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The Millinery... ...Awakening

It was a wonderfully charming sight so much to see—so much worth seeing. A congress of the most approved styles designed by master minds. This opening event creates a lively interest among the best dressers of the city, who recognize this as the one place to form correct ideas of fashions and styles. Those who came yesterday were highly delighted with the beautiful display we made, and we numbered among the visitors many eager buyers who appreciated the satisfaction of getting first choice from the best novelties. The display will be just as attractive and interesting for those who come today or to morrow, and no one should think of missing it.

Ladies' Tailor-made Suits

The only tailor made suit worth the name is the one that fits—fit is the vital feature, the life of every Ladies' tailored garment—one wrinkle ruins the effect. The kind we sell don't "wrinkle" or "pull," or "draw" at any point. Every seam and edge is perfectly finished—no bumps, no waists—they're made by expert tailors, made of the finest imported "Homespun" and "Serge," and the prices are

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IN THE REGULARS

Colonial Officers Will be Offered Commissions After the War.

That Will be Part of the Scheme For Developing Imperial Unity.

London, March 22.—The Melbourne correspondent of the Times says:—
"The governor of South Australia has received from Mr. Chamberlain a telegram to the effect that the British war office will offer 114 commissions to Australians in the infantry and royal artillery."

The Times, commenting upon the Melbourne dispatch, says:—
"This important and wise decision to give commissions in the army to Australians will naturally be extended to the other colonies, which have so nobly and generously helped us in the war. It cannot be doubted that the government's action will be highly appreciated."
"It is a graceful recognition of the splendid services freely done to the common cause under the common flag. The offer of commission is only a step, and not a very great one, to a confirmation which all loyal British subjects ardently desire, but it is a significant step, which may be pregnant with consequences of the utmost moment to us all."

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Men's All-wool Tweed Suits, in neat checks and mixtures, well tailored, will give splendid wear, special at \$6.00
Men's Suits, Scotch target patterns, good solid cloth, guaranteed to give satisfaction, best Italian linings, up-to-date styles, special at \$7.50
Men's Fine Tweed Suits, extra quality, in choice new patterns, spring colorings, best quality linings, French facings, thoroughly up-to-date in every respect, special at \$9 and \$10.00
Men's Irish Serge Suits, navy and black, extra quality, clean sharp finish, warranted in color, extra quality Italian linings, French facings, none better in the city at \$12, special \$10.00

Men's Black Clay Worsted Suits, warranted pure wool, fine twill, extra well tailored, French facings, perfect fitting, special at \$9.50
MEN'S PANTS—Men's Solid Tweed Pants, neat stripe patterns, strong and serviceable, special at 95c
Men's Fine Tweed Pants, a large assortment, in neat designs, new spring styles, special at \$1.25 and \$1.50
Men's Pants, made from fine Scotch tweeds and worsteds, real hairline stripes, very dressy, special \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00
BOYS' SUITS, 2 pc. navy serge and mixed tweed, strong and serviceable, in sizes 22 to 28, special at \$1.75
Boys' 2 Pc Suits, good firm tweeds, neat patterns, very stylishly made, well

lined, sizes 23 to 29, special at \$2 and \$2.50
Boys' Suits, 2 pc. double breasted fine all-wool Scotch tweed patterns, very natty styles, special at \$3.50
Boys' 3 pc. Suits, fine tweeds, in medium and dark coloring, neat designs, thoroughly well made, serviceable linings, special at \$3.9
Boys' 3 pc. Suits, in choice tweeds and serge, excellent wearing qualities, stylishly made, best quality linings, special at \$4.50 and \$5.00
Young Men's Suits, a choice range in fine tweeds and serge, a well tailored, best quality linings throughout, very smart dressy suits, at \$5.50, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00 and \$9.00

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WHAT ARE THEY UP TO?

Secret Messages Passing Between Lord Salisbury and President Kruger.

Lord Roberts Preparing for His Advance on Pretoria—Gatacre has Dispersed all the Boers South of Bloemfontein—General War News.

London, March 22, 4:12 a. m. — Several telegrams have passed between President Kruger and the British government in addition to the Salisbury-Kruger correspondence already published. The foreign office received a despatch from Pretoria yesterday. The contents of these communications cannot yet be obtained.

So far as the military situation is concerned, there is practically no change. Lord Roberts is quietly making preparations for the next move. As necessary to a beginning, Gatacre and Brabant are swiftly moving from point to point in the southern districts of the Free State, dispersing or accepting the surrender of any remaining Boers, thus ensuring the safety of Lord Roberts' communications before starting toward Pretoria.

A correspondent of the Daily News at Springfontein, describing these movements, says:—
"Gen. Gatacre is sweeping through the country like a cyclone, with flying columns in all directions. His swiftness and strategy have proved of inestimable value to Lord Roberts." The rebuilding of the railway bridge at Norval's point will occupy two months. The temporary bridge will be completed in about ten days. Meanwhile supplies are transported by an aerial tramway across the gap. These works necessarily delay the providing of supplies for the advance.

