

The Planet.

DAILY AND WEEKLY
Chatham Ont.

A GOOD DEAL OF TRUTH IN THIS.

Col. Chapelle, editor of one of the leading French military journals, says: "The war this year has disclosed three things. It is shown that the Boers are being directed by men who have studied closely the conditions in South Africa, for nearly every mishap which has befallen the British has been mainly due to superior knowledge of topography on the part of the Boers."

"Second, the Boers appear to have studied particularly the art of strategy, which has mostly been abandoned by civilized nations."

"Finally, the Boers are less self-confident than the British. Consequently they have gone into the struggle with more spirit to perform what is regarded as impossible. The English troops seem to have thought they were dealing with half-civilized foes or barbarians, like the dervishes, and were drunk with a sense of their own power. This is why they are so often taken by surprise."

THE EMPIRE IS ALL RIGHT.

What nonsense it is to talk about the Empire being in danger from foreign enemies. Foreigners cannot invade the mother land as long as she has her fleet to protect her coasts, and the mother land would not feel compelled to accommodate other countries with an invasion, even if at war with them, until she was at liberty in South Africa. Then, again, if the worst came to the worst, England has the money to purchase friendship. True, it would not be a very desirable friendship, perhaps, but it would serve the purpose for the time being of confounding any conspirators who might seek her undoing. There are many poverty-stricken European nations who would willingly do much for a wealthy friend, and be glad of the chance. As a matter of fact, the real strength of the Empire lies in the loyalty of her colonies. As long as she retains this she need care little for European hostility, and there is no danger of her losing colonial respect as long as she persists in her policy of crushing those little pestiferous republics off the map of the African continent.

BE GENEROUS FOR ONCE, AT LEAST.

There are few people in business in this city who cannot afford to spare a dollar to buy some deserving family a Christmas or New Year's dinner. The fact remains, however, that many who can afford to do so, don't. Yet it is probably not meanness that prevents them. In most cases they do not know where to find the deserving family or how to expend the dollar they would otherwise willingly give. Possibly their wives or the ladies of their church, or the ladies of the Home might help them out in this respect. It is well to remember that it is not always those who seek assistance who need it most. And, unfortunately, the people who do not seek assistance, but at the same time require it, are the hardest to get at. Scatter the dollars and the Christmas cheer, and let them light where they may.

Then, again, the public at large should give liberally this Christmas season to all charitable institutions for the support and care of the help-

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SUGAR MAKES MUSCLE.

If you desire to be strong and have good nerves, eat sugar. That is the view of the surgeons and generals of the German army, after careful experiments on the men under their charge. The report of Professor Pfuhl, formerly associated with Professor Koch, and who is now at the head of the physiological laboratory of the German army, states that a sugar diet increases the muscular power in a comparatively short time, and in a considerably shorter time than white of egg, the effect of which, however, is more lasting, though sugar has the advantage of being cheaper. The extraordinary rapidity with which sugar is absorbed by the body explains the rapid effect on the nervous system, which is of the greatest importance in all cases where a speedy bodily recuperation is desired; as, for instance, in long distance marching. Professor Pfuhl, in a series of successful experiments with sugar on his own person, has found that after long walks, three or four lumps of sugar removed all feelings of lassitude, and to a certain extent, restored elasticity in the muscles, this effect being frequently produced in the short space of a quarter of an hour. He is of opinion that artificial substitutes for sugar, such as saccharine, etc., have not all the same effect. Professors Senator and Munk, eminent physiologists of the Berlin University, have come to the conclusion that sugar has a high nutritive value as the purest and most easily soluble hydrate of carbon.

SOME BLOODY BATTLES.

The London Times shows that compared with many former battles the Modder River engagement was not a particularly bloody one. Lord Methuen's telegram after the battle at Modder River told us it was one of the hardest and most trying in the annals of the British army. To the ordinary mind a battle is hard and trying in proportion to the danger the soldier encounters and overcomes, and the only possible gauge by which that danger can be measured is the loss incurred in overcoming it. It may be interesting to compare the action of Modder River with some other battles in which the British

army has been engaged in the present century.

Lord Methuen's force was about 6,500 strong. His losses, killed and wounded, were 475, or 7.14 per cent.

The other figures given below are taken from a table published by Col. Henderson, professor of military art and history at the Staff College, in his "Life of Stonewall Jackson."

Strength, Killed and Per Wounded, cent.

Talavera, 1809.....30,500 6,250 20

Albuera, 1811.....5,200 3,900 74.8

Barossa, 1811.....4,400 1,210 27

Salamanca, 1812.....30,000 3,386 13

Quatre Bras, 1815.....12,000 2,504 20

Waterloo, 1815.....23,901 6,932 29

Kirozshah, 1845.....16,000 2,415 15

Sobroon, 1846.....15,500 2,063 13

Chancellorsville, 1862.....15,000 2,063 13

Alma, 1854.....21,500 2,002 9

Inkerman, 1854.....7,464 2,357 31

Modder River, 1899.....6,500 475 7.14

Lord Methuen's loss in officers was: Killed, 4; wounded, 19; total, 23. One battalion of British infantry entered the action at Salamanca with 24 officers and 420 rank and file; it had 24 officers and 342 rank and file killed and wounded.

The Berlin News-Record is up-to-date with a Christmas number that is a credit to it.

