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GERMAN NEUTRALITY.

Berlin, Nov. 1.—Emperor William's farewell message to the British Royal Dragon, the regiment of which he is honorary colonel, on its departure for South Africa, expressing his majesty's hope that it might return "unscathed and well," is generally taken as a proof of Germany's official neutrality. One of the evening papers, referring to the dispatch, points out its high political significance, and says it is the best answer to "the Germanic leagues, Anglophobes and predictions of foreign intervention, in which Germany is to play a leading part." The *Berliner Courier* says: "The repeated efforts to involve Germany into interfering in questions absolutely foreign to her national interests have palpably the sole object of discrediting her policy. Germany declines the role of acting manager in foreign interests detrimental to her own."

AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS.

The British consul in Chicago, W. Wyndham, has addressed a communication to the *Times-Herald*, saying that the number of applicants who wish to serve in the British army is so great that it is unable to answer them, and for the information of those still in ignorance of the fact, he states that no volunteers have been called for. He also denies a Minneapolis report that he advised men who wished to enlist to go to Canada to join the Canadian regiment.

The president of the local government board, the Rev. Hon. Henry Chaplin, speaking at Manchester on the war, expressed his intense satisfaction at the friendly relations of Great Britain with the United States and Germany.

REINFORCEMENTS TO REACH CAPE TOWN ON SUNDAY.

About 6,000 fresh troops will arrive at Cape Town on Sunday next, and will be available to reinforce Sir Geo. White. Transports will arrive there daily after Sunday, until, by the end of next week, more troops will have landed in South Africa. These men are intended for Gen. Sir Redvers Buller's British army, but they will undoubtedly be dispatched to Natal if the situation there should become perilous. The British force will eventually reach the huge total of 59,634, of which 59,634 will be regulars and the other 20,000 miscellaneous, but excellent colonial troops.

GEN. BULLER'S ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

One announcement yesterday was received by the British with unfeigned satisfaction, namely, the arrival of Gen. Buller at Cape Town. But it is pointed out that Gen. Buller cannot end his war without an army corps, and some of the companies which are to compose it have not even left England for South Africa. Dispatches from Cape Town show that Gen. Buller's reception there was most enthusiastic. He was welcomed by Gen. Sir Frederick Forster-Walker, after which they both entered a carriage and drove to Government House, where they were met by the mayor and other officials. They were warmly cheered by the throngs of people lining the route. There were cries of "Avenge Majuba!" and with cheers for the general. Gen. Buller's face was as impressive as he returned military salutes for the cheers.

GEN. YULE PROMOTED.

The *Gazette* announces the promotion of substantive Lieut.-Col. W. A. Yule to the rank of major-general on the staff to command the Eighth Brigade of the South African field force, with the substantive rank of colonel in the army.

The news of disaster will have the effect of giving a strong impulse to the popular movement to raise funds for the benefit of the wives and children of the men at the front. The war office, under the signatures of the Marquis of Lansdowne, the secretary of state for war, and Lord Wolseley, commander-in-chief, has issued a long statement including British methods of distributing the money thus received.

The Commercial Cable Company has issued the following notice: We have received advices from Cape of Good Hope that censorship has been established in this country on all cables.

AT DURBAN.

Durban, Natal, Nov. 1.—The legislative building has been transformed into a hospital for the Boer and British wounded, who will be treated alike. Mr. Walker Morrison, M.P., has sent \$5,000 for the aid of the Natal volunteers.

CONDITIONS AT KIMBERLEY.

Advices from Kimberley, under date of Oct. 27, are received through dispatch rider at Orange River. Oct. 30, report that all the wounded are progressing favorably. It also appears that as they are unable to blow up the Boers are demolishing them, stone by stone. They have blown up practically every culvert from the Modder to the Orange river. An armored train,

Farmer Fahnstock thinks he owns the stock he is so proud of. But as a matter of fact the stock owns him. He is the humble servant of his cow and pig. He looks after them better than he looks after himself, and feeds them before he feeds himself. That is why it is so often happens that just about the time that Farmer Fahnstock has reached the place where he has to take things easy, he breaks down.

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Kipling's Poem Brought \$1,250

For the Wives and Children of the British Army Recruits—"The Absent-Minded Beggar"—A Rollicking Production.

