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THE POWERS AND THE WAR

THERE is, of course, no knowing what may develop from the war in South Africa that is now on. It is quite possible that if Great Britain should sustain a few reverses at the beginning, some of the other nations, imagining that they have cause for enmity, may take part against her and protract the war. But Lord Salisbury seems to have provided against interference, as well as any man can do so, and the conditions are such that interference of the powers is not probable. The London Spectator, which speaks authoritatively on the subject says:

"Were France to use her power to destroy England's position in South Africa, she must know that not she, but another power, and one that she does not love, would be the gainer. But if France will not go to war with us over our policy in South Africa, still less in Germany likely to pose as the protector of the Boers. No one knows exactly what was the nature of the agreement made eighteen months ago with Germany, but it may be taken for granted that things were so arranged that German interests should not suffer in East Africa, but should be considerably augmented."

Germany and France being out the question, there is no other power that is likely to embarrass the operations of the British. It is surprising that public opinion in the United States is not wholly upon the British side, seeing that the essential grievance at the bottom of the whole matter is that about which the people of the American colonies rebelled in the midst of the last century, viz "Taxation without representation" which "is tyranny." The Boers have imposed taxes which bear almost wholly upon the Uitlanders in the Transvaal, and they have, in violation of their compact with Great Britain, persistently cheated the Uitlanders out of representation in the Volksraad. It is wonderful, in view of these two facts, that any considerable portion of the inhabitants of the United States should side with the Boers and against those upon whose behalf Great Britain has been compelled to take up arms. The war is pre-eminently a war on behalf of civilization, liberalism and progress as against barbarism, injustice and tyranny. While many thoughtless, well-informed or prejudiced persons in the United States have condemned Great Britain's action, it is impossible that the nation as a whole can support, in any way, the pretensions of the autocrat of the Transvaal Republic.

THE MISSION TO QUEBEC.

With what ingenuousness the Ministers of the present Administration will lie! Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, has lately been kept busy denying that he went to Quebec to represent the Federal Government. It has been stated on the most undeniable authority that he handed in his credentials to the ecclesiastical powers at Quebec as "Secretary of State," representing the Government, and he was so anxious to keep well to the front as a representative that Mgr. Falcois and the Archbishops of Quebec were impeded by him in the discharge of their reception functions. To make the matter doubly sure, "Le Soliel," the Government organ at Quebec, expressly says:

"In another barouche (immediately behind the delegate and Mgr. Marois) were seated Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, representing the Federal Government and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Hon. F. G. Machand, representing the Provincial Government, and the Hon. S. N. Parent, the City of Quebec."

That ought to be sufficient. To show the

"out of season" obsequiousness of the Great Scott, in another column of Soliel it is stated that when Mgr. Falcois knelt to receive the crucifix at the Basilica entrance, when we are credibly informed nobody else should have done so. Mr. Scott, out of an ardent desire to do the big thing for the Government, was on his knees in a jiffy. "It was much remarked," says the Soliel—making a point for Liberal devotion—"that the Hon. Mr. Scott, Secretary of State, representing the Federal Government, went on his knees also." We cannot say whether the Secretary's freshness or his obsequiousness were the subject of the lively Quebec organ's remark. But everyone knows, now that Scott, like Laurier, appreciates truth in a very Talleyrandian sense, and also that the whole combination of Bytown Coons would go on their knees in all sorts of weather, anywhere, to prolong their stay in the Government to any considerable extent. As Hons. Fitzpatrick and Dobell were there, too, and had to take a back seat, we have proof positive that they were only representing their respective selves, while Scott was there, as Secretary of State, in high state, drawn in a barouche at the expense of the country, representing the Government of Canada.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—How many little letters with the "any little coolness of misunderstanding I shall be ready to remedy" paragraph are going through the mails to Murray Harbor just now!

—At present the Boers have an advantage in point of membership and in point of position. The British in Natal have need of good generalship and all their bravery.

—It is estimated that 95 per cent of all the magnificent revenues that flow yearly into the coffers of the Boer government is contributed by Uitlanders. The state which the latter found nearly bankrupt has now an accumulated surplus of some \$15,000,000.

—The uneasiness expressed in official centres as to the safety of the Minto after the gales abundantly justifies THE EXAMINER'S protest against sending a steamer like that, at such a season, over ground so storm-swept and full of danger. A practical minister is very much needed in the department of marine.

—The elections must be near. A western M. P., with the connivance of the Public Works Department has a gang of his disaffected Liberals cutting switches on prospective roads leading to no place in particular. Some of the roads will be useful to beat his own back,—or the public expression of contempt is not worth much.

—A short time ago Mr. Tarte lectured Sir Richard Cartwright. He stated that he had never believed in the doctrine of economy preached by that gallant knight: only "big fools" talk of economy. Then Mr. Tarte turned on the Minister of Finance, Mr. Fielding. That Minister had allowed one of the Tarte votes to drop out of the estimates of last session. "I do not blame him," said Mr. Tarte. "He merely does not understand my scheme." It afterwards turned out that Mr. Blair was disputing over a railway question with the Canadian Pacific. "I shall give my attention to that subject very shortly," said Mr. Tarte. Now Tarte is superseding Mr. Borden, and is declaring that the Minister's principal officer, General Hutton, may have to go. "There is no doubt about it," as the Mail and Empire says, "Israel rules them all."

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