

# The Story of the War

From Capetown to Pretoria, by the Author of "With Kitchener to Khartoum."

G. W. Stevens Writes From Capetown the First Glimpses of the Struggle.

Capetown, Oct. 10.—This morning I awoke and beheld the Norman was lying alongside a wharf at Capetown. I had expected it, and yet it was a shock. In this breathless ten days out of sight of land is enough to make you a seaman; I looked with pleased curiosity at the grass and the horses.

After the surprise of being ashore again, these things to notice was the air. It was as clear as there is nothing else in existence clear enough to compare it with. You felt that all your life hitherto you had been breathing mud and looking out on the world through fog. This, at last, was all as other.

Light in front rose three purple-brown mountains—the two supporters, and Table mountain flat in the centre. More like a comb than a table, sheer steep and dark, it was exactly as he is in pictures and in the tales. Behind his back a thick white cloud gathered and hung on his brow.

It was enough, the white line of houses nestled "hilly" visible between his feet and the sea must indeed be Capetown. Presently I came into it, and began to wonder what it looked like. It seemed half Western American with a faint smell of India—Denver with a dash of Delhi. The broad streets, flanked with new-looking ornate buildings of irregular heights and fronts were Western America; the battle of warning sun with the stabling morning glow was Northern India. The handsome, blood-like electric cars, with their impatient, gong and rattle, were pure America; the men in their hats and coats, the women in their gowns and hats, were Europe.

The public buildings, what I saw of them, confirm the idea of a placid half-prosperity. The place is not a lumpy, but it has hardly taken the trouble to grow up. It has a post office of truly German stability and magnitude. It has a well-organized railway station, and it has the merits of being in Adlerley street, the main thoroughfare of the city; imagine it even possible to bring Boston into the Strand, and you will get an idea of the absence of push and crush in Capetown.

When you go on to look at Government house the place keeps its character; Government house is a country house and half a country inn. One sentry stands outside the door and you may respect to the Governor in shepherd's plaid.

Over everything broods a peace, except over one magnificent many-winged building of red brick and white stone with a garden above it, an avenue—Capetown avenue, shabby trees and good, but not attractive, but not imposing—at one side of it, with a statue of the Queen before and broad-floored strata behind. It was the Parliament House. The Legislative Assembly—that house of Commons—is characteristically small, yet characteristically roomy and characteristically comfortable. The members sit on fat green leather cushions, two or three on a bench, and each man's name is above his seat; no opposing for Capetown. The slip of press gallery is above the Speaker's head; the sloping, unworked public gallery at the other end, private boxes on one side, big windows on the other. Altogether it looks like a copy of the Westminster order, improved by leaving nine-tenths of the members.

And Press and Public Out.

Yet here—also for placid Capetown—they were wrangling. They were wrangling about the commanding of gold and the stamping—shamboking, you pronounce it—of Johannesburg refugees. There was Sir Gordon Sprigg, three Bealder, three Bealder, dignified, and responsible in bearing and speech, conversationally reasonable in tone. There was Mr. Snelinger, the Premier, almost boyish, with plump, smooth cheeks and a dark moustache. He looks capable, and looks as if he knows it; he, too, in a conversational, almost jolly, in speech, but with a flavor of bitterness added to his reason.

Everything sounded quiet and calm enough for Capetown—yet plainly feeling was strained tight to snapping. A member rose to put a question, and prefaced it with an invective against all Boers and their friends. He would go on for about ten minutes, when suddenly angry cries of "Order!" in English and Dutch would rise. The questioner commented with acidity on the manners of his opponents. They appealed to the chair; the Speaker blandly pronounced that the hon. gentleman had been out of order from the first word he uttered. The hon. gentleman thereon indignantly refused to put his question at all, but, being prevented, on gave an opening to a minister, who devoted ten minutes to a brief invective against all Uitlanders and their friends.

Then up got one of the other side—and so on for an hour. Most of the time it was a white hatred German eagle colonel in the Hanoverian Legion that was settled in the eastern province, and to this day the loyalist of Her Majesty's subjects. When the Speaker ruled against his side

he counselled defiance in a resounding whisper; when an opponent was speaking he snorted thunderous derision; when an opponent retorted he smiled blandly and admonished him: "Don't lose yer temper."

In the assembly, if nowhere else, rumpled the menace of coming war. One other feature there was that was not Capetown. Along Adlerley street, before the steamship companies' offices, loomed a thick string of sun-bleached unshaven, flannel-shirted, corduroy-trousered British workmen. Inside the offices they thronged the counters sit deep. Down to the docks they filed steadily with bundles to be penned in the black hulls of homeward liners. Their words were few and sullen. These were the miners of the Rand—who fasted no companies, held no shares, made no fortunes, who only wanted to make a hundred pounds to furnish a cottage and marry a girl.

They had been turned out of work, packed in cattle-trucks, and come down in sun by day and by night. They were sullen, belittled, to pack off home again. Faster than the ships could steam out the trainloads steamed in. They choked the lodging-houses, the bars, the streets. Capetown was one huge

Demonstration of the Unemployed.

