## BRITAIN AND THE WAR.

WILL NOT BE TURNED

Not Mix Politics and Patriotism -A Review of the Campaign by a British General.

ling the war is unabated it is safe to say that when parliament meets, Tuesday next, nothing serious will result. There will be the usual motions of censure with, perhaps, more than usually impassioned denunciations of the various departments of the administration, especially the war and colonial offices. But, such is the perturbation of the average Englishman and such is the strength of the conservative organization that it will be surprising if Lord Salisbury's smiority is even appreciably weakened. This mere tally of votes, however, must not be construed as a real index of national feeling, for many a man will go to the government lobby who, outside, has privately declared some one ought to be hanged for smalled ministration, and that if Lord Salisbury did not disassociate himself from the system or culprits responsible for the national humnitation, and that if Lord Salisbury declared some one ought to be hanged for maladministration, and that if Lord Salisbury declared some one ought to be hanged for maladministration, and that if Lord Salisbury declared some one ought to be hanged for maladministration, and that if Lord Salisbury declared some one ought to be hanged for maladministration, and that if Lord Salisbury declared some one ought to be hanged for maladministration, and that if Lord Salisbury developed the provisions of the constitution is more removed. The immediate future, implicitly believing in a successful climax of the war and trusting it will offset the initial blunders, lord the minute of the constitution was not expected. The provision of the constitution was not expected, to far a fairer than under its particular the island when the provisions of the measure. Prob-based was as calm at the constitution as well as of the lained will cause developed the provisions of the constitution is not the constitution as well as of the lained will cause developed the provisions of the constitution was not expected. The providing as the constitution was not expected the provisions of the measure. Prob-b London, Jan. 27.-Though criticism of the government and its methods of hand-

trusting it will offset the initial blunders.

Opposition Has No Leader.

Another cogent reason for prophesying that the session will be barren of changes affecting the balance of power is that the opposition, apparently, is hopelessly divided. Nothing showed this better than Mr. John Morley's speech at Forfar, Jan.

24, when, for the first time, he publicly sneered at Lord Rosebery, who numbers among his devoted adherents such brilliant Liberals as Mr. fl. H. Asquith and Sir Edward Grey. Lord Rosebery's magnificent speech this week and the speeches which he has recently delivered, have been convincing men of all parties of his exceptional breadth of mind, patriotism and ability to face a national crisis sanely and perhaps, it is not stretching the bow to say he, today, commands British confi-dence to a greater extent than Lord Salisbury. Yet, it is impossible for the Liberals to unite on him, and, as the Saturday Review says, "he is so admirable out of office that no one would risk putting

day Review says, "he is so admirable out of office that no one would risk putting him in."

With Mr. Morley so bitterly opposed to the Rosebery section of the Liberals and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman such a non committal nonentity that his own party press scarcely ever refers to him, the Liberals have no leader upon whom to unite, even should they cohere sufficiently to mke a determined attempt to oust the government, so it is probable the opposition's tactics will be of the guerilla order, contenting themselves with putting up Sir Charles Dilke and others to criticize individual points, and while not directly challenging a vote upon the morality of the war and the government's waging of it for fear of incurring the accusation of being unpatriotic, achieving the same end by vigorous academic criticism of the antebellum diplomacy, bringing up the Jameson raid skeleton and demanding the production of the withheld correspondence which was referred to by Mr. B. F. Hawksley, counsel for Mr. Cecil Rhodes, in the letters recently published by the Independence Beige. This line of policy, however, will not prevent the Irish members and most of the advanced Liberals from bringing to vote more sweeping measures of censure. But, the Liberal leaders of all sections are likely to abstain from supporting the war itself, which has now been in progress over three months and the British position is worse than when parliament was hastily assembled to grant supplies.

Review of the Campaign.

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An eminent British general, reviewing the campaign to a representative of the Associated Press, thus summed it up:

"First of all, we underestimated the enemy. Secondly, we knew nothing of the power of modern weapons when opposed to each other in the hands of tolerably equal forces. Thirdly, we deserted strategy to satisfy sentiment. By that, I mean Ladysmith and Kimberley appealed to us and we answered as quickly and ceiver to a transmitter.