The accompanying poem is Rudyard Kipling's contribution to a fund for the wives and children of the British army recruits sent to South Africa. He sold it to the *London Daily Mail* for \$1,250. Of all the receipts Mr. Kipling receives nothing.

When you've shouted "Rule, Britannia," when you've sung "God Save the Queen."

When you've finished killing Kruger with your mouth, Will you kindly drop a shilling in my little tambourine For a gentleman in khaki ordered sou'wester? He's an absent-minded beggar, and his weakness are great. But wait and take him home, and he'll be a good man. He is out on active service, wiping something off a slate, And he's left a lot of little things behind him.

Duke's son—cook's son—son of a hundred kings— Fifty thousand horse and foot going to Table Bay. Each of 'em doing his country's work (and who's to look after their things?) Pass the hat for your credit's sake, and pay—pay—pay!

There are girls he married secret, asking no permission to, For he knew he wouldn't get it if he did. There is gas and coals and vittles, and the house rent falling due, And it's more than rather likely there's a kid. There are girls he walked with casual; they'll be sorry now he's gone. For an absent-minded beggar, they will find him, But it ain't the time for sermons with the winter coming on, We must help the girl that Tommy's left behind him.

Cook's son—duke's son—son of a belted earl; Son of a Lambeth publican—it's all the same today! Each of 'em doing his country's work (and who's to look after the girl?) Pass the hat for your credit's sake, and pay—pay—pay!

There are families by thousands, far too proud to beg or speak, And they'll put their sticks and bedding up the spout; And they'll live on half of nothing paid in punctual once a week, 'Cause the man that earned the wage is ordered out. He's an absent-minded beggar, but he heard his country's call, And his reg'ment didn't need to send to find him; He chucked his job and joined it! So the job before us all: Is to help the home that Tommy left behind him.

Duke's job—cook's job—gardener, baronet, groom, Men or palace or paper shop—there's some one gone away! Each of 'em doing his country's work (and who's to look after the room?) Pass the hat for your credit's sake, and pay—pay—pay!

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Let us manage so as later we can look him in the face, And tell him—what he'd very much prefer— That while he saved the empire his employer saved his place. And his mates (that's you and me) looked out for him. He's an absent-minded beggar, and he may forget it all! But we do not want his kiddies to remind him That we sent 'em to the workhouse while their daddy hammered Paul— So we'll help the homes our Tommy's left behind him!

Cook's home—duke's home—home of a millionaire— (Fifty thousand horse and foot going to Table Bay!) Each of 'em doing his country's work (and what have you got to spare?) Pass the hat for your credit's sake, and pay—pay—pay!

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BOERS CONFIDENT.

An Englishman who has arrived at Allwal North, from Pretoria, whence he was expelled by way of Bloemfontein, says that when he left Pretoria all the stores there were carrying on business. President Kruger was still there, and he did not see any wounded at Johannesburg.

Some of the Transvaal papers are still published, and contain glowing accounts of the successes of the Boer army. They admit that the battle of Elandsbaag was a reverse for the Boers, who lost 20 killed, had many wounded and that 85 Boers were made prisoners, and admitted, according to the Boer newspapers, is soon to be taken. The Englishman added that the Boers are absolutely confident of their ultimate triumph, and believe the whole of Natal is already practically in their hands.

A dispatch from Vryburg, dated Oct. 25, gives a report of a speech of Commandant Delarey when hoisting the Boer flag there. He declared that the flag of the Republic was now floating over the whole country north of the Orange river, and that the British flag would never again fly there, unless hoisted over the dead bodies of the burghers. Complete order prevailed at Vryburg.

AMERICAN SYMPATHY.

The *Daily Mail*, referring to an offer made through Mr. Hiram Maxim, from 200 American gentlemen, who propose to give £250 each and to provide their own horses and equipments and tender their services to the British in South Africa, says: Of course this offer cannot be accepted, but it is a fair representation of the sympathies of our cousins.

Cable Notes.

Prince Frederick Augustus of Saxony, while hunting, fell from his horse and sustained a slight fracture of the skull. His condition is not dangerous. A legacy tax of 12,000,000 francs has been levied on the estate of the late Baroness Hirsch in France.

An unidentified man shot and mortally wounded Signor Majelli, president of the Sicilian court of appeals at Palermo. The assassin escaped.

John Villiers Stuart Townsend, Marquis of Townsend, formerly a member of parliament for Tamworth, whose ancestors distinguished themselves at the siege of Cadix, the battle of Culloden and the surrender of Quebec, died on Monday.

