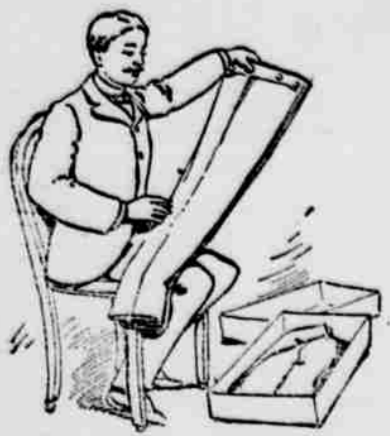


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SIZE OF THE BOER ARMY.

It would be interesting to know how many men the two South African republics have under arms, says the Globe-Democrat. The remark that they have ambuscaded England on this point seems to be true. They have margin enough to maintain three sieges, shutting up 12,000 or 15,000 British troops. It takes a large force to surround a place, but the Boers are managing it at Ladysmith, Kimberley and Mafeking. They have routed Gatacre at Stormberg, halted Methuen sharply at Modder River and not only repulsed Buller at the line of the Tugela, but seized his cannon with rifle fire in the most extraordinary manner. To do all this and hold a firm grip in the sieges implies a large number of men in the field and well equipped for all sorts of contingencies. The British expected an enemy at most of 35,000 or 40,000, and argued that as the Free State troops had never been under fire they would count for no more than average raw militia. But it turns out that all the Transvaal troops are equally effective with the rifle; and the rifle and "deerstalking tactics" have thus far been victorious.

Many Europeans and Outlanders are serving in the Boer ranks. Recent dispatches, for instance, have referred to the losses of the "Scandinavian command," and such bodies as this the British never reckoned with. Thousands of Dutch colonists have joined the Boer armies. The extent of this disaffection is not yet defined. A general colonial rising would compel a speedy retreat of Methuen, Gatacre and French, and, possibly, of Buller. The Boers hoodwinked the British ministry as to the number of men they could summon to the field and also in regard to their resources in artillery. At this moment the weakest point in the Boer situation is their commissariat and other supply departments. When it comes to men they evidently have plenty to insure a stiff resistance for a long period, and perhaps to take the offensive along certain lines.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

The announcement of the probability that no river and harbor bill will be passed at this session of congress is a piece of rather discouraging news for all the Pacific Northwest, and especially for the Columbia river region and Portland. The Telegram says Chairman Hooker, of the river and harbor committee, is opposed to the passage of any river and harbor bill, partly because he is a tool of the corporation and syndicates and lobbyists who are opposing a Nicaragua canal, and he thinks a canal bill would be tacked on a river and

harbor bill, and partly because he lives in a little New York town, and has no comprehension of or care for the needs and resources of the great Pacific West. He was put in his present position by ex-Speaker Reed, for the purpose of preventing a Nicaragua canal bill or any other bill requiring large appropriations for the West, which Reed cordially hates, because it did not nominate him for president. Hundreds of millions have been expended on Atlantic coast harbors, but some of the representatives from the Atlantic states do as little as possible, and that grudgingly, for this coast. They either do not yet comprehend that the commerce of this coast is soon to rival in volume and value that of the Atlantic, or else they are animated by a petty sectional jealousy of this region. Hooker is one of those narrow, provincial, sectional, little puppets, but he may not be able to control the committee, and if he does so at this session, a large and liberal bill will be passed at the next session.

There must be a bright set connected with the courts of law out in Jackson county. Nora Etta Cole, aged 17, was recently sent to the penitentiary from that county, to serve a sentence of a year. The offense was horse stealing. She was also convicted of lewd cohabitation, and it is the understanding that she was to serve a jail sentence of six months there after expiating her felony here. Since arriving at the penitentiary, the girl has been committed to the asylum for the insane. She is idiotic. She is not capable of committing a crime. She has not the mental or the moral intelligence to make any act of commission or omission of hers felonious. It is not her fault, either. It is the fault of society, in permitting her to be born. Her father is a drunken and brutish scrub. He is a low and miserable fellow. The mother is about the same class. What can be expected from such a combination? And, still further, it is understood that this idiotic girl is with child.—Salem Statesman.

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