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The War Situation.

The whole empire breathes a sigh of relief at the news that the British forces in Natal have formed a junction. For a time the situation was critical. Gen. Yule had already been compelled by the enemy to evacuate Glencoe and concentrate at Dundee. Here, too, he was harassed by a greatly superior force, and appeared to be cut off from the British base of operations at Ladysmith, 40 miles distant. The danger was that he might be overwhelmed by the Boers, who appeared to have conclusively designed this division of the British forces. By a series of rapid marches, Gen. Yule circumvented the enemy, and reached Ladysmith, but he was obliged to abandon his wounded at Dundee, including Gen. Symons, whose death is now announced. Happily the Boers have shown an unexpected regard for the humanities since the outbreak of the war, and there is no reason to believe the British wounded left in their hands will suffer from neglect or ill-usage. The British hospital staff remains at Dundee, and will be able to render service to both friend and foe. The British are also setting a fine example in their care of the wounded, having permitted Dutch soldiers from the Boer camp to enter the hospital for that purpose. Such humanitarianism is in part an incentive for the increasing deaths in the war. Civilization is the maxim gun and the Boer, but it has also given the Boer Cross Society. The British had made a mistake in attempting to concentrate their forces at the outset. Due to their under-estimation of the strength of the Boer army, and their failure to send reinforcements to the Natal front, the Boer army was able to concentrate their forces at the outset. Due to their under-estimation of the strength of the Boer army, and their failure to send reinforcements to the Natal front, the Boer army was able to concentrate their forces at the outset.

A Blow at Corruption.

The Ontario Government will appoint a commission of three judges to inquire into the West Elgin election frauds. The step was decided upon after the receipt of the report of the judges, who conducted the election trial. The Government's action will give deep satisfaction to every friend of electoral purity and especially to the Liberals of West Elgin, whose good name has suffered an unjust reproach. The value of the commission will not be confined to probing the West Elgin inquiry alone, but it will, it is to be hoped, deal a permanent blow at the methods too often employed by the graceless zealots of both parties. In West Elgin, the electoral machinery was seized by peripatetic scoundrels, acting entirely independent of the local Liberal association. But the West Elgin inquiry is by no means unique in the history of either party, except in this respect, that it has been discovered. The howl of indignation raised in some quarters is belated and hypocritical. Worse things happened in our own day at the last general election, but in West Elgin there was no perjury. We believe the Government's action in turning on the light will drive out much of the vermin that has infested politics, and will bring in a new and better era.

War and Boozing.

Correspondents of United States newspapers of a reliable type assert that among the 45,000 soldiers now in and around Manila there has been a great deal of drinking, and the place has been made "a hell upon earth." This is a severe arraignment, but it is probably true. It may account, in a measure, for the ineffective operations of the United States forces in the Philippines. There has been, it would appear, altogether too little discipline and too much drinking in the army, and without the one and without the other it is impossible to maintain an armed force in good fighting trim in a cold climate, to say nothing of a tropical one, which is severe on a northerner when he is a sober man, and doubly so when he is given to blood-heating intoxicants. Despite the knowledge of these facts, there does not appear to be any very earnest effort on the part of the United States war authorities to curtail the supply of liquor allowed the troops. When off duty they are permitted to drink to their heart's content. Some idea of the quantity of liquor consumed by the United States army now at Manila may be gleaned from the fact that on her last trip out the steamer Empress of India took from Vancouver for the port named hundreds of barrels of beer consumed by one St. Louis firm alone.

Mr. Chamberlain seems to be having a daily battle with the pro-Boers.

The Ontario Government is disposed to thrash the thrashing machine.

Poor General Symons!—he did not live long to enjoy his promotion. But to be struck down in the hour of triumph is a fate the true soldier does not shrink from.

Amid all this enthusiasm for our soldier-sons, let us not forget the brave little band of Canadian women who go with the contingents as nurses. Those nurses may be more needed and have sterner work to do than some of the men.

Three thousand members of the Pan-German and Anti-Semitic League, meeting at Hamburg, implored the Kaiser to intercede on behalf of the Boers. Anti-Semites in any country are the worst breed of bigots, and it is an honor to the British Empire to incur their enmity.

