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BOER OFFICER'S VIEWS.

GIVEN ON THE CAUSES OF THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Corruption of the Transvaal Officials—Orange Free Staters Inexperienced—He Predicts a Short War—What He Thinks Will Follow.

Yesterday I was down in the city, when a broker said to me:—

"Would you like to meet a man who knows more about the Boers and their ways than any one else in the whole city—who is himself a former Boer captain and has three brothers now serving as officers in the Boer army?"

I promptly closed with the offer. For reasons which any one can see the necessity for, and his own personal safety, I am not allowed to give his name. Here is what he said:—

"I don't think General Buller will relieve Ladysmith, for the simple reason that if he makes his line of march through an easy country—that is through the Orange Free State—he will meet with no difficulties beyond swollen rivers. He would thus draw all the commandoes from Ladysmith. Otherwise they would find themselves flanked.

"I consider the fact of the Orange Free State having been drawn into the fight to have been of the greatest advantage to England, and all the more so as the Orange Free Staters have not shown themselves equal to holding their own.

FREE STATERS INEXPERIENCED.

"Remember, the Orange folk have never fought against white people, with the exception of a small battle which took place at Platz somewhere about 1849. Their present generation has had no fighting whatever. In most of their districts there has been no trouble even."

"Why did they fight, then?" I naturally asked.

"Because," he replied, "the Boers had managed to thoroughly convince them that England was going to take their country. They are a very ignorant people."

PREDICTS A SHORT WAR.

"In your opinion, is the war going to last?"

"I think it will be a short war. At the utmost there will be one great battle."

"Have they enough ammunition?"

"Plenty. Any amount. And after the war the Boers will never lay low. They may keep quiet, but will never submit to British rule."

"Then what is the remedy?"

"That there be a convention of such a nature that every white man who possesses certain qualifications should have reasonable ownership, so that every loafer cannot have a vote; secondly, that in mining districts and wherever the foreign classes are large the English should have the same rights of dialect and be allowed to give evidence in their own language, and that the representation of foreign centres should also be fixed so that the Uitlanders should be represented. I see no objection to England's being recognized as the paramount power."

SAYS BOERS CAN PAY INDEMNITY.

"And will the Boers be able to pay a war indemnity?"

"Why not? They have a clear revenue of £4,000,000 per annum, which is generally squandered.

"The Boer individually deserves the sympathy of the world, but unfortunately he is led by President Kruger, his executive council and the volksraad. With one or two exceptions, the members of those bodies are of the most corrupt natures. The Boer is told by them that England wants to take the country away from him, and in his utter ignorance he knows no better. He knows naught of the Uitlander dispute, the question of suzerainty, etc.

"Kruger and Rietz are enormously rich. They have become so by bribery and corruption, but no one can accuse them of being directly bribed. There are several notorious men, such as the president's son-in-law, Frederick Eloff, and Mr. Gillingham, chief of the Transvaal police. President Kruger has millions. The dynamite concession was a prodigious swindle.

"It is absolute nonsense to say that the plans of campaign were of foreign origin. They are solely and absolutely those of the Boer leaders. Colonel Shiel, about whom so much has been said, is in our esteem nothing at all. There is absolutely nothing to stop General Buller from marching right through."

"What kind of a peace can be made eventually?"

URGES ENGLAND TO BE GENEROUS.

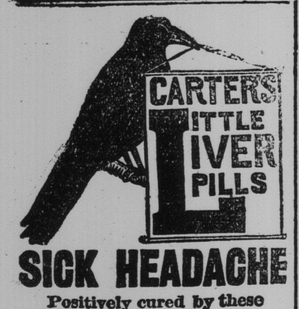
"It would be a fatal mistake," replied my Boer, "for England to exact harsh terms. Let her be magnanimous but fair. Had anybody taken the trouble to convince the Boers that the English did not want the country there would have been no war. When the war is over there will be an era of enormous prosperity in the Transvaal. People who have been prepared to spend millions have withheld. They have seen this war coming during the past five years, and remember this, only a corner of the Transvaal has been prospected."

KAFFIR BOOM IS ON AGAIN.

That what this gentleman says is the last few words is known in the city is shown by the fact that all the sharpest and richest men in the city, from Rothschild downward, are quietly, yet steadily, so as not to jump the market, buying away at the South African land companies, mines, etc., and showing them away gleefully.

The brokers in the "Kaffir ring," as the South African market is called, are beaming and making money hand over fist. They fill the wine shops and the theatres.

