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it has been the intention of the govern-by the British High Commissioner, were ment to restrict the franchise to one priviloged race. For some years after the retrogression country was fairly prosperous, the revenue just about balancing the expenbeen deceived by the British diplomatic diture. But, in 1887, owing to the dischange for the better began to manifest

the last nine months of 1886 to f668.433 for the year 1887. From that present critical state of affairs could not time on there was a steady increase, un- be a matter of indifference to the Orange 1896, the total revenue amounted Free State, and he had therefore convened to £4.462.194.

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clared the President, "that warrants war or an attack on the part of the Transvaal. and later in the unique, conglomerate deposits at Johannesburg, rendered the fution. War would be an insult to religion and civilization." f the rulers had been as wise as nature

was generous there would have been no President Steyn, in conclusion, said he would take this opportunity to lay certain urning political question in the Transgrant laws before the volksraad, praying vaal to-day.

Liberal as were the terms of the conention of 1881, the Boers were in no wise satisfied with them. The result of their dissatisfaction was beloved state.

the convention of 1884, in which there Steyn asked the volksraad to go into secret was no mention of suzerainty, and which was generally more favorable to the session, which was agreed to unanimously. oers than that of 1881.

from 1881 to 1895 may, perhaps, be best London, Sept. 22 .- The result of the secllustrated by quoting the demands made, ret session of the raad of the Orange Free 1895, by the body known as the State is not yet known here, but President Fransvaal National Union-an indiscri- Steyn's speech at the opening of the sesminate body, composed of capitalists, sion is regarded as an almost infallible inprofessional men, merchants and working dication of the attitude which the Free nen anxious to secure political reforms. State will take. Their demands were formulated as fol-

Commenting, from this point of view, the London morning papers are all impressed 1. A constitution safeguarded from with the added gravity of the situation, hasty change. (It had become a common and murmurs are being heard regarding practice to make alterations in the writthe dilatoriness of the government in getting troops forward. Military men are The said to be impatient. They assert that tons, en constitution, with no more formality than that required for ordinary volksraad everything is ready, and that they are only 2. An equitable franchise law and fair waiting for orders. It is recognized that representation. (The stringency of the attitude of the Orange Free State makes the original estimates based upon The Franchise Law

tas been already explained. The districts [much larger force will be required. where the bulk of the Uitlanders, and in-The government is faced with something

leed of the entire population, lived, were nly given such representation as the umber of resident burghers entitled em to have).

3. Equality of the Dutch and English flict. Therefore, ministers are disinclined reprages. (The language employed in to convoke parliament. On the other hand, ons is English, and the same may be attitude of the Orange Free State would 90 per cent, of the business transof the conversation, yet the official involve should become necessary, the govguage of the country is High Dutch, liament in Octoler to vote supplies. h very few of the burghers under-German military experts, realizing the

speaking, as they do, a local pa-The heads of the government depart-

is to be responsible to the legislature. he members of the executive have no hindhand 'n her preparations. In Berlin in the valksraad, and the minister it is also believed that Dr. Leydes is actin such a country as the Transvaal that he is misleading him by reporting he ines-surely the most important ofas no seat in the executive.) Removal of religious disabilities. from some of the European powers.

unanimously considered throughout the Orange Free State as exceedingly fair. Proceeding to review the negotiations, President Steyn said the Transvaal had

agent at Pretoria. Mr. Conyngham Greene, of gold at Borberton, a decided and he practically accused the Imperial government of a breach of faith. He was tself, the revenue leaping from £236,584 disinclined to advise the Transvaal government on the latest British demands. The the volksraad to decide what attitude

should be taken. "There is nothing," defirst in the quartz reefs of Borberton,

Such differences can be solved by arbitra-

God to give the members strength to pass resolutions not only conducive to peace and prosperity, but also in the interest of their

Immediately after the speech, President

More Troops Will Be Required. The tendency of the administration

Dutch neutrality too small. Evidently, a

ike a dilemma. The leader of the opposition has publicly denounced the precipitancy of the colonial office in forcing a con-

if so large an expenditure as the apparent ernment would be obliged to summon par-

> seriousness of the campaign before Great Britain, are commenting with astonishment on the fact that England is so be-

ing as President Kruger's evil genius, and is likely to get support, if not assistance,

To wait dis time was much de worst; I'm feelin pretty queer;

I say, "Batees, yo've got a thirst For drink to Jules Paquette de F uette de First, He don't come every year.'

