

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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WARS ALARMS.

In time of war, false rumors and foolish alarms always fill the air. Last year, it will be remembered, sensation-mongers had the great American nation several times overcome by the Spaniards; and this year gentlemen of the same stripe resident in London and New York, would have us believe that the British Empire must succumb to the Boers. How often during the course of the Great Rebellion in the States were the rebels not victorious? Reasonable men and women will not credit stories of British defeats until officially announced from the War Office or reported by the correspondents of reputable newspapers. There is really no cause for trepidation and alarm. The British accomplished wonders within the three months that have elapsed since the Boers invaded Natal and Cape Colony. Never before in the history of the world was such a force transported such a distance, within such a space of time. In the past three months the British have lost, in killed, a little more than one thousand men, while they have held completely at bay a force three times as large as they had at the front.

It is true that they have not been able to advance as rapidly as they anticipated. It is true that the passage of the Tugela has been found unexpectedly difficult. But the British are, nevertheless, holding their own and making some headway. The troops at the front, we have reason to believe, are in good spirits. Except for the necessity of relieving Ladysmith, Mafeking and Kimberley, there is no necessity to hurry the campaign. The Boers have been frustrated in their attempt to make themselves masters of Natal and Cape Colony, and they will, in all human probability, be unable to withstand the British onset when it really begins. Little attention should be paid to the carping of the strident critics of London or the emanations of imaginative correspondents there or elsewhere.

Great alarm has been caused to some people by the number of casualties in the war in South Africa. A correspondent, however, gives the following statistics to show how our losses there compare with those sustained in former campaigns:

	Killed and Strength.	Wounded.	Per cent.
Talavera, 1809.....	20,500	6,250	30
Albuera, 1811.....	8,200	3,990	48
Barossa, 1811.....	4,400	1,210	27
Salamanca, 1812.....	26,000	3,886	13
Quatre Bras, 1815.....	12,000	2,504	20
Waterloo, 1815.....	23,991	6,952	29
Ferozeshah, 1845.....	16,000	2,451	15
Sabraon, 1846.....	15,500	2,063	13
Chillianwallah, 1849.....	15,000	2,383	15
Alma, 1845.....	21,200	2,092	9
Inkerman, 1854.....	7,464	2,357	31

One battalion of British infantry entered the action at Salamanca with 27 officers and 420 rank and file; it had 24 officers and 342 rank and file killed and wounded.

A friend of the Mail and Empire's correspondent at Cape Town, who has returned from Bessberg, states that General French holds a very strong position. He has hemmed the Boers in on three sides, and there is now only one exit open to them. Another 2,000 men would enable him to surround the enemy. The reverse to the Suffolk regiment does not affect the position in any way. Our operations since have been unimportant. Several reconnaissances have been made and these show that the enemy is jealously guarding his communications to the north, but they can be cut without much trouble.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The usual reduced rates of passage will be offered delegates to the Liberal-Conservative Convention coming by railway.

Lord Roberts has been taking the bearings of the military situation and strengthening the force under command of General French.

The report of the death of Lord Dufferin's eldest son, the Duke of Ava, wounded during the last engagement before Ladysmith, is officially confirmed.

The important event of this week—for P. E. Island—is the meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association to be held at Marshfield. Reduced rates by rail.

The Bank of Ottawa directors have voted \$1,000 to the fund for the soldiers being sent to South Africa. Commercial men have some sentiment away down in their pockets.

Provision for full payment by Canada of the contingents of Canadian troops sent to South Africa, is the first item of the Toronto Globe's suggestion of a programme for the coming session of Parliament. That is right. Let us be unanimous about it. The Conservatives would rather not make political capital out of such a matter.

The British "black" press promises to rival the American "yellow" press. It has turned its censure from the generals in the field to the Government. We agree with the Mail and Empire that it would be less mischievous and more just if it would abuse the Boers for occupying such strong positions. If hysterics will do any good let them be employed against the foe.

Sir William Meredith expresses the sense of the whole country when he says that the pay of the troops we send to South Africa should all come out of the Dominion treasury. We are not hiring so many warriors to fight for a power with which we are distantly connected, but we are putting in the field a military force to defend our own Empire.

A plebiscite to decide what will be done with the Boers is one of the suggestions of an Ontario Liberal newspaper. The Montreal Gazette remarks that before it can be taken, there is likely to be a plebiscite as to what will be done with the Laurier Government, the decision whereof will also settle the jobbers' attack on the integrity of Parliament.

General White, who was rallied at a failure because one of his officers lost 900 men at Nicholson's Nek, is now being mentioned for a peerage, because of his defence of Ladysmith. The Montreal Gazette remarks that mercurial Frenchman over the channel is becoming a symbol of steadiness compared with the once stolid Britain under the influence of a yellow press.

