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The British Garrison There at Last Withdrawn—Its Only
Population an Imported One and of the Doleful of the
Far North Sort.

The island of St. Helena is a mistake, never was a colony. It was a fortress, the key to the South Atlantic. A little Gibraltar of grimly fortified rock, it was held worthy of an annual expenditure of \$20,000 to \$30,000 of good British gold. A mongrel population was attracted to the island, but one, Helebe being a fortress and a supply station for the British fleet, St. Helena was an important port of call for merchantmen under all flags. Sweet water in abundance flowed down her precipitous rocks, and the island was a healthy green, things were to be had there. Moreover, it served as a port of refuge for outlaws, and the island was a certain well-protected refuge in certain hollow logs the sailing masters deposited bullets to be delivered to the homeward bound vessels. For these manifold reasons St. Helena was the recipient of a flattering number of marine visits, and the island was on an average two ships a day the year round. This in the merry old days when the whole traffic to India went round the Cape. With the cutting of the isthmus of Suez St. Helena, which in its commerce had been a busy port, suddenly foundered. Gone was the passenger liner, the richly laden merchantman. Gone her traffic in green stuff, gone the jobs of her cheery longshore porters. For these manifold reasons St. Helena was the recipient of a flattering number of marine visits, and the island was on an average two ships a day the year round. This in the merry old days when the whole traffic to India went round the Cape. With the cutting of the isthmus of Suez St. Helena, which in its commerce had been a busy port, suddenly foundered. Gone was the passenger liner, the richly laden merchantman. Gone her traffic in green stuff, gone the jobs of her cheery longshore porters.

Along in the nineties came a windfall. On account of the little rummies in Zululand, Dintulu, the son of Cetewayo, was sent with his two uncles, his wife, and a retinue of servants, to exile in St. Helena. The British government spent a thousand pounds a year on his establishment. The St. Helenians were in heaven! Here was a market for their potatoes and calabashes, occupation for their mule-drivers, and even salaried positions for one or two islanders of culture for the Zulu chief and his uncles demanded to be instructed in the English language and literature. When their big, black pupils departed, and the five thousand dollars they had been spending had been withdrawn, a financial crisis was precipitated in St. Helena.

BOER PRISONERS. Luckily, the South African war brought them a still larger windfall in the shape of 1,000 or 2,000 Boer prisoners, including Gen. Cronje. For one happy year the prisoners of war camp on the island, bringing unexampled property. Not only was there a delightful scarcity of eggs, even those of wild plovers being sold at advanced prices, but the prisoners were clever with their fingers, a thing which the islanders are not; and an epidemic of repairing and building broke out during their too short stay. A small proportion of the Boers being allowed to take service as carpenters, verandas appeared on dozens of houses which had gone unchantered for years, one bungalow was built outright and best of all, a seawall, long desperately needed, was laid down solid and strong.

But the Boer prisoners went. And now the last hope is going. St. Helena is still the key to the South Atlantic. But who wants a key to the South Atlantic, anyhow? Great Britain withdraws her garrison, leaving her lone "colony" to look out for itself. To all intents and purposes she has martyred the St. Helenians in cold blood.

The islanders ought by this time to be used to knock down blows. Their history has been but a series of such. Here is that history. The very first vessel which sighted the poor little island proceeded to do it mischief. The Portuguese discoverer, Commodore John de Nova Costella, landed there in 1502, finding the place a very low-lying verdure. With an eye to using the island as a supply station on later voyages, he sent ashore a devastating herd of asses, pigs and goats. Then he went off for 11 years and forgot all about it. The lives increased and multiplied at an alarming rate; they rooted up young trees, devoured tender

SITUATIONS VACANT—FEMALE

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WANTED—A good general girl. Apply 40 Leinster street. 15-11-15

GIRLS WANTED—As clerks during Christmas season. Apply at HALL'S BOOKSTORE at 11 a. m. Saturday. 15-11-15

WANTED—General Girl Cook and Housemaid. Can always get best prices and pay as high as \$18.00 a month. MISS HANSON, Employment Office, 148 Chalmers street. 15-11-15