Preparations are being made at Windsor Castle for the visit of Emperor William of Germany, who is due to arrive in England on Nov. 29.

Germany's new postage stamp, from Jan. 1 will bear a bust representing Germania in place of the present imperial eagle.

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The British officials at Shanghai, fearing that the Chinese reformer, Yang Yu Wei, is on board the steamer *Empress of India*, from Vancouver, have sent two war vessels to Woei Sung, to prevent the Chinese from searching the vessel.

STRUCK BY AN ENGINE. Ottawa, Nov. 1.—Jos. Renaud, aged 73 years, was killed yesterday morning by a Canadian Atlantic engine on the track opposite the coal chute at the head of the deco cut. Renaud was a laborer in the employ of the Booth Company. It is supposed he was walking on the track when he was struck.

THE DEADLY FOLDING BED. Ypsilanti, Mich., Nov. 1.—Two prominent young ladies of this place narrowly escaped suffocation by the deadly folding bed last night. One of them noticed by the light of the coal stove that the bed was closing up and leaped from the floor. Her companion was asleep and before she could be

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coffee and orange crops were badly damaged. Bridges and houses were destroyed. The rain fell in the vicinity of Kingston registered from 15 to 24 inches Friday and Saturday, when yesterday's storm passed over the island.

At Nassau, N. P., the American schooner *Celina*, Capt. Murray, of Bath, Me., from Philadelphia Oct. 9, for Galveston, was reported ashore off Abaco and signalling for assistance.

A FATALITY. In Charleston the wind blew 58 miles an hour Monday night, wrecking a dwelling, killing a colored child, and injuring others. Streets in New Bern, N. C., were flooded from the ocean, and fires were caused by the wetting of barrels of lime. The river was full of floating cotton.

Amusements.

"THE AMER."

No other comedian has ever entertained a London audience who is so absolutely sure of his audience as Mr. Frank Daniels. The only reason more people did not see him in his new extravaganza, "The Amer," presented at the Grand last night, was because the building could not possibly accommodate more people. It was not "The Amer" they went to see. It was Frank Daniels—the grotesque, the unsmiling, the imperturbable, the unique, the magnetic Frank Daniels. They went, certain of being entertained, and they were not disappointed. Seldom has so large and so fashionable a London audience given itself up so readily and so unreservedly to the enjoyment of an entertainment. Seldom have they been so demonstrative in their enjoyment.

Unquestionably "The Amer" is the best vehicle Mr. Daniels' humor has yet been provided with. The opera by Victor Herbert, whose wonderful fertility is shown in three marked successes produced this year, namely, "The Singing Girl," "The Amer," and "Cyano de Bergerac." The libretto of "The Amer" is by Fredrick Rankin, and Kirke La Shelle. It is bright, catchy, and has a most refreshing spontaneity of humor. The scene is laid in Afghanistan, and the main conceit of the story is that the Amer has to pay an annual tribute of one million rupees to the British Government, which he is wont to raise by marrying an heiress each year. The story has to do with his attempt to marry a rich American girl who is in love with a British officer. The loss of his kingdom, bankruptcy, death by assassination, death by poison and the ardent wooing of a love sick maid are a few of the troubles that pursue him. Amer's scope is given for that laughable mixture of pliancy, insolence and sang-froid, which is the distinguishing feature of Mr. Daniels' work. The score abounds in pretty harmonies and pleasing accompaniments. Miss Helen Redmond and Miss Norma Kopp, well known favorites of the Daniels company, sang very prettily. They were more charming and enjoyable than ever in boys' costumes. The ditty "Old Maid's Willing to Please," by Miss Kate Uart and W. F. Rochester, made one of the hits of the evening. "The Little Poster Maid," by Miss Kopp, was equally well received. "In Old England's Days" a topical song, with a slow gavotte and a simple but delightful accompaniment, was probably the greatest success of the opera. The chorus girls were exceedingly pretty and fresh voiced. The dancing and stage mounting were rich, dazzling and beautiful to a wonderful degree.

