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THE UNITED STATES POINT OF VIEW

The Philadelphia Record says: "The onlooker's natural inclination to sympathise with the weaker power where the disparity in strength is so great as that between the Transvaal and British Empire must be materially affected in the present instance by other considerations. One cannot be just and remain blind to the facts. The remonstrance of Great Britain in the interest of the disfranchised and degraded Uitlanders had ample warrant. The restrictions gradually placed in the way of immigrants to the Transvaal who wished to acquire citizenship, until naturalization became practically impossible, were in direct violation of the spirit of the London conventions of 1881 and 1884. The promises then made by Kruger to the effect that all white men coming into the country would be treated on a basis of equality with the old burghers have not been kept. Suppose that a native Government hereafter to be established in Cuba should treat American residents as the British in the Transvaal have been treated by the Krugerites, suppose that as the result of immigration the population of Cuba in ten or fifteen years should consist relatively of twenty Americans to every six native Cubans; suppose, furthermore, that the newcomers by developing its natural resources should have converted the now bankrupt island into a country fabulously wealthy in proportion to the number of its inhabitants. Does anybody believe that complaints from our countrymen that they were deprived of even the slighest participation in the government of a land which they had enriched by their energy, that the right of meeting and petition was denied them, that the cities in which they lived were commanded by the guns of the ruling east, that justice could not be obtained in the local courts, and that they were taxed to death by a corrupt and domineering oligarchy—does anybody believe thatsuch an appeal would go unheeded by thepeople and Government of the United States? The Council of Twenty at Pretoria is not the representative of a Republic fighting for its liberties, but of an oligarchy desperately struggling to retain its plunder and privileges."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Britain's "far-flung battle line" is in a warm place, but as yet it has no enemy that can stand against it.

—The capture of Elandslaagte is described by a correspondent "as a brilliant feat of arms." The Boers were strongly entrenched and fought with their wonted bravery. They seized every opportunity of coming into action, and ran to serve their guns whenever they could get a chance. The British wounded are now being taken to Ladysmith. Every attention is also being given to the Boer wounded, who are being despatched down the country.

—A Montreal despatch to the Halifax Herald says: "The resignation of Bourassa appears like a put up job by the government. The impression here is that the scheme is to get one or two French liberals to resign and then dissolve parliament and appeal to the country, the government posing as extremely loyal in the English section of the Dominion and government candidates posing as very un British in certain sections. Bourassa is the intimate friend of Laurier, and has been slated for cabinet rank."

—The "salting" process is thus described by a contemporary: "An area of mountain land is secured on which holes are dug and filled with ore which is of high grade. Samples are then taken to the larger cities, and the company invites personal investigation. If the investors send a representative to examine the field, he is shown the places where the ore has been thrown into the excavations. Sometimes a little mining machinery is erected and other excavations made to give the idea that mining operations are in progress, and that the samples were taken out in the course of the work. So cleverly is this done that many a property, worthless except for the ore which has been brought and put into it, has been sold for £25,000 or £50,000 when it is really worth less than £100.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Mail and Empire: Recent events have shown that Canada's affairs are controlled by a man whose loyalty is questionable, whose political principles are known to be nil, and who knows little or nothing of political morality.

Summerside Journal: To the general public, it does not seem right that Hon. Premier Farquharson, even though Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. A. Peters, should have been allowed to interrupt or interfere with witnesses giving evidence, for such a course robbed the investigation of that independence, impartiality and thoroughness which should characterize it. Looking at the evidence given, one is forced to the conclusion that there have been grave irregularites in the management of that institution, by which the unfortunate inmates were the sufferers, that it is high time for certain changes and improvements, and that for whatever abuses have been brought to light, the government must be held responsible.

