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CHRISTMAS

and its lessons to heart, and to follow the teachings of that Divine Being who illustrated, while on earth, the life which those who profess to be His for lowers should lead. Last Christmas the Empire was at peace, and we who live under its flag could say that we were on terms of amity with the whole world; tosing Christmas hymns and exchange kindtheir efforts to reconcile Christianity to been a conspiracy to injure and humiliate development of those wholesome principles of liberty which find their best growth under the British flag. If we did recognize the fact that there are serious difficulties in reconciling the making of war on a Christian nation with the teachings of Christ. Good men, in all ages of the world, have, no doubt, felt these

well as in many humble cottage, there will be mourning today. The Christmas feast will be spread but the vacant chair killed outright in battle, and more than of whom will die, while others will spend in the days of their vigor and pride.

What hopes have been buried with the loved ones who are lost, while mothers' on their backs to pay their annual tribute in the days of their vigor and pride.

Were it not for the lact that the article is and unscruptious partisan can be got to join in so mean a crusade. Loyalty and join in so mean a crusade cough. Were it not for the lact that the article is illustrated by a picture showing the national fine public the moment they are prepared. It would save many misconceptions, and be made the sport of an election fight.

those who seek to destroy it.

and the battle flags were furl'd

peace on earth and good will towards the future alone can solve. But at every an say what heart they will seek. The future is hidden by a veil that cannot be

fore us,

thought and reflect on the blessings which day the Empire is at war and, while we Christmas brings in its train. Imperfect as is the Christianity of the world it is ly Christmas greetings with our friends, pleasing to know that the Christmas seawe do not fail to remember that we have son softens many a heart that has not enemies whose blood we desire to see felt the emotions of sympathy and charity whom we wish to put under our feet. and kinder under the influence of the sea-Here we have a practical illustration of son, and the brotherhood of man becomes the difficulties that beset the path of a reality and not a dream. If it be more have the highest sanction for this statement, how many, great, and varied are is as follows:the blessings which may descend on those on us by our enemies; that there has who out of a full heart, and love of their fellow man exercise the virtues of charity our nation, and to impede and hamper the and kindness. What hidden streams of love and tenderness are flowing from apparent, when it is remembered that at noble hearts today, streams which like fountains that irrigate a dry land, cause of preferential treatment of British goods. not believe this how could we take part it to yield a bountiful harvest of good and He not only advocated it during the camin this great Christian festival? If we to scatter blessings over the whole world. paign but he gave the proof of his sinwere conscious that our country's cause Neither the call to arms, the strain of cerity by carrying it into effect when the was not just, in what frame of mind would national misfortunes, the cares and worries of life, for the demands of individual being taught from every pulpit in the Eminterests, has been able to prevent the Tupper just before returning to Canada, pire today? It is because we believe the flowing of this tide of charity and love, in London that it was absurd to expect war we are waging to be unavoidable that indeed as the centuries advance the tide Canada to supply either money or men we are able to observe Christmas with grows broader, deeper and stronger. Nor for the purposes of imperial defence. He something of the hearty fervor of other will it ever fail while Christianity rules all but burst the league. days. Yet no thoughtful man can fail to the world and the Star of Bethlehem continnes to be the guiding star of the world's but a preferential tariff was, and most

Our American friends are sometimes regaled on strange kinds of mental food. the late government did prepare such If our article flatters their variety it is a brochure, would any one seriously de There has been no fighting for several tion that a nation or an individual has a of not the statements made in it are true. Liberals, either in Quebec or any of the arms and Christmas has passed without other Provinces? We apprehend not. any movement of a hostile nature. It not for the fact that American publica-Canada. A singular illustration of the by inuendo. wheat growers of the United States are

an 8-page, paper and is published every is slain, and an old father's head is bent down with grief. But this is war; this fast of the legislature of New part of Ne THE SETI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH hearts are breaking for a gallant son who to the United States for their wheat. It may suit the immediat purposes of United States for wheat. In the text of the article we are told that "During the fiscal year ended last June, Great Britain paid us nearly \$100,000,000 out of our total receipts of \$177,000,000 for flour and wheat exported to foreign countries. Germany be considered seriously. St. John has no came next, then Canada, then South

> statements. The amount of American wheat and flour entered for consumption in Canada is too small to be a factor of ated and the dream of Tennyson is realfor which complete statistics are available, States for her supply of wheat and flour sends a large surplus abroad. In 1898 Canada exported \$22,739,676 worth of in 1899 the export was still larger.

