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THE FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

As the close of the South African war draws nearer, speculation as to the future of the former republics increases. It seems to be a matter, however, that requires little thought. Under British rule the settlement and development of a country are assured. But the restarting of the gold mines and the reopening of the many businesses in Johannesburg, Pretoria and other towns, which were stopped by the outbreak of hostilities, must first claim attention. It may be accepted as a fact that the Boers have done little or no damage to the mines, and in most cases we believe that the plant and machinery are uninjured. The pumping out of the mines will not take long, and any machinery which may have been spoilt or damaged will be replaced from the reserve which nearly all the principal companies have formed during the war. With the Rand in full swing the revival of business in Johannesburg and in Pretoria is merely a question of time. If both these towns could become fairly prosperous under the Boer regime they ought to develop to an extraordinary degree under the new government. Taxation of the mines under the new regime will be on such a scale that the shareholders will not be called upon to suffer any hardships through being required to pay their quota of the cost of the war. The abolition of a number of iniquitous monopolies, the proper regulation of native labor, and the imposition of equitable liquor laws will enable the companies to work low grade ore at a profit, and the revenue obtainable from this source alone should be more than equal to any administrative taxation which the government may impose. The two Boer States will unquestionably be governed honestly and straightforwardly. But the punishment of the irreconcilable element will doubtless be sharp. They, like the rebels of Cape Colony and Natal, will be taught that it is dangerous and unprofitable to take up arms against the authority of the Crown. But those who fought for what they believed a just cause and have been beaten, are entitled to consideration, and they must have it, if we are to have peace in South Africa.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

Since we last referred to the trouble in China, the situation has assumed a more serious aspect. The correspondent at Shanghai of the London "Daily Mail" hasn't the least hesitation in stating that crimes, including the murder of all the European ministers and officials have been committed in Peking, at which when the facts are known the whole civilized world will stand aghast. The correspondent goes on to state that "Official information, when it comes, may even include the awful story of outraged English women and children, and public executions in the streets of Peking of even women and children, a story of frightful atrocity which will shock Europe. It may be almost taken for granted that the whole foreign quarter of Peking has been completely wiped out."
"We should understand that the government of China has been entirely superseded by the Boxers," continues the correspondent. "Of my own knowledge, I know for a truth that most of the Manchu princes, with their adherents, generals and troops, are members of the Boxer society, and are busily engaged in recruiting for the cause. This duplicity leads those

with a knowledge of things Chinese to the belief that the native officers here, who are unquestionably suppressing the news, are endeavoring to prepare the way, with the least harm to themselves, for the reception of the news of the greatest crime of the century.

'HOBSON' RECEPTIONS.

Despatches to the Canadian dailies, last week, from one or two Ontario towns told of the arrival home of members of the Canadian contingent, and of how they were accorded a "Hobson" welcome. Enough! Two years ago the maidens of the United States made Hobson the laughing stock of the world, and now Canada's fair daughters are following the example of their Yankee cousins—an example which was ridiculed two years ago in Canada from Halifax to Vancouver. Hobson and Dewey are lessons which Canada should profit by.

STEADY THERE!

No wonder Mr. Foster feels blue and speaks acrimoniously. Down in New Brunswick his chances have been steadily diminishing, and the party seems to be disintegrating. Hon. Mr. Tweedie has announced that he will support the Liberals; the Chatham Advance has come out for Laurier and good government, and the Newcastle Advocate hints strongly at a similar change of heart. Mr. Foster has good reason for apprehension as he gazes New Brunswickward.—Hamilton Times.

Say, girls, do you wear the new pompadour nightcap? Its the latest. It is neither more nor less than a lace kerchief tied under the chin; but as it is the "dernier cri" in Paris, you'll have to pretend you like it. With these coquettish head coverings must be worn the irresistible robe de chambre made of the softest silks, and whose ideal charm is copyrighted by the Parisian maker. More anon.

A Chicago paper says of one of the young girl singers of its city, who is now abroad: "It took five women and her own maid to get Fanchon Thomson into a dress in which she sung to Queen Victoria at Windsor. Which suggests that she must have had on a great deal more clothing than most singers affect in the high notes."

St. George Rathburne, in his latest book, "A Goddess of Africa," says that as surely as the world continues to exist, that restless, colonizing Anglo-Saxon race is bound to dominate Africa even as it does North America, Australia and many other quarters of the globe.

Here is the vote at the last Presidential election in the States:

McKinley, (Rep.)	7,111,607
Bryan (Dem & Pop)	6,509,052
Palmer (Gold Dem.)	134,645
Levering (Pro.)	131,312
Bentley (N. Pro.)	13,968
Matchett (Soc.)	36,373
	6,825,350
McKinley's majority over all	286,257

Count Tolstoi's latest utterance is to the effect that the reproduction of the species is wrong, and that celibacy is the right course for men. It's lucky for him that his father didn't think so.—Montreal Herald.

William J. Bryan and Adlai E. Stevenson vs. William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt. Richard Croker for the plaintiffs and Mark Hanna for the defendants. Presiding Justice, the electors of the United States.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker of London says Beecher, Spurgeon and Moody were the three greatest preachers he had ever heard, ranking them in their order.

