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ENGLAND AND HER FOES.

England is fighting not alone the Boers in this South African war. In one way and another, she is fighting all Europe. It is notorious that the Boer armies are directed by the military genius of France, of Germany, of Austria and other continental countries, and it is known that a large part of the rank and file of the forces of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State are composed of adventurous and mercenary spirits gathered from all parts of civilization.

England is fighting Europe in other ways. Her foes are eager to pounce upon her, and are only constrained from doing it by the menacing power of the British navy. France knows, for example, that if she went to war with "perfidious Albion," the British navy would seek and engage her navy, and bombard her coast cities; and that thought, and the knowledge that England, with her tremendous weight of ships, guns and metal, would stand a good chance of destroying the French fleets as the United States destroyed the Spanish squadrons, restrain the French longing to fight the hereditary enemy of France. Like considerations of prudence restrain Germany, Russia and other European powers.

Europe hates England because British commerce is taking profits wanted by the merchants and traders of European countries, and also because British influence has erected barriers against the colonization projects of the European powers. If Europe could crush the British empire, she would do it, and when it was done, she would direct her envy and hatred against the United States, because the United States, with its Monroe doctrine, is holding the continental powers out of South America, and because our foreign commerce has grown to be second only to that of England.

These were the motives that engendered for us the ill-will of Europe when we were at war with Spain.—Spokesman-Review.

QUALITY IN SOLDIERS.

The British military critic who says that "quality and not quantity is what England needs to beat the Boers" is on the right track, but he is a little faulty in his illustrations. "The battle of Saratoga," he says, "should have taught every Englishman the true theory of war. There the American militia not only defeated the English troops, but forced them to an ignominous surrender; and, mark it, these same English troops were the best soldiers of their time. Or, take a still clearer case, Wellington's veterans were beaten at New Orleans by half their number of raw militia. But even New Orleans taught the English nothing."

In Burgoyne's campaign, which ended with his surrender at Saratoga, the conditions were much different from those which prevail in South Africa. It was the Americans in 1777 who did most of the attacking. Though Burgoyne was the invader, as Buller has been in 1900, the British did not waste their strength against an invisible enemy in the earlier instance, for Arnold, Morgan and the other American chieftains took the offensive. The Americans had an incompetent commander, Gates, the man whom Cornwallis easily defeated in the Southern campaign afterward, but under Gates in the Saratoga battles were some of the most dashing and skillful of the American generals. The British made a frontal attack at New Orleans, as they have been doing in South Africa, and the parallel in that instance is reasonably close, but at New Orleans not only would flanking operations at the outset have been somewhat difficult, but Pakenham, the British commander, knowing the inferiority of Jackson in point of numbers, had also some hope of taking him by surprise. Pakenham was deceived, as the result showed, but his mistake had more of an excuse than Bullers have had in the present campaign.

If the British military critics want to find, in American experience, a close analogy to the blunders in South Africa they can get it in Abercrombie's campaign of 1758, which culminated at Ticonderoga. Abercromble made a frontal attack on Montcalm at Ticonderoga which did not have the excuse of Gage's assault on Putnam and Prescott at Bunker Hill or Pakenham's on Jackson, as flanking operations were not only easy, but several of Abercrombie's officers, including Lord Howe, who was killed in the battle, pointed out ready methods by which the British and Americans could have got in Montcalm's rear, and have forced him to get out of his breastworks. The British commander, however, refused to listen to any suggestions of this sort, and as a consequence 15,000 troops, composed of the flower of the British army and of the American soldiers, were beaten by 3500 French and Indians, losing very nearly as many men in killed and wounded as Montcalm had in his whole force. Quality undoubtedly counts in military men as in other sorts of persons, but it is quality in officers more than in privates which the British should insist on. The private soldiers who have been battling under Buller, French, White and the other English commanders are as brave as any soldiers to be found in any army, but the chief officers are evidently ignorant of even the rudiments of a knowlenge of their profession.—Globe-Democrat.

KENTUCKY'S WOES.

