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THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

the views of this person would be likely Boers having retired from it without into soon fall into a state of profound dis- juring the railway bridge after taking couragement, both with regard to the the trouble to drive the small British present condition of the British | force out of it. forces and their future. When General White sends a message to General Buller stating that all is well at Ladysmith; that the intrenchments are dally agent, without a particle of evidence, jumps at the conclusion that General

direct attack on the Boers in Natal inlarge guns of position, but they may find

The Boers evidently are relying on their
provinces, New Brunawick, Nova Scotia heard against the pro-Boer action of the stead of advancing, as he intended to do, them much less effective than they to raise an army of 150,000 men to do as we shall next hear that Sir Wilfred through the Free State. Then he goes imagine when vigorously attacked and on to say that such an operation, if at- exposed to shell fire. The Boers have vaal and the Orange Free State have detachment to South Africa to fight for expenditure of life, as, during the month the Boers have occupied northern Natal, late for them to learn during the present they have fortified most of the passes campaign. style of fighting. Now there is no evi- Sir Redvers Buller has been calculate the Orange Free State have in recent to the Boers has been to send a dence whatever that the Boers have ing on a campaign in the Orange Free years given themselves up very regiment of Canadians to South Africa fortified a single pass in Natal; nor is State and a long march to Pretoria, but there any reason why they should a false move on the part of the Boers Ecormous sums have been expended in be regretted that the Conservative news. have done so for they have been on might end the war very summarily bathe aggressive all the time. Gen-fore the month is ended. A severe Boer the Burghers have been drilled by eral Buller may make a direct defeat at Ladysmith is among the prob-attack for the purpose of relieving abilities of the near future, and if this Boers out of northern Natal by a direct bardly be held together. Even the advance. That would be playing their conduct towards advance. That would be playing their game too well. General Buller will see that the game was up after such a This is an achievement of no mean proin their own country. It will be their time for disappearing, and we do not believe that the Transvaal Boers do not believe that the Transvaal Boers will linger long behind them. With a British army corps within a couple of marches of the Free State are great food producers; their soil is too dry and their pastures are too thin. When it ably this view will now be modified with the example of the Boers before us, that it is the duty of Canada to grant with the example of the Boers before us, and it will be admitted that the defending to the precise and there are thinkness of an invasion, and anyone who the Boers of the Transvaal, yet that would propose such a thing would not chieftain, whom the Tory party be thought to be well informed. Probably this view will now be modified with the example of the Boers before us, that it is the duty of Canada to grant will be admitted that the defending the propose such a thing would propos sure will be done thoroughly, and in ac- ing scarce now, how will it be three be invaded, and when the services of dan in Sir John A. Macdonald's time. cordance with the principles of scientific months hence? The food question will every man who can be placed in the the one for the purpose of suppressing the

a my. The whole difficulty so far in the ling to the front. present war has been lack of sufficient troops, but that difficulty is being isesened every day, and will soon be re-

shire, carrying the 2nd East Surrey Regiment, 2nd West Surrey and 2ad West York, upwards of 3,000 men in all. The Hawarden Castle reached Ospe Town on Saturday and it is reported, was immediately despatched to Durban, where she ought to arrive today. She carries 945 officers and men of the 2nd battalion of the Royal Irish Fasiliers and a detachment of the 1st Weish Fasiliers. The Oriental reached Cape Town Monday with 1,293 officers and men, including 1,059 officers and men of the 1st Royal Welsh Fueiliers 23rd of the present month, so that the Can-The Oriental's troops ought to reach Durban not later than Thursday. With the troops now at Escourt the general in command there will have upwards of 9,000 soldiers at his disposal for any forward

