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THE WAR.

back by the forces of Lord Roberts. The British are advancing on a wide front in be reached by wheeled vehicles except by three lines, the centre advance holding tem, with their overwhelming forces, they as a capital is pretty much as if Presiare always able to outflank the enemy and drive him from his strong positions without heavy loss. This is not so pic- was unable to persuade the Boers, who turesque a proceeding as taking the bull by the horns and making a front attack, Free Staters being tired of the war and life. Now that the Vaal River has been ers preferred to fight in their own country, crossed the people of the Transvaal will begin to feel the pressure of invasion and the Free Staters were beginning to rethe stern realities of war. Up to the alize that they had been used merely to war, they have not experienced any of its vaal who were the only persons interesthorrors. Now all will be changed and it ed in having a war with Great Britain. is to be hoped that Lord Roberts will Now this "model republic," which had no pursue a stern policy in dealing with this truculent and treacherous people.

THE MARCH TO PRETORIA.

The British campaign in South Africa proceeds with vigor and success. On Saturday Lord Roberts entered Kroonstad of smokeless powder is exhausted and that without opposition and thereby proved the inaccuracy of these military critics

This news may well send a cold chill to who predicted that a desperate stand the hearts of the friends of the Boers, would be made by the Boers in front oi for without smokeless powder their presthat place. Kroonstad derives its im- ent system of warfare would be attended portance from the fact that it was select- with enormous difficulties. The first shot ed by Steyn as the seat of government of fired from their trenches would reveal the Free State after the capture of Bloem- their position and make them a target fontein. It is about 100 miles north of the latter place and is 60 miles from that point in the Vaal River which is crossed be resisted and this at a time when the by the railway to Pretoria at Vercening which is the Transvaal side of the Vaal.

Transvaal is practically dissolved. Lord in desultory fashion at Ottawa is merely the opposition have not dared to attack which is the Transval side of the Vall.

The British forces have therefore advanced Roberts' main army consists of 40,000 rien preliminary to the decisive combat be it as a whole. They have got down to State along the line of railway from Cape guard the lines of communication; General about 140 miles turther to go along the same line before they reach the capital of Natal. This last army, which has been humble judgment there has not been at not grossly misleading. A case in point plateau interspersed with detached hills burg range of mountains between Natal people and the continuance of those conditions which make for progress and prospective.

The orange River the plain is 4,000 feet passes will have to be evacuated by the passes will be passed to the passes will above the sea, level, at Bloemfontein 4,500 passes will have to be evacuated by the perity. which will render the British advance less fatigues and eager to show its metal. easy than the above figures of altitudue

As the object of Lord Roberts is Pretoria he will continue to move north towards the Vaal River utilizing the line of railway for the purpose of transport. the Riet, the Modder, the Zand and the ers, is wedded to a policy of imperialism. He has already crossed the Orange River, as the British march north. They were stronger at the Orange River than at Kroonstad and they will be stuffed by the bonds between the colonies and the stronger at Kroonstad and they will be stuffed by the bonds between the colonies and the stronger at Kroonstad and they will be stuffed by the best of the bonds between the colonies and the stronger at Kroonstad and they will be stuffed by the best of the bonds between the colonies and the stronger at Kroonstad and they will be stuffed by the best of the facilities for enabling Steyn to escape and stronger at Bloemfontein, stronger at Bloemfontein and the stronger at Kroonstad and they will be stuffed by the best of the bonds between the colonies and the stronger at the stronger at Kroonstad and they will be stuffed by the best of the bonds between the colonies and the stronger at the stronger at Bloemfontein and Britain and Britain

cause of the desertion of large numbers that of Sir Charles Tupper who has com-

The operations of General Hunter thereat Yaungs, which is about 120 miles south king. This column was moving rapidly sarily because in themselves they are more from Cape Town and therefore only to be lant defence by Col. Baden-Powell is ful." without doubt the most thrilling episode thing necessary, while the wealth of two he goes on to say;

main road from Kroonstad to Lindley, and the strength of our own right arm. hard working, dreading heavy taxation but it does not go beyond the latter place

