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Determination.

Last week was a great week for the British Empire. The capture of Cronje and the relief of Ladysmith, following hard upon the relief of Kimberley, have sent a thrill of joy to the hearts of Britishers and helped them, if but for the moment, to forget the great price that has had to be paid for these gains. Whatever may be the future course of events one thing has been clearly proved before the eyes of the world; that is the determination of the British people and the bravery of the British soldiers. Neither the people nor the soldiers have lost any of that strong fibre which enabled their forefathers to wrestle with so many difficult problems and pull through so many dark days. This manifestation of the real character of the people will have a wholesome effect upon the life of the world, and it is of special interest to us as our sons have stood side by side with imperial and colonial troops, which have just achieved such real, if dear-bought, success.

In these columns we have always regretted the outbreak of this war, and disclaimed any sympathy with a light-hearted jingoism, and we believe still that if the Boers has assumed a less war-like tone and kept out of British territory, that diplomacy would have found a way out of the complications. We cannot believe that any responsible British statesman looked without serious concern to the possibility of such a war. But when once the Boers gave way to their fatal madness and flung at the British Government an insulting ultimatum which was practically a notice to quit South Africa, there could be but one result. Britain's stake in Africa was seen to be bound up with the honor of the Empire all round the world. Many political leaders might be weak-kneed and half-hearted, but the heart of the people was sound, and they refused to listen now to controversies which the new issue had thrown into the shade.

On the 9th of October the Boers sent the ultimatum. They chose their own time, and their troops were all ready to take the field. At that time the Boers were by far the stronger power in Africa, as the British soldiers were seven or eight thousand miles away. Though the small bodies of troops there present fought nobly, it was possible for the Boers to overrun large tracts of British territory and besiege a number of places. They had the advantage at first in numbers and choice of positions, and it has required three months' hard work on the part of the British forces, and three months' patient waiting on the part of the people to change the situation. The people wanted victories before Christmas and they could not have them; they must be content with reverses and disasters. The Boer method of warfare shown so far is certainly clever, but it does not awaken our highest admiration. To shoot from behind shelter, and then to run as soon as you are in danger is cunning, and no doubt proper under the circumstances; but it is not the noblest kind of fighting.

Up to this point the Boers have been able to adopt this method, and many of our men have been killed by an unseen foe, but it is likely that in the future they will not find it so easy to do that kind of thing. However, it is not that or any other matter of mere method which we wish to emphasize just now, but the determination, which, after three months' toil and trial, succeeded in carrying relief to the weary garrison of Ladysmith. Through long, weary weeks the fate of that town hung heavily upon the heart of the British people until its relief became a national need, it was felt that both pity and honor demanded that the thing be done. There was one reverse after another and always a long sad list of losses. Buller and his officers were criticised by fire-side experts, and told how to do this hard thing. Perhaps mistakes were made by men who had never attempted anything so difficult but this we know that both officers and men were determined to accomplish the stiff bit of work that was given them to do.

Gen. White's gallant stand has accomplished its purpose of hindering the Boers from overrunning Natal, and Gen. Buller has carried his relief column successfully through in spite of the fiercest resistance. It was feared that in future histories of Britain the name of Ladysmith would mean dark disaster, but it will now be one of the most glorious names in the military records of the Empire. The thing that has accomplished this is British determination, the power to hang on in spite of continued reverses and wear out the enemy. It may be as Dr. Leyds says that the war is only beginning. What we do know is that the British campaign is just beginning. So far the hand of British generals has been forced. They have had to do the work marked out for them by the enemy. Now they will be more at liberty to make their own plans. The Boer campaign has utterly collapsed. They may not be completely beaten, but they will be foolish if they prolong a hopeless struggle.

The Kingston News says it may be that Gen. (now Colonel) Hutton "had a rather undue sense of his own importance." That is putting it mildly. Gen. Hutton thought he was the whole menagerie.

Experiments in Farming.

Dr. Saunders, Director of Canadian Experimental Farms, has issued for distribution an interesting booklet, containing the results obtained from trial plots of grain, fodder, corn, field roots and potatoes, at all the experimental farms. The contents are well worthy of study by our farming community, and they should either write to Dr. Saunders or to their parliamentary representative for a copy. Wide variations are shown in the weight of the crops grown, indicating the importance of the exercise of care in the choice of varieties of seed for sowing. The director hopes that the facts submitted will induce farmers everywhere to follow the example and teaching of the experimental farms. It is timely to advise farmers to pay increased attention to the choosing of the most promising sorts of seeds for sowing; to the selection of the very best quality of seed, remembering the great law in nature that "like produces like."

To these precautions, counsels the director of experimental farms, add a judicious rotation of crops, with periodical manuring and the ploughing under of green clover, a careful preparation of the soil and early sowing. With these duties faithfully discharged, the farmer may confidently anticipate good crops, provided the season is reasonably favorable. Were such practice to become general an era of unprecedented prosperity in agriculture might confidently be predicted.

Nobody can say of the Japs that they are a nation of "no great shakes." They have an earthquake every two and a half years.

