MOSHESH, THE SCOURGE OF SOUTH AFRICA

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Mounted Rifles, and a large body of rica) strengthened it. From that height he looked down on his neighbors like a great baron of the foudal ages.

A Master of Strategy

After this victory, Moshesh, who had been keeping the bulk of his warriors in check, now unleasned enemy. In the confusion them and the farms and flocks of the the Boers were harried with greater vigor than ever.

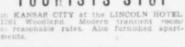
At last, General Sir George Cathcart, governor of Cape Colony, with an army of 3,000 picked white regulars wit. artillery, and a large body of natives started for Basutoland. The governor had also armed native tribes, hostile to Moshesh, among the number being Sikonyela, chief of the Batlokuas and bitterest foe of Moshesh.

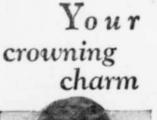
Arriving on the border of Basutoland, General Cathcart sent a despatch to Moshesh, reproaching him for alleged lawlessness and thefts, and ordering the immediate handing over of 10,000 head of cattle. Moshesh, whose quarrel was rather with the Boers, sent a most pacific reply, and 3,000 head of cattle. As to the rest he asked for time to get them together.

General Cathcart, with an expen-

It is o these same black horsemen









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battle-axe, and the rifle making man than the average European ol- tory, was cool-headed enough frightful execution. Those who did dier after three years of drilling, weigh its results. He knew only too not fall by those weapons were for, as a recruit, he is already an well that the Great White Queen such language he declared he was hurled to death on the awful crags accomplished horseman, an excellent bay only by discharges of canisters satisfied with the number of cattle. artillery supported by the Cape duties of a scout." (White Men's AI-

The British Trapped

General Cathcart, as was said, sent sooner was it over than the Basutos for the general's consumption alo: e one of his divisions after the cattle possessed enormously greater re- No sooner was his back turned than natives were repulsed and forced to up 4,000 of them and were driving retreat in great confusion. On the null. The soldiers rounded sources than he; that she would Moshesh sent couriers to all the never rest until he had been beaten. chiefs, announcing a great black view. the narrow pass when 800 Basuto proved he was a master diplomat. Queen,--a fact that General Cathcavalrymen, seeming to spring from nowhere threw themselves at the enemy. In the confusion that followed beatern foe inextricably

struggle took place, the assegai, the enters the ranks, is a better fighting Moshesh, though flushed with victo

was a errific thunderstorm which Moshesn had given him. caused a lull in the fighting, but no beaten foe

Shrewd Move

This letter is worthy of reproduc-

Midnight, Dec. 20, 1852. "Your Excellency: This day you have fought against my people and taken much cattle. As the object for which you have come is to have compensation for the Boers I beg you'll be satisfied with what you have taken. I entreat peace from you. You have chastised. Let it be enough I pray you, and let me no longer be considered an enemy of the Queen. I will try all I can to keep my people in order in the future.

"Your humble servant, Moshesh.

"As was to be expected, General Cathcart received this letter most gratefully. "It miraculously gave him a loop-hole of escape," says Sir Godfrey Lagden. "He, too, had been deceived in the strength of the enemy," says Theal in his "History of South Africa," and he dreaded a war with a tribe so highly organized and so well armed and with such strong natural fortresses. In his opinion, there was nothing to be gained by such a war that could outweigh its difficulties and its cost,

•that Poultney Bigelow wrote a few •Caledon River between himself and •so he eagerly availed himself of the years later: "The Basuto, before he the foe. opening from a grave difficulty whice

Moshesh's letter afforded. "It gave him the privilege of using the language of a conqueror and in How much cattle had the general captured? But 1500. plus 3.000

Note, however, that the letter was

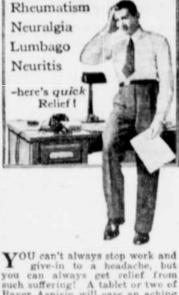
Moshesh became a greater figure Moshesh became a greater figure than ever, for as may be imagined, the real truth was not long in com-ing out. "From this time on," says Bigelow," the career of Moshesh in South Arrica, was, in its way, almost as brilliant as that of Napoleon af-ter the battle of Austerlitz." His letters to the general, broadter

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