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## THE NEW TRANSVAAL

BRITAIN AND BOERS REPAIRING THE RAVAGES OF THE WAR.

What, of the Task, Has Been Already Done-The Reconstruction as It Is Proceeding-People Are Fairly Careful-There Are, However, Two Classes of Dangerous Dutchmen Among Them.

A repatriation officer, whose duties A repatriation officer, whose duties have taken him to all parts of the Transvaal since the close of the South African war, writes as follows in the London Times concerning his

observations:

'In a little over twelve months no one can expect the ravages of a nearly three years' war to be thoroughly repaired; but to one like myself, who traveled over the country immediately after the declaration of peace, who has been continually traveling over the country since, watching the progress of the work of restoration, and who has been over it once again quite recently, the extraordinary rapidity with which the recovery has been made is astounding. The first trek revealed nothing but devastation, desolation, blockhouses, and bether the recovery and bether the recovery and bether the recent of devastation, desolation, blockhouses and barbed wire.

#### The Reconstruction

"The last trek revealed houses built up; cattle, horses, and live stock of all descriptions grazing on the yeld; immense tracts of ground household in reads and drifts revealed and drifts revealed and drifts revealed. ploughed up; roads and drifts re-paired; outlying towns, formerly in paired; outlying towns, formerly in ruins, now not only rebuilt and prosperous, but growing with extraordinary rapidity. One found all the paraphernalia of local Government—police magistrates, and officials of all kinds. One found everywhere prospectors and others bent on the development of the country, no doubt for the sake of their own and for their principals' pockets, but at the same time benefiting the State. One their principals' pockets, but at the same time benefiting the State. One saw schools full of happy children. One came across new settlers, full of courage, enterprise, and hope. One visited settlements of Dutch and Fritish side by side, determined to take their part in the building up of successful communities. There was the country, hardly free from the visible signs of war, and in spite of visible signs of war, and in spite of all the setbacks and difficulties encountered since its conclusion, beginning to assume the aspect of a flourishing colony inhabited by a hopeful and determined was less than the second of the second of

and determined people.

"The policy of looking upon the Boer as a British subject from the moment he became one has been carried out from the beginning. Great Bsitain, at any rate, can rest content with her work of resettling the former inhabitants of her new colonies.

colonies.

But there is still another side of the question to be considered. How do the Boers themselves look upon what has been done for them and what are their feelings toward their new Government? The answer to this question must to a very great extent guide our future policy in the new colonies.

#### The Boers Grateful.

"Personally, I believe that the Personally, I believe that the average Boer has a distinct seeling of gratitude for what has been done for him, and that he is fully aware of the magnanimity of his new Government. But his gratitude is to a degree discounted by the uncertainty of the future. The great majority are in the Government's debt; and it is the doubt as to how far their share of the free gift of £3,000,000 will get them out of debt which looms largely in their minds.

"To my mind the hardest task is still in front, namely, the collection of debts, the just assessment of claims, and, above all, the fuffilment of promises made. It is the manner in which shelps."

claims, and, above all, the fulfilment of promises made. It is the manner in which chis work is carried out which will determine the attitude to be adopted by the greater proportion of the Boer population. It must be carried out with the most scrupulous fairness and the utmost tact, and no promise made by us must remain unfulfilled. "The Boers do not accept the new order of things without considerable misgiving, and the hurt to their national pride cannot be at once healed; but I fully believe that for the most part they have faith and confidence in their new Government, and that their confidence will be kept so long as we carry out our professed principles of integrity and fair aller.

long as we carry out our professed principles of integrity and fair play. But, if once lost, it will be well-nigh impossible to regain. It is a difficult task which faces the Admin-istration, but one which, if carried out well, will have a lasting effect on the future of the country.

### They Wear a Mask.

"What I have stated above applies to the average country Boer: but there are two other classes still to be considered. First, there are the 'temporary irreconcilables,' and these. I am afraid, exist to a very considerable number. They are led by clever men, and their attitude is hidden by an outward mask of passive acceptance. So long as anything can be got out of the Government their true feeling will be kept in eheck, but when once they have obtained all they think possible they may be expected to show their hands.