How would it do for Postmaster Barfoot to try leaving the front doors open all day Christmas and New Years for the convenience of box holders?

On Thursday next Frederick W. Butler, of Newark, N. J., will ship 500 cats to the Philippines on the order of Gen. Otis, who wants them for the protection of the government warehouse there from rodents. Mr. Butler advertised for cats, and now has the required number in his cellar, cats of all ages, sizes, colors and pedigrees.

The London, England, School Board has been considering the question of providing free dinners for underfed children in elementary schools. The argument used in favor of the measure is that since the people have undertaken the duty of paying for the education of the children of the working class they are also under the obligation of feeding the children when they are underfed.

We have received the initial copy of Le Journal, the new French Canadian daily published in Montreal. If the succeeding numbers are as good as the first one, Le Journal will undoubtedly take its place as far the best French Canadian newspaper in Canada. It is full of readable matter, its comments are timely, and its mechanical get-up shows its equipment to be up-to-date. As for its policy the Journal declares it is "Catholique, Canadien-Francois, Conservateur."

A patriotic tabby gave birth to a litter of seven kittens in one of the pillars of the Dewey arch. An energetic New Yorker stationed himself on the corner of a crowded street and sold 250 alleged Dewey kittens at \$1.50 apiece before the police interfered and stopped the business. This shows how modern legal restraints tend to foster monopoly. But for police intervention every American citizen might have enjoyed all the pleasure of possessing an original Dewey arch kitten.

The Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph says:—"The most rabid anti-British cannot but admire the pluck displayed by John Bull amid all his reverses. Lord Bessford says the task was underestimated, and the heavy losses already encountered seem to justify this statement, but there is no thought of giving up the contest, and when it is ended there is little doubt that the British flag will fly over the whole of South Africa."

NOW IN THEM ALL.

Toronto Telegram.

An appointment as county judge of Lambton, identifies D. F. Macgillivray, C. C., with the Ontario Judiciary, and the only organization of which his honor has not hitherto been a member.

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CHIVALRY IN A CABLE CAR.

Conductor Proves a King Arthur and the Passenger Knights of the Round Table.

New York chivalry may be worth a study in spots, but every now and then some great event, or trifling occurrence, gives proof that the war and wool of it are still intact. One of the little things that proves the innate generosity of human nature occurred the other day in a southbound Broadway car near Union Square.

A hunchback was sitting well up toward the front, immersed in the reading of a municipal report. A magazine and some Congress Blue books lay in his lap. His long, spider-like legs stretched almost across the car. His body was so short that a child on his right towered above him. But he was well dressed, and his disproportioned face and head sunk deep upon his shoulders, bespoke intelligence, and education.

A very built man entered the car at Seventeenth street and sat at the dwarf's left. He had removed his cigar as he came in, but it was still smoldering, and as he held it between the fingers of his left hand, a dying and almost imperceptible wreath of smoke, and was blown across a little man's face. The dwarf dropped the report which he was reading, and glanced up startled. His eyes fell upon the cigar which the newly arrived passenger still held. Then he raised a thin, piping voice in an angry cry of protest.

"Conductah, Conductah!"

The passengers glanced at him, but the conductor did not hear.

"Conductah, Conductah!" exclaimed the little man again with his voice raised in a shrill shriek of childish anger.

The conductor came back and stood before him. There was an expression of concern, almost deference, in his face and attitude.

"Yes, sir," he said.

"Conductah," squealed the little man jerking his thumb at his big neighbor; "that man has a cigar. It offends me. Please remove him."

The great size of the offender, the littleness and deformity of the dwarf, his important manner and imperious command combined to form an effect simply farcical. It was enough to make a theatrical audience roar with laughter, but in that Broadway car not a smile was visible. The passengers looked at the furious dwarf, and the only expression on their faces was one of commiseration and sorrow. The man with the cigar had a right to look angry, for by this time his cigar had gone out, but he only looked uncomfortable. The big conductor stood towering above the little man in the attitude of a schoolboy who expected to be caned.

"I-I can't put him out, sir," he said.

"His cigar's out!"

"I'll report you," piped the dwarf; "we'll see if the company's rules are to be broken this way; I'll—"

But the big man with the cigar had removed to the opposite side of the car and the conductor was going out. Still nobody had smiled.

"Conductah, conductah!" squealed the dwarf again, and the conductor came back quickly.

"Yes, sir," he said.

"Give me your number; I shall report you for insolence."

By all the traditions of comedy this sally should have aroused roars of laughter, but it didn't. The man with the cigar looked more uncomfortable than before, and threw the blackened Havana out of the window, as though to destroy every vestige of a cause belli.

The conductor gave his number and bent his head humbly, so that the dwarf could make sure of the figures. The little man jotted them down and then buried himself once more in his reading.

Everybody looked relieved. The conductor withdrew quietly, the man whose cigar had caused the trouble followed him a minute later and furtively slipped his card into the conductor's hand. Not a man on that car showed the feelings which each of them felt. They saw the bitterness and scorn that filled the little creature, and pardoned him for it as part of his deformity.

"In those days," said a great poet, speaking of the age of chivalry which some people say is gone—"in those days no knight of Arthur's noblest dealt in scorn. But if a man were halt or blind in him scorn was allowed, as part of his defect and he was answered softly by the king and all his table."

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