WANTED—Girl for general housework in small family. Apply 29 Summer street, left bell. 15-11-15

GIRL WANTED for General Housework. Apply, 67 Sewell St. 15-11-15

WANTED—A competent nurse. Apply to MRS. WALTER ALLEN between 11 and 12 mornings, 122 Carmarthen street. 15-11-15

WANTED—Girl for general housework in family of two. Apply to MRS. R. T. WARDEN, 188 King Street, East. 15-11-15

WANTED—At once for the best places, with highest wages, nurse, maids, housemaids, cooks, general girls. MISS H. A. FROST, 133 Leinster street. 15-11-15

WANTED—A young girl to assist in housework. Apply to MRS. S. L. KERR, 174 Duke street. 15-11-15

WANTED—A girl for general housework, three in family. No washing or ironing. 30 Orange street. 15-11-15

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. J. W. DANIEL, 148 Princess street. 15-11-15

WANTED—Girl for general housework in family of three. Apply, 219 Duke street. 15-11-15

WANTED—Girl for general housework in family of three. Nurse kept. No laundry work. Refuse. Apply, 104 Carmarthen street, in evenings. 6-11-15

WANTED—Girl for general housework, also capable housemaid. Apply to Over Macaulay Bros. 8-11-15

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LOST—On Friday morning, between Cape and Union streets, a black and white dog, small, short-haired, and a great staff of well-paid officials. A goodly garrison was established and English began to spring up on the beautiful heights above the town. The landed proprietors of the island, the Malayan or African extraction, business was brisk. There was even a small beginning of an export trade in guano and coffee.

Alas! In 1833 the East India Company, having first superintended the gradual emancipation of the slaves. At one blow the English took the place of servants and many a fat salary. For Great Britain cut down the governor's stipend to a quarter that of the company, and abolished many lucrative posts altogether. Many a family dropped from opulence to penury in a single month.

Their very misfortunes, however, brought them some gain. The fight against slave-trading in South Atlantic waters led to the establishment of St. Helena of a vice-admiralty court for the trial of vessels caught stealing slaves. Together with a liberated African depot founded on the island, and the constant visits of the naval squadron engaged in chasing slaves, this court brought a good deal of money in to St. Helena.

Pearl was their plight, therefore, when with the end of the American civil war slavery got its death-blow, the liberated African depot; the Vice-Admiralty court and the West African squadron all vanished together. Then, indeed, did hard times set in.

It would have been hard enough to lose the profits of slavery, had they not fallen heir to a doubtful legacy from the ill-fated traffic. An abandoned Brazilian slave, rotting in the harbor of Jamestown, brought ashore in her rotting timbers a swarm of white ants. And the white ants literally ate up the town. Houses ridged by the tiny pests had to be burned and replaced with stronger ones of teakwood and iron, unless, indeed, as was not infrequent, they were not replaced at all.

THE SUEZ CANAL. Then came the Suez Canal, the passing of the sailing vessel, and now the withdrawal of the supporting British garrison.

What will be left of St. Helena? Perhaps twenty-five hundred to three thousand souls of the most astonishingly mixed character. The English-born of the better class may be counted on to take themselves off in the wake of the garrison. Those who must stay behind are descendants of Frenchmen who came there before the Revolution, of Chinese, Malayan, Polynesian and African slaves, of British tars and of an indescribable mixture of all the above races. They are good, tractable, inoffensive people, many, civil and honest. They live in comfortable cottages set in pretty gardens.

Murder is unknown among them, and burglary is so little feared that the locksmith cannot pick up a living. They are good churchgoers, the great majority being either Baptist or Church of England forms, unless they prefer the sounding hymns of the Salvation Army. In point of education, they are said to be on a par with the common people of Great Britain. The whole mixed mass speaks English, and pure English on the whole than that of Lancashire or Devon.

Twist in the islanders' tongues makes them say "Villie" for Willie, and "dis" and "dat" for this and that.

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WANTED—Position as cutter at the tailoring business. Address all correspondence "W. A. M." 171 Park street. 15-11-15

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COLOGNE CATHEDRAL IS FALLING TO PIECES

COLOGNE, Nov. 17.—Serious fears are entertained for the safety of Cologne Cathedral. During the work of renovation in recent months stones have continually become detached and fallen down into the street on to the cathedral terrace. This morning a large stone fell from a great height on to a newly erected group of statues representing the Crucifixion, near the altar. The group was completely destroyed.