"This class requires governing with

hands.

"This class requires governing with the greatest firmness, and any indication of sedition or open disloyalty must be instantly suppressed. It is only by firm, though scrupulously-just, handling that these quondam irreconcilables will in time fall into line with the rest. But if they are allowed a free hand, and open sedition is winked at, they will become a source of considerable political trouble in the future.

"There is yet one other class, al-

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There is yet one other class, although but a small one. These we may call the 'permanent irreconcilables.' And it is from these that the chief danger may arise. They still share with their cousins of the Cape Colony the aspiration of some day seeing a great Africa. The idle dream of obtaining this by the sword has been put aside; but the dream

Political Intrigue

These dreamers have already begun to sow the seed of discontent among the otherwise well-disposed inhabitants; but whether it germinates or not must depend upon the future policy of the Government.

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try, although in a few generations the natives, having been educated in the value of money, may in suffi-cient numbers offer their services in order to obtain the same. But the necessity is urgent from both are economic and a political point of view. It is apparent to almost every of the country depends upon its in-

of the country depends upon its in-stant prosperity.

"The very first thing which the Government should do in South Af-rica is to permit and offer every facility for the importation of Asia-tic labor. The second requirement is capital for the development of the agricultural possibilities."

#### LONDON IN STATISTICS.

Bate of Increase in Papulation in Slow ing Down-From Death Point of View London is Pair.

The Birmingham Daily Mail makes some significant comments upon London life as reflected in "London Statistics, 1902-1903." The weighty tistics, 1902-1903." The weighty volume, says the reviewer, "can scarcely be described as a record of London life. Great as is the volume of 800 and odd pages, it would not be big enough to notice all the romance—the comedy and the tragedy—the light and the shade of that won-derful city. Nevertheless, this book. prosaicly named, gives us some in teresting and at times unexpected in formation with regard to the life of the people in London in the years 1902-1903. While one is prepared to be told that the population of the administrative county is 4,536,541 that of 'Greater London,' which includes the area of the city and me cludes the area of the city and metropolitan police, and 'every parish of which the whole is within 15 miles of Charing Cross, or of which part is within 12 miles of Charing Cross, is 6,581,402—a rather disappointing figure, one's ideas on that subject being nearer ten millions than six.

"Yet another mild surprise awaits us in the statement that the work."

us in the statement that the rate of increase of the population appears to be slowing down, having been enly 16.8 per cent. in the ten years 1891-16.8 per cent. in the ten years assistant 1901, a smaller percentage of increase than has ever been previously recorded. From a health point of view, again, London is a great deal better than most people would imagine. The death rate in 1901 was compared with gine. The death rate in 1901 was 17.1 per 1,000, as compared with 18.6 in the previous year. Thus it appears that the London death rate appears that the London death rate was lower than that of any of the great cities of the kingdom, except Bristol and Leicester, and lower also than that of any foreign capitals, except the small towns of Amsterdam, Brussels and Stockholm. In that same year—1901—there were fewer fatal street accidents than in any year since 1886—newley 200 any year since 1886—namely 302. The smallness of this figure is an eloquent testimony to the skillful manner in which London traffic is regulated. Some of the metropolitan regulated. Some of the metropolitan streets are the most congested streets in the world, yet the traffic goes on without many accidents.

