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**Unluckiest Man
In The World**

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LONDON, May 2.—The new diamond discovery in South Africa has brought to light one of the cruellest tricks that Fate ever played.

It is the story of Lieut. Fred C. Cornell, who came within twelve inches of being the world's richest millionaire.

Fate snatched this fortune from him, did it again the second time, and then sent him back to London and decreed that he should be killed by a motorcycle in Piccadilly-circus. He was the unluckiest man in the world.

This is the story.

The unluckiest man in the world gazed dejectedly at the turned earth all round him in the great pit which he had dug.

Then with a sigh, he shouldered his spade, gathered together his few belongings, abandoned his unsuccessful digging and set off under the African sun on the long trek back to civilization from that deserted patch of land near the mouth of the Orange River.

If Lieutenant Fred C. Cornell had dug just one foot deeper, his spade would have turned up dozens of those little dull pebbles which men call diamonds.

If he had stuck to his faith in his own prospecting theories for just one day longer he would have made the luckiest "strike" of his generation, would have become one of the richest men in the world, would not have returned forthwith to London and would probably have been alive today instead of having been knocked down and killed by a motor-cycle in Piccadilly six years ago.

Lieutenant Cornell's luck lay buried 12 inches too deep for him, and it was only lately that the great diamond discovery at Alexander Bay, near the mouth of the Orange River, at that very spot where he abandoned his digging, revealed how tragic was Cornell's ill-luck.

The men who have actually found the diamonds are Doctors Hans Merensky and Reming, and the value of the deposits is indicated by the fact that stones worth about half a million dollars have already been brought to the surface.

Explorer, soldier and prospector, Lieut. Cornell, the man whom Fate cheated of this immense fortune, had always believed that diamonds must have been washed down to Orange River by the sea.

It was in 1907 that Cornell made his most disastrous trip. The sands of Luderitzbucht, in German territory, were then found to be full of diamonds of about 20 carats that had been picked up by a transport rider some 50 miles below Prieska. He at once came to terms with the finder and set about arranging a small expedition to accompany him and test the spot.

Before completing his arrangements, Cornell went into Kimberley to find an old digger partner, who, apparently had always been particularly anxious to explore the lower Orange River.

He found the old digger after some trouble, and then it was that he came up against ill-luck.

As soon as he saw him, the old digger burst out: "The very man I wanted to see. I've seen a whole lot of diamonds, from a new place entirely. They're small, but the chap who found them swears you can pick them up by the handful where he got them."

Another transport rider, it appeared, had found these small stones. He had brought back a small phial full of them from German South-West Africa, where he had been working.

March, the old digger, was anxious to accompany the transport rider back to German South-West Africa, and tried to induce Cornell to do also.

Cornell, however, felt more confident in the venture to which he had already committed himself, the one big diamond that he had seen being worth the whole phial of little ones.

Eventually the old digger and the transport rider, a man named Du Toit, decided to join him.

In making that decision all three lost a fortune, for the place where Du Toit found the little diamonds is today one of the richest diamond fields in South-West Africa.

It cost them four months of ceaseless privation to realize that fact. When at last they returned to civilization, they were broken in health, and nearly penniless.

The loss of all they possessed was not enough, but on the day they arrived back from the expedition there was worse. Newspapers, which they had not seen for weeks, disclosed the full extent of their disaster in reports of the discovery of diamonds in the very sands where Du Toit had filled his phial with small stones.

"I had always liked Du Toit," declared Lieut. Cornell, "but never did he show to such advantage as when he got this news. His sun-flayed face went a shade paler as he read it, but all he said was—"Ah, well, better luck next time, boys!"



Above is Miss Elsie Armour, elder daughter of Mr. Ronald Armour, C. M. G., F. R. C., of London, England, and niece of Eric Armour, K. C., crown attorney for York county, Ont., who is soon to become the bride of Captain Harold Taburn, who was formerly with the Royal Air Force.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. JOHN J. WILSON

"In the midst of life we are in death."

How truly these words were exemplified, when on Wednesday, April 13th, it became known that the spirit of Mrs. John J. Wilson, of Cable Head East, freed from its earthly fetters to the great White Throne to receive the reward of a noble and well spent life.

The deceased had been in failing health for about a year, and despite all that medical skill and the tender ministrations of a devoted family could do to avert the on-ward march of the grim Reaper she gradually weakened, and passed away on the above mentioned date, at the early age of twenty-seven years.

The death of Mrs. Wilson was truly a great shock to her large circle of friends and acquaintances, being exceedingly kind, patient and charitable, she endeared herself to many friends outside her family circle, and, by these she will be sadly missed for a long time to come. But it was in the discharge of her duties as a wife and mother, that she truly excelled, and her death has left a void in the home circle, which the healing lapse of time can never completely efface.