Stones have fallen into the path leading past the cathedral, and the public have been warned not to pass over the terrace.

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HOPEWELL HILL, Nov. 18.—George W. Richardson, whose home is near the forests of Monel, recently shot a hawk in his vicinity which measured 46 inches from tip to tip.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—A cave-in at the Belmont tunnel at 31st street, is reported to have killed a gang of men tonight. Extricating is reported but as yet unconfirmed.

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DEATHS RESULT FROM FLOODS

Worst Freshet in History of Puget Sound Region

Melted Recent Fresh Snow in Cascade Mountains—Traffic in Many Places Practically at a Standstill.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 18.—A heavy rainfall Wednesday, 2.48 inches in four hours, a Chinook wind and melted recent fresh snows in the Cascade Mountains, were the causes of the heaviest and most disastrous floods in the history of the Puget Sound region. The valleys of the White, Duwamish, Cedar, Green, Sluck, Black and allup rivers are under water, flooding 200 square miles of territory. This includes practically every acre of low land lying back of the eastern shores of the Sound and extending from Seattle to Tacoma. The power plant and electric is submerged and Seattle and Tacoma are dependent on their local auxiliary stations for power to move street cars and provide electricity for lighting purposes. All traffic over the Northern Pacific and Great Northern interurban lines is at a standstill. A week will be required to repair the damage to the north, after the rain subsides. These lowlands are thickly occupied by small towns, hopfields and dairy farms. The damage done to fields and herds will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. Seattle's milk supply comes from these lowlands and will be without milk for days.

Six persons have been drowned. To the north the Skagit, the largest river in the state, is on a rampage and railroad traffic in that direction is at a standstill. The greatest danger to the north has been done to the lumbering interests, where millions of feet of logs and shingle bolts have been carried out to sea.

High tides combined with the floods have collected in the river valleys, which are great tracts of fertile farms, houses and villages are submerged and are homeless. The loss to the Northern Pacific railroad alone will be \$100,000, and the total loss in the district will reach half a million.

No rain has fallen in the flooded district since early on Thursday, and while in some places the overflooded territory is as deeply covered with water as at any time since the freshet started, the feeling throughout the valleys today in general is that the worst is over, and that if conditions now prevailing last for another 12 hours a further danger will have passed. From upriver points to the southward of Auburn, along Green and Sluck rivers, come reports that the streams are receding rapidly, but north of here, in the lower country, adverse advice still are to be received.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18.—Reports from the Cowlitz River region tonight indicate that the crisis of the flood situation has passed. The waters which swept the river clean of all

HE WAS A CANDIDATE.

(Vancouver World.)

"No, I am not a fugitive from justice and the sight of a policeman does not give me a chill," said the honest-looking old man from the rear platform. I am heading for the country. I simply ran for office. They said they wanted me for sheriff for the county. They came to me by the dozen to say that I would make a good man for the place, and that the opposition couldn't say a word against me. They made me believe that it was my duty."

"And your majority was—?"

"Ninety. I am snowed under about ten feet deep."

"But how did it happen?"

"Oh, easy enough. The opposition that couldn't say a word against me announced."

"That I stole sheep."

"That I embezzled money."

"That I was down on education."

"That I once robbed a widder."

"That I burned a barn to get the insurance."

"That I beat my children and I killed my wife."

"That I was a turncoat in politics I a liar in business."

"That I expelled a man in Maine and ordered one in California. All this was urged against me, and as wiped off the face of the earth, it were, and, as I said, I am retiring the country to think things over and a fresh introduction to myself."

ARMOR-PIERCING SHELLS

LONDON, Nov. 15.—The Daily Mail says that the admiralty has lately tested a new type of armor-piercing shell instead of a sharp point the thickness of the armor has a cupped flow. A six-inch projectile of this new type went through armor of the thickness of the Dreadnought's armor. The test seems to indicate the necessity of thickening armor.