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# WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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

GREAT BRITAIN DEFENDED.  
 A CLERGYMAN ON THE CAUSES OF THE WAR.

Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, ex-President of the Wesleyan Conference of England, and editor of The Methodist Times, the leading organ of the Wesleyans in Great Britain, has published the following article in his Journal as a direct reply to arguments advanced by Mr. W. T. Stead in behalf of the Boers:—

We have stated more than once that we believe the Transvaal military oligarchy, falsely called a "republic," and its Dutch allies in every part of South Africa have long been engaged in a "conspiracy" to destroy the British Empire south of the Zambesi. Mr. Stead, in his weekly publication in favor of the Boers, and in a personal letter to our editor, has asked us to give reasons for our belief in a long-existing "conspiracy." We have no expectation of influencing Mr. Stead's opinions in his present state of mind, for on this question, as on the question of the Papacy, he has reached a state of mind that is not affected either by facts or arguments. Nevertheless, as he and others insist upon it, we reluctantly enumerate the principal reasons for our opinion.

**KRUGER AN IMPLACABLE FOE.**

In the first place President Kruger, from the first time we heard of him, has always declared in plain speech and yet plainer conduct that he hates us in the same irrational and irreconcilable way that his eager advocate, Mr. Michael Davitt, hates us. He has always been the ringleader of the extreme party, which has done its utmost to insult Englishmen and to embitter the Dutch against us. Even when Mr. Gladstone, with unparalleled magnanimity, made the retrocession of the Transvaal, instead of gratefully appreciating the act, President Kruger put the worst construction on Mr. Gladstone's motives, and began at once to try by every means in his power to neutralize and ignore the conditions on which the retrocession was made.

So far did President Kruger proceed in his dishonorable and implacable course that within twelve months of the retrocession Mr. Gladstone himself had to threaten President Kruger with war for his deliberate attempt to break the convention.

As soon as possible President Kruger agitated for a new convention with adroitly manipulated verbal changes which he has incessantly interpreted to mean that the supremacy of the British Empire no longer exists. Can Mr. Stead mention one single occasion on which President Kruger has acted in a friendly way, or has not tried to make our mutual relations as disagreeable as possible? The surrender of the prisoners after the raid was not due to any friendly disposition, and we cannot recall any other public action of his which has even the superficial appearance of friendliness.

A cruelly unjust use has been made of the raid to misrepresent the conduct of England. We and the immense majority of the serious people of this country, totally condemned the raid, but we are not so unrighteous as to forget that the raid itself was not a cause, but a result of years of oppression and insult. We said then that the wrongs of the British Outlanders were so great that they would have been fully justified in throwing off the intolerable yoke of the Boers, if they had power to do so, but that it was totally wrong for Dr. Jameson to interfere from the outside. Unless we are mistaken, Mr. Stead then said the same thing. If not, he ought to be ashamed of himself. Has it come to this, that Englishmen, the representatives of an Imperial Race, with noble memories of freedom and justice, ought to submit to political injustice, commercial dishonesty and personal insult from Boers?

**THE ABSOLUTE JUSTICE OF OUR CASE.**

What an incredible infatuation has taken possession of some of our fellow-countrymen! What have we demanded from President Kruger? Simply this, that he should treat us as the Orange Free State has treated us and we invariably treat the Dutch in Natal and

the Cape. If President Kruger had been willing to treat us we invariably treat the Dutch in South Africa there would not have been, there could not have been, a war. We indignantly deny that the raid justified President Kruger in treating us as a nation of liars and rascals who desired to destroy his political and human rights. The nation repudiated Jameson, and offered to guarantee the Transvaal against invasion. We have submitted with measureless patience to what no other great power would tolerate for a single month.

And here let us deal with a criticism of which The Star and The Morning Leader have made so much. We quoted General Joubert's confession that the Boers have done their utmost to deceive us with respect to their gigantic military preparations. Our contemporaries point out that General Joubert was referring only to what the Boers have done since the raid. Certainly the words we quoted did refer only to what has happened since the raid. But what of that? The raid was not the first event in South African history. It was itself provoked by the unbearable tyranny of the Boer oligarchy.

