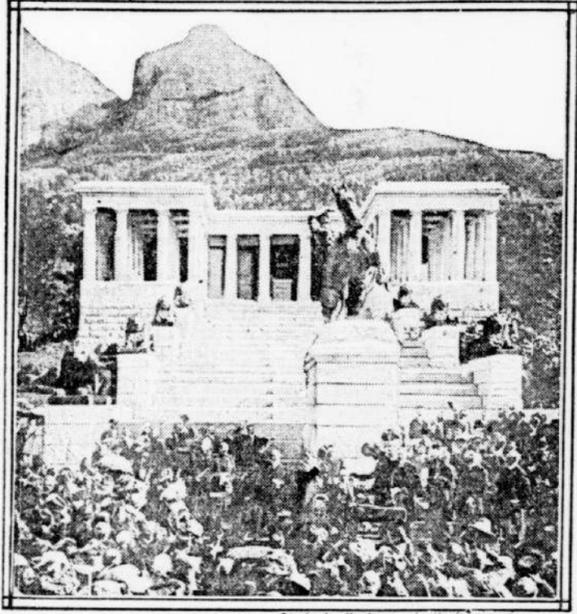


# Southern Rhodesia



The Cecil Rhodes Memorial.

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Entrance of southern Rhodesia into the Union of South Africa, now practically arranged, will supply still another parallel between the United States of America and Africa's "United States."

Just as the United States, a generation or so ago, reached out to the west and made its territories, one after another, into states, so the Union of South Africa is reaching northward—it is in that direction that the course of African empire takes its way—and is incorporating the frontier regions. Technically, the Union has had no definite claim on the British colonies, protectorates and regions more or less under British control that lie in the north; but it has boasted that it is "heir to all South Africa," and in adding southern Rhodesia it seems to be collecting the first installment of its patrimony.

Rhodesia is in many ways in a condition of development comparable to that of some of the western prairie states when they entered our Union. Only trunk line railroads have been constructed for the most part; the close network of the well-developed country is yet to come. Highways, too, are still few and poor. Both production and markets are largely undeveloped, and the farmers and ranchmen necessarily live the somewhat hard and primitive lives of the frontier. In recent years, however, Victoria (capital of southern Rhodesia), Bulawayo, Salisbury and other towns, have developed into modern municipalities with all the conveniences of the western world.

Still other similarities between southern Rhodesia and some portions of the United States lie in physical conditions and climate. The country is a plateau region, dry and hot during the southern summer, but with a reasonable rainfall usually during other portions of the year.

### An Empire Owned by a Company.

In one way southern Rhodesia is without parallel in the United States, for nothing approaching ownership of an empire by a commercial corporation has ever come up in our history. In fact, in the extent to which such control has gone southern Rhodesia, together with northern Rhodesia and adjacent territories, stands alone even in British experience which contains the stirring history of the East India company's exploits in India.

The region, nearly half a million square miles in extent, became, through concessions from a native chief, a royal charter from the British crown, and by conquest virtually the private property of the British South Africa company, of which Cecil Rhodes was the moving spirit. The company, as might be expected of any developmental enterprise, sold land, leased mineral rights and built railroads and other engineering works. But besides all this it actually governed the country, though in late years the imperial government has assumed some measure of control over the company's governmental activities.

The known presence of gold in considerable quantities drew the attention of Rhodes and his associates to southern Rhodesia. The precious metal is scattered all over the country, though only in a limited number of places has its development proved profitable. Some students assert that this is the lost source of gold in the days of Solomon—gold which was brought through the Arabian port of Ophir and so came to be called "gold of Ophir." Very extensive ruins of great buildings solidly constructed of carefully hewn granite blocks exist near Victoria and are said to be the forts and temples and workshops of alien (perhaps Phoenician) gold seekers of the remote past. The ruins extend to a port on the Indian ocean, in what is now Portuguese East Africa,

from which the gold was probably shipped.

Now a mining, ranching and agricultural country, southern Rhodesia may also have a future as a manufacturing region. On its northern border flows the Zambezi river with its Victoria falls of great volume, more than twice the height of Niagara, promising abundant power. Not far from the falls are extensive coal fields.

### Status of the Natives.

The natives of southern Rhodesia, numbering some 800,000, are in the anomalous position of having no official political status. They have drifted, or like Topsy, have "just grown," into their present condition. They have never been formally made British subjects though British control has been extended over the country. They might almost be considered subjects of the British South Africa company. The company has all along laid claim to ownership of the lands on which the natives live except the areas recently set apart as reservations. The white population of the country numbers about 30,000.

Southern Rhodesia is roughly circular, with a diameter of about 450 miles. Its entrance will add to the Union an area approximately equal to that of California, second largest state in the United States. The center of southern Rhodesia is about the same distance south of the equator as the City of Mexico is north of that line.

