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Boer Leaders.

The Soudan Daily Mail sketches some of the chief Boer leaders. Of General Piet Joubert it says: Long-headed, shrewd, cold and calculating, he is also by no means a typical Boer. He has paid two or three visits to England, and perhaps is one of the three or four in the inner Government circles in Pretoria who realizes what war with England would mean. Still, he in no way lacks physical courage. He is essentially a time-server, a trimmer, a sinner-on-the-fence. When he contested the Presidential election against Kruger no one took his candidature very seriously. He was obviously put up as a vote-splitter to ensure Kruger's return. His religious tenets are not obtrusive. He has never been found out in any very bad financial transactions. As a general in the field he is cool and clever, and a thoroughly expert exponent of Boer fighting tactics which are mainly of the "sniping" order. He has now gone to Volkrust; the next best Boer commander, Cronje, of Doornkop fame, being on the Marico frontier, towards Mafeking.

LAST COUNCIL.

The municipal elections in Queen's County, N. B., were held last week, and the grits were routed "horse foot and artillery." The extent of the overturn will be more readily understood by referring to the table showing the political complexion of the old council and the present council, which is given below:

Brunswick.....	2	Conservatives
Petersville.....	2	Conservatives
Canning.....	1	Con. 1 Lib.
Gagetown.....	1	Con. 1 Lib.
Hampstead.....	1	Con. 1 Lib.
Johnston.....	2	Liberals
Wickham.....	2	Liberals
Waterborough.....	2	Liberals
Chipman.....	2	Liberals
Cambridge.....	2	Liberals
Total—Conservatives	7;	Liberals 13.

THIS COUNCIL.

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Johnston.....	2	Conservatives
Wickham.....	2	Conservatives
Waterborough.....	2	Conservatives
Gagetown.....	2	Conservatives
Hampstead.....	2	Conservatives
Petersville.....	2	Conservatives
Chipman.....	2	Liberal
Cambridge.....	2	Liberals
Total—14	Conservatives,	4 Liberals,

Returns from the parish of Cambridge show that Robinson and Colwell (liberal) defeated Robinson and Camp. The Messrs Robinsons are brothers and the successful candidates had only a majority of four votes over their opponents.

Kruger Did It.

LONDON, October 14.—A well known South African said yesterday that, "while President Kruger was getting old, he never allowed anybody to dictate policies to him, and that it was a mistake to assume that he had been rushed by young and restless burghers. As the birthday of the grim old President coincides with the ultimatum, it was more natural to suppose that he was influenced by faith in his own destiny as the last of the Dutch conquerors. This informant added that there was no rival who could resist Kruger's will. Reitz was simply clay in the potter's hands. Joubert was the best natured and most honorable man in the Transvaal, but lacked the grit required for opposing Kruger in any question. Cronje was a man after Kruger's heart, who was glad to do his bidding because he was ambitious to succeed him." Sidlights like these help to explain the situation, but the ultimatum while undoubtedly Kruger's individual act remains a miracle of folly.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—It is stated that the first shot of the war was fired before Kruger's ultimatum was issued. It came from a Boer patrol, who fired on the mail train in Natal.

—It is unfortunate for the Laurier Administration, as it is for Canada, that the Government has come down to business in the Transvaal matter after those of the other great colonies, of the Empire, and after being dragooned into action.

—It is reported that Great Britain will next spring begin to fortify the city of St. John's, Newfoundland, on the scale of a Gibraltar for which all the topographical features are favorable. A war map has been prepared for this purpose, with every road located within a radius of twenty miles.

—It is announced that Boers who do not respond to the commanders' call to join the forces operating against the British are made liable to fine from \$500 to \$2,500 to imprisonment and to confiscation of property. This fact is significant. It looks as if the ultimatum did not represent all the Boers' views.

—The Montreal Gazette remarks that Laurier papers are accusing Sir Charles Tupper of being loyal for the sake of capital. The charge, if well based, would be an unwitting testimony to Sir Charles' sagacity. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's spineless attitude is calculated to gain neither capital nor respect for his party.

—The Halifax Chronicle rises to remark that the conservative press is trying to create prejudice against the Tarte combination at Ottawa, because Tarte, the Boss, called France "My Country." The Chronicle speaks of Tarte as the "gifted and successful leader" of the combination, and intimates that the conservatives cherish strong resentment against the province of Quebec.

—An American doctor has given a strong opinion against the bicycle. He declares that the idea that cycling is a wholesome exercise is a mistake, and says that it doesn't make girls healthy and pretty; on the contrary, it makes them ugly. "The lady cyclist," he says, "may be identified by her squeaky voice, large, broad and flat hands, coarse skin, wrinkled face and small, piercing, blood-shot eyes." Who would be a cyclist after this?

—All the French Canadian Liberals are not, we are proud to say, in accord with Tarte and Laurier: In the course of a speech delivered a few days ago, M. Prefontaine, M. P., Mayor of Montreal said:

"I am not one of those who would dictate the Government's policy. I am a full private in the Liberal army. I remember that at the last session, the Canadian Parliament pledged itself to help the British Empire; and now I think the time has come when this pledge should be redeemed. I say so as a French Canadian, and a member of the Liberal party."

"The position is such at the present time that the Parliament's word should be redeemed. I say so after reading Mr. Archibald's statement that the hostilities with the Transvaal have begun. I take this stand as occupying a seat in the House of Commons, and as a British subject."

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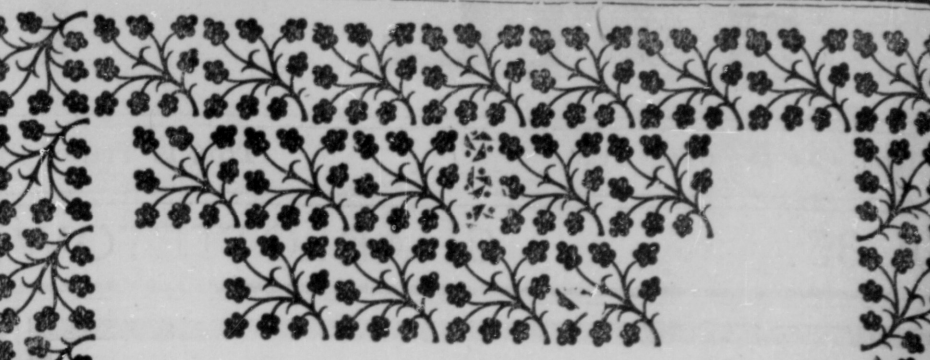
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