> > A FRESH INSULT TO LIBERALS.

discovery affecting the loyalty of Liberals. Under a large display heading it tells the Conservatives are reproached for being pamphlet. Quotations are given in supuntry. The thing is really too transarent to receive serious attention, and night very well be passed by if it were not for the conspicuous place given to it

should have heard something about it long bieces were probably of larger calibre than ago. It certainly would have been seized the British field guns that were opposed upon by the Tories with special swidity, to them. It has always been supposed and would have been worked in the other that the British 12-pounders used by the provinces for all it was worth. That it horse and field artillery were as good a is brought out now during the war exheat is a most suspicious circumstance. spilled, Christians though they be, and for many a day. The world grows better It looks very much as if it had been invented for the occasion, and is quite in treal Star has been employing for some

"One of the blunders of old Tupper is imperial federation, which signifies a more intimate alliance between England and her colonies in general, and Canada in par-ticular."

The absurdity of such a statement is that very time Sir Wilfrid Laurier was advocating from every platform the policy Liberals came into power. It is also important to remember that Sir Charles had told the Imperial Federation League

Imperial tederation was not, nowever an issue in the general elections of 1896, people will regard the latter policy as a more practical step towards imperial

CANADA AS A WHEAT PRODUCER. unity than the former. Supposing, however, the story is true Assuming that some insane opponent of quite's secondary consideration whether clare that it voiced the sentiments of could afford to be quite indifferent were it Even the Star would not dare to make is well that this should be so; there will such a charge; but, like the Sun here, be plenty of time for fighting next year.

manner in which the facts are perverted Liberals may as well realize that they for the purpose of feeding national vanity will have to meet, now and henceforward, a fully known the spirit of the people of is supplied by an article in the December thoroughly cowardly campaign from the the mother land and they would not have number of McClure's Magazine on "The Movement of Wheat." The object of this article appears to be to show that the task of poisoning public judgment on the British Islands have met their reverses. subject of Liberal loyalty; but we appre- With what unanimity they have rallied feeding the whole world. No person could hend they are counting too much on the to the defence of the Empire. The Britgather from it that a single bushel of recognition of such tactics by the ish war office received offers from 100,000 wheat is grown in Canada, and in the list better thinking class of their own supmen in a single day to go to the front. the remainder of their days maimed and of wheat-producing countries Canada is porters if they hope to succeed Once Such spontaneous outbursts of patriotcrippled, mere wrecks of what they were utterly ignored. This might be pardoned more let it be said, that only the furious ism are only to be seen in nations that were it not for the fact that the article is and unscrupulous partisan can be got to are free; they cannot exist among people

ped from St. John is one that can hardly facilities whatever for the accommodation ither of the men or horses that would swallow all this, but Canadians ought to be warned against such absolutely false itary system, and there is no body of Boer armies have proved larger than ed them as jokes or pieces of impassioned troops here to assist in the fatigue duties was expected, and that they are fighting oratory. For instance there is a rare bitin Canada is too small to be a factor of any importance in the trade of the two countries and is very little more than the Canadian wheat and flour consumed in the Livited States. In 1898, the last year that little may not the Livited States. In 1898, the last year that little may not the constituent of small to be a factor of that will be involved in sending forward that they are familiar and under conditions most favorable to the defensive campaign which they are familiar that they are familiar that the stenographer caught on the fly at and under conditions most favorable to the defensive campaign which they are minister of militia, that before they are carrying on. The British armies have embarked the troops shall be exercised had to be carried over seven thousand appear to be garbled in any way we quote for which complete statistics are available, together for several days and Halifax, miles of ocean before reaching the seat directly from the report:—