Somewhat further south, in Basutoland, the "Young Basutos" are uneasy under the rule of their chiefs and are eager to make their government over on something like a European basis. This means little until one learns that Basutoland is a sort of Indian territory of South Africa, that it is probably the most progressive of the native states of the continent, and that to a large extent movements there are accepted as prophetic of developments over the whole of South Africa. British South Africa and the self-governing dominion, the Union of South Africa, are not synonymous. Outside the Union—and inside it—are regions not connected governmentally with the Union but administered directly by the British crown. Of these no better example could be found than Basutoland, an area the size of the Kingdom of Belgium entirely surrounded by the provinces or states of the Union but not subject to them.

This region is in effect a gigantic reservation set apart solely for natives, and whites are not permitted to own land in it. The few whites in the section are officials, missionaries and traders. A species of communism is in force such as that practiced among primitive peoples or under primitive conditions in many parts of the world. Cattle are pastured on commons and the chiefs allot plots for agricultural use.

### Most Enlightened of Natives.

In Basutoland the British have in large measure practiced a hands-off policy. In effect they have merely built a figurative fence around the country; have managed the main machinery of the government, using Basuto laws and customs wherever possible, and have left practically all minor matters to the chiefs to manage in their own way under a paramount chief who is a sort of kinglet. Education in Basutoland is almost entirely in the hands of missionaries.

Under British guidance and missionary tutelage, the Basutos have forged rapidly ahead to the generally recognized position of the most enlightened group of South African natives. In a century their numbers have grown from 40,000 to nearly half a million; and there are almost as many cattle as people in the country.

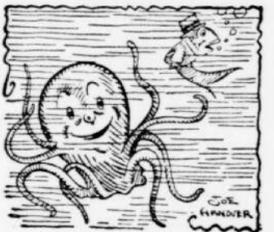
Physically Basutoland is the Switzerland of South Africa, containing the slopes and some of the summits of the Drakensberg, some of the latter reaching an altitude of 11,000 feet.



### FORCE OF HABIT, MAYBE

"Who is the fellow in a sport car?" "That's Harold Heartbreak, the movie star. He gets paid a big salary for just making love to beautiful women." "In a case like that a man would have some inducement to work overtime." "He's evidently been working overtime. His wife is suing him for divorce and names six correspondents."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Has Been About Some. "Your boy has graduated?" "Yes," said Mr. Graboon. "Now he wants to go abroad and see something of the world." "Why don't you let him see America first?" "You couldn't interest him in a proposition like that. He traveled with the football team."



ENVIIOUS Fish: Gee, he's a lucky guy, he can hug eight girls at once!

Censorship. Soon shall we see some fancy tricks New moral standards to secure, When censorship brings politics Into control of literature.

Apparently. "Boss, is you connected with de courthouse?" "Yes." "Kin you help me out? I wants a marriage license." "No, I'm a police magistrate. Best I can do is to give you a year in jail You're after a life sentence."

Can't Fool Her. The Poultryman—Certainly, ma'am, it's a this-year's chicken. I'll guarantee it. Mrs. Junebride—I don't see where you get the nerve to tell me that when I distinctly remember they were wearing the same style of head ornaments two years ago.

A Little Bit of Blarney. Mistress—Maggie, I can't have you entertaining policemen in the kitchen. Maggie—Sure, mum, an' it's a big heart ye have. I was sayin' to Michael O'Flinn th' last night that if I'd spake th' word 'e'd let us have th' drawin' room.—London Answers.

The Difficulty. "He's kinder to his second wife than he was to his first." "Yes, but his second wife keeps insisting that he's not nearly so kind to her as her first husband was."

Dubious. "Is your place in the hall of fame secure?" "Dunno," said Senator Flubdub. "I don't feel any too sure about my seat in the senate."



FRESHNESS OF THE PAST Wife: The eggs are stale. Why, I asked the grocer if they were fresh. Hubby: What did he say? Wife: Absolutely. Hubby: You must have misunderstood him. He probably said: "Absolutely."

Wretch. The barnyard goiter had no shame. Nor sense of right and wrong. He played a ringer in a game And boasted loud and long.

At the Concert. Mrs. Billtop, Sr.—Do you know that beautiful song she just sang? It is one of the old classics. Mrs. Billtop, Jr.—Yes, indeed, I've jazzed to it many a time.

Possibly So. Her Second Husband—No, I can't go out with you this evening. I have some work to do at the office. Mrs. Pstinger—You've neglected me shamefully ever since we've been married. If my first husband was alive you wouldn't dare to treat me so.

Signs Tell. Jack—Halloo, Bert, who's the girl? Bert—What d'you mean? Jack—Well, you're not wearing a collar like that for fun, are you?—London Tit-Bits.