but it does not go beyond the Free State

Creasing and who knows but all these so that the new capital of the Free State so that the new capital of the Free State things may be united in one great wave to dash upon our shores?" passing through Kroonstad. It is on the side of a mountain range and its choice withstanding the apparently Iriendly at status and freedom they now have. They dent Steyn had announcetd the capital of the Free State to be in his hat. Steyn
of the Free State to be in his hat. Steyn
Empire must rely on itself. The British taste to share in the military-Imperialism were with him, to defend Kroonstad, the desiring to go home, while the Transvaalnorth of the Vaal River. It looks now as serve the ends of the people of the Transcause of quarrel whatever with Great Britain, has been totally ruined and has cajolery of Kruger and the weakness of its president, Steyn. It is announced that the Boer supply

plateau interspersed with detached hills burg range of mountains between Natal

THE PRIMROSE LEAGUE.

The speech of the Marquis of Salisbury at the meeting of the Primrose League shows that the Conservative party in England, so far as it is controlled by its lead-Valsch and there is now no r.ver of any It is one of the humors of the situation importance between Kroonstad and the that the Primrose League, which repre-Vaal except the Rhensoter which is not a sents the strongest possible union between large stream. Until the Vaal is reached the colonies and the mother country, therefore his work will be easy and his should have been founded in honor of a advance probably varied. It looks now as man who was an advocate of the dismemif Roberts might be across the Vaal before the end of this week, or possibly colonies," was the phrase which Lord an earlier date might be fixed for that Beaconsfield used to describe those faithevent. When the value is crossed the belief the given and the man who spoke is now forgotten and event. When the Vaal is cro-sed the be- ful daughters of Britannia, and yet all this

weaker at the crossing of the Vaal be- Empire, and will be the very opposite of won by the sword. It means, so Lord dian progress for very many year Salisbury says, the denial of home rule

THE DEFENCE OF THE EMPIRE.

tribute to the neutrality of foreign nations the Primrose League meeting when he of sympathy with Britain in premier felt impelled to say:

problems we have to so've Not necestest tomorrow. We hope to be in a position may accumulate to such a point as to remost eachest and active efforts of Downing street.

to repel them. a kind, lest it should be thought I am indicating that something is known to the commendation than this, for Mafeking, as indicating that something is known to the though close to the well settled portions of the Transvaal, is hundreds of miles from Cape Town and therefore only to be from Cape Town and therefore only to be

does not induce Lord Salisbury to believe that there may never come a change, for

body of irregulars and natives, without adequate fortifications or sufficient arms and ammunition and with but scanty supplies of food. When it is relieved every true man in the British Empire, will feel his pulses thrill with joy.

Dresident Stevn has removed his capital adequate fortifications or sufficient arms and subject to an enormous from year to year. That root of bitterness against England which I am unable to explain, may be mere caprice to satisfy the exigencies of journalists today, or it may indicate a deep-seated feeling which, later, we may have to reckon with. There can President Steyn has removed his capital to Lindley, which lies about 40 miles to the east of Kroonstad. There is a lindicate a deep-seated feeling which, later, we may have to reckon with. There can be no security nor confidence in the feeling or sympathy of other nations except through the efficiency of contact and the minds of the people of Quebec, one must understand that they are for the most part simple-minded,

> withstanding the apparently friendly at Britain; but they do not wish to lose the tain is liable to be attacked at any time by a European combination and that the premier is careful to prepare his hearers for an increase in the army by the statement that although the navy is sufficient it is not well for them to place all their | terrible thing. eggs in one basket. In other words the strong navy must be supplemented by a powerful force for land defence. We

"As to land defence, so far as I can see, anything in the nature of conscription is not a remedy the country is prepared to position to defend their homes and country. The Primrose League can do much independence as a result of the to foster the creation of rifle clubs. If once the feeling could be propagated that it is the duty of every able-bodied Englishman to make himself competent to meet an invading enemy we would have a defensive force which would make the chances of an assailant so bad that no assailant would

> people can make themselves invincible without any conscription by making some knowledge of military exercises a part of their school work, and by encouraging rifle shooting as the use of the bow and arrow was encouraged in former days.

