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WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Interesting Particulars of the Struggle Between Great Britain and the Boers.

PRO-BOER AMERICANS.

It is a matter for regret, but hardly for surprise, that pro-Boer sentiment in the United States is growing, and that the activity of the pro-Boer sympathizers is producing substantial results. The evidence of such a sentiment is normally due to a large extent to the anti-British prejudice that is created in the schools, and to the presence and influence of the foreign element in the population, an element that has of late years been an important factor in the formation of American public opinion. But it is owing to a determination of some of the party managers to make political capital out of Anglophobia that the agitation is now assuming a somewhat dangerous aspect. When a Presidential election is approaching, it is impossible to say what an agitation of this demagogic kind will bring forth, or how far the politicians will go in their efforts to win support. Grover Cleveland went to the verge of war. Bryan and his supporters are outspoken in their denunciation of England and in their praise of the Boers, and there are good reasons for the belief that their purpose would be well served if the Democratic convention that is to be held in July adopts a resolution demanding intervention by the United States, and brands President McKinley as an advocate of what they are now pleased to describe as British oppression of the sister South African Republics. There is accordingly a strong prospect that, with McKinley and Bryan as the candidates, the electorate will be divided in such a way that Anglo-American relations may be considerably embittered. Under such circumstances the developments of the next few months will be observed with keen interest by the people of this country.

By far-sighted responsible people on both sides of the sea such an agitation is sincerely to be deplored, for it must cause ill-feeling and hatred where amity and good-will should exist. Nations, like individuals, are sometimes overtaken by an unreasoning mood, in which their real interests are subordinated, and the attainment of something of altogether secondary importance dominates the national mind. There is not a doubt that the development of the British Empire and of the great Republic lies along parallel lines, and that when international friendship is endangered by such a circumstance as the prosecution of a war in South Africa, the real interests of both nations are foolishly jeopardized. The motives that might impel the United States to interfere would be either commercial or sentimental. But of the former there are absolutely none, and of the latter there are none that are reasonable. The sentimental ones are in fact, artificial and unnatural. Their existence is the outcome partly of ignorance and partly of a political system that is often described as the purest form of self-government, but that is really a system of political slavery, and the present instance is only one of many in which the party leaders have raised an issue out of which no national good can come. By inflaming existing animosity towards Britain they hope to serve party purposes, but in doing this they do wilful injury to the best interests of their country. There is, moreover, reason for the belief that the party organizations may be made the instruments of the Transvaal Government. Two paid servants of the people of the United States, Macrum and Webster Davis, have lately come from Pretoria, and both have on their arrival at Washington joined the agitators. Macrum ignominiously failed in his effort, but Davis is likely to achieve some success. He is an orator of the Bryan type, and as the assistant of Montague White, will render considerable service in carrying on the pro-

Boer propaganda. Thus the activity of the paid agents of the Transvaal, and imminence of a Presidential election, conducted under circumstances that favour a play upon Pro-Boer and anti-British sentiment, will make the present period in the political history of the Republic one of surpassing interest and one in which the dangerous forces are unusually conspicuous.—Mail and Empire.

LETTER FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

Mrs. A. M. McRae, of Pownal, has allowed us to publish the following extracts from a letter received by her from her friend in South Africa. The letter is dated Wellington, March 6th.

Now that the tide has turned in favor of our brave soldiers, how very quickly they are gaining ground. Events are following so rapidly, the relief of Kimberley, the surrender of Cronje and 4000 of his men on Majuba day, and then the relief of Ladysmith by Gen. Buller. I think its splendid Gen. Buller to have allowed the Natal Volunteers to enter the town first. It was a generous and courteous action.

How splendidly the Canadians fought at Paardeberg. Their names are specially mentioned. After such severe engagements there are many sick and wounded passing our station and as usual we meet all the ambulance trains that come at any reasonable time. I always enquire for any Canadians and their names. Yesterday morning the commandant in charge of our railway station sent the dispatch rider up to tell me there was an ordinary train coming with 218 sick and wounded, with the request to help him prepare a breakfast. This I did to my best ability, and all the poor fellows had something refreshing. When I apologized for the rough way we had to serve it, because time was so limited, one answered. It's rougher where there's none, and some of us have had very little for two or even three days. They were pursuing Cronje, and if they had waited for the commissariat wagons they would have lost him.

About 2000 Boer prisoners passed to Cape Town between Saturday and yesterday. They seem quite pleased that they have finished fighting.

I was delighted to see that Leyds, the cruel, deceiving calumniator, had had a good horsewhipping from an Englishman. He did not get a bit more than he deserved.

One afternoon I was speaking to a young soldier on an ambulance train, and he was very anxious to know if the

Canadian Mounted contingent had arrived. How splendidly the colonies are helping the mother country.

In the course of a leading article The London Times referring to the statement in Lord Roberts' despatch, that the health of the army at Bloemfontein is good and the climate perfect, says: "When Englishmen, and still more, when Irishmen are enjoying the weather, it is a tolerably certain indication that things are going well with them. In both the Free State and Natal, matters appear to be progressing as we expected and desired. Our well wishers in America, who are evidently nervous as to the possible effects of a check in our advance on the opinion of the electorate, need not, we trust, make themselves uncomfortable. We are told that there will be no Boer party in the United States if Lord Roberts wins a decisive victory before the Republican convention in June. We cannot, of course promise to oblige our friends by simplifying their politics for them by that date, but we shall do our best, although Americans indulge their sporting instincts by sympathizing with the weaker side in a fashion we did not practice during the contest with Spain."

SOME CRITICISMS.

CAPABLE ARMY OFFICERS DEMANDED.

The unsatisfactory turn that recently marked the campaign against the Boers is resulting in astonishing and sweeping criticisms by the English papers of their own army methods. When Buller struck snags in Natal, when General Methuen and General Gatacre made terrible mistakes, and before the British arms had secured any progress a somewhat similar wave swept over the press. But then it was directed at individuals and chiefly confined to papers which were willing to condescend to "slang" one or two gen-

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erals. Now names are not mentioned but there is a widespread, deeply rooted conviction that the method of selection of British army officers is altogether wrong.

About this conviction there is no bitterness, nor is it based upon conclusions rapidly arrived at. "Our officers," says the conservative, common sense Outlook, "are as brave as lions, but as a rule they are stupid."

"The warmest champions of our regimental officers," says the Saturday Review, "are beginning sorrowfully to admit that their courage makes them often careless, and when not negligent they sometimes show themselves ignorant of their business."

Vanity Fair, which formerly denounced vigorously any such forms of criticism, admits sorrowfully that "our officers seem to play at war rather than carry on war. It is all wrong."

Referring to a much commented on letter written by Colonel Lonsdale Hale to the Times on this subject, in which Col. Hale declares that the constant mental strain and incessant carefulness becomes unbearable, Vanity Fair says:

"What of the strain that a naval officer has to bear when he knows his ship may be torpedoed at any moment? American naval officers have borne that strain well. Cannot our English soldiers bear less?" The paper concludes by advocating that army officers be treated with the same discipline and training as our naval officers.

But beneath this outcry against individual incompetency and lack of brains on the part of army officers which since the war began has been constantly causing the loss of detachments and positions, and especially during the last fortnight, there is an underlying and sometimes expressed determination that England's army must not longer be officered by men whose claims to commissions rest almost solely on birth or money. The premature self-congratulations over the occupation of Bloemfontein has had a reaction somewhat similar to that which followed the first victories in Natal. As the Saturday Review says, "too soon did we congratulate ourselves on the possession of Bloemfontein, and too little did we realize that the possession of such a capital does not imply much."

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