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### BRITISH PRESTIGE AT STAKE.

The civilized world is watching with bated breath the drama now being enacted in the Transvaal. There are matters at stake in this war far greater than the mere question of granting a foreigner the right to vote, or the mere decision as to what proportion of taxation that foreigner shall be compelled to pay toward the maintenance of the government under which, for the time being, he happens to live.

The prime matter which is involved in this struggle for the Transvaal is the extension or suspension of British power in South Africa. With the power of the Boers eliminated from consideration, there will be little or nothing to stand in the way of the realization of Cecil Rhodes' magnificent ideas of a British-African power. Rhodes' Cape to Cairo railroad scheme once successfully accomplished, will place the seal of British sovereignty over a large portion of the African continent for an indefinite length of time. It will mean that as the dominant power in the dark continent Great Britain will practically hold in her own hands the determination of the lines upon which the redemption of Africa from a condition of darkness and savagery is to be worked out.

On the other hand, should the war in the Transvaal result adversely to British arms, the foothold already gained will be badly weakened and further extension of British power in South Africa will be confined to theories worked out on paper for a great many years to come.

Not only this; there would be what might be termed a reflective effect of such defeat experienced in every corner of the globe where British authority is recognized today. In short the prestige of British power and British arms is at stake in this little war in the Transvaal.

The government fully realizes the situation and has determined that British prestige shall be maintained, let the cost be what it may. This accounts for the presence at this moment of 120,000 men in South Africa and the expenditure of four hundred millions of money for war purposes. The price which Britain will pay will be heavy, but the end can not be said to be very much in doubt.

The dispatches today indicate a continuance of the feeling of depression which has prevailed in England for some time past. The war evidently is not considered as being won by any means. Public interest and hope is now centered on Buller's movements, but at the same time there is a feeling that Buller may be running into dangers which cannot be easily foreseen. The Times sounds a note of warning in reminding the public of the

tactics pursued in battle by the Boers, and in referring to the peculiarities of the ground where the fighting will take place. The statement that Buller's difficulties will increase as the situation develops is significant. It means that as the British forces advance into the enemy's country they will encounter unknown obstacles which may seriously affect the result. Developments will be anxiously awaited.

Our esteemed contemporary of boiler plate fame is out with a brand new market report. This new edition of prevailing Dawson market values shows a distinct advance in prices from those which appeared in the News' previous report. Chickens, for instance, have advanced, according to the veracious News "grub" editor, from \$1.50 each to \$1.25 per pound, which ought to satisfy any of the local market men who are long on hens. The question, however, naturally arises in the mind of the reader which of the reports can be believed, or is he safe in believing either. If people were investing heavily on the strength of the News market reports there probably would be several howls heard from Rome.

In so far as the construction of railroads is concerned the valley of the Yukon river offers advantages far superior to those of most countries of similar latitude. In the entire distance from the summit of White Pass to Dawson there are no lofty mountain ranges to be crossed and nothing to be feared from heavy precipitations of snow. The extension of the railroad down the river to the Yukon metropolis will therefore be a matter comparatively easy of accomplishment as soon as the development of the country has progressed sufficiently to justify the increased outlay on the part of the railway company.

Seattle will reap an almost undisputed harvest from the Nome business. Sailing dates are already announced for a number of boats and preparations for the accommodation of a rush greater by several times than the Klondike migration are being made. Nome will be a show worth seeing even if the hunter for the elusive gold gets nothing for his efforts. Meanwhile the Queen City of the coast is forging ahead with an ever increasing momentum that sooner or later will force San Francisco to look well to her laurels.

Who ever saw the front of a postoffice building given over to the indiscriminate use of the public for bill board purposes. The postoffice of Dawson looks like a public auction establishment so completely is it plastered over with advertising notices. There are notices offering for sale every conceivable object from a walamute dog to a complete thawing plant. The use of the postoffice building for such purposes may serve a certain degree of public utility, but it also acts as a distinct shock upon the nerves of a great many people.

