

LATE BOER PROCLAMATION

Issued by One of Army Generals to the Burghers

Who Are Told That God Is With Them and That They Are Forever Lost if They Surrender.

The circular from which the following extracts have been taken has been largely circulated among the Boers, of course, in Dutch. The translation is true and correct. The circular was obtained by a Canadian serving in South Africa, in Kitchener's scouts, and the translation sent to his mother:

Fellow Burghers—Why are you so doubtful? Why do you turn your backs to the enemy? Why don't you fight? Where is your faith? Where are the people full of courage? Where is the spirit of the voortrekkers? Why do you allow the enemy to exclaim mockingly, "Where is now their God?"

Is it possible that the children of the voortrekkers, who braved endless difficulties already and fought enemies innumerable, have already given in, after only a few months' fighting? Have you no faith? Do you think you are living God's way when you surrender to our enemy the inheritance of your forefathers, for which they so dearly paid with their blood and tears, without trying to do your utmost to win this war, a war that you did not ask for, but that was forced upon you? Is this how you show your gratitude to your fathers and grandfathers for their sacrifices, that you may inherit a free country? Don't you fear the curses of your children when they shall find that they have lost their dearly-bought inheritance through your fault, your cowardice, your indifference or your selfishness, and that instead of being free men and their own masters they are slaves in their fatherland? Is not a general national war? What man amongst you did not, when President Kruger tried (for fear of this same war) to come to terms and give away as much as possible—I say, what man did not say: "No, don't give away an inch more?" Fellow burghers, did not God clearly show that He was with us? Did He not make mere handfuls of us victorious over the mighty forces of the enemy in the first part of

the war? Did He not wonderfully save the lives of the brave against the thousands of bullets which the enemy sent over us with their hellish machines?

Were not friend and foe surprised at the very small number of the casualties on our side, compared with hundreds and thousands of killed and wounded on the side of the enemy, and is not the same God mighty and able to save us with few?

Not only your own leaders, but foreign officers now fighting with you, have given you the assurance that you have as yet lost nothing, if only you will keep on. What, then, is the reason why so many withdraw, run away or stay at home, and thus cause the death of many of their comrades or cause them to give up courage? Burghers, this state of affairs must change, and at once, otherwise we shall lose our country and liberty forever. Don't think for one moment that one of you will escape the verdict that has already been given. Milner has said: "The Afrikaner bond must be broken."

The English ministers are already dividing your farms amongst the soldiers, whose hands are red with the blood of your comrades. Do you know what happened in the western and southwestern districts of the Orange Free State and Bechuanaland? Do you know that according to official reports from General Christian Dewet and Fromeman, that portion of the Free States now in possession of the enemy has been totally wrecked? Do you know what dreadful deeds took place in Bechuanaland, last week, how women and children, and sick, were driven out of their dwellings and their houses burned, how even buried corpses were taken out of their graves and left on the open veldt?

What will happen if God doesn't prevent and you fail to do your duty as follows: (a) The English troops will for love of revenge rob and destroy everything they come across. (b) Every burgher will be disarmed and those found to have a gun or cartridge in his house will, like poor Duplory at Bloemfontein, father and three sons, receive one year's hard labor, and have all his property confiscated. (c) Through this the Boer, the independent man of before, becomes defenceless against the natives, who are under the English law made the white man's equals and receive the same privilege and protection. (d) Through this law of disarming the Boers, which, of course, will be strictly carried out, especially for the first few years, hunting will cease, the farmer will see his

lands destroyed by wild animals, besides the British officers and lords will have permission to hunt on his lands the game which really belongs to him.

(e) By placing the Kaffir on an equality with the whites the Boer, who is used to consider the native his inferior, will have to treat him as an equal, and he who dares to protest will be reminded of his submission. (f) A strict fencing law will be put into force for the benefit of the new settlers, and whosoever fails to carry out this law will have to look on while the government puts up his fence, and when his account is rendered and he is not in a position to pay his ground will be sold to pay the debt. (g) The awful war expenses of England will have to be paid; the Boer farms will be so heavily taxed, that, unable to pay, his property will be sold into the hands of a stranger. (h) Did not Milner say: "The Afrikaner bond must be crushed, and a second war rendered impossible?" The Boer must be crushed for good, disarming, equality with the Kaffirs, fencing; are not the only ways to do so, so by reducing the railway rates, goods will be able to be imported from other countries, and the Boer will not be able to compete; he will be unable to pay his expenses, his property will be sold, and from master he becomes servant; the new government will take care the Boer will never earn anything from the State. (i) The Dutch clerk will be put under the English clerk, and through poverty the Dutch clergy-men will soon lose all influence over the people. (k) The Dutch language will be suppressed, and the men who don't thoroughly understand the English language will taste but little cream. (l) The sons of the soil will be pushed out of all government situations, and as farming will be made impossible, and as laborers they will have to compete with the English, who will be their masters in everything. (m) The capitalists have already declared their intention to reduce white labor at the mines after the war. For your sons there will be no chance even at the mines, and they will be eventually driven to the necessity of joining the English army, and fight with Tommy Atkins in strange countries for England's glory.

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PLEASANT AFFAIR

Was Episcopal Reception and Farewell Last Night.

The members and their friends of St. Andrew's Episcopal church held a very enjoyable reception yesterday evening in McDonald hall, the occasion being double in its purpose, the farewell to Rev. Mr. Naylor and the welcome to Rev. Mr. Warren, his successor. The hall was very prettily decorated with Japanese effect, the floors being covered with rugs, small tables and easy chairs being scattered here and there in artistic confusion. As the guests arrived they were presented to the new rector who greeted all with a hearty handshake and a pleasant smile. During the evening musical numbers

were given by F. S. Long, C. C. Chataway and A. H. Dellmore. The latter possesses an excellent rich baritone, his singing of "The Bedouin Love Song" being thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Dr. Macfarlane contributed a number as did also Mrs. Walker with violin obligato by Miss Larsen, Mr. Arthur Boyle accompanying the soloists. Light refreshments were served consisting of sandwiches, cake and coffee. At the close of the reception a number of elaborately constructed cakes were auctioned off from which a handsome sum was realized.

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