Dainty, fashionable ladies drive down to the city and mix up with the rushing throng of brokers. Their tip is "Kaffirs." One morning there came bad news and the market value of the "Kaffirs" went down £100,000,000 in a brief space of time.



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HARVEY STATION.

Joseph Grieve Brought Gold From the Klondike—A Very Old Resident Dead.

HARVEY STATION, Nov. 14—Last Sunday's storm was very severe here, and caught many people unprepared for winter. About 20 inches of snow fell accompanied by a high wind, which blocked up the roads. The lake is almost frozen over which is unusual at this time of the month.

Mr. Joseph Grieve, of Dawson City, is here at present. He intends spending a few weeks visiting his relatives before returning. Mr. Grieve is a native of this place, and went to the far west about 18 years ago. He visited home a short time about 12 years ago and returned to British Columbia where he remained until the Klondike gold fever broke out two years ago. He crossed the mountains on foot and endured the many hardships of that unhospitable country. He and a companion obtained a claim near Dawson, which they worked with success, and it is stated on good authority that Mr. Grieve returned well loaded with the yellow metal. His friends here are much interested in his account of the gold digging, and some may return with him to the golden north.

Mr. Andrew McLaughlan, the oldest resident of this parish if not of the county, died at his residence at Acton on Sunday. He was in the 99th year of his age. He was reared on the banks of the Boyne in Ireland, and came to this county upward of half a century ago. He was a typical north of Ireland man, and was well and favorably known. His chief occupation was farming.

Acton settlement is becoming noted for the longevity of its residents. During the past few years several persons have died there who have nearly reached the century mark and two, John Tracey and John Rosborough, have exceeded it.

SAILOR DROWNED.

John Bogle Knocked off the Schr. Morning Star.

MONCTON, Nov. 16.—John Bogle, aged 18, a sailor on the schooner Morning Star, was knocked overboard and drowned in the Petitcodiac river, near Stoney Creek, this morning. The schooner was on the way to Moncton, and Captain Newcomb made every effort to rescue the unfortunate man without avail. Bogle belonged to the old country, coming to this country four months ago with a young sister. Deceased was a sober, industrious young man. Two uncles, James and William Bogle, live at Alma.

Wedding.

LITTLE RIVER, A. Co., Nov. 8—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Minor I. Parkin, was the scene of a very happy event on Wednesday evening, the occasion being the marriage of their eldest daughter, Laura M., to B. Walton Steeves, of Hillsboro. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. N. Thorne, in the presence of a large number of guests. The bride was beautifully attired to white cashmere, trimmed with chiffon and satin ribbon, veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of pink and white roses. After the ceremony a bountiful supper was served, and a very pleasant evening spent. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents.

Mr. W. K. Reynolds Has Resigned.

MONCTON, Nov. 15—Mr. W. K. Reynolds, advertising agent of the I. C. R., has tendered his resignation, stating other matters of more importance require his attention. He will be succeeded, it is stated, by J. W. O. McConnell, assistant D. P. A. at Halifax.

Manitoba Elections.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 16—The cabinet council today decided to hold the Manitoba provincial elections December 7. Nominations will take place November 30. Premier Greenway will be opposed in Mountain by J. T. Gordon, Conservative, and S. Percival, Independent. Messrs. Cameron, McMillan and McIntyre will run for Winnipeg in the Liberal interest.

THURSDAY NIGHT'S FIRES.

A LIVERY STABLE AND A RESIDENCE WERE DESTROYED.

Six Horses Burned in the Blackall Stable on Coburg Street—The House of E. J. Carpenter on Main Street Was Ruined—Firemen Had a Busy Night.

Two disastrous fires occurred last Thursday, and both being almost at the same time made the work for the firemen particularly lively. The first alarm was shortly after 8 o'clock. Hedley Vail, Arthur Connolly and a boy were sitting in the office of Blackall's stable, on Coburg street, when a boy opened the door and said that the barn was on fire. They ran out and found flames coming from the barn door and shooting out into the alley that leads into the street. The first thought was to save the horses in the stable, but the flames were too fierce and strong, and the animals, save only three, had to be left to their fate.

