

A JOURNEY ROUND THE BIG WORLD

Extraordinary Trip of the
Heir Apparent.

He Has Traveled 30,000 Miles
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The tour of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York round the world is one well worthy of the future ruler of the empire upon which the sun never sets. Never before has the heir to a throne made a circuit of the globe without once leaving the shadow of his own flag. Never before, even in the days of the great empires of Rome and Greece, was a prince in a position to visit the ends of the earth and receive the homage and tokens of affection of millions of free subjects. All previous royal progresses sink into insignificance beside this journey of the son of the King of the Britons.

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Ceylon gave them a hearty welcome, the native races proving their fidelity to British connection in many tangible ways. At Singapore, their next stopping place, the royal party had a glimpse of how the Chinese are converted into British citizens. And there they passed on to Australia, the objective point of their tour. Their welcome in the new Commonwealth of the South has now passed into history. The Duke and Duchess everywhere received the most loyal of greetings, the boasted radicalism of the Australians seeming only to intensify their determination to honor the British prince, who had come 12,000 miles to assist at the birth of their confederation. The fact that the first session of the Commonwealth Parliament was held in Melbourne—pending the selection of a national capital—naturally made that marvelous city of the south the central point of the festivities. It is estimated that close upon a million people gathered in the capital of the new state of Victoria to share in the rejoicing, representatives of all that is the best in Australia gathering in Melbourne.

Owing to the prevalence of the plague in Sydney, N. S. W., it was necessary to change the programme, and so their royal highnesses traveled onward to

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