

HUMOROUS

"TOMMY"

The Campaign in Football Phraseology.

PERSONNEL OF TEAMS.

Closing Seems Very Practical, Kruger Bolts with the Gate Money.

Treating the South African War as a football match, Private W. G. Hilborne, of the 2nd Gloucester Regiment, has sent home the following original and humorous account:—

GREAT INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL MATCH.

FINAL TIE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF SOUTH AFRICA.

TERMS—

British Empire—Roberts, goal; Baden-Powell and White, backs; Hunter, Kitchener, and Dundonald, half-backs; Buller and Clery, right wing; French, centre; Methuen and Kelly-Kenny left-wing. Transvaal and Orange Free State—Kruger, goal; Cronje and Steyn, backs; Botha, Prinsloo, and Olivier, half-backs; De Wet and Viljoen, right wing; Joubert centre; Snyman and Villebois, left-wing. Referee—Public Opinion. Kick-off, Oct. 11, 1899.

This match was the attraction of the season, and was played on the home team's ground in South Africa. The

LAST TIME THESE TEAMS MET.

was in 1881, when the match ended in a very unsatisfactory manner. This time the visitors over 200,000 supporters of the game, and were without doubt a team that anyone would be proud of. The home team won the toss for choice of grounds, and Joubert kicked off. They at once became aggressive, and were getting dangerously near the visitors' goal, but White at back was playing a sound game, and repelled attack after attack when the home team seemed bound to score; in fact, the visitors' backs, "B. P." and White, were playing grandly, and although the home forwards were in the visitors' territory they failed to score. The "Empire" forwards now began to get into their stride, and French, working

like a machine round his opponents. COMPLETELY BEAT CRONJE.

and with a swift lightning shot he found the net with a beauty (Kimberly). Soon after this goal Cronje was dismissed the field (Paafleberg), thus weakening the home defence. Buller, who had all along been playing a steady game, was now seen to advantage, and although being stopped several times in his grand rushes, he came back again and again, and shattering his opponent's defence, he came dashing on, and by a superhuman effort, entirely his own, scored a grand goal (Ladysmith). Soon after the home team lost the services of their best player, Joubert. A strong wind was now blowing across the field, thus giving the left wing of the visitors a chance to show their abilities. Kelly-Kenny and French were now very prominent with some splendid work, and passing beautifully. The home team repeatedly tried to stop the grand combination, but all their efforts proved futile. Kelly-Kenny now transferred to French, and that famous player again showed his sterling qualities by scoring another (Bloemfontein). The play was now in the home team's territory, and the visitors' forwards were pressing when the

WHISTLE BLEW FOR HALF TIME.

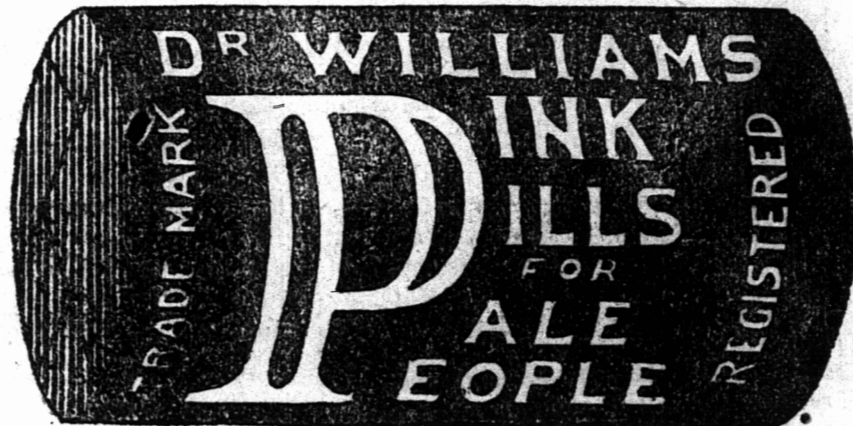
with the score:—British Empire, 3; Transvaal and Orange Free State, 0. The teams now appeared on the field to contest the second half of the game. The home team's supporters were in despair for they saw that bar accidents, their pets would loose the game. The visitors were playing with a confidence that was a treat to see, while the home team resorted to dirty tactics (abusing the white flag). Try how they would the home team could not stem the pressure which the visitors' forwards put into the game. French again got possession, and, tricking the half-backs, promptly made the game secure by scoring.

ANOTHER FINE GOAL.