THE COMING STRUGGLE.

independently of the number, employed to tween parties which must in the very nature of things occur before many really of no importance. And this could Hunter has 10,000 men with hun, and months have passed. Upon the is-ue of very well be allowed to pass unnoticed if that struggle much depends. In our what they say were founded on fact and same line before they reach the capital of the Transvaal. The country from the but little heard of lately, is now said to any time in the history of party conflicts arises in Mr. Clancy's recent speech on the Transvaal. The country from the budget free field of face, so that the budget free field of face, so the free field of face, so the field of face, so that the budget free face, so the budget free face, so the budget free face, so the budget free Orange River, the southern boundary of one preparing to move. It leads that upon which the country has now enthal that upon which the country has now enth

the past six months and should prevail was perhaps to be expected. upon the English speaking and French What we object to in this connection is

mitted his party to a policy which if suc- zeal. What would be the price of success cessful would result in breaking up the in this campaign? The answer is obvious Empire- Imperialism means also an in- We should have mutual distrust between crease in the army and navy for the pur- French and English, jealousies, animos. pose of protecting those possessions which ties and rivalries that could not fail to

for Ireland and the suppression of all na- the English speaking provinces are danger tionalist aspirations which conflict with the ous and reprehensible, what must be eaid of the careful, calm neutrality which has they are working upon that fact to arouse been observed by all the governments of a prejudice against the government. They the world. Yet, notwithstanding this care- say that the premier is allowing his Imful, calm neutrality on the part of the perial inclinations to run away wish his governments of the world, the British judgment; that he and his colleague have committed Canada to a perpetua "Hereafter external affairs will occupy a considerably larger place among the the Transvaal republic we are called upon to fight, but tomorrow it may be France. sarny because in themselves they are more important, but if we look around we can see the elements and causes of menace ing picture of the burdens of taxation see the elements and causes of menace ing picture of the parachis of causes and peril slowly accumulating, and they which will be imposed on the people of Canada at the dictation and

ture of war taxation, navy "A certain section of our subjects, not \$48,000,000 a year would be Canada's share of the richest corporations in the world was employed in the defence of Kimberley.

But Mafeking has been defended by a body of irregulars and natives, without abody of irregulars and natives, without abody of irregulars and natives, without about the formal and natives, without a precautions to take. Governments may be shown a year would be for army and navy purposes alone, and asked his hearers to think of the humiliance of the rights of self-and the precautions to take. Governments may be shown a year would be for army and navy purposes alone, and asked his hearers to think of the humiliance of the rights of self-and the precautions to take. Governments may be shown a year would be shown a year would be shown as the for army and navy purposes alone, and asked his hearers to think of the humiliance of the precautions to take.

and above all intensely appreciative of the rights and privileges and independence they enjoy under existing conditions. They All this may be taken to mean that not- are deeply and sincerely loyal to Great

The people of Canada ought to seriously about these things, and we be lieve they will. Whatever else we may be content to see made the football of party strife, we cannot afford to encourage anything which creates a menace to the peaceful relations of, our Canadan people as a whole. The part of patriotsm is to meet these tactics with firm diselections shall be fought out on general just now is the assertion of that higher Canada.

A HIGH TRIBUTE.

It is a significant tribute to the strength The sparring which is just now going on of the fiscal policy of the government that

tered; involving at once the peace of the take \$15 off seed beans and to put \$17,322

monious co-operation between the two duction of \$15 on seed beans they would ion. If the Conservatives persevere in has only stated what is helpful to his argutactics which they have pursued for ment in dealing with tax reductions. That

speaking provinces to accept their views, the palpably unfair method which the Conthere can be no such thing as harmony and servatives are following in criticizing the united action between English and Fren h tariff. Mr. Clancy knows very well that the Liberal tariff as introduced in 1897 did to the very root of things in Canada-it is rate on cottons or woollens or any of the calculated to weaken the foundation of other articles alluded to with the single our national life. In Ontario they are in- exception of tobacco. He ignores the rate, gin with. sidiously urging the idea that it is a bad which is the essence of the whole matter, thing to have a French-Canadian premier. and deals only with the volume of duty

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WASTED POWER.

