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NEW SOUTH AFRICA

The visit of the Duke of Connaught to South Africa, which came to a close on Saturday last, marks a momentous step in imperial progress says the London Mail. It is difficult to believe when we read the accounts of the enthusiasm and loyal greetings given to the King's representative by men of all classes, races and schools of thought, from Cape town to Zambesia, that ten years ago South Africa was the field of the bitterest racial war of modern times. Boer and British were in sharp collision; great areas had passed out of cultivation owing to war; bitterness, suspicion, and unrelenting hatred had come to their full fruition; and behind the open conflict of the white men lay the menace of a possible native rising. Today the period of conflict and the years of racial strife which lay behind it seem like a bad dream from which we have awakened. Dutch and English alike learn mutual respect and toleration on the field of war. The old divisions of South Africa that throttled its trade and prevented development by the artificial customs lines of the different States have been swept away. The people of all races have found unity and peace under the British flag.

The Duke of Connaught landed in Capetown on October 31, and it became immediately apparent that all had united to make his visit the occasion of a demonstration of loyalty to Empire and King. When, a few days later, he stood in the House of Assembly and read the King's message opening the first parliament of United South Africa, the scene was one that historians of the future will dwell on with pride. Here were old foes working in unity. The Premier of the House was ten years since our stoutest and most determined enemy, who used to the full all his splendid military skill against us. Now General Botha stood side by side with Lord Methuen and Dr. Jameson was planning co-operation with his former captors. As the King wel, said in the message he sent through his uncle and representative, South Africa has passed through the fire of sorrow and trouble. Misunderstanding and conflict had brought calamity upon the land, but all that was now peacefully buried. The striking demonstration at Capetown was followed by similar enthusiastic greetings in every other centre of population visited, Johannesburg and Pretoria vied with one another in their welcome. Natal and the Orange Free State sought to out-vie each other. As the Duke drove through the Transvaal mining capital and listened to the thousands of white-robed children singing the National Anthem it must have seemed impossible to some of the older residents there that this was the city of strife of the closing years of the nineteenth century. Rhodesia, showed itself at its best, and it is no secret that the Duke of Connaught himself an experienced administrator and Empire authority, expressed the utmost confidence in the vast northern territories and their possibilities. Perhaps the most moving moment of all was when the Duke and Duchess visited the grave of Cecil Rhodes on the hill of boundless outlook in the Matopos. The dreams of the great Empire maker had become a fact. Disaster, war and racial hatreds had been swept away in that vision of broader nationality and a United South Africa, the aim of Cecil Rhodes' life had become a reality.

Much has been said, and rightly said, of the admirable work of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught during their visit. The Soldier Prince and his wife won golden opinions from all. They kept every engage-

ment during five weeks of exceedingly arduous work, and everywhere they made friends. We may be pardoned for regarding the New South Africa as a supreme tribute to British methods. The making of the new State has not been accomplished without much sacrifice. After a long and costly war—costly alike in blood and treasure—England denied to herself the rights of the conqueror and opened her purse freely to restore prosperity for her new citizens. When the South African war was forced upon us we declared that we fought for freedom. We proved the truth of our profession by restoring to the men we had fought full political equality. The policy of generosity he proved the policy of wisdom. The scars of the war are already largely healed over. South Africa has her problems and her difficulties but she has too, her glories as promise a promise never brighter than today. The visit of the Duke of Connaught marks the beginning of a new era, that all pray may be happier and more prosperous than the land of Good Hope has ever known during the two and a half centuries white men have made their homes there.

WHERE DOCTORS DIFFER

A London doctor says that we should "sleep in our clothes," that there is far too much dressing, undressing and exposure to cold from bed he has slept in his clothes—minus boots, coat and collar—(presumably not the same, changing at intervals, when he caught a lucky slant of temperature), and has benefited by the practice. He admits that he took two warm baths a week. While this physician is an apparent exception to the average conception of his fellow countrymen (which Szengali summarized as "the verfluchter Englisher trying to make himself clean") we might call attention to the fact that there is a vast amount of evidence strongly supporting this English doctor's contention. There is probably no more rugged and healthy type of man in the world than the Canadian lumberman. Yet it is a well-known fact that the lumberman, with exceptions so rare as to be almost negligible, follows this doctor's practice to the letter, with the important exception of the bi-weekly bath. He sleeps in his clothes (always in his underclothing) eschews the bath, and comes out in the spring as far and healthy as a trout. He has abundance of fresh air, which is the best of all baths. More than that, the number of those in cold climates, particularly in rural districts, where bathing facilities are absent, who take a bath during the winter is very, very small. Bathing is a practice which it takes some courage to attempt to discourage, but we believe there would be some difficulty in proving in practice that it tends to the preservation of health or the prolongation of life.

The managing director of the Gleaner boasts that he has nerve otherwise he would not be at the head of what he calls a "large and influential newspaper in a small town." He also had nerve when he was at the head of a small newspaper in a big town a short time ago (the St. John Standard) as some of those interested in the venture know to their cost.

It is not at all likely that the visit of the farmers' delegation to Ottawa had any connection with the failure of the Farmers' Bank of Canada.