**DUST IN THE EYES OF EUROPE.**

In ecclesiastical history we insist upon going back to the first century. And if we be just and honest, we must begin not at the date of the raid, but many years before the raid. The raid altered nothing, except that it gave President Kruger an opportunity to throw dust in the eyes of Europe, and to prepare faster than ever for the day when the military attack on our empire should begin. He had spent a million and a quarter on the military conspiracy before Dr. Jameson committed his unpardonable offence. The only practical effect of the raid was to give President Kruger an opportunity of doing, more or less openly and on a gigantic scale, what he had been doing, more or less secretly and on a small scale before Jameson was heard of.

Do you say, "Who told you that?" We answer: Christian missionaries and laymen in South Africa who love war no more than Mr. Stead and his allies, but who know much more about South Africa than those who are now voluble and vociferous in denouncing their own country. Even Prof. Bryce, the most important of Mr. Stead's allies, only made a hasty pleasure trip through South Africa. The witnesses on whom we rely are not millionaires or tourists or political partisans, but God-fearing missionaries and laymen of our own church who have lived for years in South Africa. Let us say here that the constant jeering references to "millionaires" are very foolish, first of all because the millionaires on the English side entered into the agitation most reluctantly at the last moment; and, secondly, because the French and German millionaires are on the side of President Kruger, having made fabulous fortunes through his political corruptions.

**THE EVILS OF BOER RULE.**

Has Mr. Stead, the accuser of his British brethren, never heard of this

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dynamite monopoly, and of the Railway Company, and of all the political jobbery in favor of the anti-English representatives of "international finance?" And as he never heard that one fearlessly honest judge has been dismissed, and the sacred independence of the courts of justice destroyed, in order that President Kruger, with his Dutch, French German fellow millionaires, may trample on the despised and helpless English? We have submitted with much patience and humility to the ceaseless clamor of men who anogate to themselves a monopoly of virtue. But even a poor, patriotic worm will turn at least, and we must say that we are staggered that men calling themselves Liberals should champion a cruel and corrupt military oligarchy, which has systematically violated every principle of freedom, justice and honesty which the Liberal parties exist to promote.

To suppose that the gigantic armaments now disclosed have been imported since the raid is to reveal an amount of credulity which is capable of believing anything. For many years Dr. Leyds has been employed to disseminate groundless falsehoods throughout Europe, poisoning the minds of the peoples against us. No effort has been spared that could sow the bitter seed of that hateful thing—race antipathy—throughout every part of South Africa. It is demonstrated that this deadly work was being steadily promoted all the time we, in our generous kindness, were dreaming of better things. The sudden interference of the Orange Free State, to which we have never done any wrong, the ungrateful disloyalty of the Dutch in the Cape, the prompt annexation of British territory, the skilful co-operation of German strategists and artillerymen, the complete readiness in every detail, shows the results of many years of careful and costly preparation for an attack on the empire.

**THE REAL AUTHORS OF THE WAR.**

To say, under these circumstances, that there had been no long and deeply-laid conspiracy is to repudiate all the rules of logic and of common sense. If Mr. Joseph Chamberlain had never been born, if the British Empire had never been cursed with Mr. Jameson, the main issue would have been the same, and the present crisis would have come about in some other way. The Boer police of a military oligarchy, founded upon slavery and repudiating the equality of all civilized men, would inevitably have come into collision with the British policy of protecting native races, of treating all Europeans alike. We say once more, if President Kruger had been willing to treat the natives with humanity, and to treat us as we treat the Dutch, not a drop of human blood would have been shed. He and his friends are responsible for this war. If he had been willing to accept the elementary principles of Christian civilization all the jingoes in the world would have been unable to break the peace.

**WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR.**

No unprejudiced and God-fearing Englishman should allow himself in this sad, dark hour to be tortured for one moment by the thought that we are in the wrong. We are fighting for justice, for human rights, for freedom, for the protection of the natives of South Africa and for the suppression of race hatred. None will gain more from our success than the Dutch themselves. They had been deceived by a handful of unworthy leaders. Under the British they will enjoy such freedom and prosperity as they have never enjoyed during the miserable years in which President Kruger and his friends have been trying to involve us in a European war, and to destroy the beneficent rule of the Queen in South Africa.

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