The Montreal unit of the Transvaal contingent got a rather chilly send-off. The French-Canadian battalion was the only local corps that turned out in strength to assist in the farewell. The loyalty-howling Montreal Star had better confine its missionary work to the English-speaking people of Montreal. It is not needed here.

The Transvaal has a very active press agent in Dr. Leyds. He tells the world that the total Boer strength is 100,000, foreigners included. Is the Doctor over-reaching himself? If he tells the truth, he is paying a very poor compliment to the Boers, when such a huge army has failed to wipe out the little British force opposed to it.

Incendiary editions of the Montreal Star were flung around the city this week containing disgraceful caricatures of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, designed to give the impression that the Premier and his Cabinet were traitors to the Empire. The slander could deceive only the ignorant, but it is the ignorant to whom the Star appeals. It is queer work for a journal which until recently professed to be independent.

That it should now be out-Heroding Herod as a party rib-stuffer is not creditable to Canadian journalism.

What Others Say.

A Double Affliction. [Hamilton Herald.] It will come hard on the Transvaal to be compelled to bear the cost of its own looting.

Same Old War. [New York Star.] It will strike most persons that war is pretty much the same sort of thing now as it was before the meeting of the peace congress.

Patriots, Not Politicians. [Vancouver World.] The unanimity of the two great British parties on the Boer war question as evidenced by the remarks in parlia-

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Light and Shade.

Mrs. Henpeck—Dear! dear! I left my watch upstairs on the bureau and I feel too tired to go after it.

Henpeck—Well, if you'd just wait around long enough it'll run down.—Philadelphia Record.

The Left One—Pat, I have a conundrum for you. What is it that stands on one leg, has feathers like a bird, and barks like a dog?

The Right One—Shure, an' if it were for the bark, I should say it was a stork.

The Left One—That's right; a stork it is. I only put the bark on to make it harder.—Harper's Bazar.

Employer—You put that note where it will be sure to attract Mr. Smith's attention when he comes in, didn't you?

Office Boy—Yes, sir; I stuck a pin through it and put it on his chair.—Tid-Bits.

Beecher and Ingersoll were always great friends. Mr. Beecher had a celestial globe in his study, a present from some manufacturer. On it was an excellent representation of the constellations and stars which compose them. Ingersoll was delighted with the globe. He examined it closely and turned it round and round. "It's just what I wanted," he said; "who made it?" "Who made it?" repeated Beecher; "who made this globe?" "Oh, nobody, Colonel, it just happened!"

REMOVES HIS FACE

It is Made of Hard Rubber and is Detachable.

What is said to be the most remarkable face on a human being is possessed by Charles Eichelberg, of St. Louis. His face, or the greater part of it, is removed at night when he goes to bed, and he puts it on in the morning. It is of hard rubber, which fact can scarcely be detected. Persons who notice it as a rule taken the rubber part for a large scar caused by a burn, and the place where the tumor joined the face is thought to be the beginning of the scar.

Six years ago Mr. Eichelberg had trouble with his left eye, and it was found that a tumor had formed in the back of it. It was removed, but grew again. The removal of the eye became necessary. Last year the tumor flared again, and was found to have grown in the brain. An operation was necessary to save his life, and when the surgeons had finished the cutting they had removed a large section of the frontal bone that helps to form the skull. The man's life had been saved, but he looked a wreck.

An insurance agent, Mr. Eichelberg, disgraced for life, with a horrible appearing aperture in his head, could not solicit business, and he was forced to wear a bandage over the left side of his face. Months of skin grafting followed, until the aperture was filled by new skin. Still the improvement was not considered sufficient by Mr. Eichelberg, who, previous to his affliction, thought himself good looking. It was suggested that if an eye could be fitted in the face it would improve the appearance. The doctors saw no way to do it, and he consulted the surgeons of the dental college. Several devices were tried, and then a dentist said he could make a plate for the face that would make Mr. Eichelberg presentable. He took a wax cast of the patient's face, and from these made a hard rubber plate which completely filled the cavity. In the place where there should have been an eye one was set in the plate, and the whole, as natural as life, with the exception of the color, was fitted in.

