

and our public buildings every day. We call it the Union Jack. "Jack" simply means a small flag which was formerly used by sailors, and "Union" reminds us that our flag was first made as a symbol of the Union of England, Scotland, and Ireland under one king. In our day the flag symbolizes a much wider Union than that. It represents the Union into one Empire of all the varied lands over which we are now to see its familiar folds spread out to the morning breeze.

Now we are at this imaginary line where west becomes east, and where days are born. As the dawn strikes us we rise on the wings of imagination—the only means of travel which will serve our need—and journey westwards with the sun. The first part of the Empire to greet the new Empire Day is the Fiji Islands, once the home of the most utter barbarism, but now a fair and fertile group where law and order rule. The drum beats, and we see the Union Jack go fluttering to the top of the flag-pole in front of the governor's residence, as a token that these islands are in the keeping of Britain. We travel westward with the dawn, and in fifteen short minutes we see the same scene being enacted in Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, the "Great Britain of the Southern Seas."

Now we are over the ocean, and we may watch the flag rising blithely into the morning air as we pass from island to island. In an hour and a half we see it unfurling its folds at Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, where we are on the threshold of Australia, an island-continent which is British from end to end. Soon after, the Union Jack is hoisted at Sydney, the capital of New South Wales; at Hobart, the capital of Tasmania; and at Melbourne, the capital of Victoria, and the largest of Australian cities. Twenty minutes later it flies aloft above the pleasant town of Adelaide, the capital of South Australia. For the next hour and a half we speed across deserts, and then we see the flag once more at Perth, the capital of Western Australia.

Almost at the same moment the familiar "red, white, and blue" goes aloft at Government House, Hong-Kong, which