Suddenly bereft of an affectionate mother, the grief-stricken family have the sympathy of the whole community in their great sorrow.

Despite the almost impassible condition of the roads, her funeral on Saturday 16th, was largely attended, services at the Church and grave were conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. McAulay, after which her mortal remains were tenderly consigned to mother earth, beside those of her infant son. The pall-bearers were cousins of the deceased, viz: Peter Sutherland, Herbert Sutherland, Cyril Sutherland, Elmer Sutherland, Charles McKinnon and James McKinnon.

There are left to mourn their irreparable loss, her husband and two little daughters, Beatrice and Christine, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Sutherland. Three sisters, Misses Evelyn and Alicia Sutherland, of Cable Head East, and Mrs. Leslie Parker of Regina, Sask. also one adopted brother, Joseph, all of whom will long cherish fond memories of her, whom they now know no more.

The following mass cards and messages of sympathy have been received:— Mass card, from Matilda Sutherland, Boston. Messages of sympathy, Annie Morrison, Boston; Katherine McDonald, Newton, Mass.; Clara Wilson, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Ronald J. McDonald and Mary, Newton, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. John A. McDonald, Boston; Penelope Wilson, Boston; Susan Wilton, Boston; Janie MacKinnon, Boston; Matilda Sutherland, Boston.

Vernon Notes

Mr. James McDonald is visiting friends in Georgetown.

Mr. Joseph Kelly spent the weekend visiting his parents in Iona.

Mr. H. B. Finlay is busily engaged painting the residence of Mr. Robt. Wood, Millville.

Messrs. Dingwell McLeod and Charles Murphy were recent visitors to the city.

Miss Ruth Furness spent her Easter holidays visiting friends in Charlottetown.

Mr. Owen Doherty is busily engaged building a new store for Mr. Edison Fraser.

Mrs. Emmet Henry and Mr. Newman Fraser made a flying visit to Georgetown last week.

Mr. Joe Fraser has departed for Murray Harbour North, to prepare for the coming lobster season.

Miss Anna McDonald has returned to Vernon after spending Easter with her parents at Mt. Stewart.

Mr. J. J. McGillivray, our competent roadmaster is again on the job repairing the roads for summer.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sullivan will regret to learn that they were leaving Vernon and intend to reside in Kinkora.

Miss Myrtle Ross has returned to her home in Georgetown after spending an enjoyable vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ross.

four months. The little one had been in its usual good condition of health until a few days before its death, when it was taken quite suddenly ill with colic. All that medical skill and kind friends could do was done and all to no avail.

In the early morning hours of the above mentioned date the gentle spirit of the little one returned to the God who gave it. Helen Georgetta was a beautiful child and during her short sojourn of four months had gotten a very strong grip on the heart strings of her father and her mother. They are feeling their loss very keenly. But while they mourn their loss they rejoice to know that their darling is now safe from the world's temptations, safe from all sorrow and pain, yes forever safe,—safe in the arms of Jesus.

She came to earth to show all that beautiful flowers bloom in that heavenly Eden to which she has gone.

Because of her having gone on, Heaven will now be norer and dearer to her loved ones than ever before. There they hope to meet her some blessed day when for them life's little day is forever over, and life's sorrows and trials are forever past.

The funeral which was a large one was held on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 2nd. The service was conducted by Rev. R. H. Stavert, assisted by Rev. R. H. Baxter. The pall-bearers were Law-

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son McLeod, Sutherland McLeod, James Brown and Chesley Wood. Interment was in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Hunter River.

ter a two weeks' illness.

Mr. Gordon MacCallum of Lower Bedouque spent the week end in Searletown. While here he was the guest of Mr. Wm. Sobey.

Mr. Judson Blackman purchased a valuable horse from Mr. A. H. Affleck. We understand the price was a fancy one.

Mr. Alex Affleck, Searletown, grand old man celebrated his eighty-second birthday on Wednesday, April 20th. Mr. Affleck is still a boy.

We notice some of our farmers are unloading fertilizer these days among whom are Mr. Horace Sobey, Mr. Archie Bell, Mr. Glaine McLean, Mr. Frank Shilker and others. We might mention that this is one of the best and oldest potato sections in the province, the soil being specially adapted to the growing of good clean, disease-free potatoes.

Mr. Joy Hayes paid a flying visit to Summerside recently in the interest of the new Hall. Incidentally we might mention that that up-to-date structure is about finished and will compare favorably with any public hall in the province. It is understood the young people intend presenting something sensational in the line of drama, entitled "The Country Doctor". This is a play that should grip the audience and keep everyone guessing till the end of the performance. The performers are all old timers and should do full justice to the play.

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Bringing Up Father

Tourist: "Must I dress for dinner?"
Bell Boy: "Well, meals in bed cost extra."

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