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LORD SALISBURY'S SPEECH.

Our telegraphic correspondent gave us
last week only the most interesting points
of Lord Salisbury's latest speech at Guild-
hall. We quote from papers to hand this
morning the following in addition:

SAMOAN AGREEMENT.

"This morning you had intelligence of
an agreement between ourselves and one of
the great continental states, with which
for many many years we have entertained
relations of sympathy and friendship
beyond others. Samoa is not in itself a
very important matter, but it was im-
portant because it constituted a subject of
difference between ourselves and a nation
whose good will we prize very highly. I
do not know entirely the reason why the
German people and government attach so
much importance to Upolu, but they do,
and we are very glad to find the means
whereby, without in the least diminishing
the rights and advantages of England, we
are able to gratify their views and senti-
ment. The agreement is somewhat com-
plicated; but, roughly, it may be said
that the Germans have great interest in
this island because they have invested
large amounts in its cultivation and
because they have constructed a great
commerce of which they are proud. The
islands, therefore, are of great value to
them. To us on the other hand, islands
are generally only valuable when they fur-
nish good harbors. Upolu furnishes a
very bad harbor. You will remember the
great hurricane when a British man-of-
war escaped and when German and
American men-of-war were driven ashore.
Well, in these circumstances, we were
glad to accept a renunciation of the treaty
claims and right of dominion over another
island, Tonga, where there is an admirable,
an inimitable harbor. We took the har-
bor and Germany took the territory, in
which for many reasons the Germans are
interested.

"I believe we have arrived at a very
remarkable phenomenon, an agreement
which is seriously pleasant and advanta-
geous to the powers, but this is interesting
particularly because it indicates that, at
the present moment, our relations with
the German people are all we could de-
sire.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

"The great subject that interests all of
us, undoubtedly in this war, is ried with
so many splendid feats of heroism and
skill, but saddened by so many losses. I
have great difficulty in dealing with the
war; and if I attempted to do so with the
future, I had been undertaking a task in
prophecy from which the hardest would
shrink. If I speak at all, it may rather
be to deprecate criticisms and statements
which I think unfounded than to attempt
to pass judgment on what still depends up-
on the future for its full determination.

"Respecting the feeling expressed twice
or thrice that the want of troops is due to a
want of action on the part of the hon-
ourable government, I would point out that there
have been two or three voices. Two or
three months ago we were told by the
most authoritative voice outside the Gov-
ernment that there was no occasion for
military preparations. Since then we
have been blamed because there were no
military preparations. But neither of
those criticisms is at all relevant to the
events which have been taking place.

THE BOER ULTIMATUM

It has been often said, especially abroad,
that we are a strong nation attacking a
weak one; but so long as the principal part
of our force is separated by an interval of
five or six weeks from the field of action, it
would rather be true to say that we are
a weak nation fighting a strong one.
Elements of distance are vital and essential
in this matter.

"It would have been nothing to the pur-
pose to issue proclamations for reserves
some weeks earlier. For, what was the
cause of the war, and what was the cause
of the ultimatum? It was not because of
any demand we had made. It so happened
that, at the moment the ultimatum was
issued, we had withdrawn our demands,
and there were no demands before the
Transvaal government. It was because
we had taken measures to increase the
amount of our forces in South Africa.
But, if that had been done a few months
sooner, exactly the same result would have
taken place. The moment you had shown
signs of raising your force to an equality
with the force opposed to it, that momen-
t the ultimatum would have been issued
and war would have begun. (Cheers.)

"It is not, therefore, right to say that
there was not adequate military prepara-
tion. The evil goes farther back. It
dates to those unfortunate arrangements
in 1881 and 1884 by which we deliberately
permitted a community obviously hostile
to enjoy the unbounded, unlimited right
of accumulating munitions of war against
us. Year after year an accumulation of
munitions was made which could only be
directed against us. Hampered by these
arrangements it was impossible we should
avoid the interval of trial and danger
necessary to intervene between the mo-
ment when war was declared and the mo-
ment when our forces could accept contest
and appear upon the field.

UNBROKEN FAITH.

