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War in The Transvaal

Particulars of the Struggle in South Africa.

British Spirit.

On all sides proofs accumulate that the warlike spirit of the nation rises high under the stimulus of adversity. The recent measures of the Government have given the British people an admirable opportunity for showing the stuff their patriotism is made of, and everywhere they are hastening to seize it. The City of London, as befits its traditions and its ancient fame, sets an example of munificent patriotism to the rest of the kingdom. At a special meeting of the Court of Common Council at the Guildhall, the scene of so many patriotic efforts and so many Imperial triumphs in the past, the Corporation unanimously voted £25,000 out of the City cash in order to raise a corps of a thousand men for service at the seat of war. The military authorities had, of course, been previously sounded by the Lord Mayor as to their readiness to accept such an offer from the City. Naturally they expressed their gratification at so signal a token of the national temper. The historic position of the City and the readiness with which it has always come forward in emergencies to support the reputation and the interests of the country entitle it to the honor which, as the Lord Mayor said in his practical and businesslike address to the Council, it has received—the great honor of being chosen as the pioneer of this Imperial movement. The details of this splendid proposal will be found in the Lord Mayor's formal offer to the Commander-in-Chief and in the circular letter addressed by him to the commanding officers of the Metropolitan volunteer corps concerned. The City undertakes to raise the new force, which Lord Wolseley proposes to call by the appropriate name of "the City of London Imperial Volunteers," within twenty-one days with transport and all details complete. The men are to be selected under stringent conditions, not more than forty being allowed to come forward from any one corps, and at least a quarter of the number to consist of mounted infantry in accordance with the wishes of the military authorities. It is satisfactory to see that the military authorities are at last waking up to the importance of this force.

Self Government for the African States.

It must be understood that there is nowhere a people more capable of self-government than the better element of the South African white colonists, nor any more determined to secure the ends of freedom, justice, and equality for all the white races. They would be as intolerant of oppression under one national dominion as under another, and sheer force of numbers and moral power would eventually overthrow any tyranny or any influence obstructive to the best governmental ideals and administration. Mr. Hammond declines to discuss the political aspects of the present situation, but competent authorities agree that the future points to an African federation of self-governing states, Imperially connected, probably, with the British throne, but with the largest measure of freedom. Any attempt at coercion from without would be more quickly and more vigorously resented than even the oppression of a domestic oligarchy. —Charles B. Going, interviewing John Hays Hammond, in the Engineering Magazine for January.

Liquor and the Labor Question in the Transvaal.

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in the enforcement of such law as there is. To this is attributable the deplorable condition as regards the liquor traffic. The statutes are nearly prohibitive, so far as the sale of liquors to natives is concerned, but there is not even a pretence of enforcing them. It is no uncommon sight to see, on a Sunday afternoon, a hundred Kaffirs, miserably intoxicated, with broken heads and eyes nearly knocked out as the result of drunken fights. The liquor is an abominable whiskey of local manufacture, made and supplied often by the very men who preach temperance to the negro.

The peculiarly bad conditions affecting the mining industry are confined to the Transvaal. In the other Dutch republics such flagrant abuses do not exist, and the consequent change in governmental conditions will be correspondingly less. But there will be an indirect benefit at Kimberley from reduced cost of political administration, which will not be without influence. —Charles B. Going, interviewing John Hays Hammond, in the Engineering Magazine for January.

Since Commandant General Joubert's return to the front, the cannonade of Ladysmith by the Boers has been much livelier. Between Dec. 18 and Dec. 29 four shells killed one officer and 13 men and wounded 13 officers and 11 men.

Lord Methuen has ordered a large marble headstone which is to be erected in the burial ground near headquarters. It will be inscribed with the words: "Erected to the memory of the officers and men who fell at Magersfontein." The burial ground has now been fenced in.

All parts of England and Scotland report lively volunteering, a leading feature being the great sums raised by private subscriptions for volunteer equipment. Some of the counties have given sums as high as £30,000. It is computed that the provinces have already raised nearly £600,000, while London is raising £120,000 for the city corps.

