

A Cheerful Change

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"Vanity Fair's" Gleeful Review of the Situation.

Serious Charges of Mismanagement in Connection With the Army Manoeuvres—Hot Time in the Old Town of London Accompanied by a Water Famine—Warning Against Chewing Gum.

London, Sept. 10.—The event of the week, the capture of Omdurman, and, incidentally, of Khartoum, by the Anglo-Egyptian army under Gen. Sir Herbert Kitchener, has produced a feeling of exultation throughout Great Britain, which is in marked contrast with the gloomy forebodings of the past month, during which everyone had been finding fault with the government, and it is generally believed that the country's rivals were over-matching her at every point. The completeness of the victory has had a most exhilarating effect, and has undoubtedly impressed the continental nations, while the cordial praise cable from the American press has been much appreciated here.

THE GERMAN ENTENTE.
The understanding arrived at between Great Britain and Germany allows the former's plans in South Africa to be carried out without fear of a German-Boer alliance, and the dismissal of Li Hung Chang from the Chinese foreign office, following the cease-fire proposals, is taken as evidence of the complete triumph of British diplomacy in the far east. Vanity Fair, an ardent supporter of the government, in a

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says: "Looking eastward, we see a pauperized Russia ready to climb down at our desire." And, last of all, continues Vanity Fair, which throughout has been most ingenious and persistent in its abuse of America, "we look at America we are confronted with the sight of a friendly nation ready to back us up whenever our desire are mutual. Who will say now that the horizon is not clear? Old England, instead of having a lower place, sits on a still higher pinnacle."

THE ARMY'S MANOEUVRES.
While the transport and commissariat departments of the British army, as exemplified in the admirable conduct of the Soudan campaign, appear to be beyond reproach on active service, there is no lack of allegations that there was a serious breakdown during the recent army manoeuvres on Salisbury Plain. In the first place, owing to the resources of the war department being inadequate to the demands, the contract for the catering was given to Sir Thomas Lipton, and if the reports are true, the soldiers suffered considerable privation. Indeed, it would seem, some of them suffered so much that they even committed offences. The military prisons in the neighborhood were so overcrowded that the officials declared that they would not receive any further prisoners. Besides, the soldiers suffered from sickness and accidents, and the complaint of great neglect. They say they were without food and drink for hours, or until civilians succored them.

TO EXPLOIT KHARTOUM.
The tourist agencies are already planning trips to Khartoum, which this week has demonstrated to be less than nine days from London. Last Saturday Gen. Kitchener dispatched Col. Hooper from Omdurman, the former dasher stronghold on the Nile, to Khartoum, to Cairo, and he accomplished the journey in 87½ hours.

DID "JOE" SAY TOO MUCH?
A long cable interview with Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, British secretary of state for the colonies, who is in the United States on a visit to his life's parents, has been received with incredulity by the English press. The Daily Chronicle says: "That he should have talked of a railway through the Transvaal, from Khartoum to the Cape, and have disclosed the Anglo-German understanding, or performed other feats of a like description, is beyond understanding. If these stories are true, then, indeed, Lord Salisbury's 'blazes' are quenched in the white light of Mr. Chamberlain's indiscretions."

LONDON SIZZLED.
Tropical weather continues here and on the continent. The thermometer in London on Thursday last registered 90 degrees, which is the record for the summer, while the returns for the past 30 years do not show any previous record above 87 for the month of September. The whole of Great Britain continues to be without rain, and the almost unbearable atmosphere in London is intensified by a sultry, white mist, which is so thick on the Thames that the steamboats had to stop running. There have been innumerable cases of sunstroke and apoplexy, and the iron works of Birmingham and the Black country are closing on account of the heat. Fires are occurring among the trees and the grass on commons. The conditions prevailing in the east end of London are specially pitiable.

ABOUT MR. CURZON.
It now appears that Geo. N. Curzon, the former parliamentary secretary for the foreign office and newly appointed viceroy of India, will not be raised to the peerage before he goes to India. But his father, Baron Sarsfield, will get the courtesy title of viscount.

CHEWING GUM TABOOED.
The health authorities have issued a warning against the use of American chewing gum, which is becoming the rage among children in the east end. The authorities consider it more dangerous than ice cream, which the Italians sell in the street, and against which there has been a rigid crusade.

TODAY'S ASSERTIONS.
Today, which is now edited by Barry Pain, instead of Jerome K. Jerome, devotes pages this week to the exposure of the alleged "Klondike fiasco," especially to the alleged corruption of officials. It publishes a letter from a prominent Englishman who says: "The police, land office and government commissioners and officers and mounted police are all corrupt. I would rather see the whole country handed over to the

Yankees than see such a shameful state of affairs under our flag."

THE COMING YACHT RACE.

Yachtsmen here are delighted at the fact that "big ships" have again been chosen for the America's cup contest, as this class of yacht promises to be very strong here in 1899. Mr. Charles Day Rose and the Duke of Abruzzi, nephew of the King of Italy, have both ordered new 90-footers.

"SOCIETY" SCATTERED.