I drink his healt', and den I cry-Dat make you laugh to see? And me, I laugh, and wipe my eye, I wash my face and tink I'll try For go see Rosalie.

I fix up clean, I brush my hair, Give my moostash a curl, And when I jus' was reach de stair, De docteur shout, "Prquette, you dere? Here come a ten pound girl!"

I jump dat high; I'm scared you know; I'm stan' dere in de hall, Den call, "Docteur!" He say, "Hello!" I say, "Docteur, I wan' to know You tink dat dat ls all?"

He laugh like anyting an' say, "How many more you want? I guess dat's all you have to-day You wan' to see de family, heh? Dis way den, en avant

> I'm glad to see dem hall, you bet, I say to Rosalie, "Dat's splendid babies, Ma'am Paquette, 'Dat's splendid Datas, and yet I can't spare one of dem, and yet I'm glad you don't have t'ree!'' J. H. M.

vessels. 81 come under the head of ers, carrying a couple of thousand tons Here are included vessels of cargo, in many cases carry about wrecked." that have been stranded, or lost through half a dozen hands, and, as cam be imstriking rocks, sumken wrecks, etc.; 13 agined, when anything happens to a veswere abandoned at sea; 49 were broken sel so undermanned, there is nothing for up; 5 were burnt; 32 were lost in col- the crew but to get away and let the delision; 11 foundered and 26 are missing. relict drift.

The colonies lost 83 vessels of 44,044 OCEAN MONSTERS. The following table illustrates some feat-Norway comes second in the list with 196 vessels, and that growing country of Uncle Sam's is third with 186. Sweden ures of the development of large shipcames next with 85 casualties. The building during the past forty-one years: Germans lost 66 craft; the French 62; Italy 56; Russia 42; the Dutch 28; Names. Spanish-warships are excluded-18; the Great Eastern 1858 680 Danes 17, and Austro-Hungary 10. Britannic 1874 455 Other European countries lost 36 ves-Arizona 1879 sels, Central and South America 21, Servia 1881 Asian countries 16 and other countries Alaska 1881 500 City of Rome 1881 In all 1,141 vessels were lost during Oregon 1883

1898, 332 steamers and 819 sailing ves- Paris 1888 527 6 sels. The tables, with their business terse- Oceanic 1899 704 ness and brevity have a fascination about The pain of a burn or scald is almost

them. The simple headings, "wrecked, burnt, abandoned at sea, etc., all hide stories of the sea, and in many cases stories of the sea, and in many cases lain's Pain Balm. It also heals the in-grim tragedies. The terse details of jured parts more quickly than any other are really a military body. This force Lloyd's table obscure the stories of the treatment, and without the burn is very drowned mariners, the stories of the suf severe does not leave a scar. For sale by

about stormy seas for days in lifeboats toria and Vancouver.

Volksrust, the first town in the Trans- says, is far from satisfactory. He ate vaal. Charlestown, therefore, it will be meat yesterday, for the first time. "It is seen, guards the pass on the hither side, against the doctor's orders," said Mathieu while Newcastle is on the south. The Dreyfus.

possession of the pass (i.e., Laing's Nek) "Ah," said the former captain, "let me s the crucial point. It is needless to have a holiday to-day. I will be sedate dilate on the military advantage which and obedient again to-morrow. I am like would ensue, if say, five thousand men a boy just now; feel that I could run and were stationed at Laing's Nek or In- jump about the green fields for very joy. Just think! I shall now be able to laugh gogo, Majuba Hill being a couple of miles west of the pass. While Laing's and play with my children in the beautiful country."

