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THE WAR SITUATION.

We are now entering on the seventh
month of the war and a brief review of
the situation and net results of the
struggle so far may be in order. After
making due allowance for concealment
and false reports on the part of the
enemy it still seems probable that our
losses in killed and wounded have been
greater than theirs in the aggregate.
This may be questioned, for while in
reverses at Stormberg, Magersfontein
and along the Tugela our terrible losses
exceeded those of the enemy, it is re-
membered that these were balanced
by the sieges of Kimberly and Ladysmith,
the pursuit and capture of Cronje
which the Boer losses in killed and
wounded must have been greater than our

field-guns and small arms together
account will stand pretty evenly
balanced, if account is taken of the small
armies surrendered to Lord Roberts after
capture of Bloemfontein. The field
guns captured from the enemy at Cronje's
surrender will, however, not balance our
losses of guns at Nicholson's Nek, Storm-
berg, Tugela and the recent ambushes
at Bloemfontein. In prisoners the ac-
count showed heavily against us down to
capture of Cronje. On that occasion
undoubtedly had the balance turned
our favor, but subsequent losses on
both parts have made the number of com-
bat prisoners approximately equal.

As regards territory the Boers still
hold the northern wedge of Natal, nearly
a hundred miles of the railway line
from Warrenton to beyond Mafeking
along the western border, while we hold
the south-western portion of the Free
State, including the capital city. In this
part of the case the balance is some-
what in our favor, but not decisively so,
as much as a large section of our own
territory in Northern Cape Colony and
Nama Land is held down, rather than re-
pelled, while the portion of the Free
State which our forces occupy is still ac-
tively hostile. If these were the only fea-
tures to be considered, we should be com-
pelled to admit that the results of seven
months warfare had been small in propor-
tion to the great efforts put forth.

There are, however, other features of
the situation which must be taken into
account in forming a judgment on the
situation. The resources of Britain are
freely unimpaired. Money and troops
abundant, and our forces, notwith-
standing heavy losses, have been and are
being steadily increased. Reinforcements
steadily pouring into South Africa,
there is no abatement of confidence
in the ultimate issue of the struggle, or of
determination to conquer. On the part
of the enemy there has been a large reduc-
tion of the fighting force in the field,
probably equal to one third of what it
was at the beginning, or say, from 60,000
to 40,000 men. There has been the loss of
General in Chief Joubert, of Cronje
second in command, of Villebois and
several whose services were most valu-
able to the Boer cause.

Their losses of troops and generals cannot
be made good. Ammunition has been
greatly reduced by the enormous expendi-
ture in constant fighting, and must if the
war is greatly prolonged, become scarce.
The industries of the two Republics in
meantime are paralysed, and their
credit gone. They could not now
show a dollar in the money markets of
the world. The Volksraad and Govern-
ment of the Orange State have been
driven to the Transvaal for refuge.
The hope of foreign intervention has faded
away. In other words the Boers are tak-
ing counsel of their courage and their
will in prolonging a struggle that is
without hope. The refusal of Lord Salis-

bury to consider the question of their in-
dependence has given rise to the renewed
and surprising efforts of the past few
weeks, which have given to the struggle
a new lease of life. It has shown the
British people that the war may be pro-
longed for many months, but it has in no
way affected their determination to bring
it to a successful issue at whatever cost
of men, money and time.

AFRICA'S AWFUL CLIMATE.

Some of the Hardships Which the Warring Powers now Endure.

Willoughby, who made several visits
to South Africa sixty-odd years ago, in one
of his stories graphically describes the
appalling savagery and beauty of an African
night.

The temperature of the day had been
105. The small water courses were dry.
A heavy, sometimes yellow and some-
times gray, dust rose from the plain and
The grasses were parched and turned to
powder when trod upon. No cooling winds
came from off the Drakensburg range. The
flowers that in moist weather seemed to
set the land aflame hung their heads and
closed their petals. The wild beasts either
hid in their lairs or buried themselves in
infrequent mud wallows. The call of a
bird might be occasionally heard, but it
was a cry for water.

THE HEAT WAS AWFUL.

Cattle stumbled over the indistinct trails
with distended tongues and bloodshot
eyes. The unacclimated horse felt the
hot air on his nostrils and refused to move.
He lay down in his tracks and vultures
circled about. Here and there in hollows
or by the grasses were the bones of adven-
turers or Boer pioneers picked clean by
the birds. A deadly calm rested upon
everything and noise would have been a
relief.

The night came. The sun went out of
sight like a ball of fire. The stars came
out, but their light was blurred. The
phenomenal atmospheric clearness of the
day was gone. A veil seemed to have been
stretched between the heavens and the
watching men on earth. The first sensa-
tion felt by the travelers was that of an in-
describable chill. The skin became clammy,
the blood, which had been thick
enough, thickened more, and the parched
lips grew dryer. Strange aches attacked
the joints.

BEASTS START ON NOCTURNAL PROWL.

Suddenly from far away in the distance
came the uncanny cry of a night bird.
This was taken up by a responding cry;
and then the beasts, starting upon their
nocturnal prowls, join in. There was
screech and hoot and howl until bedlam
seemed to have settled upon that spot.
The mists grew heavier. One could put
his finger upon the hides of the tame ani-
mals and gather up the moisture as if it
were a cream. It came upon the lips with
unpleasant odor and foul taste. When it
reached the throat it contracted as it does
when diphtheria is prevalent.

