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Buller's Reverse.

The news from South Africa today is the very worst we have yet had. The misfortune at Nicholson's Nek, the blunder at Stormberg, and the repulse at Magersfontein, were borne with a certain amount of equanimity by the British people, as they felt sure that Gen. Buller, under cover of silence, was preparing some grand coup in Natal which would retrieve disaster and turn the tide of the war. But Buller, the tried and trusted, on whom rests the supreme responsibility of the campaign, has failed for the time being even more signally than Methuen and Gatacre. He seems to have been victimized by the same tactics, his artillery being sent, like the Highlanders at Magersfontein, into a veritable death-trap. The capture of the ten guns by the Boers reduces Buller's effectiveness more than the loss of thousands of men, as the latter can be more readily replaced. Altogether, it is a dark day, but it may be the darkness just before the dawn. The world can now see what gigantic preparations the Boers have been making to destroy British supremacy in South Africa, but, shut in as they are, their resources must be diminishing every day, since they have no way of replenishing them. It must be remembered, too, that they may have suffered greater losses than the British since the campaign began, but their weaknesses are concealed. The one course for the British is to keep pounding away like Gen. Grant, until the enemy is crushed, as it will be sooner or later. There is not the slightest doubt on that point in the minds of the British people.

Canadian Mounted Police and the War.

The lack of proper scouting has been a great defect in the British campaign in South Africa. It caused Gatacre's disaster and has prevented aggressive tactics in other quarters. In the nature of things, scouting is a branch of war in which the coolies can give pointers to the mother country. A body of men, such as the Northwest Mounted Police would be of inestimable value to the British army in the theater of war at this juncture. The following from the Montreal Witness puts the matter clearly:

"The special need everywhere at the front in South Africa at present is of cavalry and artillery, of which the British are lamentably short in fighting with an army of mounted infantry. Scouting and intelligence work generally, for which mounted and highly trained men only can be used, has not been well done on the British side. The work of the Canadian government is plain. It should, even at some sacrifice, offer the services of as many of the Mounted Police force as it can possibly send. These men are among the best trained scouts in the world, and made to exercise on their own responsibility as individuals. Every British officer who has seen them recognizes their fine qualities. Accustomed to work on the prairies, in the coulees of the west, and among the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, they would be at home amidst the similar surroundings of the African veldt and highlands. The Canadian Government should offer a battalion of four or five hundred of these men and of former members of the force. We understand that the men are keen to go to South Africa, and have already volunteered to be allowed to volunteer. To this force might be added a cavalry squadron and an artillery battery, of which Canada has first-rate forces ready for service at a moment's notice. These are the troops needed in South Africa."

Attacks on Our Banking System.

Some American newspapers are making an unaccountable attack on the Canadian banking system. The weakness of the American system is notorious, and the Canadian banking law has been frequently held up as a model by American financiers. The present Secretary of the United States Treasury, Mr. Lyman Gage, in his report for 1898, lauded the Canadian system as "adequate, economical and safe," and this year renews his praise. Commenting on this the Chicago Tribune says: "The present financial condition of affairs in Canada certainly furnishes material for profitable study." The bank currency of the Dominion has been inflated since 1895 from \$31,000,000 to about \$49,500,000, or by nearly 60 per cent. This is at the rate of 15 per cent a year. There has been no such increase in the volume of Canadian business. If there have been momentary urgent demands which called for the issue of more notes those notes have not been retired when the special demands ceased. They have remained out and have served only to foster speculation. In the opinion of many financiers the situation in Canada is such that there must almost inevitably be a crash before long if there is not a contraction of the redundant currency; and nobody knows how to bring that contraction about.

Echoing the Tribune, the Grand Rapids Press asserts that the monetary conditions in Canada are now very serious and there is danger of "something like a panic." The American papers that talk in this manner are bearing false witness against a neighbor. The notion of a monetary panic in Canada only provokes a smile here. Canadian banks were never sounder or more prosperous, and the elasticity with which they have responded to the needs of the vastly increased volume of business during the past two years, shows our banking system at its best. The Tribune is very disingenuous in picking out for the purpose of comparison the year 1895, when the note circulation of the Canadian chartered banks was lower than it had been for ten years. Moreover, the Tribune's figures for 1895 represent the average note issue for the twelve months, but for 1899 it gives

the October or November circulation, which is always greater than at any other period of the year, owing to the Christmas holiday trade.

It is preposterous to say that there will be any difficulty in the contraction of the currency. The Tribune would have its readers believe that there has been a process of continual inflation, whereas our currency is always contracting and expanding as necessity requires. For instance, in November 1891, the note circulation reached \$38,553,546, and not for years afterward did it touch so high a point again. Why doesn't the Tribune take November, 1891, as a basis of comparison? The present jump in the note issue is fully justified by business conditions, and the banks are well within the margin of safety. They can put out notes to the extent of their paid-up capital, which has increased from \$61,701,007 in 1895 to \$65,628,000 this year. Their surplus of assets over liabilities last month was \$96,501,000. Canadians have no apprehension over their banking system, but can its American critics say the same of their own?