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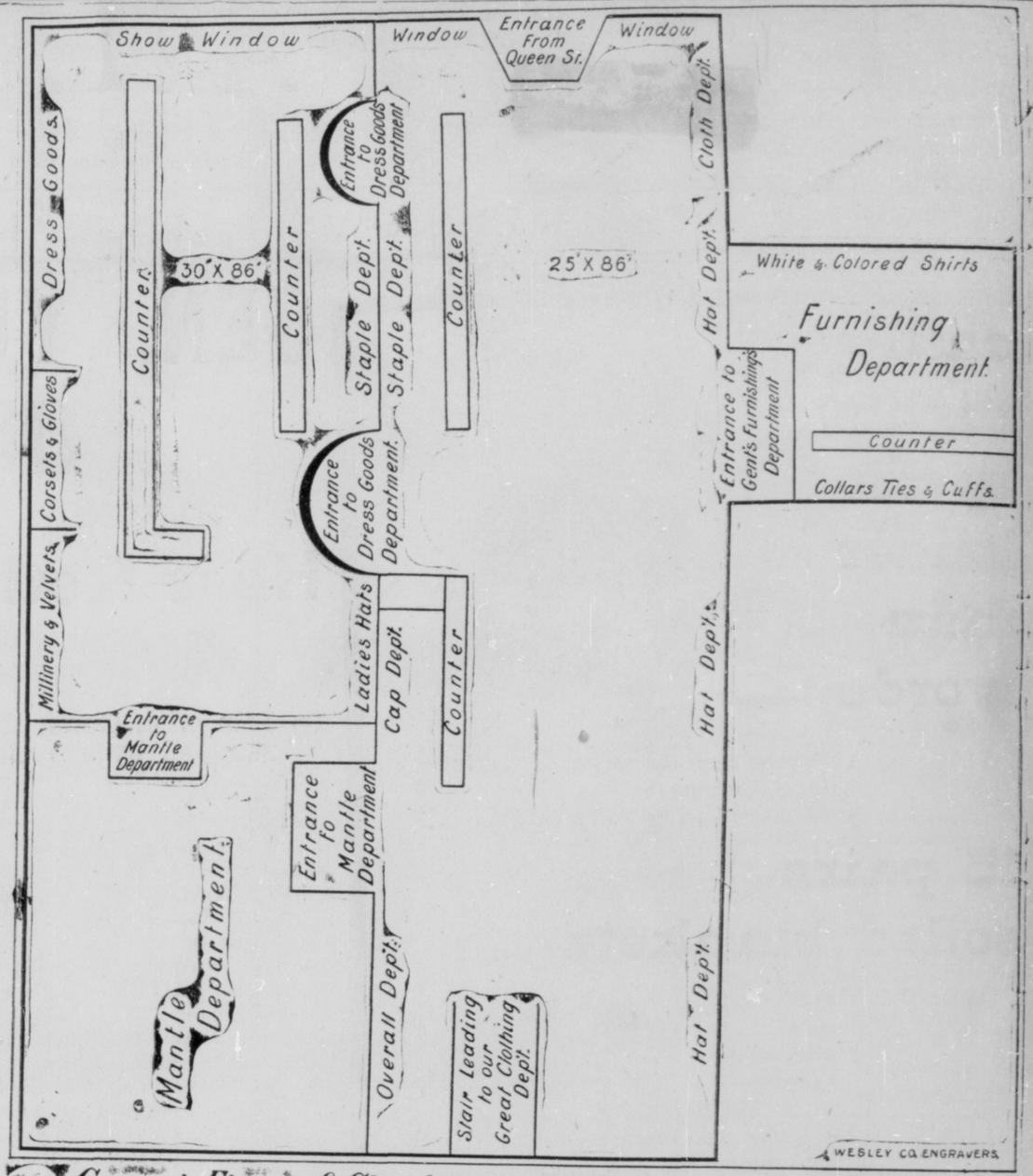

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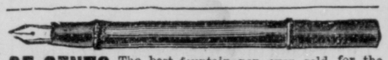

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