



TWO WARS.

"Thrice armed is he who hath his quarrel just."

When President Kruger of the South African Republic announced that if England must take Dutch republics she would have to "pay a price that would stagger humanity," many believed that he was, in the popular phrase, "talking through his hat." The English people expected to see their legions march to Pretoria and Johannesburg, with only such resistance as a few unorganized farmers might present. The English government started in to teach "Uncle Paul" his manners, but up to this date, "Uncle Paul" seems to be doing all the teaching. Instead of seizing and laying waste the Boer towns and cities, the English troops have had all they wanted to do to keep the Boers out of the larger places in British territory. Up to this writing, every battle that has been fought, (although the story of these battles has been told only by the British) has either resulted in a British defeat, or else it has been a drawn contest. The Boers have taken large numbers of English prisoners, and are unable to exchange them because the British have no Boer prisoners to trade.

One reason for these constant British reverses lies in the fact that the British soldiers are soldiers by profession, having no heart in their work, while their Boer adversaries are each and all fired with enthusiasm in the defence of their country and their homes. The Boers know full well that defeat means the annihilation of the Dutch republics and the domination, for all time, of the British in South Africa. Under such conditions, can it be wondered at that these rude farmers, unversed, perhaps, in the subtleties of education and civilization, but well trained in Nature's school, and born almost with guns in their hands, should be more than a match for equal numbers of British paid soldiery?

Yet after all, even those who sympathize most sincerely with the Boers in their struggle, can see no ultimate result except British success. But it is very evident that the price paid will indeed "stagger humanity."

The American people quite naturally sympathize with the British in their general aims and aspiration, but most of us have to make an exception in regard to this conflict with the Boers. The conditions on both sides are too nearly parallel with the conditions which existed in this country in 1775 and 1776 for whose souls Americans to waste much sympathy upon a country which is trying to destroy two free republics. Senator Mason, of Illinois, erratic and bombastic as he is at times, certainly struck a true and popular chord in his speech in the Senate on this subject last Monday.

In the general interest which exists as to the war in South Africa many people almost forget that the United States is

engaged in a little war on its own account in the Philippines. Some people try to draw an analogy between our own position in regard to the Philippines and the British position in regard to the Boers. But the cases are not at all parallel. The Philippine Islands became the property of the United States through their conquest from their owners, the Spanish. The Filipinos, pending the settlement of affairs by treaty with the Spanish, attacked the United States troops and endeavored to capture from the United States what the United States had taken from Spain. Of course, to have withdrawn under those circumstances would have been impracticable as well as cowardly. The United States troops have beaten the insurgents in every battle. The only difficulty has been to get near enough to them to fight them, and the whole insurrection is now practically broken up and destroyed. The Filipinos themselves, outside of a few leaders who hoped to achieve distinction and wealth by founding an independent nation, are more than satisfied to have the protection of the American flag. Wherever the American flag goes, there also go education, civilization and increasing wealth. In ten years from now, the Philippine Islands will be as loyal adherents of the United States as the citizens of Kansas or Illinois are to day. — *Manufacturing Jeweler.*

DEATH OF JOHN W. SENIOR. The funeral of John Westlake Senior, publisher of the *Jewelers' Price List*, occurred Wednesday last, the services being held at his late residence, 394 Sixth St., Brooklyn. Mr. Senior has been long known to the jewelers of this country, particularly the manufacturers and jobbers of New York, through his many years of connection with the journals of this trade. His death, which occurred March 5, was due to Bright's disease, from which he had been suffering for about a year.

THE *Newmark News* publishes the following statistics of the jewelry industry of that city: "The manufacture of jewelry is carried on extensively in the city. The 70 jewelry and four watch case establishments have a combined capital of \$4,591,372, employ 2,280 hands, whose annual wages amount to \$1,598,288, and by their combined effort, goods valued at \$5,636,084 are produced. The artistic merit and workmanship of the jewelry manufactured in Newmark have won a reputation for this branch of our industry equal to the best."

A NEEDED VACATION. Theodore W. Foster, head of the Theodore W. Foster & Bro. corporation of this city, has gone to Jamaica, W.I., for a visit to his daughter who resides there. This is the first vacation from business cares that Mr. Foster has taken in nearly fifteen years. As a matter of fact it is unusual for a business man to stand the constant strain of business for such a long time without interruption, and have no collapse of the mental system, although Mr. Foster has done so without apparent injury. The mammoth business of the Theodore W. Foster & Bro. Co., has been built up chiefly through his energy and business ability, and there is no question but that the present trip will be greatly to his benefit, both in health and strength, and he will return refreshed and invigorated.