Oh, Buller

We didn't look for such a bull from Buller. At least, writes a good, clear dispatch.

Perhaps things will go better when the Canadians reach the firing line.

The Back Watch had even a bloodier record at Magersfontein than the Light Brigade at Balaklava. And both were blunders.

There would be no misgivings if the British people could only rely on their generals as confidently as British generals can rely on their troops.

Some of the leading Boers who are now prisoners of the British in South Africa, have very great stake in the country. There is Capt. Schiel, who was captured near Ladysmith, who has an estate of 60,000 acres up the Spelonk. Schiel is a native of Germany, and he was one of the adherents of the Boer cause in the troubles of 1881. It was always his boast, because of the triumph on that occasion, that the Boers could not be conquered in their own territory, but in his captivity he is no doubt learning a thing or two.

Worse than the bullets of the enemy in the South African campaign is the horror of being burned alive on the veldt. A former Londoner, writing after the battle of Rietfontein, says that the Boers wounded there suffered dreadful agony in the grass, which was fired by shells started on the slopes of Tinwa Inonyi. The same danger, though probably to a lesser extent, menaces the British campaigners at this season of the year, when everything is dried up with the parching African sun.

One of the humors of the day is the invitation issued by Mr. Maclean, M.P., editor of the Toronto World, to Independent Liberals. He invites all Liberals who do not see eye to eye with the leaders of their party at all times, to go under his wing. It is unsafe advice. Mr. Maclean is not a leader to be trusted. We recently turned up an old file and read the account of a Young Liberal convention at Montreal. Mr. Maclean was then, as now, in the independence vote-catching business. He attended the convention as a delegate, and pleaded with those assembled to pass a resolution in favor of Canadian independence. He failed. His next tack led him into the Conservative party, in which he has since been a disturbing element. It is only the other day on the streets of Toronto that Mr. Maclean declared Sir Charles Tupper would be a real power, and denounced him as an Old Man of the Sea. Now Mr. Maclean sees in the same man a Moses who will lead his party to the promised land. What Independent Liberal would leave his party to follow a leadership so tortuous?

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All Ladies' and Children's Jackets and Furs, Fur Jackets and Capes, Special Discount 10 Per Cent.

Carpets and Curtains

Lace Curtains, Draperies, Cushions and Carpets. Special Discount 10 Per Cent.

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Wool Blankets, Comforters, Eider Comforters, Wrapperettes, Cotton Shirtings, Loch Lomond Flannels and Tickings. Discount 10 Per Cent.

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25 per cent off all Men's and Boys' Fancy Tweed and Corduroy Caps—Discount 25 Per Cent.

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Tea Sets, Japanese Ware, Fancy Cups and Saucers, and all China-Ware. Special Discount 10 Per Cent.

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Every One Up to Date in Style and Finish.

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2 Blue and Black Kersey Cloth, satin lined, fly front.....	36	20.00	15.00
1 Black Kersey, Satin lined, fly front, welted seams.....	36	18.00	15.00
1 Fawn Kersey, silk lined, six pearl buttons.....	36	12.00	10.00
1 Castor Kersey, satin lined, inlaid velvet collar, eight pearl buttons.....	36	18.75	15.00
1 Blue Kersey, silk lined, ten pearl buttons.....	34	15.00	12.50
1 Fawn Kersey, silk lined, velvet collar, six pearl buttons.....	34	15.00	13.50
1 Fawn Kersey, fancy silk lined, fly front.....	36	22.00	17.00
1 Blue Kersey, fancy silk lined, black braided fly front.....	34	35.00	15.00
1 Green Kersey, satin lined, black cloth, fly front, storm collar.....	36	22.50	12.50
1 Electric Blue Kersey, satin lined, applique trimmed fly front.....	34	22.00	15.00
1 Green Kersey, satin lined, black braid pipings, tight fitting, six button.....	34	24.00	16.50
2 Brown Kerses, satin lined, black braid pipings, tight fitting, six buttons.....	34 and 36	24.00	16.50
2 Blue Kerses, satin lined, black cord pipings, tight fitting, six buttons.....	36	24.00	16.50
1 Fawn Kersey, satin lined, inlaid velvet collar, eight pearl buttons.....	36	18.75	15.00

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Lot No. 3.—About 450 yards Taffeta and Satin Stripes and Checks, light and dark colors, price \$1 and \$1.25 a yard. Sale price.....	69c
Lot No. 4.—About 300 yards Swiss Taffeta, mostly in exclusive waist patterns, 3½ to 4 yards each, price \$1.50 to \$2 a yard. Sale price.....	98c
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