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THE DAILY EXAMINER
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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Preparations are being made at Windsor Castle for the visit of Emperor William of Germany, who is due to arrive there November 29. His Majesty will occupy the same state apartments as he did in 1891. He will bring a considerable suite with him.

—The London Daily Mail, referring to an offer made through Mr. Hiram Maxim, from 200 American gentlemen, who propose to give £250 each and to provide their own horses and equipment, tendering their services to the British in South Africa says: "Of course, this offer cannot be accepted, but it is not the less gratifying as a proof of the good will of our American cousins."

—The Toronto Weekly Sun thinks the retirement of Mr. Hardy foreshadows the end for the present of the Government now ruling in Ontario. "Too long a tenure of power and of the exercise of patronage is sure to lead to corruption, as, in the present case, the election frauds show too clearly that it has done. A change, in short, has in itself become desirable; and a change there will probably be."

—It is pointed out by one of our exchanges that Ireland contributes more soldiers to the British army in proportion to its population than any other part of the United Kingdom. At the end of 1897 the population of Ireland was 4,561,723 and the number of Irish soldiers in the army was 26,374. England and Wales had 31,055,355 inhabitants and contributed 158,166 soldiers to the army. Scotland with 4,218,279 inhabitants furnished only 16,475 soldiers.

—Despite all predictions to the contrary the Trans-Siberian Railroad is already a huge and phenomenal commercial and financial success. True, it is not yet completed. In fact, two years or more may be necessary before it will be possible to travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific across the continents of Europe and Asia without changing cars. But the traffic on that portion of the line already open is so altogether out of proportion even to the most sanguine estimates as to show that, in spite of the colossal sums invested in the enterprise, it will prove a paying undertaking almost from the very outset. This is a fact which is worthy of particular notice.

—According to the Regina correspondent of the Free Press, the Northwest Territories will soon enter confederation as a province of Canada. It is highly probable, the correspondent says, that within about three months, Premier Haultain will convene the assembly, formulate a condition of provisional autonomy and appeal to his constituents for a mandate. It is stated that the amount of money voted by the Dominion government for expenses of territorial government is wholly inadequate, owing to the recent influx of population, which has enormously increased the expenditure of public works and education, and Premier Haultain says there is nothing left but to enter confederation.

—The Montreal Witness favors the offering of a second Canadian contingent to South Africa, and says:—"Canada ought this time to send troops fitted for immediate action, who are trained and disciplined soldiers. We have fifteen hundred regulars, three-quarters of whom—the artillery, cavalry and mounted police—are capable of splendid service in South Africa immediately on arrival. These men thought they ought to have had the first chance, but they were set aside in favor of a contingent representative of the patriotism of all the provinces. But now that a representative contingent has been sent out, let Canada send at once the men who will be of the most immediate service. We hope the government will make the offer, if it has not already been made, as it will make a splendid impression following closely the reverse."

CAUSES OF THE WAR.
Lord Lansdowne's Speech at the Cutlers Feast at Sheffield.

LONDON, Nov 2.—The Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War, was the chief speaker at the Cutlers' feast in Sheffield this evening.

Replying to the toast to Her Majesty's Ministers, he went over the usual ground in explaining the cause of the war, and defended the government against the charge that the military preparations were not abreast of the negotiations. He said: "The diplomatic messages went by wire; the reinforcements by ship. Moreover, in order to keep abreast, the army and navy would have had to commit most provocative and threatening acts. The Boer ultimatum allowed British mobilization, and if Great Britain had mobilized earlier the ultimatum would have been earlier."

Lord Lansdowne explained the promptness of the mobilization which had enabled five cavalry regiments, ten batteries and thirty battalions to get far away on the sea. During the earlier operations the enemy, he said, had great superiority of numbers and the advantage of a choice of ground. This phase of the situation, he hoped, was approaching its conclusion; for in less than a week the first instalment of Sir Redvers Buller's force would arrive at Cape Town, to be followed at a steady rate by the remainder.

"I do not think," continued Lord Lansdowne, "that there need be any anxiety regarding the results. There has been nothing in history to compare with the patriotism of our colonials, who will take no denial. Their attitude will impress upon the civilized world two great truths: First, that Great Britain is not an empty phrase and, secondly, that such a large measure of voluntary support would not have been accorded unless we were fighting in a just cause."

In conclusion, Lord Lansdowne expressed, on behalf of the government, "profound admiration for the heroism of our troops, who have rehabilitated the reputation of the British soldiery in South Africa—a great gain, which, to my mind, outweighs the heavy losses we have sustained, and outweighs even the sad disaster, which we were fighting in a just cause."

Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, in reply to the toast, "The Imperial Forces," praised the transport arrangements. Referring to the surrender of the Irish Fusiliers and the Gloucestershire regiment of their ammunition was expended, he said it was honorable surrender. He expressed the opinion that the government was not sending men enough to South Africa, in view of the probability that the Cape Dutch will join the Boers. Discussing the general question of military armament, he observed that there were only two really patriotic nations in the world, the British and the Americans, because they alone had volunteer armies.

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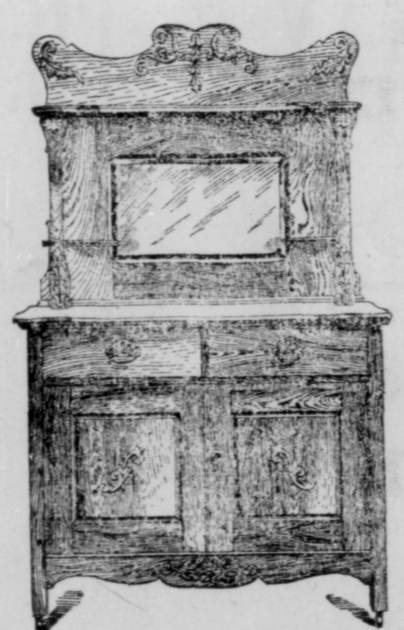
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