

The Cause of the War

Letter Written in June Last Throws Considerable Light on It.

Some of the Outrages That Utlanders Had to Contend Against.

A letter written by a gentleman in Johannesburg to a friend in Victoria in June last throws considerable light on the cause of the war in South Africa.

The writer says: "I suppose Victoria is very quiet now, not so Johannesburg. Here it is all excitement and speculation as to the events of the next two or three months."

A large number of people are leaving for Natal and Cape Colony, and the railway company has provided itself with all the available rolling stock in case of trouble and a consequent increased exodus from Johannesburg.

No one will think of discussing anything else but the "situation." And I may tell you that despite the assurances of the government and their organs, things look very black indeed.

Last (Saturday) night there was a meeting of Utlanders only in the Wanderers' Club, and only the turnstiles recorded the number of 6,000 people (actually 6,011) as having passed in, and the same number as leaving.

The government had issued notices requesting and warning all burghers to keep away. If they had attempted to create a disturbance they would have fared hard with them, for there were 250 men stationed in various parts of the town.

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POETRY OF THE CAMPAIGN.

BRITONS AND BOERS.

Greatest of Nations! Chosen strength of Imperial servant of divine commands!

Within the tranquil hollows of thy hand, Repose the sphered seas; the change-fell lands

Are thine, and tracts of empire yet untrod!

The sword is thine; its splendor flares abroad, Thou whom the mighty warrior-dead acclaim.

Wilt thou intrust its unpolished fame To smothered pirates whose un-spoiled aim

Is filthy, sure gained by fouler fraud? This people, small in number, great in spirit

Of all thou lovest, sternest set apart In self-concentrated freedom, as thou hast

Puritan, pure, as thou, in home and heart, Owning no master but your Lord above—

Ere this appeal to Him, our hope is in thee, for thou, awakening, wilt hear

This clink of gold; thy righteous heart Uprighteous ruin, slowly drawing near

England, dost thou forget? —Marten Maartens.

"BACK TO THE ARMY AGAIN."

The following poem by Rudyard Kipling, published two years ago, will read with additional interest, in view of the successful issue of the first draft of British soldiers under the British Army Act.

There are families by thousands far too proud to beg or speak, And they'll put their little children in the street

And they'll live on half of nothing paid 'em punctual once a week, He's an absent-minded beggar, and he may forget it all!

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"The Absent-Minded Beggar."

Rudyard Kipling's Handsome Contribution in Verse to the Fund for Families and Dependents of Soldiers on Service.

(From the San Francisco Examiner, October 31.)

The accompanying poem is Rudyard Kipling's contribution to a fund for the wives and children of the land he wrote sent to South Africa.

He sold it to the London Daily Mail for \$1,250, to appear to-day, with the understanding that simultaneous copyright service could be secured

For \$25. That amount the Examiner has paid in herewith presents "The Absent-Minded Beggar." Of all the proceeds Mr. Kipling receives nothing.

When you've shouted "Rule Britannia!" when you've sung "God Save the Queen,"

When you've finished killing Kruger with your mouth, Will you kindly drop a shilling in my little tin-bottle.

For a gentleman in khaki ordered south! He's an absent-minded beggar, and he may forget it all!

But we and our active service, wiping something off a slate, Can't be left a lot of little things behind him.

Chorus: Duke's son—Duke's son—son of a hundred kings— Fifty thousand horse and foot going to Table Bay.

Each of 'em doing his country's work (and who's to look after their things?) Pass the hat for your credit's sake, and pay—pay—pay!

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ENGLAND'S ANSWER TO THE BOERS.

From the London Spectator.

We do not want your fatherland, Your starchy veil, your golden crown;

Once ye were noble, men who died Securely from tyrant's pride; For desert life, for Marston sand,

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Machinery and Brewery Fittings

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Crown Brand Processed Hops for Bakers and Grocers Use.

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LICENSE AUTHORIZING AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.

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Province of British Columbia, No. 147.

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