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THE CAPTURE OF PRETORIA.

Although the rejoicings over the occupation of Pretoria which were indulged in last week were a little premature, they came but a short time in advance of the actual event, which was accomplished yesterday by the army of Lord Roberts.

different weapons were used. Not for the first time, the fact must be realized and taken into account that a comparatively small body of men, brave and well trained to marksmanship, are able to hold a position against a much larger body of men for an indefinite period of time if they can avoid being outflanked by superior forces.

THE TORY FAMILY QUARREL.

The Tory leaders in St. John are said to be greatly perturbed over the quarrel between Mr. Birmingham and Sir Charles Tupper. It is no wonder that this should be the case for their special organ, the Sun, has been talking so much about political virtue recently, and making such a pretence of purity with respect to elections, that the disclosure of Tory election frauds at the present time would utterly destroy all the campaign literature for several months past.

HONORARY DEGREES.

It would be an unkind thing to criticize the list of recipients of honorary degrees given by the University of New Brunswick at its centennial celebration. We presume that all the gentlemen who received this honor were fully entitled to it, and at all events whether they were or not is a matter for the public to decide.

POLITICS AND ORANGEISM.

Mr. Clarke Wallace's address to the Orange Grand Lodge at London reads quite like a speech delivered in the heat of an election campaign. Of course, this will not surprise anyone who is acquainted with the man. Mr. Wallace is a typical type of the uncompromising partisan.

believes in nothing, every passing political accident, whether it be a christening, a funeral, a wedding or a railway accident. He runs a fall far in the country village where he keeps a small general store, and people for miles around go every year to see what new means this disinterested patriot has devised for booming himself and the Tory party.

Mr. Wallace's address to the Orangemen at London was made up almost wholly of an attack upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the government. There was a paragraph about the growth of the order; but it came in at the tail end and took up but a few lines. He told about the outbreak of the war last fall and the public announcement by the prime minister that a contingent should not go from Canada.

"Thank God," says Mr. Wallace, in a spasm of pious fervor, "the miserable doctrine of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was no sooner uttered than the people of all parties arose in indignant might and compelled him to play the patriot's part, however distasteful the task might be, or give way to men whose loyalty would be above suspicion."

THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

While some Americans are extending their sympathies to the Boers and denouncing Great Britain for attacking the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, they should think of the manner in which some of the Hawaiian possessions were acquired. California and Texas were obtained as the result of an act of downright robbery, a quarrel being deliberately picked with Mexico for the purpose of enabling the United States to acquire the territories we have mentioned.

THE ELECTION COMMISSION.

The Tories, up to the present time, have not been able to discover anything to find fault with in the personnel of the commission appointed to investigate the alleged election frauds in Brockville, West Huron and other constituencies; even Sir Charles Tupper had to admit on Tuesday evening that he was satisfied with it as well as with the direction of the inquiry.

AN AFRICAN MOSES.

The readers of The Telegraph will be interested in learning that Dr. A. B. Walker, of this city, barrister-at-law, has evolved a scheme for the foundation of a white and black colony in British East Africa, and that in the opinion of one correspondent who has communicated with Dr. Walker, the gentleman has a special respect for the God of heaven.

the opinion of many people the negro problem is simply one of industry and the application of intelligence to the affairs of life. All the negro reformers who are now giving their attention to this question declare that what is needed for the negroes is education and manual training combined with settled habits of industry. When the negroes were slaves on the Southern plantations they were compelled to work, but since they have been emancipated it is said that many of them object to continuous industry, and that they are not willing to work any more than is necessary for the supplying of their daily wants.

THE POLICY OF BOAST.

Disintegration is in progress from one end of the dominion to the other. But the observable movement is as nothing compared to the stupor of the masses. Conservatives, who voted Liberal at the last election for this or that reason, have returned to their party. Independents are disgusted, and clean Liberals are falling away because of the broken pledges and corruption, and the ballot-box stuffing.

THE COMING CENTURY.

The nineteenth century which, a few months hence, will be a thing of the past, began in the midst of war and tumult and national troubles which lasted for the first seven years of its existence.

BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.

This has been known so long as an ideal place to buy Boys' Clothing that it seems hardly necessary for us to make anything more than the simple statement that the Lines of Boys' Clothing for Summer are complete. Everything will be found on our tables that the mother--no matter how fond or how proud--could wish for to dress her offspring.

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It is amusing, however, to read the above remark respecting "disintegration." Coming from a journal which, within the week, has read a prominent member of parliament out of the party as a traitor and a conspirator, the statement hardly seems candid. If disintegration is at work, it would appear to be in a party which, according to the admission of the Mail and Empire within a few days, is rent by internal plottings and knifings.

future. Austria has neither improved her position nor receded. She was a great power a century ago; she is a great power still, but there are in her elements of decay and disintegration which did not exist before, and which may be the cause of trouble before many years of the century have elapsed.