The cities of Ottawa and Hull, apart from the prestige given to them by the fact that Ottawa is the seat of government, are largely the creation of the splendid water power which they possess. Other sesses a great natural water power ought to be a seat of industry and this rule is of universal application. St. John has ever since its foundation possessed a water We say the peace of the people, be iron and steel wire and put \$236,860 on by steam. This power we need hardly feet, at Kroonstad the same, at the crossing of the Vaal River 4,750 feet and at
mountain ranges between these points,
which will render the British advance less

Boers unless they are waning to be caught
to be caught
or and steel wire and put \$236,860 on
woollen goods. Then he took \$126,885 off
barbed uire fencing and put \$393,203 on
invasion will be swelled by Buller's large
invasion will be swelled by Bu great races in Canada. Upon that rela- not have a strong case upon which to ap- able, but in these days of storage bat- few sentences from the address: the new mayor and common council to be-

KRUGER.

from England the duty collected amounted to the South African republic. Kruger of the perils which attach to many amounted to \$7,328,191. This year the importation says he has confidence in the future of the ments, of the evils inseparable from others, promises to reach \$50,000,000, and while the rate of duty has been further reduced in the case of English goods it is probable to the sympathy of the world was with the case of English goods it is probable. in the case of English goods it is probable

Transvaal. He expressed his contract the volume of duty will be \$8,000,000. Mr. fident belief that the Lord liverance on the subject of amusements Clancy would take that fact and argue was on the side of the Trans- by the conference involving some relaxafrom it that instead of helping England vaal and so with a mixture of cant, menwe had piled more taxation upon her. dacity and hypocrisy he invited the Raad of the church. The effect of too great What has just been said applies to the to proceed to business. Kruger possibly strictness has been the actual loss of what has just been said applies to the to proceed to distinct the actual loss of strictness has been the actual loss of entire subject of taxation as dealt with by believes that he is a very good man, a church members or of their families, or the opposition. They avoid talking about model of righteousness, one of God's elect, their practical loss by making them inthe opposition. They avoid taking about model of right shining in a dark different adherents of the church and distotals, which is scarcely a creditable thing place, and an example of truth, honesty obedient to its rules. The bishops would favor, to set our faces sternly against to do. It may be defensible as the resort and virtue. But to outsiders who have like to retain the old, hard, strict system, them, and to insist that the approaching of a party which has no case; but it does studied his career, he is but a cunning old but they do not desire their church to not present a high conception of fair play. trickster, who is prepared to resort to disappear because it is too good. If the issues. If, as Conservatives allege, Lib- This very matter of imports from England any device to carry his own ends. Kruger erals have been indiscreet in their utterances, if Liberal journals have taken part the way of reduced taxation. If the esti- have befallen South Africa, and but for in these racial disputes, let the fact be mate of \$50,000,000 of imports this year him the Transvaal might have remained buried. What is needed above all things from that quarter is realized, it will mean free, independent and happy. Now its that the people of Canada will pay \$4,000, sun will go down in a sea of blood, and not form of patriotism which looks ahead to 000 less thereon than if the Foster tariff only will its independence be lost, but the hearty and sympathetic co-operation were still in force. It may suit Mr. Clancy its homes will be desolated and its best of all races and classes for the upbuild- to talk about \$15 being taken off seed men killed. All this ruin has been the reing of a strong and prosperous and united beans; but the mass of electors will probably have a deeper interest in the \$4,000,000 ambition to drive the British out of Afsaved on woollens, linens, cutlery, chinaware, dress goods and other articles in than Kruger's policy has been, and his in Africa for centuries to come.

AMUSEMENTS.