movement before the end of the week This means that the force behind the Boers and ready to advance upon their rear will be almost as large as the one that is now surrounded at Ladysmith under General White. The pessimist of the Associated Press tries to minimize the weight of this force by stating that it has no artillery with it, a statement that is not strictly true. But there are at present a number of good gans at Escourt and the naval brigade the other day landed twenty guns at Durban which are intended for the front. However, The news which reached the public any lack of guns with the troops at Dur-from Ladysmith Friday, which was ban is likely soon to be supplied for the dated Thursday, disposes of a vast troopship Armenian which reached amount of unfavorable opinion with re- Cape Town yesterday carried three batgard to the position of the B-itish forces | teries of field artillery, and an ammuniat that plac. The agent of the Associ. tion column. These three batteries have the daytime omis no opportunity of There is no doubt whatever that these seeking to argue the British out of their leight thousand men will be able to hold

by the fact that they have had to bring heavy artillery all the way from Pretoria growing stronger, and that the supply of provisions is ample, the Associated Press

It is now said that the larger part of the This is a fair sample of the way in which the Canadian public are being served with telegraphic warss that are more suitable for another marke. In view of his fact, it becomes necessary for all Canadian papers to warn their readers Canadian papers to warn their readers against comments which are so mixed up with the news that they cannot well be separated from it.

The pessimist tells us that Ger. Buller is about to change his plans and make a direct attack on the Boers in Natal in-

in attacking mountain passes as Sulei- the Boers will discover that there are vaders. If Canada, in such an emer- the rescue of General Gordon. Here man Pasha did at Schkips, but he will more things in a campaign than com- gency could do as well as the Boer re- was an opportunity for Sir John A. tiank those difficulties and save his manding men and material and march- publics have done she could dely any Macdonald and the Conservative

> done still less in Cape Colony, notwithstanding their annexation proclamations. their capture, the Boers appear to have steadily lost ground and they have had

> > THE CANADIAN REGIMENT.

The steamer Sardinian, as we announced Monday, with the Canadian regiment for South Africa, reached the Cape de Verde Islands on Saturdsy. and had accomplished about half the distance to Cape Town. The Sardinian ought to reach her destination about the arrive, and this fact may lessen placed.

AN ARMED NATION. Macaulay in describing the condition

The extreme slowness of the move- of Prussia at the time of Frederick the dently for the purpose of checking any tainly do not centain more than 300,000 persons of Duch origin, or who are in Britain as a territory, but while she reto equal the record of the two little na-

warfare. He will not assertified his men then become the all-important one, and field will be required to repel the in Arabi Pasha rebellion, and the other for COALS. enemy, for there is no nation in the party to show their patrictism and world that could collect a million soi- their love of the mother country While the Boers have made no sub- diers together for the purpose of attack- by sending a Canadian contingent to stantial progress in Natal they have ing us. No doubt, to achieve the same assist her, but they never moved hand result that the Boers have been able to or foot for that purpose. The colony of show similar thorough and drastic meeg- New South Walsa sent a body of troops The crisis seems to be past in the war Mafeking, which they were determined ures worli have to be employed. In time to the Soudan, so that it cannot be said The crisis seems to be past in the war in South Africa, for British troops are arriving daily at Cape Town and are being forwarded to Durban, where they are within 18 miles of the seat of war. Three at least of the transports carrying the first division of the British army corps have arrived at Durban, the Roslin Castle, Tismine Castle and Yorkwhatever he has for the common good whatever he has for the common good. This is reducing patriotism to an exact science, and forging a weapon of offence of the most formidable kind against the adversaries of the nation. Perhaps the people of Canada would think they were paying too high a price for their military efficiency if they followed the example of the Boers, but it is well at least to know the way that will lead to success!

even if we do not follow it.

