

NEW ZEALAND LETTER.

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WRITES VERY INTERESTINGLY

Of the Wonderland--A Trip Across the Island from Auckland to Napier Through a Volcanic Country--Some Wonderful Sights--Past Boiling Springs and Over Mountains Recently Torn by Volcanic Eruption. The Finest Roadway in the World.

Special Correspondence of the Intelligence. WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND, Aug. 29. On Thursday evening, August 13, at 7 p. m., we steamed into the harbor of Auckland. After saying good-bye to the friends of our twenty days' voyage, and having our baggage examined in the custom house, we repaired to Gordon's Grand Hotel, on the top of a hill overlooking the city and harbor--a new hotel, well kept and comfortable in all its appointments.

Altogether it was a very interesting day I spent in the drive of forty-five miles from Rotorna to Lake Taupo, where I spent the night with Mr. J. Gallagher, who keeps a very comfortable hotel. The road from Rotorna to Lake Taupo is over volcanic mountains, some of them from 2,500 to 4,000 feet high. We did not meet a human being on the road in all this fifty-five miles and only saw a few Maori camped a distance from the road at a half-way station.

Auckland is a beautiful city of some 60,000 inhabitants, and was formerly the capital of the colony. Her streets are well paved, and many elegant residences and imposing business blocks are to be seen. The largest and most costly planing mill south of the equator has recently been completed, with every modern improvement, purchased in the United States. Beautiful, well kept parks are here, and

AN AIR OF COMFORT and thrift pervades the city. We spent three days here, and met many of the business people, and were kindly treated by our consul, Mr. J. B. Connelly. On Sunday we attended the Christian church, presided over by Mr. Greenwood, a recent graduate of the University of Kentucky. In the evening we dined with Mr. McDermot and a number of friends, feeling very much at home in this far off city.

At 5 p. m. we reached Okoroire. We were met by Mr. Crosby, who drove us three and a half miles to Mr. Isaacs's new hotel, where are hot springs and hot baths. Here we spent the night. At 8 a. m. we started for Rotorna, 32 miles distant, through a wild, romantic country. Just here my power of description fails me. To those who have spent time in cultivating ferns in any part of the world, I would say, could they travel over this 32 miles and see these ferns they would forever abandon in disgust any further attempt at their cultivation.

size and description cover the face of the earth from the most delicate variety to the tree fern from 20 to 40 feet in height. No pen could describe them. We arrived at Rotorna at 1 p. m. Here again language fails me, and I acknowledge my inability to describe this wonderful place. New Zealand is called "Wonderland." As you enter the village to the right of the road you see a boiling lake with steam emitting like that of an escape pipe of a steamboat, in a hundred or more places. We drove through the village some three or four hundred yards to the Lake View Hotel, situated on Lake Rotorna. On this lake also you see steam emitting in many places. In the lake you can swim from boiling water to cold water. A hundred feet or more in front of the hotel is a bath-house with boiling water pouring through a pipe into a large bathing pool which is tempered, so that the water is not uncomfortably hot to bathe in. After dinner we were driven some three miles to Whakarewarawa, where is to be seen the great geyser an intermittent boiling fountain which, when in action, throws up water some forty feet, accompanied by white steam. There are also large pools of boiling mud, and a deep boiling well unfathomable. Then there are smaller pools of boiling water, in which the natives cook their food. Then there are holes in the rock where they put a box over, threw a sack over the box and cook by steam. There is a roaring sound under you like Niagara. The rocks are hot under your feet. As you approach the geyser over a ravine there is a bridge where a Maori collects a fee of 18 pence, or 36 cents. There are small pools of water not so hot, where a dozen or more young Maoris will jump in and dive for a penny, like the Samoans dive in the sea.

