

WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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

WHAT THE COLONIES SENT.

In answer to a question in the imperial house of commons, Mr Powell Williams stated that the number furnished by each of the colonies to the British forces in South Africa was approximately as follows:

Cape Colony	15,000
Natal	7,000
Canada	2,820
Ceylon	130
New South Wales	1,800
Queensland	810
South Australia	340
West Australia	230
Victoria	500
Tasmania	180
New Zealand	730
India	250
Total	29,790

FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

W. T. Stead's weekly paper, "War Against War in South Africa," is appearing regularly in England and he is not tarred and feathered. "War Against War," if published anywhere but in England would be pointed to as the bitterest thing on exhibit against Great Britain. The principal cartoon the last number represents the Union Jack with skull and crossbones in the blue field, and the motto "Might is Right." This is labelled "The Meteor Flag of England." In the standing heading of the paper John Bull is represented as a coarse old rogue with enormous hands, greedily grasping the Transvaal gold fields. The literary matter is in keeping with the pictures. The Boers are represented as a simple, God-fearing, generous, noble people—the salt of the earth. The Transvaal government is not only defended but eulogized. Charges are hurled at the British government which, if made against a private individual, would be criminally libellous. British troops are accused of treachery, cruelties and wilful violation of the Geneva convention. It is assumed as a matter of course that the war is waged by Britain for no other motive than to grab the gold fields. The articles are written in a strain of frenzy which suggests insanity. Notwithstanding the onslaughts which have been made in Britain upon a few pro-Boer meetings, the toleration of such a paper as Stead's is a powerful proof of the respect of Britons for the right of free speech. As to the occasional violence shown against pro-Boer or rather anti-war gatherings, it has been rare; and there are thirty-five million people in England and Scotland, so that but for Mr. Balfour's extraordinary and we think most un-British refusal in parliament to condemn the attacks on anti-war meetings, Britain could have been but little reproached indeed for any spirit of antagonism to freedom of speech. But the tolerance of Stead's weekly, whose office would long ago have been smashed in either the United States or Canada, is a sign that the common sense and broadmindedness of the vast majority of Englishmen happens to be something better than Mr. Balfour represents in this particular connection.

"Not in the statute book," comments the Hamilton Herald justly, "is to be found the best guarantee of freedom. It is to be found in the enlightenment and tolerance of the people. It may be that in England Stead is regarded as a crank who is too insignificant to notice. But it requires a self-controlled, enlightened good humored public to endure patiently a noisy nuisance like him, and the fact that he is allowed to go his own way and say his own say in peace, none caring to interfere with him, is splendid proof of the high tone of public opinion in England."

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A CANADIAN EDITOR IN THE YANKEE WEST.

The Schurmans of Bedeque are a gifted lot of people. They have taken high positions in the neighboring Republic, and are well known for their literary abilities in almost every sphere in which they act.

Mr. Charles S. Schurman, formerly of Summerside, is now the brainy and gifted editor of the Times, St. Paul, Minn. Since he has been in the editorial chair, Mr. Schurman, even in the pro-Boer region in which his paper circulates, has not been afraid to defend his mother country from the charge against her of prosecuting an unjust and indefensible war against the Boers in South Africa.

It has been hinted to him on more than one occasion, that it would be better for his paper, if, among so many different nationalities as exist in the West, he would take a less decided stand in favor of Britain, but he has not listened to such advice, and has struck out right and left in favor of his native land. In writing to an old friend a short time ago, he put England's position in this war tersely as follows:

I believe that the highest type of civilization that we have to-day is where the American and British flags float on the breeze, and I have yet to come across the representative of any other nation who can give me anything more than his opinion that that statement is not a fact. It would be delighted to have some of the Boer sympathisers tell me what Oom Paul Kruger and his so-called republic have ever done for the betterment of his own or any other peoples. I would be delighted to know when they gave the glad hand to the missionaries, or any other than the Dutch church. I would be pleased to know when they ever showed any signs of believing that the negro had any rights that they felt bound to respect. I would like to know where a people who had signed a treaty which saved them from extermination, and went home and deliberately made plans and levied taxes to make war upon the power that had befriended them, is a people to be trusted, even though they do read Psalms before breakfast, and offer prayer to the God of battles between volleys.

I would like to know in what particular the British are unreasonable in their contention that the Uitlanders who pay about 90 per cent. of the taxes should not have a voice in the government of the country—some say as to how the money which they pay in is to be spent. It puzzles me beyond solution how an American with the history of his own country's struggle with foolish old King George III. fresh in his mind, can take sides against the very same principle when contended for by others. But there are a thousand excuses for Americans when taking that stand, which do not exist for Canadians. We have our copperheads with reference to our trouble in the Philippines, and I am sorry to know that Canada, my native home to which I have always looked back with pride, has also those who profess to believe that they cannot follow the Old Union Jack wherever it goes on its civilizing and Christianizing mission.

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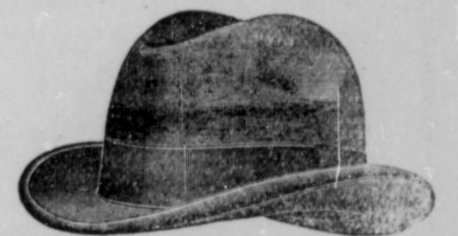
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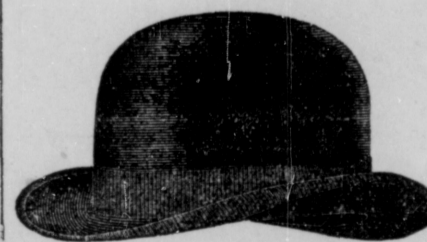
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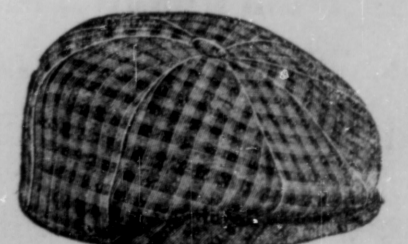


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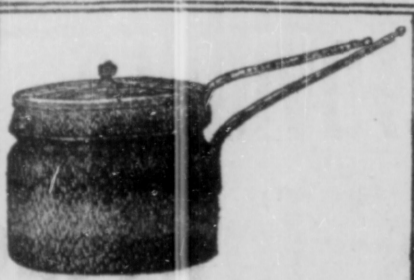
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