Why He Lost Appendix. "Say, Bill, they tell me you've just had your appendix taken out," said a friend. "That's a fact," replied Bill. "Jerves you right! You should have had it in your wife's name."—London Tit-Bits.

Good Enough for This Baby. Visitor—This isn't a very good picture of your little boy brother, is it? Five-Year-Old Alice—No, ma'am; but, then, he sin't a good baby.—London Answers.

## IS PRISONER IN CELLAR 2 YEARS

Woman, 85 Years of Age, Snarls and Bites at Police Who Rescue Her.

## MIND IS SHATTERED

Locked Up by Her Daughter for No Other Apparent Reason Than That She Was Old and In the Way.

Mahanoy City, Pa.—With rats and mice as her only companions and starved almost to a living skeleton, an eighty-five-year-old woman was dragged forth from a damp, dark, dirty cellar, where she has spent the last two years as a prisoner at the hands of her daughter and son-in-law.

For no other reason apparently than that she was in the way, the old woman had been locked in her cellar-dungeon and fed only scraps of food and bits of nourishment scarcely fit for the lowest animal to eat for almost twenty-four months, while her daughter and husband lived in considerable comfort in the house above her.

When found the miserable old prisoner snarled at Chief of Police A. P. McLaughlin, clawed at him with her bird-like talons in the fear that he had come to do her greater harm. She had to be taken from the black hole virtually by force, screaming and screaming when taken into the light of day despite her feeble strength.

### Ignorant Refugees' Belief.

The mother, whose terrible imprisonment and pitiable condition became known to the police here after repeated anonymous hints and suggestions from residents of the neighborhood, is Mrs. Stephen Navilsky, of Russian birth. No details concerning the reason for her daughter's actions could be obtained from her, so terrified was she at the sight of stammers and so tangled her mind at the realization of liberty.

According to other Russian residents in the neighborhood, however, the police gained the information that the



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foreigners in the coal fields hereabouts look upon old age as a hideous thing and upon death as something to be shunned and avoided at all costs. In many instances, it was said, foreign-born families have refused to receive the bodies of relatives killed in the mines, so terrified were they at the sight of the Grim Reaper.

On this supposition, therefore, it is believed by the police that the woman's daughter and the daughter's husband, seeing old age and inevitable death approaching in Mrs. Navilsky's case, decided to safeguard their own happiness by putting her out of their sight. Month after month passed and the old woman lived on until there was nothing to do, the police believe, but to hide the aged victim away in the cellar.

### Door Bolted on Her.

Forthwith, she was pushed down the stairs and the door bolted on her, not to be unbolted for almost two years. Such food as was given her at various intervals was thrust to her, the police believe, through a tiny hole into the cellar, which incidentally, admitted the only ray of light that penetrated the place.

There, virtually in continual night, the poor old woman spent her days, gnawing at the molding morsels passed to her as food, sleeping when she could on the filthy pile of rags and old newspaper she had huddled in one corner of her prison.

### Mad Dog Bites Man on Wooden Leg.

Orange, N. J.—Bitten by a mad dog, which luckily attacked his wooden leg, Felix Carbone tied up the animal and then shot it. The dog bit a small boy, and Carbone was ordered by the health officer to tie the animal and kill it.

### Coffee Boiled Over; Baker Dies of Gas.

Stauffen, Ill.—When boiling coffee flowed over the sides of the kettle and put out the fire on a gas range, Harley Atwood, a baker, was asphyxiated by the gas fumes.

### Plans to Carry 25 Soldiers and Packs.

London.—An airplane capable of transporting 25 soldiers and their equipment has been ordered for home defense service in England. The order is for 500 airplanes to be used in the army.

### Stole Flowers From Dog's Grave.

Quincy, Ill.—Charged with stealing flowers from the grave of a dog, William Lovelace was arrested here. The grave was at the Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' home. Lovelace did not know the mound was a grave, he declared.

## The KITCHEN CABINET

Isn't it good when life seems dreary And your hopes about to end, Just to feel the handclasp clasp Of a fine, old, loyal friend? —Edgar Guest.

### TASTY DISHES

A delicious salad, which is especially well blended is prepared by using small, ripe tomatoes cut into small sections, and ripe pears, also cut into eighths, laid together in an attractive flower-like salad. Serve with a spoonful of rich mayonnaise in the center of each.

Wild Duck.—Dress them after removing the feathers by dipping them into melted paraffin. If some of the coarser feathers are removed before the dipping it will save the paraffin. Let them hang to cool, when the paraffin can be peeled off, taking every pinfeather, if care is taken to have them well dipped. Dress and put to cook in a kettle of water containing an onion and three or four tablespoonfuls of vinegar. This removes the strong flavor objected to by some. Now place them in a Scotch kettle, with an iron cover, if possible, and cook in their own juices, adding a tablespoonful of water occasionally. A chopped carrot and onion added to the kettle will improve the flavor. Serve well browned with a giblet gravy.