Kentucky is today little nearer a solution of the problem of who is governor than she was when two legislative bodies held sessions in different cities and two gubernatorial claimants had headquarters far apart. Taylor has rectified one error in his campaign by guaranteeing safe conduct for Democratic legislators in the capital, but he has announced that he will not surrender his office at the mandate of a board of election commissioners or a legislative body which he declares is illegally constituted. Beckham meanwhile insists he is the executive. In the meantime Kentucky is laying up endless trouble for herself in the doubtful constitutionality of any laws passed by the legislature and signed by either Beckham or Taylor. But there is reason to believe the sessions beginning today will not lead to unfortunate circumstances such as surrounded the death of Goebel. That assassination has brought the decent people of the state to their senses and they will not countenance the further use of knife or revolver.—Spokesman-Review.

It is a significant fact that nobody thought it worth while to mention that the gold reserve in the treasury in the past few weeks was going downward, and that it had dropped more than $20,000,000 below its previous high-water mark. It is now on the increase again, but the circumstance attracts no attention. The reserve was so much higher, even when at its recent lowest, than it was until the past year or two, and the certainty is so strong that the gold standard bill will pass and the Republican party remain in control of the country that nobody troubles himself to glance at treasury statements. All the gold which will be needed to meet the government's requirements will be in the treasury so long as the Republican party remains in charge of the government, and, happily, Republican tenure of power for a long time in the future seems certain.

The young Republicans of Missouri made a splendid demonstration at Kansas City Thursday, says the Globe-Democrat. Every section of the state was represented, and the enthusiasm shown was full of high promise for the future. These earnest and intelligent young men are resolved that there shall be a new era for the fifth state in the Union. They look over the roll of great commonwealths at the head of the list, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio, and realize that the next in order, Missouri, needs a political rebirth. Missouri is great through its unequaled natural resources. Its politics is a drag and a reproach. The state is weighted down and kept back by Bourbonism. To overcome this incubus the young Republicans have met and organized, and they will press on with the fight unfalteringly until the state is redeemed.

The quarterly dividend of the Standard Oil Company, declared a few days ago, was 20 per cent on a capital stock of $100,000,000. At this rate the stockholders would be paid dividends aggregating $80,000,000 a year. The price of oil was raised three cents a gallon in December, as the poor stockholders were rather hard up for a little cash for the holidays. As the Rockefellers and a few associates own nearly all the stock, the head of the trust can easily afford to give another million to the Chicago university, and hire another trust professor or two. But however richly endowed, the institution will always smell of oil.—Telegram.

Five carloads of 3 and 4-year-old oysters will be brought from the Atlantic coast, mostly from Long Island sound, and planted in three or four locations on Puget sound to be selected. A hatchery, something on the line of the salmon hatcheries, will also be established, where the fertilized eggs of the oyster will be placed in water under the most favorable conditions for propagation. "No better water exists anywhere for the propagation of oysters than Puget sound," says Professor Doane, of the agricultural college, "and it is proposed to develop this industry along with the development of the fisheries."

Rev. Poling's Lecture.

Mr. Poling's address on Saturday evening was listened to by a well-filled house, unusually so for this town which has not earned the reputation of being very lecture hungry. The theme was unusual. It was the story of one of the most awful catastrophes recorded in history and told by one who was an active participant in the work of rescue. This work, though accompanied by scenes of horror that sent many a brain distracted, was also attended with the most wonderful exhibitions of sympathy and generosity that the world has ever seen. It was owing to this that the city has been rebuilt, and that the cheerful sound of the stream whistles from car shops, barbed wire mills, the immense Cambria iron works whose great pay roll had built the beautiful city, are again resounding from hill to hill in the Johnstown valley.

Mr. Poling spoke of the intense feeling of the bereaved town against the capitalists who owned the South Fork fishing waters. This is natural. But if in addition to sending an engineer to inspect the stability of the Conemaugh dam, which precaution proved wholly frutile, the city had stretched an independent wire from the dam to the city there need have been but little loss of life, though there would have been much of property. The railroad bridge was a great cause of destruction, making as it did a new dam which was indeed immovable.

There will never be another Conemaugh lake. A railroad now lies in its bed and the old streams that were its feeders ripple musically down the mountain side, unmindful of the awful tragedy in which they once had part.

An Open River.

Steamboating on the Middle Columbia and Snake river will no doubt be suspended within a day or two, according to a report in the Telegram. Zero weather prevails at all points on the Snake and the river is expected to close at any time. Cold weather has prevailed for several days and yesterday shore ice was forming as far down as the Cascades. If the weather continues cold for three days longer there is no doubt but what steamers of The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation Company will be forced to tie up. The weather bureau predicts a continually falling temperature, with no sign of abating for three days.—Astorian.

