea to foreign war ships.

The significance of his consent, even though thus qualified, is great, for it looks in the direction of the freedom of the waterway between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea as the Suez Canal is free. When this happens, Russia's great shipyards at Sebastopol and Nikolief can turn out war-ships for use in any part of the world, and war-ships built elsewhere will be available for reinforcing the Black Sea squadron. Moreover, the war-ships of any nation may then enter the sea. When that time comes the end of Turkey as an independent power will not be far off.

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OPPORTUNITY.

This I beheld, or dreamed it in a dream:—
There spread a cloud of dust along a plain;
And underneath the cloud, or in it, raged
A furious battle, and men yelled, and swords
Shocked upon swords and shields. A prince's
banner
Wavered, then staggered backward, hemmed by
foes.
A craven hung along the battle's edge,
And thought, "Had I a sword of keener steel—
That blue blade that the king's son bears,—but
this
Blunt thing—! he snapped and flung it from his
hand,
And lowering crept away and left the field.
Then came the king's son, wounded, sore bestead,
And weaponless, and saw the broken sword,
Hilt buried in the dry and trodden sand
And ran and snatched it, and with battle shout
Lifted afresh he heaved his enemy down,
And saved a great cause that heroic day.
EDWARD ROLAND SILL.

Mr. Balfour's Kindness.

Added to the other virtues of the new Prime Minister of England is consideration for the least of those who ask his help. Mr. Justin McCarthy, who is a favorite contributor to the Companion, tells in the Outlook a story of Mr. Balfour's readiness to stretch out a helping hand.

Two or three years ago Mr. McCarthy learned that an English woman who had won distinction as a novelist had fallen ill, and was suffering from the poverty that followed her inability to continue her literary work. Some of her friends thought that she should be assisted by a department of the state, and applied to Mr. McCarthy, who is both man of letters and politician, to bring the matter before the proper authorities.

There is a small fund at the disposal of the British government for the relief of literary persons in distress. The fund is in the control of the first Lord of the Treasury. This office Mr. Balfour held at the time, and holds now.

It was just when England was in the most distracting period of the South African War, and Mr. McCarthy feared that an official who must have been passing many nights of sleeplessness in the midst of ever fresh news of disaster and mishap would not be able to attend to such a small matter as the relief of an individual. It would have been natural for the overworked statesman to hand the case over to some minor official, who would allow it to come to a standstill, immovably entangled in the red tape of petty routine. But in spite of his lack of hope he wrote to Mr. Balfour.

The next day he received a reply in Mr. Balfour's own hand, expressing sympathy and willingness to help. Relief came soon after.

Although the case was deserving, and too much need not be made of it, yet Mr. Balfour would have had good reason for turning it over to some one else.

"I must say," concludes Mr. McCarthy, "that I think this short passage of personal history speaks highly for the kindly nature and sympathy of Arthur Balfour."

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Military Reasons.

A war correspondent who knows Lord Kitchener says that he is silent almost to dullness, except on the subject of his profession. Then he is voluble and enthusiastic. The New York Times gives these incidents regarding Kitchener, one of which illustrates his detestation of "playtime" warfare:

One cannot imagine Lord Kitchener regarding anything more important than war. Therefore when a nobleman, with a large idea of his own importance, sent this wire, "Please allow son return at once; urgent family reasons," Kitchener answered it laconically: "Son cannot return at all; urgent military reasons."

An officer after struggling vainly to get an artillery train through roads that were almost rivers of mud, came to Kitchener. "It is no use, general!" he said. "We are so deep in mud that we cannot move our heavy guns another mile, and the Boers will get them for certain."

Kitchener looked at this worn-out and discouraged officer a moment, then quietly said: "Go on with your work, but don't forget that the mud is not only clogging our wheels; it is clogging the Boer wheels as well."

While Imprisoned.

A prisoner condemned to prison for life, after a careful study of the Bible, found it to contain 3,586,489 letters, 773,692 words, 31,173 verses, 1,183 chapters, and 66 books. The word "and" occurs 46,277 times, the word "Lord" 1,855 times.

The middle verse is the 8th of the 11th Psalm. The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet except "j."

The longest verse is the 9th in the 8th chapter of Esther. The shortest is the 35th of the 11th chapter of St. John's Gospel.

There are no words of more than six syllables. It must have taken the poor prisoner many years of patient, careful study to gather all these facts.

THRILLING EXPERIENCE

Of Motorman Walden, in the employ of
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Mr. Alfred Walden, 7 Cornwall St., Toronto, who has been in the employ of the Street Railway Company for a number of years as motorman, informs us that he had an attack of la grippe, followed by typhoid fever, and after many weeks of suffering it resulted in a complication of throat and lung troubles. During this illness he was under the care of one of the best physicians in this city, who pronounced it a very serious case and advised him to stop work, which he was finally compelled to do. Mr. Walden heard about the Dr. Slocum Remedies and commenced their use and after using them but for a few weeks he noticed a great improvement. After using this valuable treatment for some little time, the cough stopped, pain in left lung ceased, appetite improved and night sweats were checked; and in about three months he was able to go back to work, feeling as well as ever. When interviewed, Mr. Walden seemed to be in the best of spirits and expressed himself in the most grateful terms, as he considers himself completely cured and in the enjoyment of good health. What the Dr. Slocum Remedies have done for Mr. Walden has also been accomplished in thousands of other hopeless cases, which testimonials we have on file.

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