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THE BOERS ARRAIGNED.

The following description and very serious indictment of the Boers and their methods was sent to the London (Eng.) Daily Mail by its war correspondent, Mr. Julian Ralph, an American, and is probably a fair, impartial report, as viewed by an unprejudiced writer:

"The war has been steadily and stealthily planned by the Queen's Dutch subjects and the Dutch republics for fully twenty years. For between four and six years they have been equipped for it. They began purchasing arms and planning defenses before the Jamieson raid. Let no one fool you with the falsehood about that. Finally Kruger begged Steyn to declare war three weeks before President Steyn consented. Next rid your mind of the notion that you are crushing two farmers' republics. There is not a farmer in the two countries, and only one—the Free State—was a republic in any way except by misnaming. These people are herders of cattle, sheep and goats, like the Israelites of old and the Afriids, Turks and Balkan peoples of to-day. The Boers' so called farms are as nature made them, merely reaches of veldt whereon their cattle graze. On each one he has put up a home, but its surroundings are almost invariably more repellent and disorderly than any houses I ever saw except the cabins of freed slaves in the United States. Their camps and strongholds, from what we have routed them, are the filthiest places I have known men of any sort to live in and I have seen red Indians, Chinese and Turkish camps and the camps of many sorts of black men. As to their bravery and honor I have seen and heard sufficient to fill a page of the Daily Mail with acts of their cowardly and dastardly behavior before I came to Kimberly. But here I find they have been guilty of different and original enormities. Here they have killed our wounded and laid their bodies in a row after one of the forays out of town. Here they armed many blacks to fight against us showing all the world how scandalously fraudulent were their exclamations of horror at the idea of our employing native Indian troops. There has hardly been a battle in which the Boers have not abused either the white flag or the Geneva cross or both. At Spion Kop our people saw them loading Maxim in ambulances in order to get them carefully away. This we saw them do at the Modder River also, and Kimberly is where the Boers shelled the funeral cortege of George Labram, an American. At many places they fired on our ambulances. I saw them do it at the Modder River and saw them fire on our stretcher bearers in that battle time and time again. When we entered Jacobabad it looked like a city of doctors. Every man in the streets wore the red cross bandage on his arm. These were the men who had just been shooting us from behind garden walls. There was nothing novel or original about their seeking their cowardly shelter of the doctor badge. We have become quite accustomed to it. We once entered a Boer laager after a victory and found 27 of these bogus doctors and seven or eight wounded for their patients. They have not been content with looting the houses of the loyalists in the British colonies, but in Natal in scores of instances they have smashed into kindlings and tore into ribbons whatever they did not want or could not carry off. Worse yet, they have fouled the walls of the houses of defenseless women with obscene writings. They never knew the value of an oath or promise and have not learned it since the war began."

in jail for not having means of support, and on a rock pile if they have no job; where we have Congress and 400 men to make laws and a Supreme Court of nine men to set them aside; where good whiskey makes bad men and bad men make good whiskey; where newspapers are paid for suppressing the truth and made rich for telling a lie; where professors draw their convictions and salaries from the same source; where preachers are paid from \$1,000 to 25,000 a year to dodge Satan and tickle the ears of the wealthy.

Where business consists in getting property in any way that will not land you in the penitentiary; where trusts hold you up and poverty holds you down; where men vote for what they do not want for fear they will get what they want by voting for it; where women wear false hair and men dock their horses tails; where men vote for a thing one day and swear about it the other 364 days in the year; where we have prayers on the floor of the national Capitol and whi-key in the basement; where we spend \$5,000 to bury a congressman and \$10 to put a man away when he is poor, where the government pays the army officer's wife \$5,000 and the poor private who faced the shell \$144, with insinuations that he is a government pauper and a burden because he lives.

Where to be virtuous is to be lone some and to be honest is to be a crank; where we sit on the safety valve of conscience and pull wide open the throttle of energy; where gold is worshipped and God is used as a wastebasket for our better thoughts and good resolutions; where we pay \$15 for a dog and 15 cents a dozen to a poor woman for making our shirts; where we teach the untutored Indian the way to eternal life and kill him with bad booze; where we put a man in prison for stealing a loaf of bread and in Congress for stealing a bank or a railroad; where checkbooks and sins walk in broad daylight, justice is asleep, crime runs amuck, corruption permeates our social fabric and Satan laughs at every corner. Come to us, Agni! We have the greatest aggregation of good things, soft things and hard things of all sizes, varieties and colors ever exhibited under one big tent. Send your delegation and we will prove all these assertions for truths.

A Splendid Idea.

It was an American subject, Robert Choate of Boston, Mass., who first, through the Montreal Star, suggested the popular patriotic fund taken up by the children of Canada and United States, and now receiving such favour all over the world. The idea was to get something started with which young Canada could be identified, the presentation of which would bring the boys and girls of Canada into direct touch with the Queen, who will treasure the photographs of the boys and girls. It was proposed to engrave on parchment the name of every giver to this fund of ten cents and upwards. The name of every boy or girl who collects ten subscriptions is to appear in the testimonial as a leader in the movement, and the photograph, beautifully mounted, of every boy and every girl who collects five dollars or upwards is to accompany the gift and the testimonial. The latter of which will be in form suitable for placing amongst the tributes from her loyal subjects, placed in the room in Windsor Castle, where the public can obtain a view of them. The presentation of this great testimonial from the children of Canada, through Lord Minto, accompanied by the photos of the children, who are raising it, will be a touching incident in her life, and it is an opportunity that will probably come only once in a life time to the children of Canada. Boys and girls wanting special blank subscription lists and particulars of the movement can obtain them by mailing a postal card to the Montreal Star. Photographers all over Canada are offering to photograph free to place in the Queen's testimonial the boys and girls of Canada who identify themselves successfully with the movement. Subscriptions by the thousands are pouring into the Star office.

