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The Transvasi and the Seat of War.

Hostilities broke out almost simultaneously in two districts—at Mafeking, in Pritish Bechuanaland, close by the Transvaul border, and around Ladysmith and Dundee, Natal. In a battle at Mafeking, 300 Boers were killed while trying to take the city, and 18 British soldiers. The capture of Gioncoe by the British under difficult circumstances encouraged them to believe that the Boers are not so invincible as in the days of Majuba Hill.

Around the Globe.

The African War-Europe, and in fact the entire world, was startled when the queen, simultaneously with the opening of parliament, called out the militia of parliament, called out the militia of 120,000 men, as an adjunct to the regular army. The militia will do garrison duty in place of the troops sent to Africa. Parliament continues in session till February, instead of adjourning after the appropriation of the \$0,000,000 needed for the war. The opposition to the war appeared in the opening days of parliament, not merely from the liberal leaders, but a conservative. Sir Eduard Clarke, declaring the conflict unnecessary, the result of the colonial secretary's blundering, or his assertion of liritish suzerainty over a people whom he (Clarke) believed to be rightfully independent. The house of commons voted down, 362 to 125, an amendment disapproving the war.

November Elections—Elections of various state officers will take place in 11 states. In Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Massachusetts and Ohio full state tickets will be chosen. Nebraska will choose a justice of the supreme court and two members of the hoard of regents of the state university. New Jersey will choose eight state sentiors, sixty members of the assembly and county officers. In New York six justices of the supreme court will be chosen, together with 150 members of the assembly. A state treasurer, two supreme court judges and one Judge of the superior court will be voted for in Pennsylvania. The candidates in Virginia are secretary of the common-nealth, treasurer and minor state officers.

Elections which attract national interest are those in thic. Nebraska and '
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The United States of Australia is likely seen to be a reality, the federation movement in these southern extension of Great British being well-nigh manimous and the preliminary steps having been taken. By everwhelming majorities the colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Taxinalla have adopted the proposed code and have applied to the Buglish parliament in regular form, asking permission to act under the new form of government No opposition is anticipated from parliament. The Australians whill a supreme court of their own, to take the place of the British privy council, 1500 miles away they want uniform tariff laws, a navy and the other advantages which only co-operation can bring. They are intersely loyal to Great Britain and the relations have the mether yountry, who had

treated these colonies with the utmost consideration, are likely to remain of the most cordial character. American travelers report a strong sentiment in Australia in behalf of an alliance or understanding among the Englishspeaking races. The proposed Australian constitution resembles that of the United Mates of America more than it does the Canadian instrument. The colonies will drop their present names and be called states. It is not the intention to have a president, but a governor-sceneral, appointed by the crown, who shall be a mere figure-head. Congress and the cabinet will govern. Queensland and West Australia have not yet joined in the movement.

An Anti-Imperialistic Conference at Chicago, representing many states and attended by 150 delegates, adopted a declaration of principles promising to try to contribute to the defeat of any party which should attempt the subjugation of a people. J. Sterling Morton was chosen president of the permanent organization, and W. T. Mize of Chicago and Erving Winslow of Hoston secretaries. Among the speakers were Carl Schurz and Bourke Cochran of New York, George J. Kendall of Denver, Herbert Myrick of Springfield, Mass, Edward Atkinson of Boston.

Alaskan Boundary—By a modus vivendi or temporary agreement between Great Britain and the United States, the Alaskan boundary dispute is for the time being settled, it provides that there shall be no arbitrary interference with miners in a certain strip near Chilkat pass. Those camps which have grown up under British auspices will remain subject to British law, and those which have had an American origin will remain subject to American inu, no matter on which side of the temporary line they may find themselves when it is drawn.

Gold-Officials of the United States treasury do not anticipate a serious a acrity of sold in this country even if the Transvani war should continue a long time, Other countries than South Africa produced \$222,000,000 of sold in 1855, and this amount would be increased in 1900 if the Transvani mines should remain closed. The product of Australia is running at the rate of 16th condend for the present year, nealant \$65,000,000 for the product of another for 1855. The United States, which produced \$65,000,000 last year, will show a product of about \$12,000,000 this year, and the Klondike product will advance from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

Germany and the United States are bound by a new tie. A narcele post arrangement goes into effect this month whereby packages of mallable merchandise of limited weight and dimensions can be transported between the two countries. Such a service has been in operation some time between our own country and the West Indies. Mexico and several Central American countries. If a mostal contention of this character be feasible and desirable as to Germany, it will furnish a persuasive precedent that must be followed seen by similar agreements at least with Great Britain and France. Be-

sides promoting trade, this arrangement cements the friendship of the nations interested.

Here and There—The sentiment cropping out of late at Washington against international arbitration may be responsible for the hesitation of the United States government about consenting to arbitrate the Alaskan boundary question. Members of the arbitration commissions of 1883 and 1899 are quoted as saying that the close relations, political and social, between European monarchs, produce conspiracles when Europeans are in a majority on arbitration boards, as they are likely to be.

The people of Kansas bought Gen Fred Funston a \$1000 sword, in connection with the return of the 20th Kansas regiment from the Philippines.

The anti-trust law in Illinois is to be rigidly enforced, all corporations having been ordered to file affidavits whether they belong to trusts, on penalty of paying \$50 a day for the delay in filing such affidavit.

Rural free delivery has worked so well around West Chester. Pa. that there are to be two deliveries a day. If this increase prove a success it will doubtless be introduced in other places.

The American cup has been this side of the Atlantic 45 years and remains another year, thanks to the remarkable yacht Columbia.

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Perhaps the most interesting, as well as the most significant, feature of the yacht races off Sandy Hook between the British Shamrock and the Yankee Columbia was the use of the wireless telegraphy of the young Italian, Marconi, to report the events day by day. This proved a complete success, as it had previously in England, Marconi's home, Messages were sent daily through the air 15 miles without difficulty and without error. Marcon's mother is an English woman.

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Thomas A. Edison is said to have bought for \$3,000,000 the Oritz gold mines in New Mexico, with the intention of treating the ore by his electrical process.

Two London capitalists are spending a million dollars in Monroe Co, Tennopening slate quarries and iron mines. They own 26,000 acres in that section.

New York city is to have an underground railway to traverse the length of Manhattan island, to cost \$35,000,000, and to be complet. I inside of four years.

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