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"Of all the dominions of the British Empire, South Africa has had the most varied and romantic history," Ambrose Pratt writes in "The Real South Africa." From north to south, from east to west, the country is dotted with monuments to commemorate battles, treaties, and other critical events.

South Africa, moreover, is a land of extraordinary scenic splendor, of fascination and of mystery. In no other part of the world are there to be found vaster stretches of high tableland so weirdly broken and relieved with strange shaped hills, deep gorges and dongas, and dark inaccessible ravines. There are tales of gold and diamonds, and of long and bold and starkly menacing in form, the legends of the old South African gold and diamond diggers, and of the legends of the old South African gold and diamond diggers.

"The most experienced traveler here is startled to find that the country has been built in a fashion peculiar to itself. The veld is without a form or prototype. It resembles nothing so much as the flat roof of a highly battlemented Gothic castle, pushed sheer upward into the blue ether on tier of precipitous Cyclopean rocks, and supported and defended from the lower world by a multitude of giant flying buttresses—each rock a straight and lofty mountain spur incomparably bleak, magnificent and stern. The air has a quality of clarity that makes even the sunsets appear seem like mist. The sunsets surpass in gorgeousness and brazen glory the sunsets of all other lands; and the vivid coloring of the 'bush,' the dour scarlet starred monotony of the veld, are facts and contrasts that strike like shafts of light into the fancy. Inexorably the thought arises in the traveler's mind: 'Here is a country to compel into existence an original and peerless literature, to breed a race of poets, with a brand new message for mankind.' He merely prepares for himself another astonishment.

"This wonderful land is practically destitute of an indigenous literature; it has almost absolutely failed to inspire its own children. Olive Schreiner has written 'The Story of a South African Farm.' Sir Percy FitzGerald has written 'Jack of the Bushveld.' The prose achievements of South Africa that are worthy of note very nearly begin and end with these two books. The country is equally tongue-tied in poetry. One hears of a few English versifiers and reads their songs only to be sharply disappointed. The Dutch Afrikaanders have no prose literature deserving of the name at all, and but one singer, Mr. Jan Celliers, has ever reached a reputation. The Taal has no grammar. It is a wretched patois, merely the slang of half a dozen languages jumbled together. That Mr. Jan Celliers is acclaimed a poet at all, confining himself to such a medium, is remarkable; yet even his warmest admirers admit that his voice is 'still and soft,' and his range narrow."

Task of Mine-Sweepers Is Filled With Perils, Put It Has Fascination

THE correspondent of The London Daily Mail, Jack-staff, writing on mine-sweeping and its fascinations and perils, says:

"There is just a hint of Sisyphean labor about mine-sweeping. Throw back your minds to your school books and you will recall that Sisyphus, unhappy wight, had to keep on continuously rolling a stone uphill. Although this job kept Sisyphus so busy that he had no need to go in for 'physical jerks' (fifteen minutes a day immediately after the morning tub; see handbook) in order to keep up his muscle, it did not apparently do anybody else the least bit of good.

"Therein it differed vastly from mine-sweeping, which must be scheduled among the most useful operations of the war. Where a resemblance does come in is in the fact that an area once swept will not stay swept. After the ships have gone over again, and so it goes.

"The procedure is something like this: One mine-sweeper in the course of combing over a particular stretch of sea comes across a mine field. With great care they destroy this, rooting up and smashing every 'bulb' that has been planted in it. As soon as they have done so out creeps the wily Hun in a submarine and lays a fresh lot of mines. Sometimes the new field is put down so soon after the previous one has been removed that it seems as if the Hun must have been going along in the wake of our sweepers when he laid it.

"In most cases mine-sweeping falls to the lot of trawlers manned by fishermen or other R.N.R. ratings. Nobody else could do the work quite as well as the men who are inured by long experience to the vagaries of the trawler, which in bad weather displays the virtues of every other type of ship and the virtues of none. At one minute she imitates a submarine just starting to dive, the next she tumbles clumsily over the crest of a wave and brings up in the trough with a thump that makes all her bones rattle.

"At another time she will stand awhile on her heel and after making a curious swinging motion with her bows burrow headlong into an oncoming roller. With wind and sea abeam, her decks are no place for a timid man nor for the queasy stomach, either. Even experienced sailors are accustomed to big ships alone go down like very landmen.

"The trawlers carry on their rough and dangerous task in pairs. Between them stretches a long wire hawser, and with this they sweep minutely the area assigned to them. How long will this craft may be seen at work. They are the hands except the engine-room people must be on deck while the wires are out and at their posts ready for whatever may happen. And plenty does happen. Mines caught in the sweep have to be destroyed as the surest way of rendering them harmless.

"Much else may have to be done. Above all, eyes must be kept lifting for periscopes, as there is a chance that at any moment a submarine may start shooting 'tin fish' from the vessel. Or they may perchance avail against this, though the danger of such a mishap is smaller than it used to be. Nevertheless, the knowledge that a thing like this may happen at any moment does not help to make life more cheery for the crew. Death, in fact, stands by and grins in their faces all the time they are at work. And it is a great tribute to their nerve that they take his grim presence so calmly and carry on with their duty as steadily as they were free of his grisly company.

"How many tens of thousands of mines the unassuming heroes of this branch of the navy have destroyed says, But it is very certain that were it not for the mine sweepers there would be no safety in home waters for any of our ships, be they men-of-war or trading 'bottoms.'"

Labor in England.

The immediate course of the labor movement in England will be greatly influenced by the Fabians, or intellectual socialists, who have had a subtle and pervasive influence upon the party. Bernard Shaw, George Lansbury, Philip Snowden, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Webb, and a number of other brilliant minds will go far toward directing the thought of labor leaders, even though unable to control the country at large.

The great outstanding fact in the labor movement is, however, the one that should come as a special message to the labor leaders of this country, is the attempt to raw the line, not between wage-earners and other earners, but between all earners, whether of brain or hand, and the spenders. To the extent that all producers of wealth are made to see that their interests are opposed to those of non-producers, the way will be prepared for a final settlement of the social and industrial problem.—The Public.

The Neutral Idea.

Neutral countries—Sweden, Holland and the rest—are continually being used as kindnesses—and the war is prolonged.

We feel toward these dear neutrals like the lady who said: "I'm a Christian through and through, and I'm always grateful for any kindness, but the one kindness I can never succeed in being grateful for is that of the man who brings my husband home at 3 a.m. with his feet sticking out of the cab window."—Exchange.

Defined.

Tommy—Uncle, what's chagrin?
 Uncle—Well, it's what a stout man feels when he runs and jumps into a train that doesn't start for twenty minutes.—Exchange.

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