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AROUND THE WORLD

THE dogs of war are loose, and almost daily the soil of South Africa is enriched by the blood of Boer and Briton, shed in the great struggle for the supremacy of justice and equal rights, and out of which will assuredly be raised another confederacy under the protection of, and rendering willing allegiance to, the British flag. With the various stirring incidents that have already transpired, our readers are doubtless acquainted. News from the seat of war is devoured with avidity in all parts of the world, and nowhere, not even in England, is the trend of affairs watched with greater eagerness than in Canada, whose people are as one in the support of the Motherland, and one thousand of whose sons have readily gone forth to battle for the Empire. The task before Britain is not an easy one. She has to deal with a brave and numerous enemy, led by generals of no mean ability, and equipped with the latest instruments of warfare, and having furthermore the very decided advan-

tage of fighting in a country offering innumerable obstacles to an invading army, but with every one of which the Boers are acquainted. In addition, Britain has to transport her men, horses and munitions of war over 6,000 miles.

It was recognized from the first that Britain would suffer some reverses in the early stages, and such has been the case, although they have in reality been nothing like so severe as was anticipated: while, on the other hand, the achievements of the British at Elandslaagte, Enslin, Modder River, and at other less important engagements, and the staunch and successful resistance

to the enemy at Mafeking, Ladysmith and Kimberley have demonstrated that our officers and men are fully equal to the duty entrusted to them, and that from the present bloody struggle British arms will emerge with greater prestige than ever.

For the command of the largest army Britain has ever placed in the field, it was necessary for the Government to select a general possessing the very highest qualifications, and on all sides in England and abroad it is conceded no



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