

# STRANGE THINGS IN NEW ZEALAND

Accounted a Social Science Laboratory and Political Experiment Station

Even the New Zealanders, so far out of the beaten track of world events that their institutions and customs have developed along unique lines and so self-sustaining that the world war scarcely affected their food supply, are not isolated enough to escape the universal pinch of high living cost, according to recent despatches. The National Geographic Society has issued the following bulletin: "Imagine boot-like Italy inverted, with the tip of her peninsula toe pointed toward the eastern coast of Australia, some 1,000 miles distant, and you gain a picture both in size and contour, of New Zealand."

Home of Tallest Bird.

"Long accounted a social science laboratory and political experiment station, some physical features of New Zealand are equally unusual. Zoologists found there a tallest bird, evolutionary souvenir, they believe, of the now extinct wingless moa, ranging in size from that of a turkey to a super-ostrich height of twelve feet from head to ground. Then, there is a caterpillar which dies, but to live again in the form of a paout, which blossoms and goes to seed.

"In the midst of the island boot is an area equal to that of Connecticut and Delaware together, where boiling springs spout from shores of ice-cold lakes, hissing pillars of steam and columned vapors puncture only to the steaming vapors Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, near Mount Katmai, Alaska.

"Here, as in Alaska, it is a case of 'cherchez le volcan,' and the volcano is to be found in the extinct crater of White Island. For the thermal springs district extends into the sea, and emerges again in the barren peak a thousand feet high, hooded in billowy veils of white vapor.

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compulsory arbitration, old age pensions, tax exemptions on small farms, for example—New Zealand interests the geologist for an opposite reason, because it is among the oldest portions of the earth's solidified surface.

"Seldom is a clearer illustration to be had of the effects of geography upon a people. In fact, the demonstration was duplicated in New Zealand, once with the Maoris, and then with the English colonists. The Maoris, among the most remarkable of all savage tribes, are Polynesians. They came some 500 years ago, some say from Tahiti and found the aborigines 'unappetizing, but, as the event proved, not indigestible'.

"The climate of New Zealand, with its 'elastic air and perpetual motion,' is more stimulating than the ever-damp air of most Polynesian islands, food was not waiting to be plucked from trees, and shelter had to be provided. Hence the latent instincts of these savage cannibals were developed here as nowhere else, and even before the English came the Maoris had gable-roofed houses with elaborately carved posts and lintels, and interiors decorated with designs of crude beauty.

"Women were needed in the struggle against harsher natural forces, so they won positions of esteem and were represented in tribal councils. They were ingenious enough to bake meats on least

ed stones, but not too civilized to roast especially tough cuts of human flesh on this aboriginal fireless cooker. They alone, among the Pacific islanders discovered how to weave. Yet they knew not the use of minerals, and their levitation canoes, lashed together, were constructed with tools of stone, shell, bone, and even of human teeth.

"European discovery of the islands is attributed to Tasman in 1642, but exploration did not take place until the time of Captain James Cook, 150 years later.

"When colonization did take place it resembled the settlement of the American colonies in that settlers were made in half a dozen places, instead of being prompted from a central base, according to the usual British method. The colonizers are said to have profited by a study of the mistakes of England which brought about the American Revolution, and so well did they apply the lessons that the faraway islands today is one of the most loyal portions of the British Empire. This fact was attested by the way New Zealanders far exceeded their expected quota of troops in the world war.

"A chief figure of the colonization was Edward Gibbon Wakefield, as bizarre a character as his association with such a distinctive dominion would imply. After serving a prison sentence in England

for abducting an heiress by means of forged letters, he was declared from the parliament upon which he later exerted an indirect but potent influence to aid in carrying out the colonization plan now associated with his name.

"A fundamental part of his policy was to avoid great landed estates, the promiseous giving away of land to ne'er-do-wells and adventurers, and finally, though his early disfigure still drove him to work under cover of pseudonyms and agents, he ranked as the foremost colonial authority of his day, as a zealous reformer and idealist.

"It was due to Wakefield that men of substance gained a foothold in New Zealand, the industry rather than exploitation became the motif of the colony, and that the fundamental aim of the government still is that of 'no millionaires and no paupers.'

"The island population exclusive of Maoris, now exceeds a million. The Maoris, numbering about 50,000, have risen to a position of eminence, being represented in the legislative assembly, in the cabinet, and having physicians, attorneys and other professional men of note among their number."