The cries of the night animals grew
more noisy, for they were on the last hunt
for prey before the dawn. This dawn
came in its own good time with wonder-
ful flushings of the East, mass upon mass
of marvelous color, one short in-rush of a
strong clearing wind which swept the
mists away, and then, behold, the sun.

"A Cheerful Look Makes a Dish a Feast."

"Cheerful looks" depend
just as much upon physical
well-being as upon natural
disposition and temperament.
If the blood is disordered,
the brain is starved, and no
"dish is a feast," for the
reason that the vitalizing
elements do not reach the
proper spot.

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to purify the body by the use of a
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of order. I suffered from headache and
sour stomach. Took Hood's Sarsaparilla,
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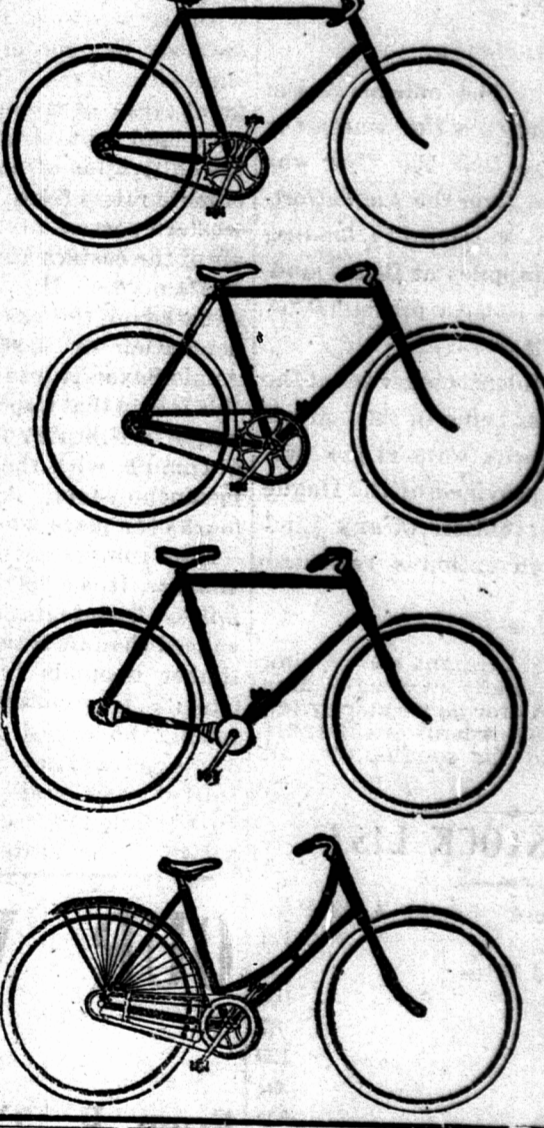
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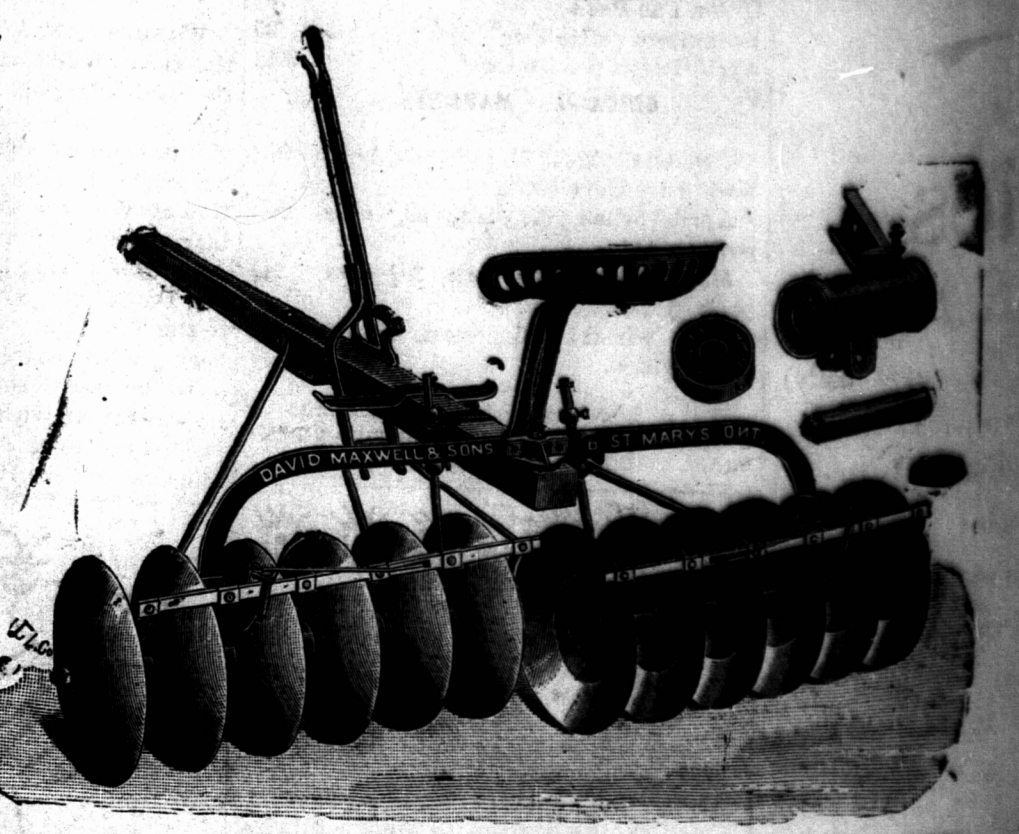
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