Lord Roberts, by his tactful telegrams and personal handling of opponents, shows himself not less a statesman than a soldier.

The Belleville Sun is rushing the spring. It has a new dress of type, and in its advertising, as well as its news columns, looks as fresh every issue as a charming maid of seventeen.

In a recent issue of the Dominion Presbyterian an account of the missionary work in South Africa is given, in which is mentioned the celebrated missionary, Dr. Moffat. Moffat and his wife were almost idolized by the natives, and their affection was reciprocated in full; but the old missionary was often heard to say that the saddest day of his life was when the news came that Britain had reinstated the Boers in the Transvaal.

Joaquin Miller, the United States poet, seems to be an Anglophobe, for the other day, after some temporary reverses to the British in South Africa, he asked, "Who cares for the poor old toothless lion now?" The lion has shown that she has lost none of her old-time capacity to hold her own in a struggle for justice, and for the promotion of equal rights, and she has demonstrated that when it comes to conflict not only she, but her healthy whelps in all parts of the world have to be reckoned with.

Talking of flag-raising, the question of whether or not a flag had been displayed on a certain public building, when news of the victories for imperial arms had been received in Canada, was discussed in Parliament the other day. Hon. Mr. Tarte was able to say, amid the cheering of his friends, that he had given orders that on every public building throughout Canada, the flag of the Empire should be floated in honor of the achievement in which Canada has taken so honored a part. If there had been some little omission in days lately gone by, the Minister of Public Works added, the shortcoming was not to be traced to disinclination to rejoice over the good news, but because never before in the history of the country, when victories had been achieved for British arms, had the order been sent out that flag-hoisting should be general.

After Marriage

They are going to be together just as much as before; going to ride the wheel, take little pleasure jaunts, etc., enjoying everything together. Isn't that what many a young couple promise each other? And yet, how very soon the wife begins to say "No, I don't think I care to go. You go alone, dear." Young women don't reckon on the great physical changes which follow marriage. How can they when they are allowed to grow up in entire ignorance of vital physiological facts? They feel languid, weak and nervous. Sometimes there is headache and backache. The pulse no more leaps in answer to the thought of a spin on the wheel. Women who have used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, know how promptly the backache, nervousness and weakness are cured by this medicine. Many husbands write in gratitude to Dr. Pierce for the medicine which gives them back the wife's health, as it gives her back her health.

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OBSTACLES OVERCOME

New Grand Opera House Finally Leased to Mr. Whitney—No Credit to the Conservative Club.

Yesterday afternoon an agreement was reached between Manager A. E. Root, acting for C. J. Whitney, and Alex. Harvey, proprietor of the New Grand Opera House, Dundas street, whereby the latter property comes for a time under the control of Mr. Whitney. The new Opera House will be opened on Friday night, with Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin," followed on Monday by Herbert Kelley and Effie Shannon, in "The Moth and the Flame," and later by "The Telephone Girl," DeWolf Hopper, and other attractions.

The cause of the delay in getting the building opened has been due entirely to the action of the Conservative Club. The club had a lease of part of the building, and refused to let Mr. Harvey construct entrances wide enough to conform to the city regulations, unless certain demands made by them were complied with. A satisfactory arrangement has now been entered into whereby the club secure a separate entrance, and the carpenters are now at work enlarging the front entrance and stairway to twelve feet. It is unlikely that all the alterations can be made in time for the opening on Friday, but they will be completed as soon as possible thereafter.

The remodeled theater presents a very attractive appearance. A detailed account of it has already appeared in these columns. A new top gallery has been added and the seating accommodation increased, so that the seating capacity is now between \$1,100 and 1,200. Moreover, the house is so planned that there is not a seat from which an excellent view of the

stage cannot be obtained. The house will be lighted throughout by electricity.

BIGAMIST AND A HOTEL BEAT

Is What Fred. G. Swales Appears To Be.

He Gave Himself Up to the London Police—But Belongs to Detroit—Where He Has Been Taken for Trial.

Yesterday morning a middle-aged man walked into the police station, and surrendered himself to the officer in charge. He said he was Fred G. Swales, of Detroit, and that he was wanted in that city for fraud. A telegram to the Detroit authorities brought Detective Lombard to the city this morning. One charge on which Swales is wanted is that of running a bill of \$105 with Hugh Carr, of the Detroit Hotel, and tendering a bogus check for \$90 in part payment. It was also discovered by the Detroit police that Swales had recently married a Mrs. Carrier, of Detroit, while he already had another wife, now living in Omaha, Nebraska, who was formerly Miss Kate Anglin, of Ingersoll, Ont. From wife No. 2 he obtained money at various times, first for a marriage license and wedding expenses and afterwards for incidental outlays. Both women will appear against him on a charge of bigamy. Swales was at one time well-to-do, and, with his mother, kept the British-American Hotel, at Kingston, Ont. He has a brother in Detroit, who is one of the leading citizens of the place, but who refuses to recognize his scapegrace brother. Detective Lombard returned to Detroit with his prisoner at noon today.

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