"We have learned many things; but chiefly, we have learned that long range to mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the many to mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the basis of a guarantee of the mediate on the media

"We have learned many things; but chiefly, we have learned that long range guns and rifles minimize tremendously the advantage which formerly accrued to the aggressor.

"Yet, I thoroughly believe and I am latter being left for future negotiations with a contain power having colonies in

not speaking without experience, that had any continental nation undertaken the same task with the same force it would "Dr. Leyds is offering Germany commerers. But, the appreciation of our shortcomings only makes us the more determined. It may be six months and it may
be a year, but we shall achieve our ob-

# when known would show there had been no war in which more foresight, skill and care had been displayed by the government than the present one. The reverses, he declared, only included the determination to prosecute the work to the end. The war involved the question whether Great Britain should maintain her position or sink into an insignificant thirdrate power. Mr. Austen Chamberlain, in the course of his remarks, said that if Great Britain

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whom to Rally — England Will future of South Africa and her separation in the not remote future from those great branches of the Anglo-Saxon stock whose loyalty which was due to their confidence in Great Britain's power to see right done

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE PRIZES.

tention despite the authorities on games, in many Chicago card clubs this winter.—[Chicago Tribune.

# SEVEN WARS IN AFRICA.

In seven distinct sections of the African

Zeitung publishes an interview with Dr. Leyds, which represents him as aving

Berlin, Jan. 28.-The Deutsche Tages

by this time have been wiped out. There call, railway and mining monopolies, as are a lot of things which might have been learned had we watched your land fighting at Santiago. But, we did not. As a result, we did not have nippers to cut wire, and we knew nothing about Maus-its not likely that he will obtain an area.

# SUFFOCATED BY A TURKEY.

Along in the night a large turkey climbed rom the ridge of the roof on Ole Peteris by no means with us in this matter (the war) whatever its better informed units may think."

The Government Defended.

London, Jan. 27.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, who expected to attend the banquet of the Birmingham Jewelers and Silversmiths this evening, was unable to be present owing to the holding of a meeting of the defense committee. His place was taken by Right Hon. Jesse Collings, ander secretary of state for the home office and Mr. J. Austen Chamberlain, sivil lord of the admiralty.

Son's house to the top of the chimney and sat down, so as to get the benefit of the heat from the fire below, says the swe City (Iowa) Herald. Early in the morning Mrs. Peterson and two children, sleeping in the room where the hard-coal steve was located, were discovered to be deathly sick, and the room was full of gas. The turkey was soon discovered and driven off, but it took quite awhile for the sick to recover.

BANKRUPT ACTRESS.

New York, Jan. 28.—Kate Claxton, the

The former, replying to the toast to actress, filed a petition in bankruptcy toHer Majesty's Ministers, deplored the attitude of the press in regard to the war
in South Africa. He said there had been
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of such officer is made optional with the president. All laws enacted by the Porto Rican legislature are to be reported to Congress which reserves the right to annul them if considered necessary.

Not Entirely Free Trade.

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The provisions of the bill relating to the tariff, the federal courts, internal revenue and a delegate in the congress of the United States were passed over until a full attendance of members of the committee could be secured, one or two of the members being absent during a greater part of the day. There was, however, more or less discussion of the provisions relating to all these subjects and especially to that giving free trade to the island with the United States proper. The concensus of opinion of the members present seemed to be favorable to aslight duty, amounting to 25 or 30 p. c. on articles other countries.

It was decided to amend the provision

relating to a congressional delegate so as to require that if the provision is left in the bill the delegate shall read and write the English language. Appointment of an Executive Council.