"to celebrate the holiday."

After the meal, despite his brother's half-

laughing protest, he smoked several cigars,

Nek is of very great importance Our Military Base

would be further south, namely, at

The sad note amid the rejoicings was Ladysmith. This town, as a writer in the African Review points out, is the the death of M. Scheurer-Kestner. "I and key of the strategical position in Natal. grieved beyond words," said Dreyfus, "to It commands the chief passes through think that I shall never be able to thank the Drakensberg into the Orange Free that noble heart." One of his first acts State; from it troops may readily be on obtaining his freedom was to have a sent forward to Newcastle, Dundee, or wreath sent to be placed on the coffin of Charlestown; while Ladysmith itself is his champion and friend.

capitally adapted for defence. It should At present he speaks little of past events. remembered that the Free State is He says: "I have forgiven, but I cannot bound by treaty to help the Transvaal forget." and he intends to devote himself in the event of war. Though nominally to proving his innocence. When that has neutral during the war of 1880-1881, been accomplished, he will only ask to be many of its burghers took the field on allowed to spend the remainder of his days the side of the Transvaal, and an ar- with his loved ones, far from the busy rangement was come to with certain world.

Free State leaders that if the peace ne- "His delight at everything," continues gotiations of March. 1881, fell through | the correspondent, "on our journey, was a strong Free State commando should that of a man returning from the dead to cut the line of communication to the the world he loved. The affection and solisouth of Newcastle, probably in the citude of his brother are touching to see. neighborhood of Ladysmith. This town His physical weakness causes the deepest apprehension to his friends. The journey and places to the south of it are already was, in the main, uneventful, except for a strongly garrisoned; Ladysmith is only about 190 miles from Durban; the rail- few expressions of disappointment on the way runs through friendly territory the part of people who endeavored to get a glimpse of him." whole way, and is not exposed to a flank Cannot Receive Visitors.

attack till the neighborhood of Lady-smith is reached. The trunk line from Capetown to Buluwayo, in addition to is expected here to-night. While Dreyfus' its very much greater length, would be health does not permit of his receiving exposed, as we recently pointed out, for visitors, it is hoped the climate will restore a very considerable distance, and it is his strength during the next few months, highly probable that sections of it would which he is expected to spend here. be destroyed in the event of war by Africander sympathisers with the Transvaal Boers. Of course, if the Free State

Length. Width. were to throw in its lot with the Trans-Date. ft. in. ft. in. vaal, this danger would be Very Much Intensified; but it may safely be assumed that in 45 2 that case Kimberley, Naauwpoort, and

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Burghersdorp, or positions in the neighborhood of those towns, would be held must be reckoned as one of the energies by strong garrisons, and made, if neces- of nature, like light, sound and heat. The sary, the bases for columns converging operated against the Transvaal by way of Natal.

The normal number of Imperial troops tached wires to the circuit in the house in Natal is about 7,000. There is in where they lodged, and thus had their addition a very efficient Volunteer force fifteen hundred strong. The Natal Pohave noted.

numbers over 700 men. The troops in Natal include the following: The 2nd the first state ball given in Quebec by the Over a thousand guests were present at ferings of famishing seamen tossing Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents, Vic- Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 1,200 Governor-General and Lady Minto last men; 1st King's Royal Rifles, 1,000; 1st | night.

evidently not considered a crime, for in a recent appeal which reached the Supreme court, the court held that those properties are wanting in electricity which would be necessary to constitute it a movable object in the sense of the law, and electricity

laws relating to larceny provide only on Bloemfontein, while a fourth column against the theft of movable bodies, and therefore would be considered inapplicable in this case. Three mechanics secretly at-

room lighted without expense. They were sentenced, and the case was brought to the Supreme court, with the result which we

STEALING ELECTRICITY. In Germany the theft of electricity is

Carpentras, Sept. 21 .-- Madame Dreyfus