The noon day cannon idea was an idea which may well be placed among those things which happen by reason of inspiration. Now, if a little more powder could be had so that some of us who live more than 100 yards away from the point where the artillery is located, could occasionally hear the echoes from the noonday report, another great stride in the noble work of

civilizing this Yukon wilderness would be made.

### The Boer at War.

The Boer is born with a gun over his shoulder. It may be an old Martini Henry, an Enfield, or even a Brown Bess, that is more dangerous to the man at the trigger than to the object aimed at, or it may be a magazine Lee-Netford, that he does not understand, or a Winchester repeater that he is afraid of. Best of all, however, he loves his trusty Roeler, to which he has been used for many years. He makes excellent shooting, too, particularly at a moving object. In the Transvaal there have been continual native troubles and uprisings, and in this way the Boer obtains a knowledge of warfare.

The older generations, of course, remember Majuba, Laing's Nek, Ingogo, Brokhorst, Spruit, and all the horrible business, and some of them to this day retain their old guns, with a notch in the stock for every "rooinek" or Englishman that they allege they shot. Their process of going to war is simple enough. They have no clothes to change, no uniform to don. They fill their bandolier, or cartridge belt, put a piece of biltong in their pocket, mount their horse and ride off. Nothing could be more simple. Biltong, it should be explained, is sun-dried venison, shredded into strips, and wonderfully nourishing and sustaining. The Boers when out on the veldt live on it for weeks at a time and apparently thrive thereon.

When taking the field the Boers harass themselves with no cumbersome commissariat or ambulance wagon. Everything is left to chance, and it is truly wonderful how they manage to escape all manner of horrible dangers. If they get wounded they hie them to the nearest farm house, where they are tended until they get well. If they get shot, well, it is the will of God—their friends bury them, all is over. A sort of fatalism possesses them, which must act as a life insurance when bullets are flying about.

### Banquet to D. C. MacKenzie.

A very enjoyable time was had by those who attended the banquet tendered to Mr. D. C. MacKenzie at the Hotel McDonald last night. Mr. MacKenzie has been here for some time as the representative of several Canadian commercial houses, and will depart for the outside during the present week. The affair was arranged by a few of the gentleman's friends. There were present about 40 guests, among whom were Messrs. D. C. MacKenzie, Alex McDonald, George Carpenter, Frank J. McDougal, Woodworth, George Morrison, Williams, J. F. Macdonald, Colin Macdonald, Leonard, Harry Edwards, McLeod, Milne, Buchannan, Davidson, McIsaac, McAlpine, Campbell, McIntosh, Byrne, Berry, Ralph, Johansen, Say, May, Postmaster Hartman and Dr. Duncan.

After the feasting, Dr. Duncan, acting as toastmaster, arose and offered a toast to the Queen.

"The President of the United States," was responded to by Mr. C. Milne.

Mr. Davidson responded to "Our Guest."

Among the other speakers were Messrs. Woodworth, George, Carpenter, Morrison, Alex McDonald, McAlpine, Johansen and McDougal. The subjects were "The boys at the front," "The Press," "The mining industry," "the ladies," "The professions," and "The commercial industries of the Yukon."

Sour Dough Letter Heads for sale at the Nugget office.

FIRE! J. L. Sale & Co., now at branch store, 2nd Ave., next to Palmer Bros.

The warmest and most comfortable hotel in Dawson is at the Regina.

### Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the Estate of Rasmus Karlson Odegaard, late of the Parish of Stranden, in the Kingdom of Norway, miner, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Cap 129, Sec. 38, and Amending Acts, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Rasmus Karlson Odegaard, who died in or about

the months of July or August, A. D. 1897, at Dawson, in the Yukon Territory of Canada, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to The Ottawa Trust and Deposit Company (Limited), administrators of the above estate, at the address below given, on or before the 10th day of March, A. D. 1900, their names, addresses and descriptions and a full statement of particulars of their claims and the nature of the security (if any) held by them, duly certified, and that after the said day the undersigned administrators will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice.

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Get your eyesight fixed at the Pioneer drug store.

When in town, stop at the Regina.

Fast team of five dogs, with basket sleigh, harness, etc.; \$400 cash. M. J. Stevens, R. om 14, A. C. office building.

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