## SAYS PURCHASE WOULD SIDETRACK MARITIME PORTS

Ottawa, Oct. 20.—In renewing the debate on the Grand Trunk bill this afternoon Tupper (Gloucester) warned the government that the measure was going to create alarm and dissatisfaction in St. John and Halifax. He said if we were going into nationalization we should nationalize the C. P. R. which might help to make up for the losses on the other roads. There would be a probable deficit of eighteen million dollars on the government roads this year. The current prospect would add greatly to this. From \$25,000,000 to \$80,000,000 would be needed at once for equipment and betterment on the Grand Trunk.

His chief opposition to the proposal was that it was against the interests of the ports of Halifax and St. John. Those ports had been put there by Providence to keep Canada free from the whims of the customs collectors of the United States. We are spending \$42,000,000 on the port of Halifax today and \$10,000,000 or \$15,000,000 on St. John and it is now proposed to take away the business and give it to an American port. "No truck nor trade with the Yankees."

The speaker said that the member for Royal had brought up this question and received a very unsatisfactory answer from the minister. He said that the government would use St. John and Halifax to their greatest capacity but would also have to be used. The policy of the government since 1911 has been to take away all possible trade from the Transcontinental and direct it to Toronto and the Grand Trunk. It now looks as though we should lose our national pride. He viewed the condition with great apprehension. Mr. Tupper read a resolution to the government by the St. John Board of Trade expressing dissatisfaction with the proposal.



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## NOMINATIONS FOR KINGS COUNTY COUNCIL

Hampton, Oct. 20.—The nomination of candidates for councillor in the coming municipal elections in Kings county was carried out today. In many cases there were no opponents to the present administration and in others the returns could not be obtained this evening. The present council and those who have been nominated are as follows:

Greenwich—C. H. Gorman and R. F. Walton, present councillors.  
Westfield—W. Roy McKenzie and Fred Long, present councillors; Howard A. Lingley, Wm. Baxter and Abram Day.  
Norton—Dr. Gilchrist, Wm. Reynolds, present councillors; J. L. McVey, Springfield—Fred Sharpe and Chesley Vail, present councillors; Edwin Belyea, Martin Preece, Thos. Armstrong, Mr. Sharpe, retiring.  
Kars—David Jones and Howard Snyder, present councillors.  
Upham—David Ford and Frank Sherwood, present councillors.  
Hammond—C. W. Alexander, present councillor; J. J. Sherwood, Councillor Archie Sherwood died recently.  
Waterford—Wm. J. McGarrigle and Jas. H. Myers, present councillors; J. Harry DeForest, Andrew Carr.  
Sussex—John Armstrong, Arthur Dole, present councillors.  
Cardwell—Alfred B. Preece, Bliss A. Keith, present councillors; Ed. Wallace, H. P. Morton, Albert Sear.  
Stadholm—J. E. Fenwick and Howard R. Keith, present councillors; J. E. Macaulay, Leslie Hayes.  
Havlock—Sterling I. Keith and Wesley J. DeBoo, present councillors.  
Kingston—E. A. Flewelling and Wm. Paddington, present councillors; J. Howard Dunn, Edgar Shampier.  
Rothsay—Thos. Gilliland and Henry Gilbert, present councillors.  
Hampton—J. Wm. Smith, present councillor; Hazen Folkins, M. H. Parlee, Thos. E. Smith, Councillor R. Z. Fleming, retiring.

## TO USE TROOPS

Washington, Oct. 20.—Secretary of War Baker today refused a request of Mayor Hyman, of New York, one of the mediators in the longshoremen's strike, to postpone the use of troops at New York until further efforts could be made to settle the strike of longshoremen there.

The fire apparatus was called out at 2:20 o'clock this morning from box 53, for a fire in Swanton's barn in the rear of Waterloo street. The fire caught in the hay loft and the firemen had some difficulty in getting out several horses that were in the barn at the time on account of the smoke caused by burning hay. The blaze was soon under control with a loss of about \$100.



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GRACIOUS NO. OLD THING. I HAD PLENTY OF COMBS.

TEE HEE!

BUT I DID BUY A HAIRPIN WHICH THE GUIDE SAID MARK ANTHONY GAVE TO CLEOPATRA.

## ASBESTOS.