"This interval has nearly passed, Our
troops are beginning to arrive. Foreign
nations have complimented us upon the
calmness with which we have received the
intelligence of occasional checks. What-
ever strategy there might be we are well
aware that the beginning of our conflict
with the Boers must be marked
by a retirement of our
troops from positions they are not
strong enough to occupy. It is necessary
that they should wait for sufficient rein-
forcements. I do not attempt to forecast
the future. I only say my faith in the

British soldier is unbounded, and I am
deeply gratified to feel that he is the
vigorous and sagacious bands of Gen. Buller.

"Regarding the future, I will only
deprecate some very strange assertions—
that I see occasionally in the continental
press. Only the other day I saw it as-
serted, not by a chance writer, but by a
man who has been a member of a French
government, that this war had for its
objects the gratification of the lust of
greedy lords, who desired a partition
among themselves of the gold and dia-
monds of the Transvaal.

"Now I beg to assure this gentleman
that Her Majesty's Cabinet have not had a
farthing from the Transvaal or from any
other gold fields. There is the Yikon, about
which there is no contest. If there had
been any chance of our gaining advan-
tage these Yikon gold fields should
have yielded something, but I appeal to
my friend Lord Hamilton to know if the
Cabinet ever had a farthing from them.
(Laughter.)

"I go farther. England as a whole
would have had no advantage from the
possession of gold mines, except as her
government conferred the blessings of
good administration upon those en-
gaged in the industry. All successful in-
dustry breeds commerce, and all commerce
has produced is to the advantage of Eng-
land, and all industries and commerce
flourish better under her good government
than under any other regime in the world.
But that is the limit of our interest.

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL.

"What we desire is equal rights for all
men of all races, and security for our fel-
low subjects and our empire. The hour
for knowing by what means these results
can be obtained is not yet come; but these
are the objects and the only objects we
seek."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The value of British honesty and skill-
ful administration is eloquently stated by
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ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Hamilton Spectator: If Europe wishes
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North Sydney Herald: Some years ago
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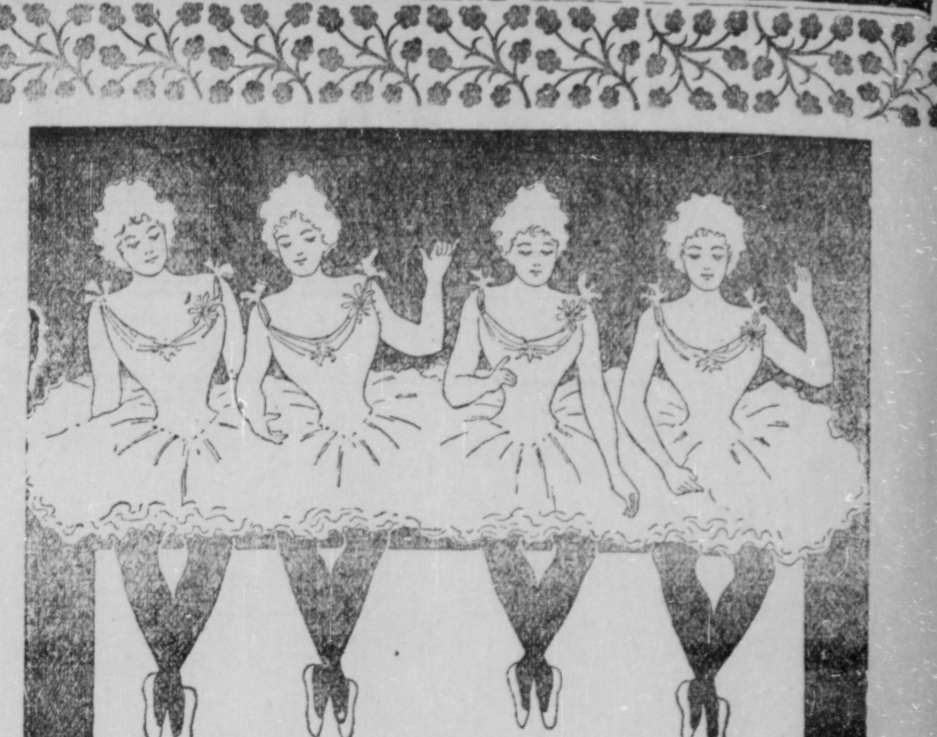
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