

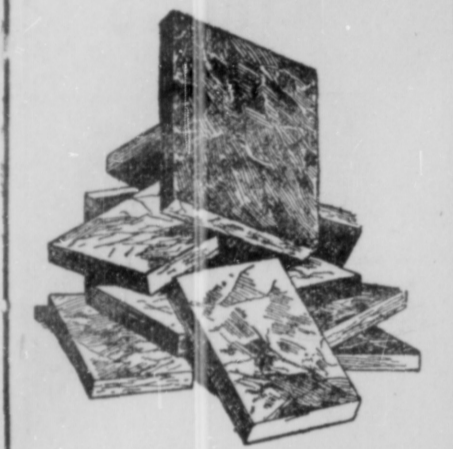
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WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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

A BISHOP'S ARGUMENT.

Bishop Hartzell, who has been in charge of Methodist mission work in South Africa for four years, is spending a fortnight in London before sailing for America to attend the mission and general conference at New York and Chicago. He has been studying race and political questions during a series of journeys to Dutch, English and Portuguese possessions and has met Sir Alfred Milner, Presidents Kruger and Steyn, Leyds, Jameson and other conspicuous men in South Africa. He has had exceptional facilities for forming a correct judgment of the moral questions involved in the struggle now in progress, and as an American bishop he is without prejudice or partisanship. He talks about the war in the most temperate way, gives the Dutch leaders and people credit for many excellent traits and virtues, but does not hesitate to express the deliberate conviction that the English cause is just and commands his sympathies. Bishop Hartzell bases his opinion that England is in the right on three grounds:

First—There is a broad argument from the interests of general civilization. England with her ideas of civil liberty, honest administration and a common justice stands against Dutch countries with their inferior progress, their retrograde ideas and their stagnant conservatism.

Secondly—There is the overshadowing importance of the native problem. He describes the increase of the black races in Africa as something almost incredible. What he considers the overwhelming problem of the whole is the development of the black races under the tutorage of white men. He believes that under English rule black men will have a better chance of improvement and progress than under Dutch rule. He asserts that the Boers do not measure with the English in their relations with negro races. Kruger's doppers have never conducted any missionary work among the natives and the Boers hardly admit that the negro has a soul.

The great Dutch trek northward in 1833 was made because the English had abolished slavery in Cape Colony and put the negro in a position for testifying as a witness in court. The Boers have relaxed their harsh methods in dealing with the blacks, but are not as well prepared as the English to take up the problem of the development of an interior race.

The third ground upon which the bishop had hoped for English success in this war, is the welfare of the Boers themselves. Pious, robust and patriotic as they are, they are also narrow superstitious and ignorant. Shut in upon their own resources they have fallen behind their own people in Holland, and the best thing that can happen is for them to be overwhelmed by superior numbers of British and be brought under the broadening influence of education and English ideas of liberty. The bishop draws the striking parallel between the American civil war and the Dutch struggle against England. There were in 1861, he says, twelve millions in the south who honestly believed they were right, yet were fighting on the wrong side to break up the American union and to preserve slavery. The defeat of the south by superior numbers was necessary in order to save the union and to effect a deliverance from the evils of slavery, and military disaster when it came was the best thing for the southern people themselves, because it rescued them from the blighting influence of their own ideas respecting slavery and its relation to civilization. As the south now rejoices over the perpetuation of the union and the abolition of slavery, so the Boers also will live to thank God in the end for

having failed to break up British rule in South Africa. The triumph of British arms will be the best for the world, the best for England, and the best for the Boer. There is now a struggle of Briton against Boer, but when it is over Boer and Briton will stand together with schools and liberty everywhere in South Africa, and with a better chance for enlightened treatment of the blacks. For these reasons Bishop Hartzell considers that England is in the war with the Boers and that her triumph will be a distinct gain for civilization.

CANADIANS AT PAARDEBERG.

The correspondent of the Times sends that paper a graphic account by mail of the battle at Paardeberg, which result in the defeat of the Boer army under Gen Cronje and brought about the ultimate surrender of the Free State commander.

The correspondent tells how the insistence of the Canadians broke down the reluctance of Lord Roberts to order the attack, and pays a glowing tribute to the pluck, discipline and courage of the Canadian troops. The letter is dated from Paardeberg March 3. Brigadier-General Macdonald, the correspondent says, sent from his bed a note to Lord Roberts reminding him that Tuesday was the anniversary of the Majuba Hill disaster to Sir Henry Colville. He also submitted a suggestion for an attack.

Lord Roberts demurred. It seemed likely to cost too heavily. But the insistence of Canada broke down the reluctance.

Under the fire the courage and discipline of the Canadian was amply proved. Flinging themselves on the ground, they kept up an incessant fire on trenches, guided only by the flash of the enemy's rifles.

The Boers admit they quickly reduced them to the necessity of hitting their rifles over their heads to the edge of the earthwork, pulling their triggers at random.

Behind this line the engineers, careless of danger, dug a trench from the inner edge of the bank to the crest, and then for sixty yards out through the scrub. The Canadians retired three yards to this protection, and waited for dawn, confident in the new position which they had entered. They were protected by the angle of the Boer position, which commanded alike the rifle pits on the banks and the trefoil-shaped embrasures on the north.

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Not a shot was fired. Col. Otter and Major Kincard held a hasty consultation, which was disturbed by the sight of Colville, general of the Ninth division, quietly riding down within 500 yards of the northern Boer trenches to bring news of the surrender of the Boers there.

The three Canadian companies were foremost in the fight, of which the company under Major Pelletier suffered the most.

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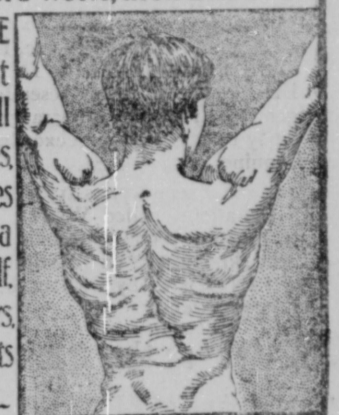
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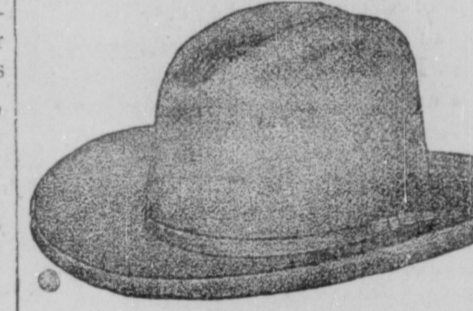
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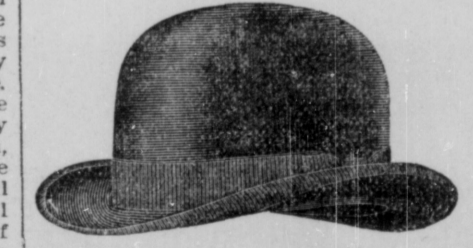
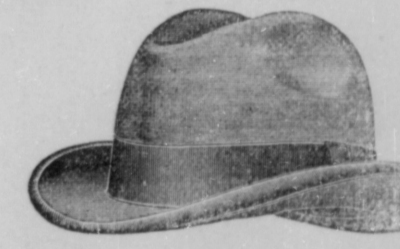
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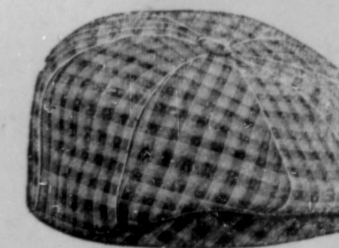
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