to know the way that will lead to success

THE ANGLO-GERMAN SETTLEMENT. Laurier of clackness or lack of patrice ism, and it shows an utter lack of prin-The territorial arangement that has ciple, as well as of common honesty, that been made between Great Britain and the Conservative party should be using Germany with respect to the Samoan weapons against their political opponents which can be so readily turned adian corps will be at the seat of war Islands and other lands that have been against themselves. earlier than some portions of the army claimed by both nations, is one that will corps which est England as late as the commend itself to all who derire to see 5th inst. This disposes of the frivolous at- all disputed points between the two tack which has been made on the countries settled. In times past Ger government because the Canadian con | many and Great Britain were close tingent was not sent to South A/rica be friends, and it was only at the time of fore it was known that there would be a the Crimean war, when the conduct of war. The Canadian regiment will be Prussia was marked by shuffling and quite early enough to form a part of insincerity that the British people began General Buller's main army, which wil to think ill of the nation for which they gradually advance north through Orange | had fought so hard during the Napol-Free State to Pretoria. It will not go to eonic wars. Since then matters have Natal, because all the troops needed for seldom been well between the two nathat part of the field of operations will tions. The dismemberment of Denmark be in that colony before the Canadians by Prassia in alliance with Austria in arrive, and this fact may lessen 1863 had a bad effect on the relations of thair chances of seeing active ger. the two countries, and the boundlags vice, but in this respect they will stand conceit and arrogance of the Germans on the same footing as four-fifths of the since their victories over Austria and soldiers who have gone out under Ger. France have been the means of complet-Buller's command, only a small part of ing an estrangement so well begun. Add which will go to Natal. But our boys, to that the deliberate policy of Bismarck. Basd, although attached to the main column which was to favor Russia at the exwhich will advance with irresistible pense of our mother country, and to strength to its destination may profess to treat Great Britain as an atches in eighteen guns and about 600 mer. "baptism of fire." and if placed causes for the bad feeling which had in detached duty it may take part in latterly sprang up between the great operations which will enable its officers military nation and the great SUGAR. hard-carned victories. Whether this is due to a bilious temperament, which makes him a persimist, or to the fact that he is a Boer sympathiser, makes no particular difference, the effect is the kame, and any person who accepted for there is something mysterious in the later than the carned victories. Whether this is a Coleman against any Boer attack, and to operations which will enable its officers and men to achieve high honory. We do not believe that there will be in south Africa, with respect to physique, after regiment than the Canadian, and we feel certain that it will acquit itself the views of the view the mixture of bratality, low cunning; mendacity and political rascality that OHS. was embodied in the person of Bismarck. He hated Great Britain because she is a constitutional country in which the pecple rule, and he clung to Russia because ments of the Boers is in part explained Great tertly says that she was all sting, that nation represents all the reactionbut Prussia even in her most war like ary elements in political life. days is not to be compared with the The surrender of all claims to Samoa by Transvaal in her capacity for turning Great Britain is a very small price to out soldiers in proportion to population. pay for the advantages that will accrue Boer army is south of Ladysmith, evimany. Samoa was of no use to Great

and Prince Edward Island would have Liberal government. We presume that well in a military sense as the Trans. Laurier and his collesgues have sent a tempted, will necessarily entail great displayed very little ability in handling done, and the Dominion of Canada would the Boers. This statement would be their shells so far, and it is probably too have to embody nearly a million soldiers quite as true as the one which the Sun quotes, for the only thing that the tions in question. The Transveal and Liberal government has done in respect the pressure on Ladysmith somewhat, defeat was accompanied by the lass of Dutchmen have been able to embody a will necessarily provoke reprisals and but he will not attempt to drive the their artillery, the Boer army could very formidable force, and to invade a lead to an inquiry into the record of the certainly advance in such a fashion as catastrophe and that the only sensible portions, and it conveys a valuable lest that the Liberal government of Canto avoid the passes which may be occu- thing for him to do would be to submit son to the nations of the world with re- ada was the first since confederation pied by the Boers. He will keep just and make the best terms possible with spect to the ability of a small people to that had done anything to assist Great TEAS. men enough in front of the Boers to the British. Already the strain of the build up a considerable military power. British in a war across the ses. During the check their farther advance south, but war is being severely felt by the Boers. his main column will go forward through It looks like a very grand thing for that the Boers of South Africa are any tives were in power they never raised a the country that is most favorable for a nation to rise as one man and take better material for soldiers than the man or voted a dollar to assist Great NAILS. the advance of an army and march di- up arms, but such a course is people of Canada. Indeed, they should Britain in any of the numerous contests rect, to Bloemenfontein first, and then to attended with some inconveniences. not be as good, for they are less educated in which she was engaged. Two wars Pretoris. As soon as Bloemenfontein is When all the able-bodied males of a nais menaced the Free Staters will discover tion are at war there is no one to sow to be almost impossible to arm and equip John A. Macdonald's term of office, one that they have important business or gather the crops, and the supply of in their own country. It will be their food must very soon fail. Neither the not seem such a far cry to Pretoria, and these two republics are thinly peopled sive power of a people who have been we are sprung, but we know that then the Boers will have to choose between and have to import their food from trained to military exercises is much men were as much needed in South getting into their own country in great abroad. It is stated that the Boer greater than has been generally sup- Africa as they are today, yet not one haste and being caught like rats between armies in Natal are already short of posed. The information is val- man was offered by the Canadian Tory the passes and the British army. What- food, although they have been hardly a uable to us in particular because government at that time. Two great ever General Buller does we may be month in the field, and if food is grow- the time may come when Canada will wars were waged in Egypt and the Sou-