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"Another curious fact brought out by this record is that there are over a quarter of a million more women than men in the County of London, there being 1,118 females to every 1,000 males. This excess of females, it is explained, is due to the large number of female servants, who are estimated to number 234,398, against only 15,425 males similarly employed. London, it is interesting to know has 130,000 aliens, of whom 80,000 are males. On the housing question, the report throws a singularly effective light. The County Council, we learn, has completed six schemes of clearing unsanitary areas, and has seven more in hand. The number of persons affected, however, is only about 16,000 altogether, though over £1,000,000 sterling is involved—which shows what an expensive business this is! No one with a knowledge of London will be surprised to hear that the County Council keeps open 91 public parks and open spaces, with a total acreage of 3,852. But most people will wonder why the queerly named gaces of 'shinty' and 'tambourello' are provided. by this record is that there are over most people will wonder why the queerly named gaces of 'shinty' and 'tambourello' are provided in some of these parks at the expense of the County Council. That body, by the way, takes considerable credit for having secured improved workmen's train services. The number of single journeys made by passengers at workmen's fares is about 75,000,000 annually." annually.

### Got Drunk on Cordite.

During the South African campaign the British soldiers discovered a new and extraordinary form of intoxication. They found that they could get all the excitement of a powerful narcotic by enting a cordite charge of cartridges, each of which contains sixty strands of cordite, and is very similar in appearance to vermicelli.

The British Medical Journal gives The British Medical Journal gives particulars of this form of intoxication. It says that Major Jennings, on learning that the men had been eating cordite, made experiments himself. On sucking a strand he found it sweet, pleasant, and pungent, but it resulted in a headache which lasted for thirty-six hours. Dissolved in tea it produces almost immediate exhilaration, "inciting almost demoniacal actions," followed by a heavy sleep and stupor of from by a heavy sleep and stupor of from five to twelve hours, according to the quantity taken. Added to beer it produces the worst effects, excit-ing a quarrelsome and destructive mania, and producing the most rapid intoxication.

Appearances Not Deceptive. Miss Elderly came from a very old family, didn't she?"

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DANIEL...

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"I don't exactly like them specks," broke in a fat, middle aged man at a window. "By gum! I believe old Ab had us down about right. Ef we kin git sort o' opened up along with the rest o' creation, I say le's git in the game. Huh!"—the man finished, with a laughing shrug-"I don't like them flyspecks one bit."

"Me nuther," said a man beside him. "Nur mel" came from some one else.
"Well, I'm willin' ef the rest are." announced Bartell. "All in favor hold up

Pole Baker grinned broadly as he counted them. "All up—the last one," counted them. "All up—the last one," he said, then he sprang for the door and stood before the expectant audience. "Toot, toot!" he cried, imitating the whistle of a locomotive. "All aboard! The road's a settled thing. They say they don't want no specks, and they ain't a-goin' to have 'em. Hooray!",

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The audience was electrified by the announcement. For an instant there was a pause of incredulous astonish ment, and then the floor resounded rom the clatter of feet, and glad shouts filled the air.

Alan, his face ablaze with startled triumph, came toward Adele and Mil-ler. "Pole, worked the rabbit foot on them back there," he said. "I don't know what he did, but he did something."

"He told me he had a card left," laughed Miller. "I'll bet he had it up his sleeve. There he is now. Oh, Pole, come here!" The man thus addressed slouched down the aisle to them, his big brown

eyes flashing merrily under his heavy brows, his sun browned face dark with the flush of triumph. "Ef you don't back me in it, I'm a gone dog," said Pole to Alan. "All I want you to do is to vote for Bartell

ef you kin possibly swallow the dose." A light broke on the two men. "I'll do it if you say so, Pole," said Alan. "Not only that, but I'll work for him if

Pole looked down and pulled at his eavy mustache. "Well," he smiled, "I reckon he won't

harm us any more in the legislatur' than the road 'll do us good, so you'd better support 'im. I seed the bars down a minute ago, an' I didn't have no time to consult you. I'd 'a' told a bigger lie 'an that to clinch this

Abner Daniel joined them, smiling broadly, his eyes twinkling joyously.

The old jester stroked his face and swung his long body back and forth in the wind of his content. "Pve always argued," said he, "that what is to be will be, an' it will be a sight sooner 'n most of us count on ef we'll jest keep our sperits up."

The others moved on, leaving Adele and Miller together.

