

WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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

BRITAIN AND HER COLONIES.

She stands, a thousand-wintered tree,
By countless morns unpearled;
Her broad roots coil beneath the sea,
Her branches sweep the world;
With forests from her scatterings made,
New nations fostered in her shade,
And linking land with land.
O, ye wandering tempest sown
'Neath every alien star,
Forget not whence the breath was blown
That wafted you afar!
For ye are still her ancient seed
On younger soil let fall—
Children of Britain's island and breed,
To whom the Mother in her need
Perchance may one day call.
—William Watson.

ONE OF LEYD'S TRICKS.

The London Empire gives prominence to the assertion that the recent stoppage of the German liner Bunderath by British cruisers off Delagoa Bay, as well as the seizure of other ships on suspicion of having arms on board for the enemy, was due to a deep-laid plan of Dr. Leyds, who caused most definite information to fall into British hands, giving particulars of contraband on board. The British fell into the trap, and the incident was then promptly used by Leyds to stir up through the German papers the most violent animosity against England.

SHELL DODGING.

According to a British sergeant-major of artillery, quoted in Pearson's Weekly, "shell dodging" on the battlefield is quite an art. In all his long experiences, and he took a somewhat prominent part in the Khartoum battle of last summer, he said he had only seen three or four shells actually in the air, and they came from the gun he himself fired.

He explained that there are a few guns with a somewhat slow muzzle velocity, and the men firing these can sometimes catch a glimpse of the shells in their flight, but it would be impossible for any man to see a shot coming toward himself.

Dodging shells is done by getting under cover immediately before a gun is actually fired.

"For instance," said the sergeant-major, "if I were climbing a hill at the top of which a gun was directed against me I could tell exactly when a shell was likely to come bounding along. Before the order is given to fire the men in charge of the piece 'stand clear,' and that is a warning note, so to speak. Keep your weather eye on the gun directly against you and when the gunners stand clear you dodge the shot.

"I've dodged many a shell," said the sergeant, and I'd forfeit a month's pay

to be dodging 'em in Africa now. If I'd known this business was likely to come off I shouldn't have left my company, who are at the front now, lucky dogs.—New York Herald.

BRITISH CONFIDENCE.

Just how self-possessed and confident the British people continue to be through all this trying period of war in South Africa, may be gathered by a careful reading of those London newspapers that are now trying to coin money out of the natural anxieties of the people whose relatives are at the front. The idea of losing has never entered the British mind. It is something that is not worth thinking about. The foolish foreign critics may talk of that side of the question if it entertains them, but it is not to be even thought of in London. The London newspapers are discussing, rather, what disposition will be made of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal; when they are subdued, what rights the Boers will be granted, the construction of the Parliamentary machinery, local and federal, if the lines of the systems in Canada and Australia are to be followed, and what degree of severity is to be used to those Cape Dutch, who, after fair treatment rebelled and joined with the Boers.

Another illustration of this same spirit is given in the despatch stating that in the Commons a member enquired of the Government what protection it was proposed to afford the British prisoners in Pretoria when that city was bombarded. To this, Mr. George Wyndham, the Parliamentary Secretary for War, replied that this would be left to the discretion of Lord Roberts. It may take time to reach Pretoria, but it will be reached; it may take time to reduce the fortress there, but it will be reduced.

FEELING IN ENGLAND.

"In London," says Mr. Grier of Montreal, just returned from the Old Country, "the heavy losses in South Africa have had a tendency to cast a gloom over the people, and it is not surprising as it is difficult to meet with those who have not a relative at the front, or who are not in mourning for those who have already lost their lives fighting for the Queen and Empire. There is a good deal of criticism heard, and you hear it in the most varied and contradictory form, yet there is one thing upon which all agree, and that is the idea of strengthening the hands of the Government and carrying on the war to a satisfactory ending, let it cost what it may.

"In fact," he said, "you cannot meet an Englishman who will cry quits while we have a man in the field, and in spite of what the Irish members say in the House of Commons, I believe in their secret hearts they are thorough-

ly in sympathy with the men in the field."

NEW PROBLEM IN WARFARE.

The London "Daily Mail" has received a letter from Julian Ralph, who is at Modder River. He tells in clear language of the new problem of warfare which the English are now forced to solve. He says:—"British defeats at the hands of the Boers are due to the fact that the method of modern warfare have been brought to a pause by the demonstrated power of the weapons of to-day. The essential qualities of the army of twenty years ago are no longer the supreme necessities for success. The man behind the gun stands more supreme than ever. Dig a trench and line it with good shots, supported by modern artillery and no enemy can advance in the face of them. They may be outflanked or starved, but while their ammunition holds out none can oust them. They can fill the whole place over a radius of at least 4,000 yards with such a withering blast of shrapnel and rifle bullets that no troops can stand in the open before it."