# THE CHURCHILLS, PAST AND

thing like the Anglo-Boer war could pass by without several of the Churchills "coming to the front" after the tradition the family have lived up to in almost any age since the Great Duke and the Great Duchess occluded the public eye nigh two centuries ago. The Churchills never have been backward. Two of them—Winston Churchill and Lady Sarah Wilson—have made the best figures of any of the Brit-ish in South Africa since the war began. Two others—the Duke of Marlborough and the boy, John Churchill—are about to embark for the battleground, with no better gentry in England who affect to disregard the family's pretensions. But no one can deny that the Churchill blood

notable a great Churchill renascence. The Late Lord Randolph Churchill made his mark. He surpassed the duke himself His son and his widow are by no means allowing the world to forget them. It is no derogation of American women, by the way, to say that such of them as have allied themselves to the family have caught the family spirit. The Duchess Consuelo was late hostess to his imperial majesty of Germany—in a way a greater triumph than Lady Curzon's vice-royalty. Lady Randolph Churchill is discussed somewhat more than any other woman in England. And so it shall be per omnia secula

Once upon a time I had the honor of meeting in a London drawing-room, a gen-tleman of the old school, who talked and of gas. The turkey was soon discovered and driven off, but it took quite awhile for the sick to recover.

A BANKRUPT ACTRESS.

New York, Jan. 26.—Kate Claxton, the eenth century knight said to me, casually:

"Sir, I am a lineal descendant of the great Sarah." I was quite unimpressed.

"Sir," he commented, "I see you are very young; you are an American, and you do not know. I pray you, permit me to inform you." He led me to a window seat and told me the story of the Churchills from the beginning. And since then I have been not uninterested in the doings.

# of some of the descendants of that mar-velous soldier who, according to many, possessed the supposed attributes of a

So, at any rate, thinks or thought Wil liam Makepeace Thackeray, to whom let us listen in "Henry Esmond": "Our chief, whom England and all Europe, saving only the Frenchmen, worshiped almost, had this of the godlike in him, that he was impassable before victory, before denger, before defeat. Before the greatest obstacle or the most trivial expression. Adopted—The Constitution of the or the most trivial ceremony; before a hundred thousand men drawn in battalia -American Money to be the Exchange Medium—Tariff.

change Medium—Tariff.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The senate com-Washington, Jan. 27.—The senate committee on Porto Rico has decided, so far as it can decide, that the island whose

the highest and lowest acts of our nature."

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Governor Pingree of Michigan delivered an address on "Municipal Ownership of Street Railways and the Churchill that at present wears the corronet might be the Roberts of the Public Utilities," before the Marguette Club this evening. He said in part of Britain's ligions in South Africa, as was the hero of Blenheim in command of Britain's ligions in South Africa, as was the hero of Blenheim in command of the British ligions in the campaign of 1704. But in a family with such a nobly inspiring military tradition as that which pertains to the Churchills it is by no means runsual of find a repetition (in reduced wale, as all scales are now reduced) of the organical inspiration. Alexanders, Nap ileons. "ashingtons, Wellingtons and Grantal algebras which enables a few Boers to Lundon of the Chinese emperor has caused the day by day steady presentation by biased nation received here from Pekin says: "Participle involved in it is almost as an illogical arguments. "Municipal ownership is not a new thing. The principle involved in it is almost as old as democratic government itself. There are more than 200 varieties of undertakings and business now engaged in by government in the field. Yet a new Mariborough in light appear, who, remembering how his in comparable ancestor roae through the three of the sharpest of sharpshooters and against whose breast deadly aims were furile, could so far revert to ancient custom to a sat least to lead a few troops to gloric in the field. Yet a new Mariborough to the field and provided in the couparable ancestor roae through the troops have been as a least to lead a few troops to gloric in the couparable ancestor roae through the troops have been sat least to lead a few troops to gloric in the couparable ancestor roae through the troops have been sat least to lead a few troops to gloric in the couparable ancestor roae through the provided in the couparable ancestor roae through the same in all of them. The government, either of

Appointment of an Executive Council.

The provision for the election of members of the lower house of the Porto Rican legislature was left unchanged, but there was considerable discassion of an amendment suggested by Senator Fairbanks abolishing the legislature and putting the government entirely in the hands of a council to be appointed by the president of the United States, this council to consist of 12 members and only five of them to be residents of the island. The committee will probably meet again Wednesday to complete the bill.

The provision for the election of members of the Porto Rican I is to be observed that the composition of the South Alican war, while christened "Uniston" and Spincer," was not christened "Jerome. But this will be of small consecuence for Americans, who, if they can cry keep in mind the important fact that it was the money of the American "traveling public" that restored the 'or es of 'enheim, will reap their tull share of that redundant splendor which pertains to the Churchills whenever and wherever levend.