ageurs were sent to the Soudan before the world, it is an amszing fact that the Conservatives should ven ure to ccuse the covernment of Sir Wilfrid

THE MARKETS. St. John Markets. Herring, Shelburne, No. 1... No. 2... TOBACCO.
Black. 12's, long leaf, The Black, 12's, short stock.
Black Soleco Bright..... Canadian 12,5 American Water White, chester A, per gal .... 0 19; " 0 19; Canadian Water White, Arclight .... 0 18; " 0 19 Canadian prime white Silver Star .... Linseed oil, boiled

FRUITS. Valencia layer Apples, bbl
Dried apples
Evaporated Apples.
Evaporated Apricots.
Evaporated Peaches. nons, \*/ box

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ms, Cal Dates, boxes
Grapes, Cal
Peaches, Cal
Plums, Cal
Plums, Cal
Plums, Cal
Jamaica Oranges MOLASSES. FLOUR AND MEAL.

Cornmeal ... 2 20
Middlings, bags free ... 21 50
Manitoba Patents ... 460
Canadian High Grade Family ... 3 95
Medium Patents ... 890
Oatmeal Roller ... 3 75
Oatmeal Standard ... 3 75 BALT. COFFEE. Condensed, 1 B. cans, per dos No. 2 seal brand... Condensed, 1 B cans, per dos. No. 3, seal brand. Java, 7 B, green..... Jamaica, " ..... CANDLES.

IRON, ETC. TAR AND PITOH. Domestic coal tar.....
Coal tar pitch ....
Wilmington pitch....

erve Mine Egg Stove [nut] New York .... New York laths Liverpool (intake mezsare) ristol Channel Nest Coast Ireland .... Warrenport ....

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Mr. William Vassie, whose death oc-Mr. William Vassis, whose death occurred Monday after an illness of several weeks, was the only son of Mr. John Vassis, who was long connected with the dry goods trade of this city, and who died, at an advanced age, about a year ago. William Vassis, who had attained the age of 54 years, was born in St. John, but educated in Scotland, and learned the dry goods business with the well known firm goods business with the well known firm of Lawton & Vassie, of which his father or Lawton & Vassie, or which his father was a member. When this firm was dissolved John Vassie continued the wholesals branch of the business, under the name of John Vassie & Co., and the under the same name until the present time. Mr. Vassie was successful as a business map, and maintained the repu-tation of the firm. He married a Glasgow lady, who survives him, as do three daughters and one son, two of the former being grown up. Mr. Vassie's illness was of a pulmonary nature.

The Transvaal No Longer a State.

Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, speaking this evening at Bristol, said:— "The war in South Africa has destroy-"The war in South Africa has destroyed both conventions with the Transvaral. We must establish there a pure and honest government on the basis of equal rights and on semething more enduring than paper safeguards. Subject to this, we should give whatever self government may be possible in South Africs. No one desires that great country to be governed permanently from Downing atreet."

