

about Mafeking. For a long time the see the outposts are bright and awake. terminus of the railway, with no paying goldfields within reach, this town-ship has more or less been slumbering all excitement, and the animal itself a or rather dozing, for many years. It certainly was woke up in 1895-96, when this and Pitsani were made the jumping off boxes painted grey, with tiny wheels, places of the well-remembered Jameson and you will know what an arms raid, anent which the present state of affairs makes one regret the fact that this unlucky expedition

Did Not Succeed.

Since then the continuation of the railway to Bulawayo has put renewed life into the place, and at the present time it is a flourishing little town of some 1,200 inhabitants, its principal features being a large store and warehouse of Julius Weil-that well-known South African name which seems to pursue one in the wildest veldt-and a huge market square, in which is situated Dixon's hotel.

This hotel, by the way, is more or less of a barrack, as, besides Colonel Baden-Powell and Staff-Major Gould-Adams. the resident commissioner of British Bechuanaland, and sundry other special service officers-some of Colonel Hore's regiment and all the B. S. A. Police have their mess there.

Another table is reserved for the press and its representatives, and the food is astonishingly good, owing, I think, to the fact that the genial commissioner keeps a watchful eye on the cuisine. The country round is absolutely flat rolling veldt. which appears to extend for miles. On one side of the town only is a slightly elevated ridge, now happily crowned with a snug little fort, from which peep out two trusty guns, omin-ously pointing to the dim horizon, behind which lies the Transvaal border, only about eight miles distant. This ridge, of course, would be the point of vantage for the Boers if they

could get there-and don't they wish they might. Of kopjes, their favorite shelter, there is not one to be seen, and most of the scrub and mimosa bushes have been cleared away, so much so that those who know the Boers best deride the idea of their advancing, contrary to any of their

## Established Precedents.

across the burning exposed veldt. But our C. O. is not one to leave anything to chance, or to think any eventuality an impossible one, therefore during this last week things have been made doubly has been given. secure, the additional guns have been cunningly placed, earthworks and redoubts have been thrown up all round, and the inhabitants drilled and armed. Just outside the town are the barracks of the British Bechuanaland Police, such smart-looking men in khaki serge sent up the rocket in consequence. As uniforms and brown leather slouch hats a matter of fact, the Boers are very with white puggarees; but most of these | fond of firing off their rifles, presumably,

"En passant." I must say a few words ed" outside, or having to ride out to To return to the events of the week: decided novelty. Imagine three enormous oblong square

gine and two trucks look like: the latter. filled with armed troopers and named respectively in large white letters H. M. one in front and one behind the engine, the funnel of which only appears to mark the difference between the three till you look closer and you see, calmly observing the landscape, the muzzle of a Maxim in one and of a Nordenfelt in the other.

"Isn't she a beauty?" was the universal exclamation, as this monster puffed and whistled, and finally with dignity steamed away along the brightly shining metals over the flat country towards the setting sun, the time which I think is always the most beautiful of the day in Africa, where the landscape looks so peaceful, so endless in the rosy light, when it is difficult to believe there are any discordant elements in this vast continent, which impresses one more

than any other part of the world I have ever seen of being exactly as God left | each offence. That of death is incurred | Towards the middle of the week the

their serenity once more, however, yesterday, by fresh rumors; and apparently this time we'l-founded ones. It is now Whether they have artillery with them is not yet absolutely certain. The miliconfident of holding their own, even in lotted place. The hospital stations of pursuance of his duty. "first aid" are settled on, and, in case of bombardment a safe place is being made for women and children.

Last night we went so far as to have two alarms, one just before dinner and another about 11 p.m. A rocket up from one of Our Forward Outposts

seen at the camp. Every man at nce stands to his horse, and the colonel commanding is informed that an alarm rung, and the town roused; but last night happily on both occasions the fears were groundless. The outpost had heard firing in the Boer camp, and had

captain, composed of at least three offi- London. Indeed, he has twice sailed round cers, and having a maximum power of the world, in addition to making frequent ment with hard labor; (2) a district Court-Martial. usually convened by the general of the district, consisting in the United Kingored endom, India, Malta and Gibraltar of not less than five officers, and elsewhere of Lot less than three officers, and having Mosquito and H. M. Firefly, are placed a maximum power of punishment of two years' imprisonment with hard labor; (3) a general court-martial, the

only tribunal having authority to try a commissioned officer, and with a power of punishment extending to death or penal servitude; it consists of not less then nine officers in the United Kingdom, India, Malta and Gibraltar, and of five elsewhere as in Cape Colony. There is another kind of tribunal incldental to service in the field, br where, in the case of an offence against the person or property of an inhabitant, an ordinary court-martial cannot be held, namely, a field general court-martial.