Mr. Vail sounded an alarm from box 3 and the firemen responded quickly. Police Officer Crawford ran from the head of King street and, seeing the magnitude of the fire, rang in a second alarm, which brought No. 4 brigade engine from City Road, and also Captain Hamm and the North End salvage corps. No. 2 engine was placed near the Opera House entrance, No. 3 men near the corner of Union and Charlotte streets, No. 1 men at the Y. M. C. A. on Charlotte street, and No. 4 also got to work. The firemen worked valiantly. Streams were taken to all available places, through the fire eaten alleway and through Crawford's stove and tin store on Union street to the roof, the fire being fought from front, side and overhead. The work told and the fire was not long in being put under control, but it was fierce while it lasted and did much damage.

The barn was badly burned, with its contents, and the reflection of the fire could be seen from a long distance, and brought a great many people to the scene.

The dwelling at the back of which is the barn, fronts on Coburg street. One part was occupied by Mrs. Annie DeForest and the other by Mr. Israel Isaacs. Mrs. DeForest's furniture was damaged by quick removal. It was insured for $500 in the North British and Mercantile and is damaged about half this amount. Mr. Isaacs did not remove any of his furniture and suffered no loss. Mr. Wm. E. Moore has a paint shop in the lower part of the building. His place sustained no damage. The corner building where are the Parisian and the I. L. & B. Society, was not touched.

On Union street Mr. Henry Crawford's stock of stoves and tin ware was injured by water, as was Mr. J. J. Dwyer's book store stock. Mr. Crawford has $500 on his stock with Messrs. T. B. & H. B. Robinson, and $700 with the Alas Company. Mr. Dwyer has $500 in the North British & Mercantile, and the damage will amount to about half the figure.

The stock and contents of the stable were insured for $1400. There were nine horses and some sleighs there. Some vehicles were saved. Six horses perished, including four belonging to the stable, one the property of Mr. T. L. Bourke, and one, Dr. Murray McLaren's. Two were cut with the coach, at the time. One colt was saved and the horse Fagot, also belonging to the stable, and Dr. W. S. Morrison's horse. The salvage corps saved much property by use of their covers. This is the second time the Blackall stable has suffered from fire. Some years ago, when its location was on Charlotte street, several horses were burned to death.

Capt. W. W. Frink of the salvage corps received a painful injury at the fire. He was one of the first on the scene and, while removing a section of hose from one of the cart, the crank on a hose reel struck him on the left fore arm, fracturing one of the bones. Dr. Scammell attended Captain Frink who went to his home afterwards.

It was about 10.45 o'clock when the fireman were startled by the alarm ringing in again, and everyone stopped to count the number. Some in the crowd got the count No. 12, while the majority counted No. 125. There was a general rush of the spectators from the Blackall fire to Waterloo street, where it was rumored there was another fire. Chief Kerr remained at the stable fire and Assistant Chief Blake was sent in the chief's team to the North End. The majority of the members of the North End salvage corps and No. 4 engine men with their engine were compelled to rush to their own district.

The firemen were soon on the scene of the fire, which was found in the large three-story residence owned and occupied by Mr. James T. Carpenter at No. 274 Main street. The lower floor was used for a restaurant by Holder & McBay.

A strong wind was blowing from the north aided the firemen greatly in confining the fire to the Carpenter building. It appeared at the start to be in the upper story of the ell and quickly worked to the main building. The South End Salvage Corps were in attendance and did a great deal of good work in the saving of furniture.

At one time it was thought that the flames would reach the adjoining buildings but the firemen worked hard and confined it to the one building, and although the tenants of adjoining buildings moved out their places were not damaged. They were fully insured.

The contents of Mr. Carpenter's house were pretty well saved by the Salvage Corps. The fire proved a fierce one to fight, and the house was badly gutted, and the store on the ground floor damaged by water. Mr. Carpenter has $3,000 insurance, and the restaurant stock, which was somewhat damaged in moving, was uninsured. The fire was under control at 11 o'clock, after a stubborn fight.

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LOCAL NEWS

REFIRING FROM BUSINESS—William Lewis will retire from business and go to California for the benefit of his health.

BROKE A COLLAR BONE.—On Saturday night George Thomas fell on Union street and broke a collar bone. He was attended by Dr. Ellis and sent home in a coach.

NEW BOILERS.—The government steamer Lansdowne has landed a new boiler at the fog alarms at each of the following stations: Seal Island, Cape Sable, and Point Prim.

KICKED BY A HORSE.—On Friday evening Robert Blackhall was kicked in the face by a horse. His face was badly disfigured and the sight of one eye was destroyed. He was taken to the hospital and Dr. McIntosh removed the eye.

ESCAPED LUNATIC CAPTURED.—A few days ago a lunatic named John Savoury of Shippegan, escaped from the Provincial Lunatic Asylum. The man was hiding in the woods near the institution when captured.

