

MEN AT THE FRONT IN SOUTH AFRICA

Marked Change of Spirit That Has Taken Place in the Transvaal.

London, July 6.—More important than the change in the form of administration which has just taken place in South Africa is the change in spirit of which the Union is the outward visible sign.

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GOAL LANDS RESERVED BY PRESIDENT TAFT U. S. Chief Executive Signs Order For The Withdrawal Of 35,673,164 Acres Of Coal Bearing Areas.

Beverly, Mass., July 7.—Continuing his policy of practical conservation, President Taft late tonight, signed orders withdrawing 35,673,164 acres of coal lands from the public domain in the states of North and Dakota, Washington, Utah, Colorado and the territory of Arizona.

IN THE COURTS CIRCUIT COURT. F. E. Williams vs. N. B. Cold Storage Company.

The case of F. E. Williams Co. Ltd., vs. the New Brunswick Cold Storage Co., Ltd., was continued before Mr. Justice White at the June sittings of the Circuit Court yesterday morning in the Chancery Division chambers.

St. Mary's Picnic. The attendance at St. Mary's annual picnic held at Westfield yesterday was the largest in the history of the church, over 500 being present.

Pipers Played For Patients. The St. John pipe band gave a very enjoyable concert at the provincial hospital annex last evening for the benefit of the patients.

chief political opponent in the union, holds his place by reason of a similar personality. Dr. Jameson is not a great parliamentary debater. His influence, like Gen. Botha's, is a personal one.

Dr. Jameson is the recognized leader of the Opposition in South Africa—I do not like to use the word British, because it hardly describes the position in a land in which a great effort has been made to eliminate racialism.

Mr. Merriman. After these two men ranks Mr. Merriman, whose power in the Cape is great. But his influence is not South African. He is not popular in the Transvaal, where his views on the Dutch and in which many Britishers acknowledge a Dutch political leader.

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FRANKLIN'S MEMORY HONORED IN LONDON. London, July 7.—John L. Griffiths, the American consul general today unveiled a tablet to the memory of Benjamin Franklin in Eton church, Northamptonshire.

LANGFORD ACCEPTS THE JOHNSON OFFER. New York, July 7.—Joe Woodman, manager of Sam Langford, telegraphed here today that he had accepted the offer of Jack Johnson to meet Langford for a \$20,000 prize.

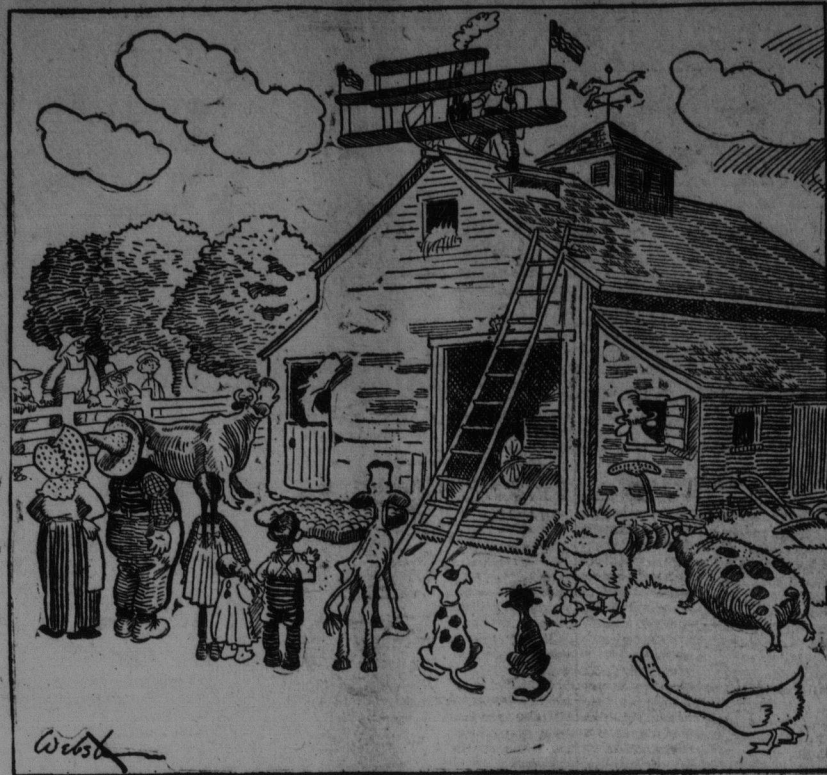
More "Fresh Air" Children. Two little children will leave for Lakeside, Kings county on noon today to spend a week in the country under the auspices of the Fresh Air Committee of the King's Daughters' Guild.

St. John Boomers Dine. The members of the Board of Trade invited themselves to a dinner at White's restaurant last evening. President Estabrooks occupied the seat of honor, and after the committee had wisely dined an informal discussion took place on the question of making St. John as famous as it ought to be.

EGGS CONFISCATED. New York, July 7.—More than 12 tons of frozen or stored eggs shipped here from Chicago, were confiscated at the King's County Refrigerating Company's plant in Brooklyn today.

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Manager Good Would Introduce This Sort of Thing in St. John



Mr. H. J. P. Good, manager of the Dominion Exhibition, arrived in the city on the C.P.R. express yesterday after ten days spent in Upper Canadian cities in the interest of the big show to be held here from September 5th to the 15th.

