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Reviews.

—The neutral tint water-proof cover for the helmet recommended in the military column of the *Star* is one of those good ideas which will not be carried out. Chimneys and fire-places are never improved in summer, they are only ornamented with colored rags tags, tinsel and other rubbish to please the ladies. The same thing happens in peace time to voluntary armies, which depend for their existence upon the suffrages of the sweet sex that loves a gorgeous darwinian development.

—Russia has made herself free of the Black sea. Turkey commands the Bosphorus. Egypt dominates the Suez Canal. France has seized Tunis. It only remains for Spain to secure Gibraltar, for Italy to take Malta, and for Russia to seize the whole of Afghanistan, to make the average radical politician in England feel crowded, and to make him think that Jingoism was not a moral monstrosity, nor a spirited foreign policy or a thing to be despised.

—Lord Beaconsfield watched the affairs of his country until the last day of his life. The last words he was understood to utter were, "Is there any bad news in the *Gazette*?" It is through the London *Gazette* that official notices of battles on sea and land, of victories and reverses, are given, and the dying Earl seems to have entertained the impression that something was wrong. It was at that very time that the evacuation of Caudabar, which means the abandonment of the scientific frontier for India, was in progress.

—When General Colley's force was first seen on the Majuba Hill the Boers imagined it was only a feint to cover an attack on the Neck, and accordingly sent only 600 to the mountain, keeping all the remainder at the Neck. Of these 600 men some 150 were ordered to attack, and the others remained on the plateau, firing at any soldier who showed on the top. Our shots went high over the heads of the attacking party. The rifles when taken by the Boers were sighted for 400 yards and a few only had them fixed for 200.

"The Australian Eleyen," who so distinguished themselves in England some 12 months back, have been thoroughly well beaten within the last fortnight in Sydney by another set of Australian cricketers called the "Combined Eleyen," composed partly of Victorian and partly of New South Wales players. In a previous inter-colonial contest between the New South Wales men and the Victorians, the latter came off victorious.

—It should be stated that the substitution of breech-loading for muzzle-loading guns of heavy calibre in the navy depends mainly upon the War Office, which alone has the power of ordering their manufacture. It has, however, been arranged that the Ajax and Agamemnon, now approaching completion, shall be the last of Her Majesty's Navy to be armed with muzzle loading guns, and they would receive weapons of the new pattern were they not too far advanced to permit of any alteration in the character of their armament.

—Once more the 24th of May has passed away, and it would seem as if the absence of H. R. H. the Princess Louise has somewhat damped the ardour of our Militia. For the first time in the history of British Canada, there was no general turn out of the Volunteers in Montreal to celebrate the Sovereign's birthday. We suppose they are reserving themselves for the grand review at Sussex on the 1st of July at which His Excellency the Governor-General will be present.

—In South Africa the Boers are yet seizing cattle and plundering the property of British subjects.

—On the Gold Coast, the Governor has gone up from Cape Coast Castle to Prahsu to meet the representatives of King Koffie. It was here that a previous Governor went on a similar mission, who, upon having concluded a treaty with the King, throwing all the ammunition into the river as part of the agreement, he and a large body of English troops being thus rendered helpless, were fallen upon by the Ashantees and massacred to a man. Our present representative might as well bear these little details in mind.

—Mr. Childers, Secretary of State for War, announces that the Prince of Wales' Royal Canadian Regiment (100th), will be changed to that of the "Leinster Regiment," being associated with the 109th under the new system of territorial regiments.

—At London an agreement has been carried out to be the brigade camp on Carling's Farm, near the city.

—At Amherstburg a report was circulated on the 25th to the effect that 500 Fenians had landed at the Canadian Southern Railway Depot, creating considerable excitement at the time.

—At St. John, N.B., on the 18th ult., the 25th anniversary of the landing of the Loyalists was celebrated, a salute being fired by the volunteer artillery.

—The ex-officers of the 10th Regt. are again ventilating their supposed grievance in the columns of the *Toronto Globe*.

—The 77th Battalion has ordered its new uniform.

—A Royal Commission has gone out to South Africa, will not enter the Transvaal until the guns taken at Potchefstroom are surrendered.