AN APPEAL TO AGUINALDO.

Agni, you don't know what a good thing you are missing by not wanting to become a citizen of this grand country of ours, says the Pocahontas, (Kan.) Sun. There is nothing else like it under the sun. You ought to send a delegation over here to us—this land of the free, this land of churches and 470,000 licensed saloons, Bibles, forts, guns and houses of prayer, the millionaires and paupers, the theologians and thieves. Christians and chain gangs, politicians and poverty schools and prisons, scallawags, trusts, and tramps, virtue and vice.

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THE LATEST WAR NEWS

London, March 31.—The war office has issued the following from Lord Roberts to the secretary of war:

"Bloemfontein, March 30, (2 25 p.m.)—Owing to the activity of the enemy on our immediate front, and their hostile attitude toward the Burghers who surrendered under the terms of my proclamation, I found it necessary to drive them from some kopjes they had occupied near the Karbee siding station, a few miles south of Brandfort.

"The operation was successfully carried out by the 7th (Gen. Tucker's) division, assisted by the 1st and 3rd cavalry brigades, under Gen. French, and LeGallais' regiment of mounted infantry.

"The enemy retreated to Brandfort and our troops now hold the kopjes.

Bushman Kop, March 31.—The British force, commanded by Col. Broadwood, consisting of the 10th Hussars, Household Cavalry, two horse batteries and a force of mounted infantry under Col. Pilcher, which had been garrisoning Thaba N'Chu, was obliged, in consequence of the near approach of a large force of Boers, to leave last night. Col. Broadwood marched to the Bloemfontein waterworks, south of the Modder, where he encamped at 4 this morning.

At early dawn the camp was shelled by the enemy from a near point. Col. Broadwood sent off a convoy with the batteries, while the rest of the force remained to act as a rear guard.

The convoy arrived at a deep spruit, where the Boers were concealed, and the entire body walked into an ambush and was captured, together with six guns. The loss of life was not great, since most of the British had walked into the trap before a shot was fired.

Gen. Colville's division, which left Bloemfontein early this morning, arrived here at noon, and he is now shelling the Boers.

Gen. Colville's division includes the Royal Canadian Regiment.

The loss of the guns was attended by incidents of splendid heroism. The battery was so near the Boer ambush in the river bed that the latter said: 'It is useless your attempting to advance. Throw down your arms.' The Sergeant of the battery, fearing the hindrance, rushed through the convoy and warned his comrades, enabling the rearmost battery to save a portion of the guns, which came into action later. Life Guardsmen and a gunner got a gun out under a tremendous fire, and four others were saved by the men dragging them off after their horses had been shot."

A CLEVER ESCAPE.

London, April 2.—A despatch from Lorenzo Marquez, dated to-day, announces the arrival there of Captain Haldane of the Gordon Highlanders and Lieut. LeMesurier of the Dublin Fusiliers, who escaped from Pretoria, after perilous adventures. It appears that after Winston Churchill's escape the sentries were doubled, electric light was installed, additional barricades were constructed and the officers were confined in the model school after 8.30 p.m. Capt. Haldane says that after several unsuccessful attempts they succeeded in cutting off the electric light but even then the street lights precluded an attempt to escape, and they decided to hide in the space beneath the building, to which a trap door had previously been secretly constructed.

It has been announced that the officers would be removed elsewhere in a few days, when the two men hoped to be able to escape. But the removal of the prisoners was postponed, and the two men in the damp, subterranean dwelling began to despair, and commenced digging in different directions, in the hope of finding a suitable exit. The work was most arduous, as they had only a screw-driver and a skewer with which to dig the ground, which was very hard. The imprisoned officers on March 15th heard somebody above say the officers would be removed the following day.

After passing twenty days under ground in a cramped position and subsisting on a little food and water supplied by some of their fellow-prisoners who were in their confidence, their delight at the good news was indescribable. The following morning they heard the officers above leaving, and all day long the room was filled with curious visitors looking at the clever caricatures on the walls drawn by the prisoners. When evening came the noise ceased, and Haldane and LeMesurier crept to the trap door. They were so weak that they could hardly walk. Gradually recovering, they made their way to the courtyard, got over the railings and reached the street.

The following unusual and very proper and business-like advertisement appeared in a Toronto paper last week: "One who owns 160 acres of land in Manitoba wants a wife; must be over twenty-five years of age; good looking; good house-keeper; medium in size; Scotch or Scotch descent; Presbyterian in religion; good ear for music; good references must be given." Presbyterian spinsters, here is your opportunity.

Card of Thanks.
FRANKVILLE, Mar. 24th, '00.
To the Recorder and Members of the A. O. U. W. Lodge, Toledo.
GENTLEMEN,—We hereby acknowledge receipt of cheques of \$2,000, being the amount of insurance held by our late husband and father in your society, and we wish to extend to you our most sincere thanks for the efforts put forth to secure the same for us.

Our earnest prayer is that success and prosperity may attend your lodge in the future as it has in the past.

Mrs. EDGERS,
Wm. A. EDGERS.

A Boer dispatch of April 1st says: Cannonading was again heard in the direction of Brantfort Saturday, and it is reported that very heavy fighting occurred Saturday around Mafeking. It is added that Col. Plumer's relief column was compelled to retire with loss. No details have been received.

The assignment of the firm of A. G. McCrady Sons, made to Sheriff Dana a few days ago, was a great surprise, as it was regarded as perfectly solvent. The business, by father and sons, has been carried on for about forty years.

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