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TOO SMART

It was at one of the recent receptions. All society was there, and it was a brilliant occasion. One young man who has a reputation for brightness and repartee began throwing bouquets at one of the fair young ladies. "I heard somebody say you were the most charming debutant of the season," he whispered to her.

"Oh, who was it, Mr. Blank?" she asked expectantly.

"I can't tell now," he replied, "but I will tell you some time."

"Oh, please do!" she pleaded.

He was obdurate, and she was persistent, and soon the other girls were attracted to where the couple stood.

"I think it is real mean of you, Mr. Blank, to arouse my curiosity. And what do you think, girls?" she said, turning to the crowd. "He heard something nice about me and won't tell who said it."

"Yes, I did hear that she was the most charming debutant of the season," spoke up Mr. Blank.

"Who told you, please?" spoke up the girl in a last effort to get the name of her admirer.

"Your mother," answered the young man. And now they never speak as they pass.—Memphis Scimitar.

The Most Ancient Machine Tool.

There can be very little doubt that the potter's wheel, or potter's lathe, as it is also termed, represents today the most ancient form of machine tool known. Among the many sculptured records of the trades and occupations which so vividly represent the customs and habits of the ancient Egyptians the potter and his wheel have been found frequently depicted, and it is curious to note that through the almost countless generations since that time this crude type of lathe has undergone no material modification.

The primitive form was evidently a small, round table set on a pivot and free to revolve, being turned by hand at intervals, and to this device there were added in the course of time such simple conveniences as a table to support it and a foot or a hand power turning arrangement, displaced in recent years in possibly a few isolated cases by actual engine power driving. In general use, however, the potter's wheel of the present time bears all the characteristics of the one which, 4,000 years or more ago, served to turn out pottery attesting unsurpassable taste and skill.—Cassier's Magazine.

Cost of a Loaf of Bread.

The average "pound loaf" of fresh bread sold by bakers, says a college professor, weighed on an average about one pound one ounce. A pound loaf of bread can be made from about three-quarters of a pound of flour, about 25 per cent of water being added to the flour during the process of breadmaking. With some flours 5 to 10 per cent more water can be absorbed, making a greater weight of bread from a given weight of flour. This additional weight is water and not nutrients.

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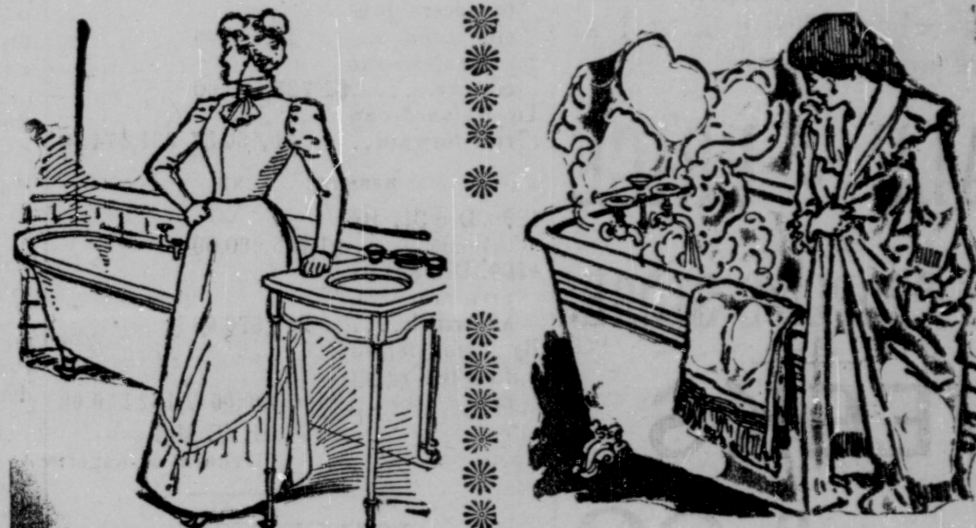
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