Canada exported \$76,242 worth of wheat which is the only imperial military station of war, and even after reaching South "Then Mr. Foster, in feeling and effective and imported from Canada exported \$76,242 worth of wheat to the United States and imported from that country for consumption, \$42,402 worth. Canada exported \$32,577 worth of worth. Canada exported \$32,577 worth of the proper place for such exercises by rail to reach the front. They have had not only to take account of the enemy who have broken their pledges, put. flour to the United States and imported modation, excellent parade grounds and in arms in front of them, but of traitors for consumption \$148,166 worth. But in an imperial garrison, while St. John has and concealed enemies behind them. The for consumption \$148,166 worth. But in an imperial garrison, while St. John has and conceased enemies beamed that year there was exported from the none of these things. We presume that British generals know that every Dutch out. You are intelligent men. Think none of these things over. If you want a party the proposal to bring the troops here has man in Cape Colony and Natal is an and \$20,256 worth of flour which had been been largely due to a failure to take into enemy, and that they are only kept out produced in the United States. Canada, instead of being dependent on the United states. Canada, instead of being dependent on the United states. Canada, instead of being dependent on the United states. Canada, instead of being dependent on the United states. Canada, instead of being dependent on the United states. Canada, instead of being dependent on the United states. too much patriotism to desire to do enymilitia department who are doing all in number available for an engagement has their power to hasten the despatch of the always been much less than were actually contingent. It would not look well for required to make success assured. These wheat and flour of home production, and St. John to appear in the attitude of a difficulties, however, will be overcome, as mere selfish community seeking only its reinforcements arrive, and they are now audience would never get over it. But he own interests regardless of the general reaching South Africa every day. The good. The sober second thought of the men of the fifth division have nearly all hood, some of whom would remember community will enable it to find abundant reached their destination, and the first when George Eulas used to recite the reasons why the arrangements that have of the regiments of the sixth division are been made for the embarkation of the

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

tle is coming out very slowly, the despatches of the correspondents being cen-sored to such an extent as to be almost willing to have Canada help England in unintelligible. It would seem, however, the militia. These last will make up a the Imperial Yeomanry scheme "seems to the event of war. That is the germ of the namphlet. Quotations are given in sup-British guns having a less range than paign begins in earnest the British forces Rough Riders." The ignoramus who wrote guns to be effective that they brought men who were concealed in the river, so that their horses were shot and the batuse it as a fresh slander on Liberals at teries rendered incapable of being moved. ome of the despatches would seem to The whole story bears on its face the convey the impression that the British The whole story bears on its lace the stamp of improbability. If such a docu, field guns were inferior to those of the stamp of improbability. If such a docu, field guns were inferior to those of the stamp of improbability. Beers but it is difficult to believe this. ment had been given currency to any con-siderable extent during the campaign we The Boer guns that outranged the British any made, and that the 15-pounder used citement when patriotic feeling is at fever by some of the batteries was superior to any foreign gun. Still the British military authorities have always been so conservative that people are prepared to bekeeping with the tactics which the Mon- lieve almost anything in regard to their artillery armed with muzzle loading gunt Christian nations, as well as of men, in blessed to give than to receive, and we One paragraph alone shows the inven- although every other European nation had tion to be a clumsy one. The quotation adopted breech-loaders, and even so late as the year 1893 some batteries were armed with muzzle-loaders. The same policy was pursued with regard to the navy, and some ships in that branch are still armed

of position and of large calibre it is very extraordinary that he should have tried to cross the Tugela under their fire. There are several places where the river can b forded and it speaks very ill for his gens eralship that the fords he attempted should have been only two miles apart, and within the range of powerful artillery There appears to have been an absence of scouting on the British side throughout seem to have been due to mere ignorance hoped that in future the British generals may have better intelligence of the ficulties they have to meet

All quiet along the Tugela is a phrasi

that might for the present take the place of the saying of the American civil war "all quiet along the Potomac." All is quiet too along the Modder River and in front of General French and General Gatacre days; both sides are resting on their tions are so widely circulated and read in what it dare not assert openly it implies. The war has brought death and disaster in its train, but it has had its compensa tions. Without it we should not have

cause he cannot help himself. But the probably prevent these dangerous epi-British soldier is a volunteer; he goes into battle of his own free will, and it is no use in being too particular. does not lie in the power of any man or of any government to coerce him. Fortunately Britain has enough patriotic sons to fight her battles, and for every man who will be needed to go to the front five can be had Canada alone is prepared to send ten thousand men if the Empire should need them.