In the hotels and streets wandered the pale, distracted employers. They hurried either out of their shops and offices, or they let their clerks go out, left their glasses half full, broke off their talk in the middle of a word. They spoke now of intolerable grievance and hoarded revenge, of unjust fines, of making machinery, of insolent clerks, of their houses at Johannesburg as gone beyond the reach of insurance. They hated Capetown; they could not tear themselves away to England, they dared not return to the Rand.

This little quiet corner of Capetown held the throbbing hopes and fears of all Johannesburg and more than half the two republics and the mass of all South Africa.

None doubted though many tried to doubt that the last war was over. They passed an instant before they tried the word, and spoke it softly. It had come at last—the moment they had worked and waited for, and they knew not whether to exult or to despair.—G. W. Stevens, in the London Daily Mail.

Stornberg Junction.

The wind screams down from the naked hills on to the little junction station. A platform, with dining room and engine house, a few cottages, a few sheds, the station master's corrugated iron bungalow—and there is nothing else of Stornberg but yeld and kopje, wind and sky. Only these last days there has sprung up a little place with a few quarters of a mile from the station, and about them move men in puttees and khaki. Signal flags blink from the masts, pickets with fixed bayonets dot the ridges, mounted men in complex plaid and blue and red uniforms, the men of the Berkshire regiment and the mounted infantry section—in all they may count 400 men. Fifty miles north is the Orange River, and beyond it, and maybe by now the side of the Orange, stands of armed and mounted burghers—and war.

I wonder if it is all real? By the clock I have been travelling something over forty hours in South Africa, and it might as well be a minute or a lifetime. South Africa is a dream—one of those dreams in which you live years in the instant of waking.

A Dream of Distance.

Departing from Capetown by night, I awoke in the Karroo. Between nine and six in the morning we had made less than a hundred and eighty miles. Now we were climbing the vast desert of the Karroo, the dusty stony table that leads on to the highlands of South Africa. Once you have seen one desert all the others are like it; and yet, once you have loved the desert, each is lovable in a new way. In the Karroo you seem to be going up a winding ascent, like the ramps that lead to an Indian fort. You are ever pulling up an incline between hills, making for a corner around one of the ranges. You feel that when you get round that corner you will at last see something you have never seen before, or other incline, two more ranges, and another corner—surely this time with something to arrive at beyond. You arrive, and arrive, and once more you arrive—and here you find more of the same, the same vast nothing you are coming from.

Believe it or not, that is the very charm of a desert—the unfeigned emptiness, the space, the freedom, the unbroken arch of the sky. It is forever fooling you, and yet you forever pursue it. And then it is only to the eye that cannot do without green that the Karroo is unattractive. Every other color meets others in harmony—yellow sand, silver-grey scrub, crimson-tufted flowers, the heather, black ribs of rock, pine shoots of screes, violet mountains in the middle distance, blue airy battlements guarding the horizon, and above all the broad, the unbroken purity of the South African atmosphere—a colored thing, like the plants and the hills, but sheer color.

Existing by and for itself.

It is a sheer witching desert for five hundred miles, and for aught I know five hundred miles farther. At the rare stations you see perhaps one corrugated iron store, perhaps a score of little stone houses with a couple of churches. The land carries little enough stock, here a dozen goats browsing on the withered sticks goats love, there a dozen ostriches, high-stepping, supercilious heads in air, wheeling like a troop of cavalry and trotting out of the stink of that beastly train. Of men, nothing—only here at the bridge a couple of tents, there at the culvert a black man, grotesque in sombrero and patched trousers, loading hands in pockets, lax lips in mouth.

The best man in the world, you would have said, to suggest glorious war, yet war he meant, and nothing else. On the line from Capetown—that single track through five hundred miles of desert—came Kimberley and Mafeking, and Rhodesia; it runs through Dutch country, and the black man was there to watch it.

War was sure enough it was. A telegram at a tea bar, a telephone at a gathering rush, an electric vibration—and all the station and all the train and the very viages on the dunghill outside.

War was at hand! Everybody had predicted it—and now it was being passed with amazement. One man broke off in a joke about killing Dutchmen, and could only say, "My God—my God—my God!"

I too was lost and lost I remain. Where was I to go? What was I to do? My small experience had been confined

to wars you could put your fingers on; for this war, I have been looking for since and have not found it. I have been accustomed to

Wars With a Headquarters.

at any rate to wars with a main body and a concerted plan; but this war in Cape Colony has neither.

It could not have. If you look at the map you will see that the Transvaal and Orange Free States are all but Japan in the red of British territory. That would be to our advantage were our fighting force superior or equal or even not much inferior to that of the enemy. In a general way it is an advantage to have your frontier in the form of a re-entrant angle; for then you can strike on your enemy's flank and threaten his communications. That advantage the Boers possess against Natal, and that is why Sir George White has abandoned Ladang Nek and Newburgh, and holds the line of the Biggarsberg; even so the Boers might conceivably get between him and his base. The same advantage we should possess on this western side of the red of British territory. We are so heavily outnumbered, and have adopted no heroic plan of abandoning the indefensible. We have no irregular force of mounted infantry at Mafeking, the red of British territory. 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