



**Der „donnernde Rauch.“**

**Die Sammelstätte im Dienste der Industrie.**

Im Herzen von Südafrika wälzt der Sambesi seine Flüsse und fürstet in mächtigen Wasserfällen in die engen Schlüchten der zerklüfteten Basaltfelsen. Mofatunja, b. h. donnernder Rauch, wurden sie von den Eingeborenen genannt, die in jener Gegend wohnten, als Livingstone im November 1855 sie entdeckte. Seit jener Zeit fanden wissenschaftliche Forschungsreisen in das Land, um die Großartigkeit dieses Naturschauspiels zu bewundern; nur am Niagarafall konnte man in der Welt ähnliches schauen, und einige, die beide Wasserfälle aus eigener Anschauung kannten, gaben dem „donnernden Rauch“ wohl die Schönheit anbelangt, entschieden den Vorzug. Bis zu den Vittoriafällen, wie der „donnernde Rauch“ von den Engländern genannt wurde, ist der Strom der Einwanderer bisher noch nicht vorgebrungen. Jetzt aber soll auch an ihnen ein neues Leben erwachen, gleich wie Niagara will man sie in den Dienst der Industrie spannen, die Fälle sollen elektrischen Strom liefern, den man auf viele Dörfer Bergwerken und Bahnen führen will. Eine englische Gesellschaft ist zu diesem Zwecke gebildet worden und sie hat \$50,000 bewilligt für eine Expedition, welche an Ort und Stelle die Frage prüfen und die nötigen Vorarbeiten vornehmen soll.

Eine 124 Meilen breite ist der Sammeloberthal der Vittoriafälle. Kurz vor ihrer vereinigt er sich auf 5940 Fuß und fürstet in dieser imposanten Breite in eine enge Schlucht, die ihm in seiner ganzen Ausdehnung vorgelagert ist, 396 Fuß tief hinunter.

Die von brauenden Wassern erfüllte Schlucht verlässt den Sambesi durch einen Kanal, der nur 297 Fuß breit ist. Dieses enge Flußbett, in das sich die Wasser des noch vorhin 5940 Fuß breiten Stromes eingewängt, muß von beträchtlicher Tiefe sein. Seine Ufer bilden nun auf einer weiten Strecke abfallende Hölften, die sich 330 bis 495 Fuß über den Wasserstand erhöhen. Zum Vergleiche sei noch erwähnt, daß der Niagarafall in zwei Armen von 1089 und 19074 Fuß Breite in die Tiefe von 145.2 bis 151.1 Fuß hinfällt.

Man schlägt die Kraft, die der „donnernde Rauch“ bei seinem Fall erzeugt, auf etwa 35,000,000 Pferdestärke. Vorläufig werden sich die Menschen nur mit einem winzigen Bruchtheil begnügen, und wenn sie auch eine Wassermenge, die zur Erzeugung von 100,000 Pferdestärken nötig ist, ableiten sollen, so wird man diesen Abgang an den Hällen selbst nicht merken.

**Bericht des  
Controleurs**

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**Lackawanna County.**

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Lackawanna County:

I, Edward A. Jones, County Controller, being duly qualified according to law, do present and submit a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the county controller's office for the year ended January 2, 1904, as required by section 5 of the creation of Office of County Controller, approved 27th day of June, 1855, P. L., page 403.

The purpose of this is the first in our county history for the entire corps of county officials to work under the salary act. It was naturally to be expected that such a change of system would be productive of difficulties in various forms, but the ready cooperation with the law on the part of the several officers has materially obviated the complications that otherwise would possibly have arisen.

In the matter of the collection of money known as liquor license fees, I followed the custom that was in vogue under the fee system by retaining a sum of two thousand dollars per cent on receipts, and two and one-quarter on distribution of said money to the different cities, boroughs and towns, etc., in proportion to their population as to whether the treasurer could charge a commission in the first place, or in the second place, and whether before or after the law was still undecided, the controller cannot take action in the matter until the case is decided. In the meantime, it was decided that the treasurer would move the money to the controller and direct him that the money be placed to the credit of the county, to which it would belong under the law.

In the matter of mercantile licenses an additional fee of one and a half dollars is collected on each license, and the amount of the fee system belonged to the county treasurer, but under the salary act the county is to receive all the fees from the state, and the controller is to receive a portion of my opinion I take a section of an act approved 31st March, 1876:

"The salary fixed and provided by law for the controller and his office may be paid by him in lieu of all or any money, fees or perquisites which are now or may hereafter be received by him or his office named in this act and all said money, fees or perquisites received by them as compensation, fees or perquisites from any person, firm, corporation, or association belonging to the county and shall be paid into the treasury."

The controller, therefore, declares that said treasurer will move the money he receives to the county of Lackawanna in the sum of three thousand, two hundred and forty dollars and fifty cents at rates of one dollar and fifty cents per name.

In the matter of charitable and correctional funds, the controller, having submitted to the county of Lackawanna the sum of three thousand, two hundred and forty dollars and fifty cents per name,

and the same were accepted by the county of Lackawanna, the controller, therefore, declares that the said treasurer will move the money he receives to the county of Lackawanna in the sum of three thousand, two hundred and forty dollars and fifty cents per name.

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