I. N. Ford reports that the text of Lord Salisbury's reply to the American government serves to alter the opinion of experts on international law on one point. Salisbury has not set a bad precedent for the United Kingdom, which, in any future war with a European power, will have no neutral Delagoa Bay, whereas every continental nation will have neutral territory bordering upon it. He has ruled that foodstuffs are not contraband unless destined for the enemy's forces. This decision exempts foodstuffs which are not designed for the army or fleet, and is in accord with naval orders given American cruisers during the war with Spain. Lord Salisbury's action, while based upon rulings of the English courts, is wholly in accord with the continuous American practice, which discriminates between provisions for ordinary use of life in an enemy's country, and provisions for military or naval use.

Mail and Empire: Mr. Hugh John Macdonald is a man of his word. He said he would have but three paid Ministers, and three is the number he has chosen. It is so different to the Ottawa experience. Sir Richard Cartwright wanted to reduce the cabinet to seven. But the list has been increased. Ministers without portfolios have been added, and a controller has been elevated to Cabinet rank with a larger salary, the addition actually being made retroactive.

Selling fast—Hockey sticks and crokinole boards at Carters' Bookstore.

TO ARMS! TO ARMS!

(By Alfred Austin.)

The four complete stanzas of the poem by Mr. Alfred Austin, the poet laureate of Britain, entitled "To Arms," two verses of which were cabled and published in the EXAMINER some two weeks ago, are as follows, being taken from the London Daily Telegraph:

I.  
Now let the cry, "To Arms! To Arms!"  
Go ringing round the world;  
And swift a wave-wide Empire swarms  
Round Battleflag unfurled!  
Wherever glitters Britain's might,  
Or Britain's banner flies,  
Leap up mailed myriads with the light  
Of manhood in their eyes;  
Calling from farmstead, mart and strand,  
"We come! And we! And we!  
That British steel may hold the land,  
And British keels the sea!"

II.  
From English hamlet, Irish hill,  
Welsh hearts and Scottish byres,  
They throng to show that they are still  
Souls worthy of their sires:  
That what these did, we still can do,  
That what they were, we are,  
Whose fathers fought at Waterloo,  
And died at Trafalgar!  
Shoulder to shoulder see them stand,  
Wherever menace be,  
To guard the lordship of the land,  
And Trident of the sea.

III.  
Nor in the parent Isle alone  
Spring squadrons from the ground;  
Canadian shore and Austral zone  
With kindred cry resound:  
"From shimmering plain and snow-fed  
stream,  
Across the deep we come,  
Seeing the British bayonets gleam,  
Hearing the British drum,  
Foot in the stirrup, hilt in hand,  
Free men, to keep men free,  
All, all will help to hold the land,  
While England guards the sea!"

IV.  
Comrades in arms, from every shore  
Where thundereth the main,  
On to the front they press and pour  
To face the rifles' rain;  
To force the foe from covert crag,  
And chase them till they fall,  
Then plant forever England's Flag  
Upon the rebel wall!  
What! wretch the Scepter from her hand,  
And bid her bow the knee!  
Not while her Yeomen guard the land,  
And her ironclads the sea!

—Alfred Austin.

Burns' Anniversary Celebration

Opera House  
THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 25

- PROGRAMME.
- Overture—Scotland Forever Orchestra.
  - Solo—A Hundred Pipers Prof. Gaven.
  - Quartet—Robin Adair Male Voices.
  - Solo—Cam' ye by Athol Miss Florence Earle.
  - Clarinet solo—'Comin' Thro' the Rye Prof. Watts.
  - Recitation—Scotch Miss Flo McKenzie.
  - Solo—Auld Robin Gray Mrs. Watts.
  - Duet—Selected Miss Amy Earle and Mr. Chas Earle.
  - Highland scene and dance, under the direction of Miss H. C. Macdonald, by Scotch lads and lassies.
- PART II.
- Medley—Bonnie Laddie Orchestra.
  - Solo—Th Old Scotch songs Miss Collings.
  - Solo—Scotch Robert Lamont.
  - Recitation T. A. McLean.
  - Quartet—Annie Laurie Ladies' Voices.
  - Solo Mr. Chas Earle.
  - Violin Solo Prof. Vinnicombe.
  - Solo—Burns and Scotland yet Mr. Frank Stanley.
  - Selection Orchestra.
  - Solo—Absent-minded Beggar Miss Florence Earle.
  - God Save the Queen Pianists—Prof. Earle, Watts and Mr. Blanchard.
  - Leader of Orchestra—Prof Vinnicombe, Piper—Mr. Peter Ferguson.
- Tickets and plan at Dodd's and Rankin's drugstores on Monday, the 22nd inst., at 10 o'clock, a. m.  
Reserved seats 25c; unreserved 5c.  
Doors open at 7:30, concert at 8 o'clock sharp.  
J. A. MACDONALD, Secretary.

NOTICE.  
The annual meeting of the Liberal Conservative Conference of Prince Edward Island is to be held on 23rd inst at the Lyceum Charlottetown.  
Accredited Delegates from the Riding of Kings are expected to be present, and the Presidents of the local electoral Districts will favor by seeing that Districts are represented at the Conference by local Delegates.  
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