C. P. R. LOSES MAINE FOREST FIRE CASE

Portland, Me., Dec. 21.—There has been filed by Judge Hale in the United States District Court, his finding as arbitrator in the case of the estate of Geo. Vandyke against the Canadian Pacific Railroad, where damages were claimed in the sum of \$150,000 by reason of fires in timber lands of the plaintiff's which, it was claimed, were set by servants of the defendants company.

Judge Hale awards the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$18,500 with costs of court and arbitration. The railroad company had claimed that if they were liable at all, it would not be for over \$8,000.

The fires occurred a year ago, in August. The evidence was taken last October and the arguments were made early this month. There are other similar cases pending, involving something like half a million dollars.

Misses Isherwood and Wilmot of Oromocto are in the city.

300 REPORTED DEAD IN COLLIERY DISASTER

Bolton, Eng., Dec. 21.—More than 300 colliers lost their lives today in an explosion in the Little Huron colliery, which is located a short distance out side the city.

The explosion occurred early in the morning, soon after the miners had entered the pit to begin work. Its force was terrific. Later investigation showed that the lower passages had been blocked.

Heroic efforts were made by rescue parties all day long, but a fierce fire which followed the explosion prevented the rescuers from penetrating beyond 400 yards into the workings.

At 9.30 o'clock tonight, all the rescuers were called out of the mine and a conference was held, at which Government Inspector Gerard, and engineers and the mine manager were present. Inspector Gerard issued a report after making a descent into the pit, in which he stated that it was impossible that any of the miners are still alive. He added that nothing could be done except to bring up twenty bodies lying in the shaft.

This report was communicated to the anxious crowds around the pit mouth, after which the Bishop of Manchester conducted a touching service in the open air and the people slowly dispersed.

No explanation is given as to the cause of the explosion, which completely wrecked the mine.

This is the second great mine disaster in England this year, an explosion having occurred in the Wellington colliery at White Haven, Cumberland, on May 12, in which 136 miners were killed.

The explosion today resulted in the temporary disablement of the machinery whereby the cages are lowered and drawn to the surface and it was considerable time before the first rescue party reached the bottom of the pit. In all they brought out eight men, still living, but the majority of these were in a serious condition from the noxious gases. Ten bodies also were removed and twenty additional bodies were found partially covered by heavy falls of coal.

Late tonight the colliery fans were started again and the air was found to be fairly good. Arrangements were then made for relays of rescuers to go into the mine every three hours throughout the night. Towards midnight two more miners were found alive. They were terribly burned and are in a critical condition. It was announced that forty bodies had been collected at the bottom of the shaft, and they will be brought up as soon as possible.

A flicker of hope still animates the rescuers that more men may be found alive. Doctors, nurses and ambulances are still on the scene, and relatives, mostly women, are lingering in the vicinity.

Among the incidents was the death of a rescuer, who, anxious to reach his two sons, who were entombed, got in advance of his comrades and forfeited his life from after-damp. The king has sent a touching message of sympathy.

Bolton, Eng., Dec. 22.—The disaster at the Little Huron Colliery, which was wrecked by an explosion followed by fire yesterday, is greater than was at first expected. It is probable that at least 380 were lost. It now appears that the men supposed to have been rescued from the mine came from an adjoining pit that was also seriously damaged. It seems that not a soul escaped from the Little Huron. Rescuing parties, who are boring away to the centre of the catastrophe, have passed 150 bodies.

(Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Son, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange.)

Atchison.....	101	100½
Smelters.....	74½	73½
Brooklyn.....	76	75½
C. P. R.....	194	194
Gt. Northern Pfd.....	128	128½
Northern Pacific.....	116½	116
Penna.....	128½	128½
Reading.....	150½	149½

BACK FROM WEST
Dr. E. W. Henry former chief assessor of this city has returned from the West where he has been for some time.

ALLOWED TO GO
An employe of an up-town hotel was arrested last night on complaint of the clerk for creating a disturbance. He was allowed to go this morning by the police magistrate.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS.
St. Andrews Beacon.—Dr. Atherton of Fredericton, performed two surgical operations while here last Wednesday, removing a small tumor from Mrs. Charles Mowat and amputating a finger from the right hand of Mr. Gus. Rigby. In both cases the patients are showing rapid recoveries.

BANK OF ENGLAND DISCOUNT
London, Dec. 22.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged at 4½ per cent. this morning.

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THE HARDWARE PEOPLE

WOODSTOCK PRISONER FATALLY BURNED

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 21.—Lee Ryan, a prisoner in the jail here, tonight set fire to himself and his bed and received burns from which he will probably die.

Ryan was arrested today on a charge of drunkenness and placed in jail. Tonight his bed was discovered on fire by the jailer and the man wrapped in flames. As quickly as possible the blaze was got under control and physicians summoned to attend the man, who was frightfully burned about the face and body. Doctors Grant and Sprague dressed his burns and he was then removed to the hospital. The doctors say there is little hope of recovery.

As the jail is heated with hot water, it is thought that Ryan had matches on his person, and in this way started the fire.

VALUABLE HORSE INJURED.

Mr. R. T. Baird, the well-known coal and wood dealer, had the misfortune to have a valuable black mare belonging to him, severely injured last night. The animal was in a double stall and was kicked by another horse in such a way that a deep gash was cut in one of her hips. The mare was taken to McCoy's Stable, where the injury was attended to by Veterinary Surgeon Grover McCoy, who has recently returned to the city.

Mr. Marcus Jewett, who has been attending McGill College, is home for the holidays.

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