MORE TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

The War Office is making preparations to continue the stream of troops for South Africa. Four large steamers have been chartered. Japan agrees to let the Armstrongs transfer to England four naval quick-firers that were built for her, consenting to wait for the execution of her own order until the hostilities in South Africa are over. Several European powers, by similar consent as to the guns being constructed by Vicker, Sons & Maxim, enable England to secure 100 Maxims. Two thousand men are constantly employed at Woolwich arsenal; and all the gun and ammunition factories are working night and day to execute Government orders. The weekly output of four firms is four million rounds. Outside of the requirements for South Africa, Great Britain is accumulating immense stores of war material. Considerable divergence of opinion exists as to the adequacy of the Government's military proposals even now.

A GLIMPSE OF THE BETTER SIDE.

Father Grimes, a member of the Anglican Society of Mission Preachers of St. John the Evangelist (England), who has lately returned from Africa, gives some incidents which relieve a little the horrors of the present war in the land:—

"When the British troops had stormed the heights near Elandslaagte, and found 200 of the enemy at their mercy

one of the first things which they did was to bid them sit down and share the common meal. One burgher was heard saying to his comrade (both prisoners of war) 'Now at last we shall get a good night's rest.' The wounded Boer General receives the offer to return to his own country and people if he pleases, but he elects to be nursed and cared for by his enemies. A telegram was received in the House of Commons: 'The wounded Boers are receiving the same treatment in hospital as the English.' It was received with cheers. These incidents are not the outcome of individual hatred. In John Keble's Litany in Time of War there is a petition for 'mercy in victory' which the Archbishop of Capetown in his wisdom has inserted in his diocesan prayer."

COULDN'T RAISE A LOAN.

The report that Dr. W. J. Leyds, the Transvaal's Minister at Brussels, had for his object in coming to Berlin the raising of a loan to carry on the war, received confirmation in a responsible quarter. The loan desired was a big one, and, although Dr. Leyds held long conferences with the directors of two of the leading banks, he was unsuccessful. It is also learned that the probable reason why Dr. Leyds' projected visit to St. Petersburg was abandoned likewise was financial. He had asked M. de Witte, Russian Minister of Finance, to grant the same loan which he endeavored to place in Berlin, but the Russian decline to do so.

VISITED BOER CAMP.

An Australian newspaper correspondent, Mr. Reay, paid an interesting visit to the Boer camp on Sunday, to make enquiries as to the fate of his missing colleague, Mr. Hales, of The London Daily News, who was captured by the Boers on Feb. 7, at the time Mr. Lamie of The Melbourne Age was killed. Mr. Reay arrived at the camp, blindfolded, just as church service was commencing. He sat blindfolded throughout the service. When he was taken before commandant Delarey his eyes were unbandaged. Delarey was most courteous to the correspondent. He said he deeply regretted that a non-combatant had been killed, and expressed his sympathy with Mr. Lamie's widow. Mr. Reay was then escorted to Mr. Lamie's grave, and the latter's watch and other personal effects were handed over to Mr. Reay. The escort informed Mr. Reay that the two republics had 120,000 men fighting, and were able to continue the war indefinitely.

The Montreal Gazette remarks that the proposal to offer 10,000 mounted men for service in South Africa is being endorsed in some places. The promoters' hearts are in the right place, but they lack a little in judgment. In matters of this kind it is not well to offer what we might not be able to deliver. To provide 10,000 mounted efficients out of Canada's available resources would be a big order.

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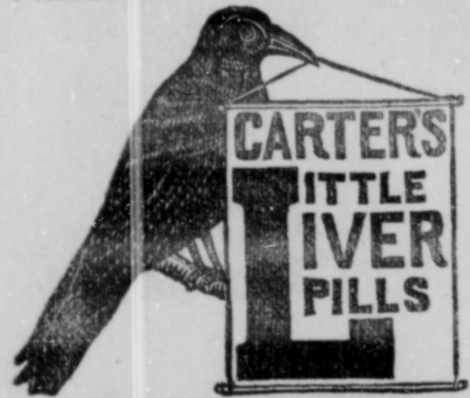
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