Lord Methuen's movements north of Kimberley are believed to be a prelude to the gathering of a column of 20,000 men, with Kimberley as a base to strike eastward, from Fourteen Streams into the Transvaal. The long and anxious awaited news of the relief of Mafeking has not yet been received.

Mr. Schreiner, the Cape premier, has granted the request of the mayor of Cape Town that a public holiday be proclaimed throughout the colony on the relief of Mafeking.

WILL BE DESPERATE.

London, March 22. — A despatch to the Daily Mail from Pretoria, dated Monday, March 19, says: President Kruger returned from Krugstad yesterday. He says the fight in the Free State will be desperate. I am informed that the Transvaal government has taken no resolution to destroy mines or property as a last resort.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Tuesday, March 20, says: I have just arrived from Bloemfontein, where I learned that no further movement is probable for three weeks, as negotiations are proceeding. I failed to ascertain the nature of the negotiations or whether Sir Alfred Milner's departure from Cape Town is connected with them, but I should not be surprised if the war collapses quickly.

A Daily Chronicle correspondent at Bloemfontein, telegraphing Tuesday, March 20, says: The civil government has been reorganized. J. A. Collins, under secretary of the interior in Steyn's execu-

tive, has been appointed landrost. Steyn is regarded as guilty of fatality, but not influenced by nepotism. He was always Kruger's tool. It has been rumored that he has reaped financial benefit from this connection, but the report is not substantiated. Mr. Fischer played the part of Steyn's Mephistopheles.

TRYING TO ESCAPE.

London, March 22.—A despatch to the Standard from Bloemfontein dated Tuesday, says: Four thousand Transvaalers from Oosberg trekked on Saturday and Sunday to the north-east, going by way of Basutoland border. They will probably be caught at one of the passes.

A striking feature of the advance on Bloemfontein was the abandonment of our communications with Poplar Grove. Lord Roberts, confident in the ability of his transport to meet all the immediate needs of the army, deliberately left the enemy at Abraham's Kruis to do what they liked. The result fully justified him. The enemy to the south were paralyzed by the boldness and rapidity of the stroke, and Gens. Clements and Gatacre were enabled to cross the Orange river almost without opposition.

WILL ANNEX FREE STATE.

London, March 22.—The correspondent of the Times at Lorenzo Marques, telegraphing Tuesday, says: "It is reported from Pretoria that a scheme has been arranged for the amalgamation of the Transvaal and the Free State. Kruger will become president of the federated states, and Steyn commandant-general of the Boer army. The flag will be the same as that of the Transvaal, with an additional Orange color."

Although this story is not confirmed, it is not improbable. It is a notorious fact that Gen. Joubert has lost the confidence of the burghers simply because from the first he refused to shut his eyes to the inevitable result of the war. With all the burghers in the field it might not be difficult to secure a formal endorsement of this rumored scheme.

WAR NOTES.

Drakenburg and Biggarsdorp are closely watched by the British cavalry.

Everybody in Basutoland rejoices in the restoration of telegraphic communication with Alwal North.

It has been ascertained that the accidental removal of stones covering some Boer graves after the fight at Pieters hill, Feb. 28, revealed thousands of split and soft-nosed bullets.

Princess Christian's hospital train has arrived at Ladysmith. It was the first train over the new Colenso bridge. The railroad is now open to Elandsbaag, where a camp has been established.

CORRECT EFFECT.

The Course of the Colonies in the War Has Had It.

A German Paper Says the British Empire is Compelling the Admiration of the World.

Berlin, March 22.—The Kreuz Zeitung, in a remarkable article dealing with the South African war, says: "The war has demonstrated the unanimity of feeling among the English. They are all standing together through good and evil report and are compelling the admiration of the world. It has also shown in a most amazing way the strength of the imperialistic idea, having done much in welding the colonies into a veritable empire."

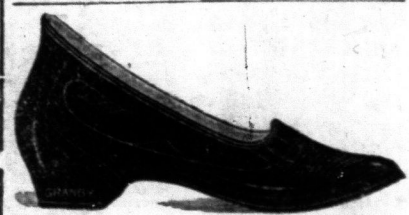
The article, however, disapproves the plan of Lord Roberts to treat the Boers as rebels, and it censures Rudyard Kipling for encouraging the British to deal with them still more harshly, despite the fact that England never fought a more gallant foe. It concludes with the declaration that Cecil Rhodes, after his arrival in London, will decide the fate of the Boers.

The question of damages for detaining and searching German vessels in South African waters is still pending between England and Germany. The precise amounts to be awarded to each vessel have not yet been settled, excepting in the case of the Hans Wagner, whose owners will receive 150,000 marks, but the negotiations are being carried on in the best spirit by both sides and will soon come to a satisfactory end.

Dr. Drummacher and Dr. Schmidt, military surgeons, who have just returned from the British camps in South Africa, speak in commendation of the sanitary arrangements there. They deny that dum-dum or other torturing bullets are used by the British

and assert that they did not witness a single instance of actual breach of the rules of the Red Cross society. They will make a report to the German office.

March 21st, 1900.



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