Purce of Chestnuts.—Shell and blanch one quart of chestnuts. Put them into a soup kettle with a quart of chicken stock, add a slice of onion, a bay leaf, a quarter of a teaspoonful of celery seed and one-half cupful of celery tops. Cook slowly until the chestnuts are tender. Press through a colander, then through a sieve. Add a pint of rich milk and two tablespoonfuls each of butter and flour cooked together, add pepper and salt to season, cook until the flour is well cooked and serve hot.

Boiled Dinner.—Take three or four fresh hocks, put to cook in plenty of water and cook until they are half done, then add cabbage, turnip, carrots, and when they are partly cooked a few potatoes; season well with salt and serve with boiled beets and onions cooked in separate dishes. Place the meat on the platter and surround with the vegetables, arranging them in such manner that the colors will be pleasing.

Cream of Peanut Soup.—Dissolve two teaspoonfuls of peanut butter in one cupful of hot water; when smooth add two cupfuls of evaporated milk, one teaspoonful of cornstarch mixed with one cupful of water, one teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls of minced onion and a dash of cayenne. Cook five minutes. Beat with an egg beater until foamy, strain and serve very hot.

Wherever loved ones are waiting The toiler to kiss and caress, Though in Bradstreet's he hasn't a rating, He is still a splendid success.

If the dear ones who rather about him And know what he's striving to do Have never a reason to doubt him, Is he less successful than you? —Edgar Guest.

### MORE GOOD THINGS

A delicious conserve to serve with meats, that can be prepared at any time, is spiced pineapple. The canned pineapple may be used, or, if fresh, cut into small cubes and cooked in a spiced vinegar, using a

tablespoonful of cloves, two tablespoonfuls of broken stick cinnamon and sugar and vinegar, with a very little water. Cook until the pineapple is transparent, then remove the fruit to a jar and boil the spiced vinegar until thick and rich. Pour over boiling hot.

Prunes, soaked over night, may be prepared in the same manner, making a nice change from the usual way of serving the fruit.

Escalloped Sweet Potatoes.—Cook six medium-sized potatoes, and while still hot slice into lengthwise slices one-quarter inch thick. Peel three bananas and cut into lengthwise slices. Arrange alternate layers of potatoes and bananas in a buttered baking dish, having the top layer of potatoes. Sprinkle each layer with one-half teaspoonful of salt and one teaspoonful of sugar and dot with butter. Pour one-quarter of a cupful of boiling water over the potatoes, covering them to bake. Bake 45 minutes, the last half of the time uncover.

Sweet Potatoes de Luxe.—Boil six medium-sized potatoes until well done. Cut into slices lengthwise and arrange in layers in a buttered baking dish, using one tablespoonful of diced pineapple between the layers. Season with a teaspoonful of salt and dot with bits of butter. Pour over one-quarter of a cupful of pineapple juice, sprinkle with a teaspoonful of sugar and dot with bits of butter. Bake one-half hour, keeping covered the first half of the time. When done garnish with marshmallows and return to the oven to puff and brown. Serve at once.

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## Dog Dies in Saving Boy From Centipede

Pueblo.—"Monte," a pet collie, in death is being hailed as a hero. Spying a big centipede resting on the shoulder of four-year-old Otto B. Thum, Jr., while he played beneath a tree on a park ground here, the dog shot out his paw, knocking the centipede from the child. The child was uninjured, but despite the efforts of physicians Monte soon became paralyzed as the result of poisoning and succumbed.

## EYE TOO FANCY; WANTS OLD ONE

Traveler Left "Everyday" Lamp in Hotel Room—Too Dressed Up With New One.

Newark, N. J.—An elderly man, who registered three weeks ago at a Newark hotel as John Mortimer Fortescue of Peoria, Ill., and who inadvertently left a glass eye in his room when he checked out a few days later, has written to Charles Carrigan, manager of the hotel, asking him to send on the eye if he could find it.

"It was unparadoxically careless of me," writes Fortescue. "I cannot understand how I should have been so



thoughtless as to leave your hotel without checking over all my belongings, in which case I certainly would have missed the glass eye. It may have been misplaced, but I hope you can find it. I have been using another eye since I left your hotel, but as it is the eye I always have reserved for Sunday wear and dress occasions, I would like to have my other one back; I am too dressed up."

Carrigan's lost and found department has been saving Fortescue's glass eye. Carrigan, inclosing the eye, replied to Fortescue as follows:

"We knew you would ask for the eye and we're sending it along. It is the first eye we have found since we established our bureau for lost articles.

"It may interest you to know that in the lost articles we have more palamas and nightgowns than anything else. We have several dozens of them, plain and fancy, and in all colors, left by guests. Somehow people forget them easier than anything else. In view of that I wouldn't feel bad about forgetting the eye."

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