The question of amusements is attractthings being equal every city that post their annual address at the opening of the paign is being carried on. Yesterday we which is that of the entire bench of bishbeen utilized to the smallest extent the dation of the theatre, the concert, the today we have pleasing news from Natal and very mills which are beside it being run dance hall and the race course, the adsay is the falls, which although slack at excess in other and comparatively innoof the twenty-four for any purpose to life was largely forgotten, the love of the Ottawa; but it is of the first importance | It must be admitted that if the Liberals | which they can be applied. In former passing world gaining in master fulness. to everybody that there should be har- had nothing else in their favor than a redirectly the falls may not have been avail- harder to regulate them. We quote a selected by Steyn as the new capital of tionship turns the destiny of the domin- peal to the people; but happily Mr. Clancy teries and electrical power derived from "Experience has shown that it is im-

plicity, moderation and purity in his pleas-

young people demand amusements they must have them even if the rules of the church have to be relaxed. Other churches are probably considering the same subject attentively and looking for a way that will prevent the loss of church membership without too great a strain on the ancient rules. Perhaps the better way to apname will be mentioned with malediction change of manners that has taken place

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

ing the attention of the Methodist Epis- when every day brings its own story of copal Church of the United States, having important movements in various parts been brought forward by the bishops in of the wide field over which the camconference of the church. The address were able to chronicle the capture of which is that of the entire bench of bishops, was read by Bishop Andrews and ocops, was read by Dishop Andrews and of cupied an hour and a half in delivery. Free State and the ignominious flight power of amazing extent which has never After dealing with the shameful degra- of the Boer army towards the Vaal River; dress went on to speak of the tendency to of the relief of Mafeking. Nor are these excess in other and comparatively limbs with, for the Boers are active in many pressed the belief that the seriousness of places and they are being steadily pressed the Free State was erroneous. It is not Lindley, but Helibron that has been chosteries and electrical power derived from other sources surely the power of the falls might be used in many ways. The falls might be used in many ways. The corporation of the city has a large interest in this matter and would profit more than any private individual if this more than any private individual if this more than any private individual if this matter and would profit more than any private individual if this matter and would profit more than any private individual if this matter and would profit more than any private individual if this matter and would profit more than any private individual if this matter and would profit more than any private individual if this matter and would profit more than any private individual if this matter and would profit more than any private individual if this matter and would profit more than any private individual if this matter and would profit more than any private individual if this matter and would profit more than any private individual if this matter and would profit more than any private individual if this matter and would profit more than any private individual if this matter and would profit more than any private individual if this matter and would profit more than any private individual if this matter and would profit more than any private individual in this matter and would profit more than any private individual in this matter and would profit more than any private individual in this matter and would profit more than any private individual in this matter and would profit more than any private individual in this matter and would profit more than any private individual in this matter and would profit more than any private individual in this matter and would profit more than any private individual in this matter and would profit more than any private individual in this matter and would profit more than any private individual in this matter and would profit more than any private individual in this matter and would profit more than any private individual in this matter and would profit more than any private individual in this matter and would profit more than any private individ more than any private individual it this power from the falls was found to be available. Why not engage the services of an expert to report upon the subject in this time of excessive and question. The this time of excessive and question and 40 from the seemed very singular. Helibron, on the contrary, has excellent means of communication, east, west and north. It is about 50 miles northeast of Kroonstad and 40 from the seemed very singular. of an expert to report upon the subject and ascertain to what extent this power able amusements, this principle should be often reiterated and strongly emphasized.

The peril to the spiritual life of our new read and ascertain to what extent this power able amusements, this principle should be often reiterated and strongly emphasized.

The peril to the spiritual life of our new read are strongly emphasized. ple is imminent and incalculable. Lovers of pleasure are not likely to be lovers of God. The warrior must not entangle himerly to Frankfort and from thence to Villersdorp on the Vaal, a circuitous ures the Christian cannot resist the forces route of some 90 miles. Helibron has no Poor old Kruger put the best face post that create an age of triflers and sensible on the Transvaal situation on the spalists. So great is this danger that we