At Montreal the aviation meet was visited and in a few days a definite proposal will be forwarded to the Exhibition Association dealing with a visit of some of the foremost aviators at Exhibition time.

The feature of the meeting of the grand lodge, I. O. G. T., yesterday was the following resolution submitted by the committee on political action, and adopted unanimously after an addition by the members:

WILL RAISE FUNDS FOR MOVEMENT. "For the accomplishment of this object we recommend that steps be taken to raise funds with which to defray the legitimate electoral expenses of any candidates nominated by us or representing our interests."

Want Inspectors Appointed. After much favorable discussion by J. V. Jackson, Rev. T. D. Bell, L. R. Hetherington, Rev. H. T. Thomas, Rev. J. A. Cahill, Rev. Geo. Watkins, J. W. Hetherington, Rev. Thomas Marshall and Rev. J. B. Stevenson, it was decided upon motion of H. H. Stuart, seconded by Judson Barker, to add the following to the resolution:

Dimmock—Saunders. A pretty wedding took place at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Portland Street Methodist church, when Manning Dimmock, of Canning, Nova Scotia, was married to Miss May Saunders of St. John.

An Enjoyable Picnic. The annual picnic of the Sunday school pupils of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Fairville, was held yesterday at Kingsville. In the afternoon various games were played.

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By way of admonition, Manager Good states that in the history of Canada there has never been such a boom in festive events, particularly county, inter-provincial and national exhibitions. This has meant, unpedagogical demands upon decorative materials such as bunting, signs, flags, etc., and manufacturers are working their plants day and night.

Two Children At Pittsburg Make Horrible Discovery—Firemen Save The Body From The Flames. Pittsburg Pa., July 7.—Startled by crackling flames from the slumber which had overcome them while keeping a death watch beside the body of a baby brother, the two children of John Krosnosky, of Sharsburg, found the baby's casket afire today.

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BIRTHDAY PEERAGES IN OLD ENGLAND

Premier Asquith Pays Political Debts by Creation of New Peers.

Special Correspondence. London, June 30.—The peerage is a convenient clearing house for political debts. The practical politicians on the Radical side, when confronted with the list of birthday honors, frankly admit that it would be difficult for a Prime Minister to lead his party without this useful resource for rewarding partisans for timely service and for the generous contributions to the campaign fund.

Political obligations are incurred when a seat is provided for a defeated member of the government, when veterans are treated at a general election, when subscriptions are renewed year after year for expenses at headquarters or when platforms are ornamented in provincial towns by captains of industry and business men of high reputation.

Advanced Radicals may have worked themselves up into a white heat over the usurpations of irresponsible peers, but they have not declared war upon titles. If they succeed in muzzling or paralyzing the hereditary legislators by veto bill or otherwise they will be satisfied. The abolition of the gilded chamber, with its social prestige and glorified traditions is not advocated by any revolutionaryists, outside of the Labor group. The

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reconstruction of the Upper House on a popular basis is the Radical goal. This implies the maintenance of a titled class, with consolation prizes for sound Liberals, who have worked their way up from the bottom of whose wives covet pride of station. The new peers, baronets and knights are mainly self-made men. Some of them have amassed fortunes as contractors in unscrupulous working as manipulators of colonial stocks; others have discovered diamond fields or established great commercial or industrial enterprises; others have commanded success as the poets, artists, publishers, practical politicians and professional men. When they enter the peerage or halt at the halfway house of baronetage and knighthood they bring fresh blood into the privileged class and help to keep it in touch with the masses of working people. When their titles to social distinction are examined—and a few of them have not emerged from the obscurity of mediocrity long enough to have their records compiled in "Who's Who" or any other encyclopedia of current biography—there is practical evidence of the levelling process which is transforming the peerage. A large proportion of the titled legislators stands for recent creations; only a small fraction represents noble families of ancient lineage. That is the bitter lament of the aristocracy; that plutocracy and democracy between them have vulgarized the peerage and reduced it to so pitiable a plight that it does not really matter whether the claws of the birds are not replaced by elective senators or glorified county councilors.

Fine Arts Recognized. Mr. Asquith has followed Lord Rosebery's example in signing representatives of art and literature for the honors of knighthood. This is a timely concession to good letters and the fine arts when similar favors are bestowed upon the chairman and managing directors of the mining company, in whose fields the huge Cullinan diamond presented to King Edward was found. Sir Alfred East has well deserved the compliment paid to him by the peerage. Not only has he been a landscape painter of noble aims, indefatigable industry and refinement of methods, but he has also invigorated with life the moribund Society of British Artists, engaged in important international labors on the Continent and in America and commanded recognition from foreign art societies.

Mr. Quiller-Couch is titled to distinction as a representative novelist is not so clear as the painter's, but he is so sincere a literary worker, so worthy and amiable a man, that no associate in fiction can complain of either begrudge him the knighthood or explain it away as a reward for sturdy Cornish Radicalism. Neither George Meredith, while he lived, nor Thomas Hardy in the wide Westsex, nor Maugham or Huxley in his masterpiece of pure romance, received equal honor; but the Prime Minister has not made a mistake in conferring knighthood upon a pliant personality among British writers.

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