



THE BATH ROOM IN A MILITARY CAMP.—[Boston Globe.]

# WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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

THE SECOND P. E. I. CONTIN- GENT.

GEO. MCKENZIE.

Once more the stirring voice of war  
Peals out as loud and shrill,  
As Highland pibroch sounding far  
O'er Scottish dale and hill.

More men from Canada's fair shore,  
Whom none can bravery teach,  
Must cross the pathless ocean o'er  
To fill the bloody breach.

Fill up the broken ranks again!  
Fill them with men of steel!  
More Island boys must cross the  
main,  
More hearts, fierce anguish feel.

What matter? are we not a part  
Of Britain's mighty realm?  
The loyalty that fills each heart  
Can any love o'erwhelm?

We are no petty colony  
Ruled by a tyrants rod;  
No servile whimpering slaves are  
we,  
Who live on British sod.

Go forth, then, noble volunteers,  
"Quick march across the plain,  
To aid your brother Islanders,  
Avenge the loved ones slain.

Our prayers ascend to God, that He  
Ye safely home may guide,  
Flushed with most glorious victory,  
And honor by thy side.

## A TRAP FOR THE BRITISH

BOERS USED THE HELIOGRAPH, BUT THE TRICK WAS DISCOVERED.

The storming of Alexander's kop by the Welsh was a particularly fine piece of work. The mobility of the Boers in moving their guns was very remarkable. The new South Wales Mounted Infantry made a gallant and successful attempt to capture a gun. According to the latest reports, another engagement is not improbable.

The Morning Post's correspondent at Driefontein, telegraphing recently, says:—The enemy attempted with heliograph to lure us to occupy a kopje which they held, but detecting the deception, we returned.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Aasvogel kop dated Sunday, March 17, says:—

"The white flag treachery was personally witnessed at Driefontein by Lord Roberts, who was looking through a telescope when the Welsh were charging, and saw the Boers hold up their hands, show the flag and drop their guns. He saw an English officer advance to receive the surrender, whereupon a Boer volley was fired and the officer fell."

Gen. Broadwood, with dogged perseverance, moved altogether six miles southward, trying to find a means to get round, but the Boers followed behind rising ground, and even attempted to outflank him.

Meanwhile, the sixth division of infantry, advancing on the Boer left, slowly forced the enemy to retire.

Had the infantry been able to move faster the Boers would have been enveloped.

The last shot was fired at 7.30 p. m. This morning not a Boer was to be seen. The prisoners belonged to President Kruger's own commando.

## THE HERO OF MAFEKING.

There is probably no man more popular in England to-day than Baden-Powell, the defender of Mafeking. By his friends, whose name is legion, he is usually called "B. P." The man in the street, though he has now learned to call a kopje a koppi and knows that Mafeking is pronounced Mafyking, is still at fault when he speaks of his favorite hero. One generally hears the Baden pronounced as though it were the famous German watering-place, and often the 'w' in Powell is overlooked. His school nickname at Charterhouse, "Bathing towel," gives the vowels their proper sounds.

Baden-Powell is so versatile that he seems to charm all with whom he comes in contact. He was famous as an actor long before he was a soldier. When in India, whispers that he was going to act in the "Area Belle," or one of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, travelled with amazing rapidity from station to station, and every performance in which he took part was attended by all the Europeans for miles around.

A few months after the siege of Kandahar he arranged for a performance of "Patience," in that barbarous city, making himself responsible for the entire management. The dresses were excellent, the stage and scenery were good, and the opera was received with intense enthusiasm; and there was not a single European woman there; all the dresses and costumes were the work of Baden-Powell, who himself appeared in the character of Ruth.

"As a lecturer on military subjects," a correspondent writes in the Pall Mall Gazette, "Baden-Powell is very nearly as popular as he is an actor. The following story attests his hold over the men as an instructor. He was delivering a course of lectures somewhere in Ireland, and the room had always been crowded with soldiers, noticeable among whom was a very smart, intelligent young sergeant. Toward the close of the series Baden-Powell was astonished one day to find this sergeant

brought before him charged with drunkenness. 'Whatever made you get drunk?' he asked. 'Well sir, I got to your lecture last night,' said the sergeant, 'and the room was full, and I couldn't get in, so of course I had to get drunk.' There was no artfulness in the excuse; the man had never been known to get drunk in his life.

"Mention of scouting touches the most picturesque side of Baden-Powell's character. There is nothing he loves more than ranging over the world discovering the weak spots in the armor of our enemies. If the story of Baden-Powell as a scout ever comes to be written in detail, it will astonish the world. Here, for obvious reasons, it is impossible to do more than suggest, and no mention can be made of nations and places. The following story will explain what we mean. At the manoeuvres of one of the great armies while the accredited representatives of the British army were watching everything by the side of the officer commanding, Baden-Powell, perfectly disguised, was moving about at the back of the army, seeing things that were not intended for foreign eyes. It was entirely on his own initiative that he went, but the report he sent to the Horse Guards of those manoeuvres—and there were useful details about other things, such as forts—is said by a very high authority to be one of the most perfect things in its way that ever reached the War Office. He is forever wandering over the globe, oftentimes quite alone, storing up in his mind knowledge of the most advanced European nations and the most backward of African tribes. In 1885 he made a reconnaissance, unaccompanied, of 600 miles of Natal frontier in twenty days. He was the intelligence officer in the Zulu operations of 1887, and was mentioned in despatches. A year later he was acting as secretary to the British Commission to Swaziland. He probably knows more about Ashanti than any other European; and there is very little about Continental armies that Baden-Powell does not know. Wherever he goes his mind is at work, and it is almost as difficult for him to look at a man and not know all about him as it was for Sherlock Holmes, whom, by the way, he greatly admires.

## KRUGER A BACK NUMBER.

HE IS SINCERE, SAYS PRINCIPAL GRANT, BUT LIVES IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

Principal Grant, of Queen's University, has devoted a good deal of study and thought to the South African question, the successive phases of the war situation and the temper of the people of the Transvaal, and is of the opinion that it is anything but likely, the remotest possibility, in fact, that the present war is nearing its completion, but holds on the other hand that the most difficult part of Britain's undertaking is yet to come. While he has no doubt as to the final result which must come Britain's way, he believes that the stubborn will of the Transvaal Boer is unbroken and that

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