"Oh, just look at mamma and papa,"

she said in the round, full voice indica-tive of deep emotion. "They are so glad they are about to cry." "What a dear, dear girl you are!"

said Miller softly. "There is nothing to separate us now, is there?" For a moment they met in a full look into each other's eyes. Adele's voice shook when she replied, "I believe I'm the happiest, proudest girl in all the world."



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"I believe I've loved you from the

Alan saw Dolly looking at him and vaving her handkerchief, her face warm and flushed. He was tempted to go to her, but she still sat by her father and mother, and that fact checked him Mrs. Barclay caught his eye and, ris-

ing suddenly, came through the crowd to him. She extended her gloved hand, "You and Dolly must stop your fool-ishness," she said. "I've been thinking of a plan to help you two out. If I were you I wouldn't say a word to he now, but next Sunday night come and take her to church just like you used to. I'll attend to Colonel Barclay. He is just tickled to death over this thing, and he won't make any fuss. He is as stubborn as a mule, though, and when he has to give in it's better not to let him think you are gloating over him. He won't bother you any more. I'll see to that."

Alan thanked her. He was so full of happiness that he was afraid to trust his voice to utterance. As Mrs. Ba clay was going back to her husband and daughter Pole Baker passed. Alan grasped him by the hand.

"Say, Pole," he said, his voice full and quavering, "I want to tell you that I think more of you than I do of any

"Well, Alan," said Pole awkwardly, yet with an eye that did not waver, "I kin shore return the compliment. Ef it hadn't been fer you an' yore advice, I'd 'a' been in hell long ago, an' as it is I feel more like livin' a straight, honest life than ever I did. You never axed me but one thing that I didn't grant, an' that was to give up whisky. I don't know whether I ever will be able to do it or not, but by the great God above I'm goin' to keep on tryin', fer I know you want it jest fer my good. I don't want a dram today, fer a wonder, an maybe in time I'll git over my thirst." As Alan was about to get into his buggy with his uncle, the colonel and

his wife and daughter passed. With a sheepish look on his face the old man bowed to the two men, but Dolly stopped before Alan and held out be

"You were going away without even speaking to me," she said, a catch in her voice. "Think of it, today of all days to be treated like that!" "But your mother told me"-

"Didn't I tell you she couldn't be relied on?" broke in Dolly, with a smile. "I have more influence with papa than she has. I know what she told you. I made her confess it just now. Are you going to town today?"
"Yes," he informed her; "we shall

complete the arrangements there." "Then come right down to see me as soon as you possibly can," Dolly said.
"I'm dying to see you, to talk with you. Oh, Alan, I'm so—so happy!"
"So am I," he told her as he pressed

her hand tenderly. "Then I shall see you again today." "Yes, today sure," she said, and she moved on.

"She's all right," said Abner Daniel as Alan climbed in the buggy beside him. "She's all wool an' a yard wide." "I reckon you are satisfied with the way it come out, Uncle Ab," said his nephew, flushing over the compliment

to Dolly "Jest want one thing more," said the old man, "an' I can't make out whether it's a sin or not. I want to face Perkins an' Abe Tompkins. I'd give my right arm to meet 'em an' watch the'r faces when they heer about the railroad an' the price yore pa's land fetched."

THE END.

Beetles.

Beetles as a species are absolutely destructive to fertility, both above and pelow the surface. Some families, such as the common cockchafer, actually undermine turf in such a way as to spoil whole fields of pasture.

The Whale. Because of the pressure a whale can-not dive to a greater depth than 300

Bavaria.
The old joke about the alliance between doctors and undertakers is not in vogue in Bavaria. In some districts of that country one-half, in others even three-quarters, of the population die without having had medical attendance in their last illness.

Rats are estimated to destroy food to the value of \$60,000,000 yearly.

Smoked and Died. A young man in Vienna wanted to commit suicide the other day, but at the last moment his courage failed. Taking out a cigar, he asked a policeman on the bridge for a light. A few pulls revived his courage, and he jump-ed over the balustrade and disappeared in the waters of the Danube.

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