NOVEL COOKING. We saw these natives put their potatoes in a sack and drop them into boiling well to cook. The air smells of brimstone. We picked up some small pieces of stone and some sulphur as specimens, that were too hot to hold in your hand with comfort. Between these geysers and the village is a sanitarium very nicely kept, where are baths of all kinds, said to cure all diseases. There is a large pool of boiling water in the yard emitting steam. Time will not admit of a description of this sanitarium built and sustained by the government. Suffice it to say that it is a comfortable looking place, and there are several kinds of hot baths each one said to have special curative powers.

Our host, Mr. Crosby, has a comfortable hotel and is kind to his guests. The back of the hotel is very near a hill, where there is a hot spring. The water from this hot spring is conducted through a pipe under the house to the bath house before mentioned. Dig three feet into this hill and hot air will blow the hat off your head. The mud is hot and soft, so that you can stick a cane far down.

A couple of very nice old Scotch gentlemen, who live near Dunedin in the south island, and who 32 years ago came out in the same ship from Scotland, both successful squatters, were the only guests with me at the hotel. They were there on the advice of their physician

for some rheumatic troubles. Just before retiring we had quite a long conversation on the surroundings and we came to the conclusion that it was almost tempting providence to come and sleep quietly in such a place. Just 14 miles from here, as the crow flies, is the scene of the GREAT VOLCANIC ERUPTION in the 10th night of June, 1886,--when Lake Rotomahana sunk down and blew up Mount Taramara, throwing rocks and mud 80 miles, covering the face of the country with mud in one direction fifty miles--so that there was substance for sheep or cattle. The grass was covered with mud. One hundred and five Maoris were buried in the mud, and seven whites, among them a young English tourist. His friends in England sent out a monument to be erected to his memory, and it was some time before solid ground could be found to stand it on. Mr. Harry Cookson, is a Canadian by birth and coachman from Rotorna to Lake Taupo, who drove me one day 55 miles, entertained me in describing the awful scenes and the terrible roaring sound and shaking of the earth. The black smoke would rise a hundred feet or more in vast volume and then a bright flash of fire would illumine the night. (It was one o'clock in the morning when the eruption took place). Ashes fell on incoming ships 50 miles out at sea. The horses in the stables became frantic and the sweat poured off of them, and no power could move them from the stable.

EVERYONE SNEEZING. Colds Remarkably Prevented. Will the Grip Return? Dangers of Pneumonia. Have you noticed the unusual number of colds possessed by your acquaintances this year? There seems to be no particular reason why the Fall of this year should be more trying than usual, but, nevertheless, it is a fact. Those who know something of these matters, say that this extraordinary prevalence of colds, is the forerunner of another visitation of the Grip. Whether it may turn out so or not, a thing every one should do is to get rid of a cold as soon as possible on account of the danger to the lungs which a "little cold" is exposed. Pneumonia nobody wishes to face, and it is no exaggeration to state that eighty per cent. of deaths from this disease are due to an oversight of the colds out of which they grew had been cured.

Fever-Stricken Vessel. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 18.--A Ferrounia special to the Times-Union says the German bark Solideo Gloria, from Kingston, Jamaica, bound for St. Simons, is ashore at the mouth of the Nassau river between Amelia and Talbot Island, and is fast going to pieces. There are no signs of life aboard of her except two dogs, which were probably left by the crew to prevent wreckers from boarding and stripping her. They have made several trips to the wreck in their boats and brought ashore their clothing and the stores.

Countess Clancarty Retires from the Stage. LONDON, Oct. 18.--The action for breach of contract which Sir Augustus Harris, the popular manager of the Covent Garden Theatre and Drury Lane Theatre, recently brought against the Countess of Clancarty (formerly Belle Bliton), the well-known music hall singer, has been compromised. The countess was simply Lady Dunlo when she engaged her services for the coming winter season at Drury Lane. Since her husband came into possession of the estates and title of the Earl of Clancarty, upon the death of his father, the late Earl of Clancarty, Belle, Countess of Clancarty, has concluded that the stage can get along very well without her.

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