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The Transvaal War

PRESIDENT KRUGER TALKS.

An interview had by a correspondent of the New York Herald with President Kruger Feb. 10, at Pretoria, had been printed. At that time President Kruger was described as showing but little evidence in his countenance of the tremendous strain he was undergoing. The complexion of South African affairs, however, has changed considerably since then.

He was dressed, says the correspondent, in a rustic frock coat, the front of which was sprinkled with tobacco. He smoked a pipe during the whole interview.

"This war was forced upon us by Cecil Rhodes and the mining millions who want the country," said the Boer President. The Boers yielded as far as possible, until they saw that nothing but complete surrender of their independence would satisfy England. Having been forced into the war, the Boers will conquer or die.

"I expect no aid from other nations, but we are glad of sympathy and friendship. The Transvaal is willing to make peace at any time, but we want no more conventions. Only absolute independence is possible. We do not want any more territory, but are content with our present frontier if we are permitted to live peacefully. This is all we ask.

"The Transvaal will stipulate in the peace terms that the Natal and Cape Colony Dutch now fighting with the Boers shall be regarded as belligerents and suffer no loss of property. I recently learned that some of these men had been captured by the British and were being tried at Cape Town charged with treason. This Government cabled Lord Salisbury stating that if such men were not treated as prisoners of war we would make reprisals of the British prisoners held here. Lord Salisbury replied threatening if we injured a single British prisoner they would hold me personally responsible. I suppose he meant the British would hang me. The Transvaal Government replied today informing Lord Salisbury that they despise his threats.

"There is no truth in the story of a conspiracy among the South African Dutch. This is not their quarrel. The Orange Free State is bound by treaty to aid us. Mr. Schreiner repeatedly urged us to yield. It is too early to prophesy the outcome of the war or its duration.

"The Boers are in God's hand, and he will not let us perish. Our total fighting strength is forty thousand, but with God's aid we can prevail. I have two hundred blood relatives fighting, and would rather see them all perish than yield. It is liberty or death."

The Daily Mail special from Ladysmith says what appeared to be a grave was opened recently, and was found to contain a large quantity of explosive bullets and other ammunition. The find will probably cut an important figure when the time comes for a final settlement.

An officer who took part in the Dreifontein engagement tells a pathetic story of the death of a young married Dutch woman, aged 19. Before her death she stated that she was detained when the majority of the other women left, because her marksmanship was so accurate. There are undoubted evidences elsewhere that women went to the trenches to load second rifles for the men, thus carrying out the traditions of early Dutch warfare. The deserted camps were found littered with female apparel.

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OSMAN IN HIS PRISON.

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When Osman Digna was brought on board the Government steamer Behereh at Suakim he was hand-cuffed, and very carefully guarded, but as soon as the vessel got out to sea he was given a cabin and allowed comparative freedom. For some time he remained in silent and taciturn humor, but the effect of kind treatment, which was totally unexpected, and therefore, all the more appreciated by him, led him one day into a recital of the events leading up to the death of the Khalifa and his own capture. He said that on the fateful morning when they were surprised by the Egyptian forces under Col. Wingate, he was commanded to get all the stores and women and retire, so that, in case anything should happen, the treasure (?) should not fall into the hands of the "Turks." Osman obeyed orders, but it was apparent to him from the first that there was no hope, and as it was impossible to take away of save the women and stores, he ran away by himself. He states he ran for five or six miles without halting, and did not stop to take food all day. In the night he halted for an hour only and then again ran. He suffered terribly after crossing the Nile, both from hunger and thirst, and at one time thought he was about to die. Foy three days he had nothing to eat but a few herbs, and he was completely exhausted when he arrived in the mountains for which he was making, having covered the whole vast distance on foot. In this mountain, he asserted he would have been perfectly safe but for treachery of a man who had hitherto always been his best friend. This traitor—and Osman's eyes flashed as he mentioned his name—took advantage of Osman's hunger to sell him to the enemy. Under pretence of holding a "fantasia" in honour of Osman's arrival, he killed two sheep and while his friends entertained him, ran off to give information. Asked if he were sorry that at last he had fallen into the hands of his enemies, Osman replied: "No! It is the fortune of war, and I am prepared to meet my fate," been evidently under the impression that he was to die. On arrival at Cairo the Sirdar wished to speak privately with him, and for that purpose the carriage in which he was brought up from Suez was run into a siding. Osman watched this performance with much trepidation and steadfastly refused to leave his seat. He finally asked to see the commander of the steamer which had brought him from Suakin, and on

his been brought to the carriage he asked what they were going to do him. He was spoken to very kindly, and after a lot of persuasion finally believed they intended him no harm, whereupon he kissed, with much show of thankfulness, the hands of his informant. He asked later what religion the commander of the steamer professed, and when told that he was a Christian he replied, sadly, "I am so sorry he is a Christian for he looks like a good man." The Sirdar and officers present shook hands with their captive before he left for Rosetta, where he is to stay. I understand he will have comparative freedom, but will be required always to rest in the same building at night time, under guard, along with the other Emirs captured by Col. Wingate. It would be interesting to learn what Osman told the Sirdar. It is quite possible he has imparted some valuable information as to the mysterious treasure said to be buried somewhere in the Soudan. In any case Col. Wingate left for Omdnman the day following his interview with Osman, and it is quite within the bounds of possibility that the secret of the hiding place of the treasure has at last been revealed.

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