One of the new fads at Newport is the "codfishing party," at which the guests eat the fish they catch. This may tend to the making of a codfish aristocracy.

The Atlanta Constitution is discussing the question "What has become of hell?" Lawd, but the editor of the Constitution must have a snap.

Beware of the Statuesque girl says the Boston Herald. She is apt to give you the marble heart.

Easily Digested.**ABOUT RIGHT.**

An exchange says that some merchants put advertising "on the shelf" and that is where the goods stay too.—Fenton, Mich. Independent.

PROBABLY.

A fashion writer in Vogue says that "the women of Vienna insist upon first-class corsets, if nothing else". Now we know where the corset manufacturers go for their illustrations.—Montreal Herald.

A DAY TO THINK.

[From the Baltimore Sun, July 4.]

It is most fitting that, amid the tumult and din of today's celebration, much of it meaningless, the thoughtful citizen should earnestly ask himself whether there will be any real liberty or independence, such as the men of 1776 meant to establish on this continent, if we go on in the dates of national extravagance, monopolistic legislation, foreign aggression and entanglement, militarism and imperialism, in which the present administration is leading us.

THE FUTURE OF FRANCE.

(Boston Herald.)

Foreign correspondents foresee a speedy return to the empire in France, where they say the people are heartily weary of the political strifes and changes in the republican government. One thing seems almost certain; it is never a king who will rule France, but an emperor with some of Napoleon Bonaparte's blood in his veins! Yes. The experiment of a republic has proved that the nation needs one head capable of wearing the crown, not a Hydra, always making faces at itself. France is disappointed at the effect of the exhibition. It has not cut the ice expected, owing, of course, to the turmoil besetting the powers, and the unrest of Europe generally. Nineteen hundred arrived inopportunely, but the exhibition has served to hold the wearing spirit in leash and give the enemies of the government time to prepare their coup. The middle into which China has thrown all the governments of Europe may delay the change in France, for the powers are too deeply engaged wondering what shall be done next to think of a possible empire nearer home.

Mr. Alfred Austin, the poet laureate has thrown himself open to opprobrium through the appearance of a poem on the relief of Mafeking. The critics on this side of the water have pounced upon the poem with great glee and it has afforded lots of amusement to the Bro Boer Press. Harper's Weekly in criticising Mr. Austin's Pegasus says:—"We imagine that Baden-Powell himself will feel sorry that Mafeking has been relieved, when he reads Mr. Austin's lines about his achievement."

The verses, as originally telegraphed to the American press were as follows:

Lead yelled the bullet's ping,
Sharp flashed the sabre's sting,
As on to Mafeking
Sped we with force met,
While the brave garrison,
Steady by trench and gun,
Faltered not, no not one,
Living on horse-meat!
Oh! when they saw us come,
Drummed well was every drum,
And shrill the life's tum-tum
Poured till the ear split!
Grimly the foe retired;
Nathless he frequent fired,
Till heated, moody, mired,
His van and rear split!

As pressed the foe near,
Only with naked spear,
N'er knowing what to fear,
Parley or blench meant;
Forward through shot and shell,
While still the foremost fell,
They with resistless yell,
Stormed his intrenchment.

Then when hope dawned at last,
And fled the foe aghast,
At the relieving blast,
Hard in the molly;
Oh! our stout, stubborn kith,
Kimberley, Ladysmith,
Mafeking wedded with
Lucknow and Delhi.

It is McKinley and sound money, pro-British and expansion. It is Bryan and 16 to 1—pro-Boer and anti trust.

Although 16 to 1 has been specially declared for the platform of the Democrats, it is to be relegated to the rear.

They are betting 6 to 4 on McKinley against Bryan in New York.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION

In District No 2 Newcastle Parish.

The semi-annual examination of school district number 2 parish of Newcastle was held on Thursday afternoon June 28th in the presence of Christopher Campbell, Colin McKinnon, trustees, and Mrs. Closton, Mrs. Amos, Walter Amos of Millerton and a number of parents and visitors. The examination was conducted by the teacher Miss Josie Closton of Millerton. The grades being from one to five and it appeared all were satisfied.—Com.

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McMILLAN'S SHOE STORE, Newcastle.

STORE NEWS.**Shoe Selling Extradordinary.**

We haven't said much about Shoes lately, but have kept on selling them just the same.

We have some **Special Bargains** to offer this week.

Men's Casco, Calif, laced or elastic side, Scotch welt, price \$2.50, now \$1.25. Just half price, sizes 6 to 9.

A lot of Ladies' Dongolia Kid boots, laced and buttoned, prices range from \$1.75 to \$2.25, sizes well assorted, now all one price, \$1.35.

A lot of Ladies' Shoes now laid out on table, mostly small sizes, 3, 3½ and 4. The cheapest were \$1.00, the dearest, 1.85. The pruning knife has been applied vigorously, and the prices are now 75c to \$1.40 for the pick. There are grand values in this lot.

We have quite a number of other kinds, broken lots that we wish to clear out and the prices are away down, come in and look them over.

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