

BLACK AND WHITE IN AFRICA

The Vast Preponderance of Natives in Even the Southern Colonies.

Very curious misconceptions are prevalent as to the relative proportions of the black and white population of Africa, South and Central. It is, of course, not possible to give with any accuracy the numbers of natives in any of the vast portions of the continent which have not come under British control, either direct or indirect. These provinces remain practically in the state in which Livingston and other explorers found them.

In South Africa, however, and in what is known as British Central Africa, figures are obtainable which are approximately reliable, although it must always be borne in mind that the white population of a comparatively young and more or less unsettled continent is necessarily unstable and inclined to shift from one centre to another.

In every case throughout South Africa the black population outnumbered the white to a greater or lesser extent. In some instances the disproportion is stupendous, as in Natal, Rhodesia and British Central Africa.

The centre of interests in the present juncture is naturally the Transvaal, where there are 850,000 natives and 250,000 whites. The natives are mostly confined to the northern portion of the republic, the Zoutpansberg, Spelonken and Letaba districts, and here they live and thrive in their thousands. The Witwatersrand mine labor is largely supplied from these districts, and the Transvaal government has its native commissioners scattered throughout the country.

There is not yet very much chance of any serious danger to the Transvaal from the natives within its border. Small uprisings might take place among the late Mafikato's men and the tribes under Mpefane, but, generally speaking, the Transvaal natives are too down-trodden, bullied and cowed to offer armed resistance.

On the other hand, the Swazies constitute a serious menace, inasmuch as they bitterly resented the handing over of their country to Boer authorities, and have over and over again pleaded for direct British control. The Swazies are an offshoot of the Zulus, and a valiant fighting race. If they attack the Boers or come over the Transvaal border it will be a serious and not easily quelled affair.

In the Cape Colony there are 1,600,000 natives and 400,000 whites. Between these two, it must be remembered, there are several thousands of Malayans and "Cap Boys," the latter of whom are practically half-castes, and the former to all intents and purposes whites. The Malays form an integral, reliable and considerable portion of the population of Cape Town and its suburbs. They are all Mahomedans, and have their own mosques and hadjies, or priests. Most law-abiding, thrifty and honest, they make excellent and desirable citizens. They are, moreover, among the most loyal of her majesty's subjects.

In Basutoland, which lies on the borders of the Orange Free State, there are 250,000 natives and barely 600 whites. The natives are excellent agriculturists, and next to the Zulus, perhaps, the best specimens of any of the black races of the sub-continent.

The most recent portion of South Africa to come under the British sway is Rhodesia, which embraces the combined provinces of Matabeleland, Mashonaland, Manicaland and a portion of what was formerly Linch-Wes's country. Naturally, being as yet bare-

ly colonized, the disproportion of races is enormous. In Rhodesia there are over a million natives and less than 5,000 whites. At the same time it may safely be taken for granted that it is to this portion of the continent that the tide of emigration will set during the next few years.

In British Central Africa there are 850,000 natives and 500 whites. This huge tract of country, although under British influence, will take many years to colonize, and is bound to remain for a long while a "black man's country."

Bechuanaland, which is now formally annexed to the Cape Colony, and includes the vast tract of land at one time known as Khama's Country, numbers 250,000 natives and 2,000 whites. The latter are mainly farmers and that section of the police formerly called the B. B. P., or Bechuanaland Border Police, a very fine body of men, to all intents and purposes a semi-military corps of mounted infantry.

Natal contains within its borders no fewer than 530,000 natives, almost all Zulus (Natal is reckoned as including Zululand proper), and 50,000 white folk. There are thus twelve natives to every white inhabitant. The Zulus are a fine, healthy, unassuming race, and when not contaminated by European influence, customs and vices (for the Zulu is very imitative), they are reliable, trustworthy, honorable, and, in short, a tribe of nature's noblemen. Unfortunately, they easily deteriorate, but when isolated in their own locations, they keep up all the traditions of a fearful independence. They are loyal to England.

By a curious concatenation of events which is not without its bearing upon the manner in which the Boers treat natives, according to their immemorial custom, the Orange Free State presents the nearest approach to equality between the two races. Here there are 200,000 natives and 80,000 white, or about two and a half to one. There is a lesson in this which may bear fruit in the near future.

The total white population of the whole of South Africa is approximately 820,000, of which 432,000 may be classed as Dutch and 388,000 as English, in sympathy, at a rate, if not by birth.

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The report of the weight of all mail matter, by classes, originating at the postoffice at Salem, from October 3d to November 6, 1899, inclusive, is as follows:

First-class matter	1,312.09
Second-class matter—postage paid	3,532.00
Second-class matter—free in county	1,200.06
Third and fourth class	2,545.09
Gov. free matter	112.10
Equipment (pouches, sacks, etc.)	5,762.15

Total

The report of the weight of mail matter, by classes, sent by railroad, is as follows:

First-class matter	1,327.80
Second-class matter—postage paid	2,650.50
Second-class matter—free in county	919.80
Third and fourth class	1,578.11
Gov. free matter	83.14
Equipment (pouches, sacks, etc.)	4,130.60
Foreign	882.61

Total

Postmaster Hirsch's report in the above special weight matter is ready for the postmaster-general at Washington, and was yesterday sent to that official.

FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITOL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—One of the features of the Paris exposition will be a model American postoffice which will be up-to-date in every respect. Arrangements have been made with the French postal authorities, by which mail for Americans in Paris will be sent to this postoffice instead of going through the regular channels. A room about the size ordinarily used for a branch postoffice will be fitted up with all modern postal appliances.

The question of storing flood waters for irrigation purposes, which is being generally discussed at this time through the West, has brought in so much correspondence to the geological survey that Frederick H. Newell, the hydrographer, has issued a circular setting forth what has been done in the way of government surveys and the attitude of the government toward the building of storage reservoirs. The circular says that a large number of reservoir sites in western states have been surveyed and reserved and that the maps and estimates of cost of construction have been prepared and plans drawn to afford an accurate basis for "appropriation for construction."

Commissioner Wilson, of the internal revenue bureau, has for some time been seriously considering the matter of requiring persons who use internal revenue stamps to perforate them with machines instead of by the present process of cancellation. The consideration of the subject was brought about by the use of second hand stamps in New York, an other cities.

Representative Henderson, next speaker of the house, announces the appointment of Jules G. Richards of Waterloo, Iowa, as private secretary, to succeed Amos L. Allen, who was Speaker Reed's secretary, and who has just been elected to congress. Also that Asher C. Hinds will continue as clerk at the speaker's table, and that Leroy Neesley, for some years representative Henderson's private secretary, will be the speaker's clerk.

*From the report of Admiral Bradford, chief of the naval bureau of equipment, it appears that all outfits for the naval signal service are manufactured at the Washington navy yard. The output for the past year was as follows: Eighteen thousand red stars, 18,000 green stars, 2,500 rockets, 1,300 blue lights, fifty sets army signal pistols, 250 belts and 250 holsters. The total expenditures for the navy yard on this account during the year were \$25,426.

The general missionary committee of the Methodist church is in session here. President and Mrs. McKinley sent out 300 invitations to the bishops and others in attendance for an informal reception.

Senator-elect Clark, whose seat is to be contested, will, if he wins the fight, be the richest man in the senate. One of his famous copper mines yields him \$8,000,000 per year. He values it at \$40,000,000, and if copper keeps at its present quotations, it is fully worth it.

In accordance with the recent decision for the gradual adoption of the army rifle in the naval service, the army ordnance bureau has issued to the navy department 1,000 Krag-Jorgensen rifles and 5,000 rounds of ammunition for them. The adoption of a uniform small arm and ammunition for both branches of the military service is the result of a recent consideration of the subject by a board representing the army, navy and marine corps.

Admiral Dewey's officers who could not be present at his reception here, are to receive bronze medals from the reception committee, through the navy department. They are made from bronze captured as a result of the memorable May morning engagement with the Spanish, and are very handsome.

Dr. Wiley, the chief chemist of the department of agriculture, is very busy arranging an exhibit of Ameri-

can wines for the Paris exposition. These wines have been collected from all parts of the United States and are typical of the products of our vineyards.

The United States minister at Santiago, Chile, has informed the state department by cable that the Chilean legislature has ratified the treaty providing for a renewal of the Chilean claims commission. Unfortunately, however, the Chilean government amended the treaty at two points. The amendments themselves are not essential, but they will require the return of the treaty to the United States and its resubmission to the United States senate for ratification, thus causing a further delay in the execution of this convention, which has already been so much delayed.

The new six-inch naval gun was fired for high velocities at the Indian Head proving grounds recently, and gave even better results than the famous Vickers gun of the same caliber, of the English service. At a recent trial at Indian Head, the Vickers six-inch gun developed a maximum velocity of 2,914 feet a second, with seventeen tons pressure. With only fifteen and half tons pressure, the naval six-inch gun developed a muzzle velocity of 2,950 feet a second. Rear Admiral O'Neill, chief of naval ordnance, who supervised the test of the naval gun, says he has no doubt that the gun will readily develop a muzzle velocity of 3,000 feet a second with less than seventeen tons chamber pressure. The gun has yet to be tested for rapidity of fire, but naval experts are confident that the American weapon will equal the record of the English gun in that important particular.

TAXATION OF GREAT ESTATES.

Prospective Revenue From the Vanderbilt Millions.

Great Britain and the United States have both, wisely or unwisely, adopted the principle of taxing estates that pass by death, and when a fortune like that of Cornelius Vanderbilt, estimated at \$100,000,000, comes to the probate court it suggests a comparison in the burdens exacted in both countries.

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