The Astorian has been misinformed in some manner for there has been no shore ice between this point and the Cascades this winter, and it will have to get decidedly colder than it is at present before there will be any. There is not much danger of the D. P. & A. N. Co.'s boats tying up for they usually find some method of keeping the river open when there is no floating ice, and there has been none this winter.

Unless the unforseen arises we are pretty sure of an open river the balance of the winter, and of daily boat service as usual.

Register While You Can.

Voters are registering slowly and will likely put the matter off until the eleventh hour. Many say there's plenty of time yet, and so put off and will forget to register until too late.

The law regarding registration will need amending in a few particulars by the next legislature, and it might possibly be well to so amend it as to make it apply only to incorporated cities and towns. Even in a city like The Dalles many voters will neglect to register, but in the larger towns such a law is necessary even if many qualified electors are barred out through their own carelessness or laziness. But in the sparcely settled districts a still larger proportion of votes is likely to be lost, and in such localities there is not so much need of the law.

In a country precinct everyone is known and it is not easy or common for repeaters to operate. But whether any distinction should be made or not it is certain that the total vote this year will be smaller by a considerable per cent than it would be without the law.

Every good citizen should desire to vote once and no more, and ought also to comply cheerfully with the registration law, the object of which is to make honest electors votes effective.

Sheep Men Take Notice.

It appearing that the sheep belonging to Mr. H. C. Rooper are or may be slightly afflicted with scab, and weather conditions being such that said sheep cannot be dipped at the present time, it is thereby ordered that said sheep be quarantined until such time as they can be properly dipped on the ranges heretofore and usually used by Mr. Rooper, and bounded somewhat vaguely as follows: On the west by the Bake Oven and Prineville road; on the south by the top of the ridge half way between Boat creek and Deep canyon; east by ridge between Indian creek and Boat creek; north by ridge half way between Ochoco gulch and Coon hollow.

It is especially enjoined on the herders and persons in immediate charge of of these sheep that they use every precaution in their power to prevent any of said sheep from straying or in any manner coming in contact with other sheep. And all other persons having sheep in this vicinity or wishing to drive any sheep through this section of country are warned not to cross or in any manner trespass on the above described range.

It also appearing that a small band of sheep belonging to Frank Taylor on Three-Mile creek are slightly infected with scab. It is ordered that said sheep be quarantined in an enclosure of said Frank Taylor until cured of said disease.

The Dalles, Or., Feb. 15, 1900.

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WINTER TRIPS.

For winter residence or winter outing ideal conditions will be found on every hand in California. Plenteous early rainfall has this season given to the semi-tropical vegetation wonderful impetus; the floral offerings are more than usually generous and the crop of southern fruits bountiful and excellent.

Old ocean possesses new charms at Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Long Beach, Coronado and the enchanted isle of the sea, Catalina—where fishing, boating, rambling, riding, hunting and loafing may be enjoyed as nowhere else.

Quiet little spots, snug and warm, offer themselves at Montecito, Nordhoff, Pasadena, Echo Mountain, San Jacinto, Fall Brook and Palm Springs.

For renewing health and vigor, here abound many hot springs, of widely varying constituents and demonstrated merits; the dry, antiseptic, tonic air of the desert may be enjoyed at Banning, Indio, Yuma; and, even farther on, at Phoenix, Tucson, El Paso, exists conditions equally well indicated for weak throats and lungs.

Many think nothing in nature more attractive than the shimmering olive orchards of Santa Barbara and San Diego; others prefer the stately walnuts of Ventura and Los Nietos, or the lemons of Fernando; but for glorious fruit and graceful tree commend us to the golden orange, first, last and always, and it exists in greatest perfection at Covina, Riverside, Redlands and Highlands. Equally interesting is the scientific and tempting fashion in which the sorting and packing of the orange is here accomplished.

The faithful were exhorted to see Mecca and shuffle off; but wiser generations will see California of the south and prolong life. t

MARRIED.

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon Mr. Harry Clough and Mrs. Annie E. Rice were united in the bonds of matrimony at the residence of the bride, Rev. Warner officiating.

Mr. Clough has been a resident of The Dalles for a great many years and is known to be a steady, honest industrious and trustworthy man. He has served several terms as councilman and has by his fair dealing won the respect of the community. Mrs. Rice has lived in The Dalles and vicinity for a number of years and is a very estimable woman. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for Portland, where they will spend their honeymoon.

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