An artist was called in to match the color of the patient's face, and a pair of spectacles were fitted to the plate. The spectacles served a double purpose. The part over the nose and the rods extending to the ears served to support the whole, and take the weight off the cheek where it would have to rest.

The plate extends from the middle of the forehead to the center of the face. An eyebrow of natural hair has been sewn into the rubber, so that it adds to the natural appearance, and except where the plate joins the flesh there is nothing to see. Mr. Eichelberg is delighted with the work, and the surgeons say it establishes a new precedent for restoring faces that have been destroyed.

One of the beautiful points of the face, according to its maker, is the facility with which it can be taken off and put on. All the patient has to do is to remove the spectacles and the whole comes off. Without his glasses the beating of the brain and occupied eye may be seen. With them on he can pass anywhere without attracting notice and suffers no more inconvenience than the man who is blind in one eye.—New York Sun.

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EDGAR ALLEN POE. A Statue of the Poet Unveiled—His College Career.

The Zolnay bust of Edgar Allan Poe was unveiled at the University of Virginia today. Fifty years ago today Edgar Allan Poe died in Baltimore. A little more than 72 years ago, a mere scripling, Edgar Allan Poe entered the University of Virginia. The session then began in February and ended about Christmas, without a holiday, even on the Fourth of July. He was then just entering his 18th year, but so good had been his opportunities that he was much further advanced than most of the matriculates of the new university. Five years of his life had been spent by the athletic and intelligent youngster at a school in Stoke, Newington, then a suburb of great London town, though it has since been swallowed up by the vast metropolis. Here he had learned Latin and French and made long excursions into the field of general literature. He had done more. He had to some extent tried the soul of the stern old pedagogue who had him in charge by getting into all manner of mischief. This the old gentleman charged to the over-liberality of the pupil's adopted father, Mr. John Allan, then a resident of London, who gave the boy too much pocket-money. In consequence of his excellent training, young Poe had little difficulty in holding his own in the university. He made a good record, and even won public commendation for certain exercises prepared in the course of his class-work. His lectures began in the morning at 7:30 and ended at 8:30, and the last of the day was his to use as he liked, so long as his duties as a collegian were not neglected. He spent much of his time in long rambles in the Ragged Mountains, that rugged and interesting region lying southwest of the university, and in that locality he laid the seeds of some of the most weird of his grotesque stories. That he first occupied a room on the lawn jointly with a Richmonder named George is pretty well established. It was then that the future author went to West Range and occupied Room No. 13, which is now one of the literary Meccas of this country. It is quite probable that he prepared here some of the poems and tales which are included in his published works, and

THE HANGING JUDGE. Justice Sir Henry Hawkins, who has lately retired from the bench, and has been raised to the peerage, was long known as England's hanging judge. He could pass the sentence of death without moving a muscle—many judges come close to breaking down when they have to don the black cap—and on evidences he invariably came down heavier than the proverbial thousand of bricks. But, strange to say, he was popular with the great criminal classes of England; they came as close to idolizing him as it is possible for natures such as theirs to come. Sir Henry was, and still is, a confirmed racecourse visitor. On the days of classic race meetings he was sure to be close, and Sir Henry was to be found mixing with the great ones of the course.

One day Mr. Justice Hawkins, when on a journey, alighted at the platform the moment his foot touched the platform a tough-looking fellow, who had been standing at ease, caught sight of the celebrated judge. Instantly the savage man became all activity. He rushed forward to assist Mr. Hawkins with his luggage and behaved in a most friendly way. Struck by his friendliness and bustle, Hawkins said: "You seem to be very anxious to assist me."

"I am, sir," answered the man, "for you once did me a good turn." "Oh, indeed, when was that?" "When ye 'ung Crooked Billy," replied the man. "Me an' Billy once was pals, but we fell out, and Billy said as 'ow next time 'e chopped eyes on me 'e'd do for me with a knife. I knowed Billy and knowed 'e'd do as he said, and so 'e would if you 'adn't 'ung 'im in time. So 'e'd like to do you a good turn, too, Sir 'Enry."

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