Johannesburg. Paden-Powell, the mainstay of the "Empire's" defence was now transferred to the front rank. His heroic defence had been the admiration of all, and he completely demonstrated to the spectators that he could play forward as brilliantly as back. Some very fast play was now seen, the ball travelling with lightning velocity towards the goal. The visitors made a grand combined rush, and, after some splendid play in front of goal, the ball was sent into the net midst the cheers of thousands (Pretoria). The home team were completely staggered, and Kruger, their goalkeeper, left his net at the mercy of his opponents. The home team contended that the goal was "off-side" but the referee ruled otherwise. The whistle now blew for time the score being, after a hard-fought game:—British Empire, 5; Transvaal and Orange Free State, nil. The

FEATURE OF THE STRUGGLE was the splendid all-round play of the visitors, who received a tremendous ovation. Unfortunately, the home custodian disappeared with the gate-money just before the conclusions of the match

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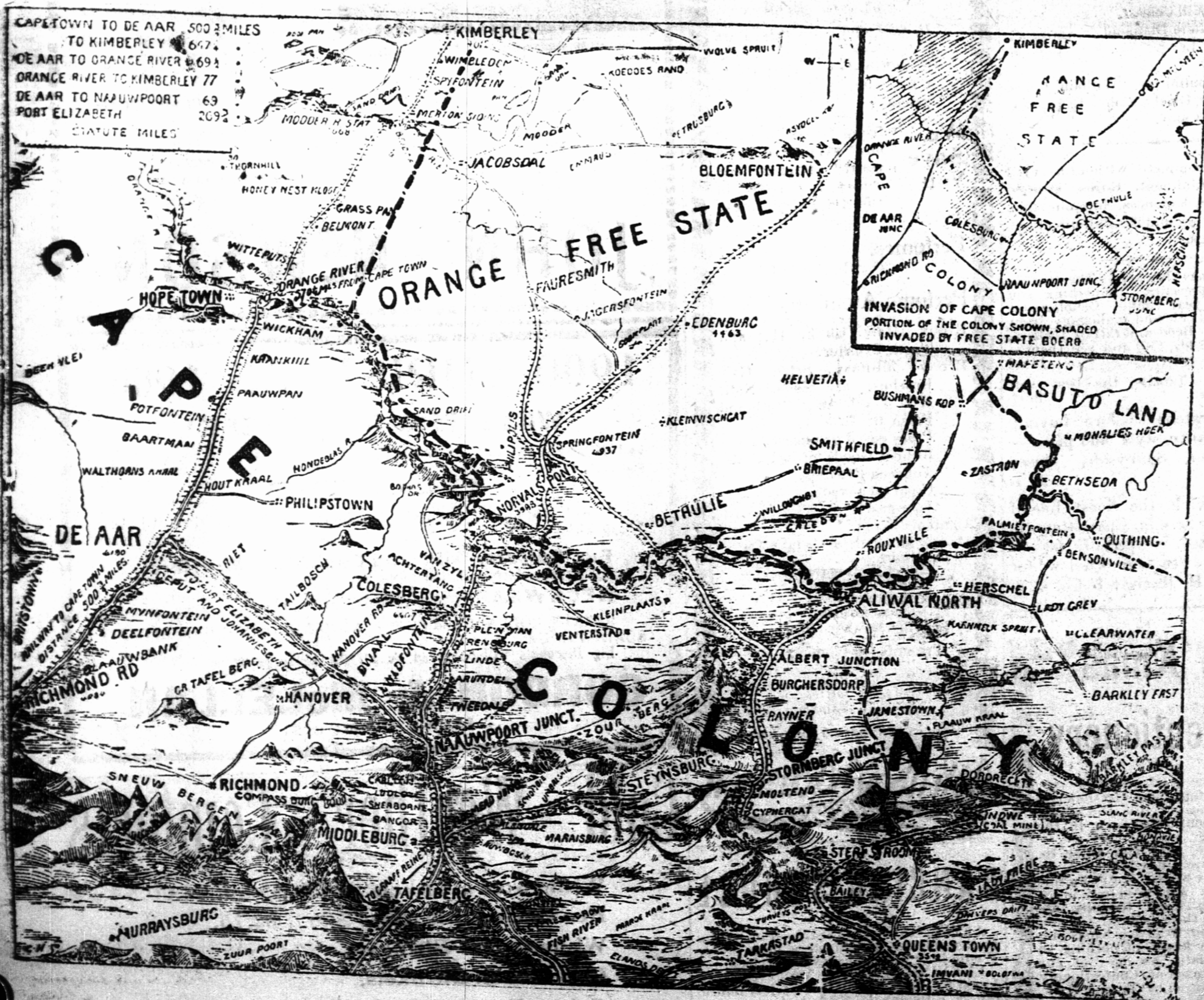
Seventy Convictions Since August.

SYDNEY, December 18.—There have been seventy-three convictions against liquor dealers in Sydney since August, and about \$4,000 paid in fines.

Cycle Trade Bad.

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