

the Uitlanders at that time. Dr. Jameson's brave, but quixotic raid, as it was carried out, put the people of Johannesburg in a false position, and they have been unjustly charged with cowardice. It is not denied by the National Union leaders that an agreement was made with him to come to their aid. But after smuggling in 3,000 rifles, the leaders found that more had to be done to make the rising a success—for it was intended to seize Pretoria, whose forts, then under repair, were exposed and ill-garrisoned—and so they sent word to Jameson to wait on the Bechuanaland border till they notified him. Their object was not merely to become better equipped for the struggle, but to declare to the world that the struggle was their own, and not brought about through an invasion. They proposed to have a new flag, so that there should be no question of the independence of the movement. Dr. Jameson, however, became impatient, and appears to have disregarded either the requests of the committee or the warnings of the Imperial Government, who wired him as soon as they heard of his intention. The reader will remember how his force of 400 or 500 men were caught by a Boer force of three times his number before he reached Johannesburg, and compelled to surrender, the leaders in the movement at Johannesburg being unaware of his approach till too late to do anything. These leaders were arrested, and, as we know, heavily fined, the fines aggregating over a million pounds, and were bound over for three years not to take any part in the politics of the Transvaal. Their tongues were, therefore, tied, and hence the false impression that has been current regarding this affair. With his characteristic cunning, Kruger sent, as mediators, three men in whom the Johannesburgers had faith, and by promises of reform, made on his behalf through them, but which he had no intention of keeping, the people were induced to lay down their arms, hoping for redress at last. The President saw that the reformers had lost the sympathy of the outside world, through Dr. Jameson's mistake,