THE LOSS to the Queen Hotel by the recent fire there has been appraised at $237 on the building and $110 on the furniture.

MUSICAL—Miss Francee Travers leaves in a day or two for New York, under engagement with Mr. Charles L. Young, for oratorio and concert work and will start on a tour in December. Critics predict for her a bright future.

FOR BIOLOGICAL STATION—A pretty gasoline launch has been built by Mr. P. Griffiths of Britain street for the government biological station at St. Andrews. It is 22 feet over all and 5½ feet beam and is of white pine. It is nearly ready for launching.

AFTER A DIVORCE.—Mr. W. B. Wallace, solicitor for Mr. James Miller, has begun proceedings for divorce. The papers have all been served and the case will be tried at the next sitting of the divorce court at Fredericton. The co-respondent is Alex. Diggs.

MONTREAL DAILY STAR, $1 00 per year in maritime provinces. Two sample copies and a large colored war map sent to any address in Canada or Nova Scotia on receipt of 5c. Wm. M. Campbell, agent, 114 St. James street, St. John, N. B. City "subs" taken at W. G. Danlop's, 176 Union street, near Charlotte street.

THE TUG FLUSHING.—The steamer Flushing, that at one time ran on the Grand Manan route, has been overhauled and is now thoroughly equipped for towing purposes. The deck houses have been made smaller, new bulwarks have been built on her and the deck houses aft have been removed and other alterations made. She will appear in the harbor again today as a tug.

TO ARMS.—La Patrie, Montreal, has asked Mayor Sears' opinion on the advisability of arming the police with revolvers. His worship has replied telling of the good condition of matters in St. John as to respect for and submission to the law, yet "we would not dispense with the revolver, all the same," and, in his opinion, "Montreal should arm its police force."

RANK OF OUR OFFICER.—The Militia Gazette shows the order of seniority of the Canadian officers who have gone to the Transvaal. Major Arnold is senior captain, with Major Weeks in second place. Among the lieutenants Captain F. C. Jones comes sixth, Lieut. J. H. Kaye 14th. Lieut. Weldon McLean is the junior of the corps.

NO WORD has been received by His Lordship Bishop Sweeney as to the appointment of a coadjutor bishop for this diocese. The report that Rev. T. Casey, of Fredericton, has been appointed and that Rev. Fr. Barry has been named coadjutor bishop in Chatham diocese, remains unconfirmed, but is accepted as correct.

GROCERS' DIFFICULTIES.—The grocery store of Messrs. Sleeth & Alston, Union street, West End, is now in charge of Mr. Alston's brother who is conducting the business in the interest of creditors. Mr. James Alston, of the firm, is lying ill with appendicitis at the private hospital, and his partner Joseph Sleeth has left the city. It is thought that there will be nearly enough realized from the assets to meet all liabilities.

RAILWAY TICKETS STOLEN—On Sunday evening the stock of tickets and stamps in Wellington station, on the I. C. R., between Moncton and Truro, were stolen. The conductors were notified to watch for the missing tickets and one was presented Monday, and the conductor wired Truro on the I. C. R. arrival, at which place Policeman Dunn arrested the man who had presented it—James L. Heore a pedlar from Port Hastings, N. S. The other tickets were found on him. He was placed in Truro jail.

TEMPERANCE ITEMS—The propagation committee of the Sons of Temperance met Thursday and elected representatives to the Dominion Alliance—Rev. James Crisp, J. R. Woodburn, Joseph Shenton and Joshua Starr. The following delegates were appointed to the prohibition convention to be held in Moncton: Rev. James Crisp, J. R. Woodburn and E. A. Everett, with S. P. McCavour as substitute. Grand Division will put an organizer in the province this year, and probably speakers from St. John will visit Westmorland county during the coming Scott Act campaign.

PROPERTY SOLD—At Chubb's Corner Saturday Auctioneer Lockhart sold the Hugh McNaughton property, 75 acres of land, at Havelock, Kings county, to Mr. C. E. Scammell for 75. Auctioneer Lantalum sold to Mr. John H. Doyle for $575 the two-and one-half storey wooden dwelling on St. Patrick street belonging to the Catherine Damery estate. Auctioneer Gerow sold three leasehold lots on Brussels street and one on Erin street to Mr. Cornelius Hefferon for $370; six shares in the barquentine Antilla to Mr. Eben Perkins for $221 a share; and two shares in the barque Artisan to Mr. E. Callaghan for $115 per share. Mr. Gerow's offerings belonged to the G. F. Baird estate. The Littlehale property in Carleton was withdrawn.