due at Cape Town the first week in Jan- piece. It was then called "Spartacus to troops at Halifax should not be disturbed. uary, so that the armies of Buller, Meth. the Gladiators," and those who scoffed at uen, French and Gatacre will soon be the usefulness of committing such heroics reinforced to the extent of about 25,000 to memory will now have their answer. men. After them will come the seventh division, the volunteers and the Yeoman; The Sun's special London cables appear ry, besides those regiments that will be relieved from garrison duty and enabled other part of the world would a news-

> with such a force the war will be speedily This, however, is not the first war that organized his Rough Riders, on whose has taken longer to finish than was at backs he has almost ridden into the govfirst expected. When the American, civil war broke the capture of Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy, was the object of the United States generals horses in Richmond is 344 miles from New York, infantry. 254 from Philadelphia, 156 from Baltimor and 116 from Washington, yet it took the Northern armies almost four years to change its tactics and to speak out in capture Richmond. The first advance favor of cultivating the friendship of Eng-Grant effected its capture. With such an

A CASE OF HYSTERIA.

The "Sun" has been in a state of alarming hysteria ever since the has been far worse than that of France, war broke out in South Africa, The particular phantasm which seems to man people cannot conceal their delight keep the editor from getting his proper at Great Britain's misfortunes. amount of repose arises from the fear that the government may not be keeping. the War Office posted as to the state of eeling in Canada respecting assistance, ests of the port of St. John since Mr. One would think that the premier ought George E. Foster went into opposition to keep the cable throbbing from mora. It was not always thus. It was content ing tonight with dispatches to Mr. Cham to follow Mr. Foster in all his acts and perlain, lest that gentleman should overlook the fact that Canadians are will- the port of St. John. It thinks it iming to aid the Imperial authorities the impending crisis. Something in the should sail from St. John, but it did not following rough and ready style is what think it important that St. John should the Sun would probably approve:-

November 7th of further assistance of the Wester belonged refused to consider the "10.30 a. m.—No answer to my message selaims of this port in any way.

of 9.30 a. m.—We were in earnest. Tories are howling about our indifference and something must be done."

"11.30 a. m.—Our offer of another continued to the figure of the trade of Canada for the first five months of the present fiscal threat will hold good."

"5 p. m.—Expect your answer before morning about contingent. It would come through at night rates and cost less than

And so on. Such dispatches would impress Mr. Chamberlain with a fine sense of the dignity which ought to prevail in communication between governments and communication between governments and of the marvellous calmness of the Canadian people in an emergency. The whole scheme would be quite to the "Sun's" taste if the premier should at the same time have these cablegrams prepared in duplithese cablegrams prepared in duplicate for transmission to the press. It is too bad that the canons of international

demics of hysteria. In times of war there

"OH MEN OF MEGANTIC!" Some of the bright and thrilling things of their stimulating effect by this slow There has been a great deal of very they act instantaneously. Few men could natural impatience at the slow progress read some of these utterances of New

past half century. Both Buller and Methmorship of New York state. It is worthy of notice also that Roosevelt's Rough Riders did not ride, for their horses never got to Cuba; they fought as

The German press is beginning to was made towards it in May, 1861, but it land. The German newspapers are so was not until April, 1865, that Geneart amenable to official pressure that their change of tone will naturally be ascribed illustration of recent date before us we to the influence of the government. The may be disposed to be more patient of British people would be well pleased if the delays in the operations of the prest they could bring themselves to believe that this change of tone was an indication of good will, but they cannot forget the rejoicing with which the news of British defeats was received in Germany. In this respect the conduct of Germany for during the war between France and Germany the sympathies of the British people were with Germany. Now the Ger-

The Sun is showing, or pretending to show, a great deal of zeal for the intersilently acquiesced in his total neglect of portant that the troops for South Africa be the terminus of the fast steamship line "9.30 a. m.-Don't forget our offer of to which the government to which Mr.

year are highly encouraging. They show Answer paid at this end."

"12.30 noon.—Tories still howling. Xo?
really must have that contingent, and might as well say so at once. Australia may get ahead of us."

"2 p. m.—Still no answer from you about contingent. We meant what we said. Council sitting day and night awaiting reply."

"3 p. m.—Fear another reverse in Africa if you delay accepting our offer of 7th November. Tories still agitating.

"5 p. m.—Expect your answer before

resterday, was one of the richest men in away at the age of seventy-four. He was