# TO FIGHT THE AMALGAMATION.

Boston, Jan. 27-The Post will say to morrow that legal opposition to the merging of the interests of the Boston & Maine and the Fitchburg railroad, is to come apparently from within the Boston & Maine system itself. Stockholders in the 'entral Massachusetts division are "u in arms" against the proposed lease and holders of the common and the preferred stock of that road are preparing for a

A TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE PRONOUNCED.

Ottawa, Jan. 28-Arthur Cardinal, Ottawa, was yesterday sentenced by Judge Rose, at the criminal assizes, Toronto, to twenty years in the Kingston penitentiar for attempting the murder of young Hughes in the Central prison. The judge remarked that the prisoner had narrowly escaped being charged with a more seri-cus offence and states that the prisoner was evidently a desperate character juda

# ST. JOHN COUNTY BILLS.

The bills and bylaws committee of the

are adopted by the leading clubs of Canada and the United States. If or the most trivial ceremony; before a hundred thousand men drawn in battalia, or a peasant slaughtered at the door of his facturing Company. We sell them.

> W. H. THORNE & Co., Limitd. Market Square, St. John, N. B.

# MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

STREET RAILWAYS SHOULD BELONG

To the Citizens, as the Streets, the Lighting Plants Now Do-Corporations Should Be Excluded

water fronts, docks, etc.

"Our city governments are suffering from various ills, boss-plague, ringrule and corruption in common councils being among them. But tlesse evils exist because of the indifference of the people and especially of the neglect of the ordinary obligations of citizenship by those who declaim the bitterest against those evils."

# ASHANTI AT HALIFAX. Captain Reports a Very Rough Pas-

stated that in all his sea-going experience he never encountered such weather as he met with this time. The steamer being in bal last he found it almost impossible at times to make headway against the storms. Some times she would fall off into the trough of the sea and roll in a frightful manner.

# A CHINESE GAME.

WILL CAUSE DISTURB-

Taken Against Uprisings - Military and Civil Heads Deposed.

spaniar whose breast dealy gains were fire to ask least loss of the property of the spaniar to the property of the property of

acknowledges receipt of a letter from his tather informing him of the despatch of the Christmas boxes to each member of "G" Company. Lieut. McLean goes on in his letter to explain the wild enthusiasm of the men when informed of what the State of the men when informed of what the State of the boxes. If the people of St. John who took all the trouble in preparing the boxes could feel the depth of appreciation of the boys they would be amply remaind for all the work they undertook paid for all the work they undertook.
Leut. MacLean reports that all the men Halifax, Jan. 28.—The overdue steamer Ashanti, from Moville, reached here this afternoon after battling with head gales and high seas for 21 days. The captain the distribution of the complete that all the men of "G" Company are well and in the very test of spirits. They are hard worked, but are more than equal to every duty laid upon them. They have no complain; are pleased with everything as they find it and perfectly happy. it and perfectly happy.

# FRENCHMEN GOING INTO THE

of the sea and roll in a frightful manner. Her deck was swept of almost all movables, sails were all blown to shreds and the engines and hull were badly strained. On the 16th one fireman, Albert Mellard, went insane, jumped overboard and was lost. After effecting some repairs to her machinery the steamer will proceed for St. John.

London Jan. 28.—The correspondent of the Times at Lourenzo Marquez telegraphing Tuesday, Jam. 24, says: "Over 30 Frenchmen, who arrived here by the French on and were prohibited from proceeding to the Transval, appealed to the French consul, who protested that they had passports endorsed by the Transval consul and who declared that he would hold the Portuguese government liable in damages for a breach of MORE MEN FROM AUSTRALIA.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 27—Steamer Warrimo, just arrived from Australia, brings news of the formation of several different corps of mounted men for the Transvaal. A Bushmen detachment of language and wild horse hunters will shortly leave Sydney for Cape Town.

that he would hold the Portuguese government liable in damages for a breach of international law in the event of continued refusal to allow them to go forward. As the Portuguese governor general had proviously signed the passports, he was compelled to admit the validity of the French consul's contention. The result was the Frenchmen were allowed to proceed. Eighty more foreigners are expected by a German steamer next week.