BORDER NOTES.

Street Railway Troubled by Snow—Matrimonial Troubles Begun Early.

ST. STEPHEN, Nov. 15—Rev. J. A. and Mrs. Clark returned home yesterday to St. John, but expect to visit St. George on the way.

The street electric railway company are having quite a difficult time clearing their tracks after Sunday's storm. They expect to run regular cars over the entire route tomorrow.

The ladies of the Methodist church held a very successful social in their vestry on Tuesday evening. Singing, recitations and refreshments were enjoyed by the large audience present.

The ladies of Calais Catholic congregation are having one of their popular fairs this week. It is being held in their hall on Union street and largely attended every evening.

A young couple recently married at Milltown objecting to the time-honored celebration of charivari by the small boys, have made a complaint before the police judge of Calais, and a number of the youngsters are standing trial. Among the prisoners is one little girl aged six. The majority of people sympathise with the children.

FISHERMEN PERISH.

Father and Son Lost Their Lives at Port Hood.

PORT HOOD, C. B., Nov. 14—A terrific hurricane raged here yesterday in which Richard Smith, of Smith's Island, and his son, Everett, a promising young lad of 19, lost their lives. The morning was fine, with no indications of an immediate storm, and seven boats, with two men in each, sailed for the banks, seven miles north of the island. The gale struck them about 10 a. m., and no time was lost in reefing sails and steering for the harbor. Just as Smith entered the harbor a frightful wave swamped the boat, which sank at once. The occupants were left clinging to a buoy and the rigging for two hours. When the boat, which came up to their rescue reached the spot, the young man had sunk to rise no more, and the father expired before being taken into the boat. It is reported that another boat sunk five miles north of here, but the report lacks confirmation. The storm is the worst felt for years here.

WRECK OF THE COMET.

Coal Laden She Was Wrecked at Baie Verte.

MONCTON, Nov. 14—Schooner Comet of Buctouche, Captain Mooney, coal laden, from Sydney to Buctouche, was wrecked at Bie Verte during the recent storm. The cargo was insured, and was for the Cape Breton Coal Company, of Moncton. The schooner is a total loss.

Tracy News.

TRACY STATION, Nov. 14.—Arlington Tracy, who has suffered from the effects of injury to the head, is slowly recovering.

Mabel Harris, who was operated on Saturday for appendicitis by Drs. Murray and Vanwart, is doing nicely at date.

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THE FINANCE MINISTER

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Jubilee Hall, Liverpool, and the Music Hall, Yarmouth, Were Crowded to Hear Him—The Yarmouth Liberals Present Him With an Address.

LIVERPOOL, N. S., Nov. 16—Hon. W. S. Fielding the popular member for Queens and Shelburne, spoke here last evening in Jubilee hall to a crowded house. Every one there, both Liberal and Conservative, was delighted with his masterly address. He spoke for over two hours and most clearly put before the people the issues of the day. He left for Yarmouth via Bridgewater at the close of the meeting.

YARMOUTH, Nov. 16—A great Liberal meeting tonight was held in Music hall to greet Hon. W. S. Fielding, Mayor Stoneman presided. Among those on the platform were Senator Lovett, Hon. A. H. Comeau, H. S. Leblanc, W. Law, M. P., T. B. Flint, M. P., and many leading citizens. The finance minister was in splendid form, and after being presented with an address by the Liberal association of Yarmouth spoke for nearly two hours. He speaks in Argyle Friday night and in Barrington Saturday.

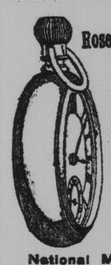
Cable Repaired.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The cable companies today announce the repair of the cable between Mozambique and Lorenzo Marques, which had been interrupted since October 31. It will be recalled that at the time the British caused this line to be cut there was considerable feeling expressed in French circles and Great Britain's right to take such action was seriously questioned.

The Guard at Delagoa Bay.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—According to a special despatch from Durban, Natal, a British cruiser has again fired on a vessel entering Delagoa Bay and refusing to reply to signals. Two blank and one round shot were fired before she hove to. The vessel was then boarded, her papers were examined, and she was allowed to proceed.

Perils of Frontier Life—"Uncle John writes from Kansas that he has a broken leg." "How did it happen?" "He fell over an ear of corn."—Chicago Record.



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