THE CAST:

Life Khan, Amer of Afghanistan Hezaburd, Lord Chamberlain of the Amir, W. F. Rochester Crackasmile, the Court Jester. William Corliss Blakjak, Chief of Brigandage for Cut & Slash. Will Danforth Ralph Winston, Captain of British Guards. George Devoll Knifem, a bad brigand. J. J. Martin Sweeney, another bad brigand. Frank Ralinger Lieutenant of British Guards. Sadie Edmond Benjaboo, a peasant. Harry L. Arthur A weaver. Robert Delius the dyer. Howard Lawrence Constance, an American girl. Helen Redmond Fanny, her friend. Norma Kopp Mirzahn, an Oriental dame. Kate Uart Sereza, a peasant girl. Mae Edmons Nana. Jane Mandeville Ayall. Virginia Karroll A dressmaker. Tennie Leslie

HALL CAINE'S GREAT PLAY.

The principal dramatic event of the year will be the production here of Hall Caine's great play, "The Christian." Caine comes to the Grand next Tuesday, for an engagement of one night only. The company numbers over 60 people, and two cars are necessary to transport the massive scenery. Edie Ellisler will appear as Glory Quayle, in which she has made the success of her life. J. M. Colville, one of the best romantic actors on the stage, has also scored an unqualified hit as John Storm. The sale of seats will open on Monday, Nov. 6, when a rush is anticipated. Not more than eight tickets will be sold to one person. Over precaution will be taken against ticket speculators.

"FAUST" TONIGHT.

A good play needs no eulogistic introduction. To announce the coming of Lewis Morris' "Faust" is sufficient. With comes the positive assurance that the grandest presentation this year is the entrance and most extensive maintenance of "Faust." Mr. Morris has the only one who has made the play famous, and from a financial standpoint, profitable. "By merit it won success, and by merit it retains it." He truthfully said that the management adheres rigidly to that precept. This will be the farewell visit of the play in this city. The company presenting it is one of exceptional merit, and includes an augmented chorus.

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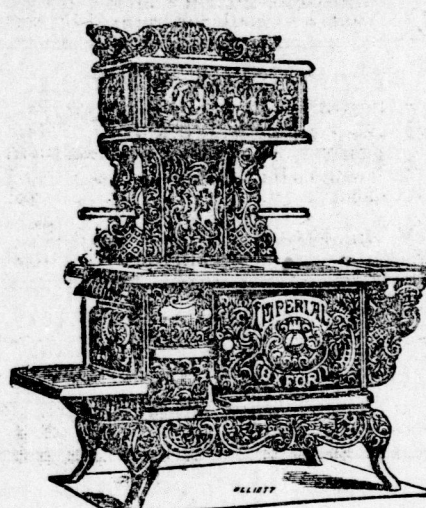
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Rev. Harold Sutton, son of Dr. Sutton, of Cladbrough, has been appointed incumbent of Belmont, Dorchester, and Harriestown, Mr. Sutton entered upon his duties last Sunday.

A number of the Biddulph young men who went on the harvest excursion to Manitoba on Sept. 22 have returned home. Among them were Wm. Dwan, Wm. Flynn, James Cunningham, John Sullivan, and others.

The Coursey brothers, of Biddulph, have lately disposed of six heavy draft horses at good prices. Mr. F. H. Nell, Biddulph, sold a carload of Lincoln sheep to an American buyer lately, and expects to send another car to the Western States before long. Mr. J. S. Atkinson also shipped a carload of lambs to Buffalo, and has more to follow.

FATAL IGNORANCE.

A London, Ont., Man Didn't Know He Had Bright's Disease.

London, Ont., Oct. 30.—Mr. G. E. Brady, this city, has never ceased expressing gratitude at the narrow escape he experienced recently. Bright's Disease had insidiously fastened its grip upon him and eaten deep into his kidneys. Mr. Brady was in ignorance of what the matter was until he happened to read the symptoms of Bright's Disease in a Dodd's Kidney Pills pamphlet.

Says Mr. Brady, "I purchased three boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and after I used one box I felt the disease leaving me. I am now completely cured. My friends here in London will vouch for what I say, Dodd's Kidney Pills saved my life."

MRS. STERNAMAN MARRIED.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 1.—Mrs. Olive Adele Sternaman, who, about a year ago, was sentenced to be hanged in Cayuga, Ont., for the alleged poisoning of her husband, was married Saturday in Niagara Falls to Frank Cruz, being of No. 229 Bird avenue, this city. The marriage was a quiet one.

LAIDLAW-CORBY.

Belleville, Nov. 1.—Miss Thillie Corby, eldest daughter of