British society is still scattered over the country and continent. The Prince of Wales landed on Thursday from the royal yacht, and will spend a fortnight at Osborne. The Queen, who is in excellent health, witnessed the Balmoral gathering at Balmoral on Thursday. Unusual interest was taken in the celebration, as it was the 50th anniversary of the occasion upon which the Queen first patronized the games.

The Doncaster races during the week attracted many fashionable people. There were many large house parties at Tranby Croft, where the Wilsons were again greatly to the fore. They took a special train from Hull, with a party which included Lady Randolph Churchill, the Earl and Countess of Essex, and the Duke of Roxburghe.

With the opening of the Haymarket Theatre with "The Little Minister," last Saturday, and the first performance of the Kendals' season at the St. James' next Thursday, the London autumn season will have fairly begun. But the heat naturally is affecting the attendance at the places of amusement.

There has been the usual water famine, and for three weeks over a million people, to say nothing of animals, have been suffering from the shortage. The situation is daily growing worse, fevers are breaking out, and as the indications of rain are as scarce as the signs of snow, the supply of water has already been curtailed three hours daily, and promises to be further shortened.

The heat has also been very great in Paris, where an ice famine prevails, and the French soldiers have been suffering so much that the army manoeuvres had to be abandoned.

Paris meteorological authorities hold that a sun spot is responsible for the extreme heat.

M. Flammarion, the astronomer, reports that an enormous sun spot, six times the size of the earth, making with other spots visible, a group over 2,000 kilometers long, can be seen, and holds that a violent abnormal agitation is occurring on the solar surface.

CASUALTIES

Two Reporters Drowned in Grand Discharge Rapids.

A Hamilton Man Met a Violent Death Away Off in Arizona.

VESSEL SUNK.

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 10.—A special from Liverpool, N. S., says the American schooner Harry G. French arrived here this morning. The captain reports that on Wednesday, during a dense fog, fifteen miles southwest of Seal Island, his vessel ran into the brig Lutberg, from Frigate Point, bound for Boston, with railroad ties cutting her down to the water's edge. Capt. Power and crew were rescued by the French and landed here.

PROBABLY ALL LOST.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 10.—Parties in this city received word today of the loss of the four-masted schooner John H. Plate, of this city, off the Georgia coast, and it is feared that Capt. Hobart lives and his wife and two children and the crew of nine were lost.

FOUND DEAD.

Toronto, Sept. 10.—Mrs. Duncan, wife of Reeve Duncan, of York township, was found dead in bed this morning at the residence, Don post-office.

ALMOST ASPHYXIATED.

Montreal, Sept. 10.—Early yesterday morning a Jew named Viner woke up to find a strong smell of gas in the house. He found his wife and three children unconscious. Seeking the cause, he found that burglars had entered by the basement window, and had stepped on a gaspipe, causing a leak. The sufferers were taken to the general hospital, and are recovering.

REPORTERS DROWNED.

Chicoutimi, Que., Sept. 10.—Two Chicago newspaper reporters were drowned, and coming down the Grand Discharge Rapids at a place called La Vache Caillie. Their two guides were saved, and coming down the rapids, causing a leak. The sufferers were taken to the general hospital, and are recovering.

FELL FROM A ROOF.

Hamilton, Sept. 10.—A message was received here stating that Mark Cuzner, son of Mr. John Cuzner, Jackson street east, was killed in Arizona, by falling from the roof of a house on which he was working. Deceased left Hamilton a few years ago, and has been prospering in the west. His wife, who is a sister of Sgt. Vanatter, is here on a visit now.

RAILWAY MATTERS

Austrian Invention Which May Revolutionize Railway Work.

Railway War Inaugurated in New York State.

Frank Treble, an old Windsor resident, has been promoted to the position of general freight claim agent of the Great Northern Railway, with headquarters at St. Paul.

James McQueen, jun., manager of the Reading Dispatch, Grand Trunk Freight line, and one of the best-known and most popular men in Detroit, has just died of heart failure. Mr. McQueen was born in Dunfermline, Scotland, May 2, 1834, and came to this country with his parents when a boy.

John Saack, of Prague, has invented what is acknowledged to be an important improvement in the form of an electrical apparatus for railways.

The invention causes the ringing of an automatic electric bell attached to the engine when danger is threatened by an approaching or preceding train. The discovery rendered certain signals unnecessary, and not only obviated the danger to the engine driver without obliging him to attend to signals while driving, but also of fixing and maintaining the invention is insignificant.

The West Shore Railroad Company dropped a bombshell in the local railroad camp Friday in the shape of an

announcement that hereafter its round trip rate from Buffalo to New York would be an even \$10. This cut of \$5 was immediately met by the Lehigh, Erie and Lackawanna, and it is said that the New York Central will follow. The cut is the culmination of secret slashing that has been going on in Buffalo for months past. Tickets to New York have been on the low brokers on some of the lines at as low a rate as \$4. One railroad agent said that the trouble was not cutched up right away New York and return for \$1 would be the outcome.

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