This court may consist of three officers only, and it has the power of sentencing to death. The Army Act prescribes The Maximum Punishment which may be inflicted in respect of

by various acts of treachery or cowar- came the Afghan campaign of 1879, through dice before the enemy, or by, when on the whole of which Mr. Villers served, scares died away, and people seemed to breathe again; to be startled out of breathe again; to be startled out of the interfering with or im-breathe again; to be startled out of the interfering with or im-breathe again; to be startled out of the interfering with or im-muck put an end to hostillities. A great thority a guard or post, or when on | deal of active service in Egypt followed, sentry being drunk or sleeping at a end among the numerous battles at which post, plundering or committing an of- this correspondent was present were those thousand Boers under Cronje are enfalse alarms, or deserting. Whether on and Japan war. Three years later he active service or not, a soldier also becomes liable to the penalty of death who tary authorities, however, are quietly mutinies or incites or connives at a where he accompanied Lord Kitchener to mubiny, who uses or offers violence to hartoum as the Illustrated London News' the latter contingency; should an attack or defiantly disobeys the lawful comtake place, every townsman has his al- mands of his superior officer when in artist.

## NOT A SURPRISE.

It will not be a surprise to any who and are at all familiar with the good quali-sent ties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, to know that people everywhere take pleas-ure in relating their experience in the

us of that splendid medicine and in tell much premise (he is a B. A. of Oxford) for ing of the benefit they have received one of journalism. This was in 1898, when from it, of bad colds it has cured, of threatened attacks of pneumonia it has averted and of the children it has saved Daily Mail be transferred himself to Mr. Should it be confirmed, the bell would from attacks of croup and whooping Harmsworth's banner. Since then his cough. It is a grand, good medicine, For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale needs recapitulation here. Mr. Steevens's Agents, Victoria and Vancouver,

Riches take wings more readily when in- of articles which he has contributed to like specimens of the animal kingdom.

one horse. punishment of forty-two days' imprison- visits to the colonies. Only a few days By authority of the General Commanding ago he sailed again for South Africa on in Chief. behalf of the Sketch's elder brother. Like Melton Prior. H. H. S. Pearse wields date ..... both pen and pencil in the interests of the (Signed) Note.-The Staff Officer signing the latpapers with which he is connected. The chief of these is the Daily News, but he has also performed good work for the Daily Graphic. Mr. Pearse is a veteran at his craft, for he has devoted more than a II.-RULES FOR NEWSPAPER CORRESquarter of a century thereto. During this period very little fighting has taken place in any part of the world without his being on the spot in his professional capacity. He has been through the Egyptian and Soudan campaigns. At the present moment he is in Natal. It is just twenty-three years now since Frederick Villiers-then a very young man deed-went through the first of the long list of campaigns in which he has subsequently been engaged. Hostilities had just roken out between Turkey and Servia, and to the headquarters of the army of the latter country the newest recruit to the ranks of the war correspondents was despatched by Mr. Thomas, of the Graphic. On the restoration of peace he accompanied the Russian troops to Constantinople, and received a decoration for taking part in the famous passage of the Danube. Then the only foreign languages permitted. 7. A staff officer will be named to act as ress censor. He will grant passes when ecessary to all correspondents at the seat

of war. Each newspaper having a correspondent in the field or at seat of war will send him a copy of every issue of their joined the Greek army in Crete, and last papers, so that he may, by examining their ontents, be assured that the press rules in the field are strictly adhered to

So far G. W. Steevens's experience war has been almost entirely confined to recent operations in Egypt. Here, how- alter the communication should be deem it ever, he established a reputation for himinjurious to the interests of the army. self as a brilliant correspondent that is fully equal to that acquired after years of

work by many an older member of his profession. A Balliol man by education, Mr. Steevens deserted a university career of will fix an hour when correspondents may call upon him daily for information, and be will be authorized to tell them everything that can be published with safety to the army. 10. The military authorities will facili-

tate, so far as they can, the despatch of niessages of correspondents. Although, by the provision of rule 4 in literary activity may best be appreciated the above, an accredited war correspondent from the fact that, in addition to the host becomes, ipso facto, liable to trial by court-

vested in canaries, homing pigeons, and the periodical press, he has found time to any act of misconduct-according to the martial, in the event of his committing become the author of six books. His war military code-such extreme measures are

2. He is authorized to draw forage for Dated this 13th day of October. A. S. GOING. NOTICE. in.....place..... Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia at 'ts next session for an Act incorporating a company with power to build, maintain, and operate a (Signed)
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6. The use of any cipher is forbidden to orrespondents. French and German are he only foreign languages permitted. 7. A staff officer will be named to act as ress censor. He will grant passes when eccessary to all correspondents at the seat FRANK HIGGINS Solicitor for the Applicants. NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to make application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to out and comments of the form

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