CURRENT TOPICS

"SMART SET" AT CAPE TOWN. Even war, it seems, has come to be egarded by the English "smart set" a pleasant stimulus to jaded nerves and a social relaxation after a dull The speeches of Sir Alfred liner and of Surgeon Treves as to the doings of the "smart set" at Cape Town show a natural and perhaps not unwholesome irritation with this spedes of English visitors. Surgeon Treves does not mince matters, but feelingly refers to "the plague of wonen." By this strong and uncompilmentary term the surgeon explains that he has no intention to reflect discredit upon the noble women nurses ind attendants, but upon "woman idlers, the majority of them 'society' or 'smart' people, who, yearning for new excitements, had come to South Africa to make a holiday." These people, the blunt doctor says, filled the hotels, so that a sick or wounded ofneer could not get accommodations; hey made dinner parties and junketinas, invaded the hospitals and interfered with the work of the medical staff, and in one case a surgeon was wnable to see any of his patients "owing to the horde of busybody women who had made his hospital the show place for the day."

FORESTRY COMMISSION.

It is highly probable that the cre ation by congress of a forestry commission to inquire into the practicbility of setting apart a certain portion of the northwestern Indian reservations as a national park will result at least in some more stringent legislation for the preservation of the pine lands in the proposed territory. The accessity of this was unhesitatingly acknowledged by the party of congresamen who visited the proposed nadonal park last October. With equal readiness the congressmen recognized the desirability of establishing such a searve for the people of the northwest. The only question remaining in heir minds was that which it is proosed that the commission shall dede-its practicability.

PAST TRAINS.

It is reported that during the exeriment with the eigar-shaped train the Baltimore and Ohio railroad a run of eighteen miles was made in sixteen minutes. This was a very satefactors showing for a first trial, beat the rate of sixty-seven and a half miles an hour, but a greater speed is expected by the inventor, and it will have to be attained in order to estab-Hab a record over the old style of contruction. The rate has been exceeded in this country and it is pretty nearly equaled for long distances in the regular runs on certain French railroads. It sems, according to the Pall Mail Gatte, that the French companies have med all rivals on the continent and left their English rivals in the lurch

TA OURS A CREDITOR COUNTRY! The Boersen Courier of Berlin is preed to the conclusion that Amerimeaning the United States, has eloped permanently from a borrowing into a loaning country. The Courier may be correct in its conclusion, but the conclusion does not necessarily follow from the premises. These consist entirely of the fact that the apparent balance coming to the country on account of trade for the mine months ending with last March to \$421,000,000 and the estimate that the interest on European capital inwested in the United States cannot exseed \$250,000,000 annually, while tourlets expenses and all other items of

MERRIPH LEAVES ACTIVE SERVICE Major General Wesley Merritt virmally retired from the service of Thursday when he entered upon mare of absence which will not terminate until about the time when his will make retirement compulsory. there are few general officers who can falm to have seen more years of acmal active campaigning than can Gen. Marritt. He has been a soldier for ests five sears, and during most of hat time be could with more truth han has sometimes been the case with thers date his dispatches from "headquarters in the middle."

sates cannot consume the balance.

MONEY VALUE OF GOOD ROADS. The Maryland Geological Survey for are has made a careful estimate showng that it costs the people of that 8,000,000 a year more to do their lag over poor roads than it would If the roads were good. This talwith the report made in 1895 by Department of Agriculture showand one mile in the United States ad cost only one-third as much uropean countries where there

DETROL OF THE TROPICS. avid Starr Jordan, president of Lotanford University, writes pestrol of the tropics. He concerning the labors of the miscellaneous.

The faculty of the divinity school of the University of Chicago hopes to curb the marrying tendency of the students by cutting off the scholarships of those who wed.

Two Chicago water office employes were arrested while turning back the hands of a meter in the Rainier hotel. Two suicides, a murder and several attempts to kill made the record of erime in Chicago Sunday.

Prominent army officers say the Havana postal scandal is directly due to the failure of the war department to order inspection of civil accounts.

An official report to the senate by Col. E. B. Williston indicates that there is less liquor sold in Manila than prior to the American occupation.

Organized labor at Chicago voted an assessment of 50 cents a week on members of all unions to aid the building trades in the strike.

French nationalists have elected a majority in the Paris municipal council and theraten to make things exciting for the ministry.

The rumors of the latest conspiracy at Mantla have caused much restlessness at the Philippine capital.

Prices of coal have been placed so high in England as to cause some concern. There is prospect of American coal being in demand.

The swelling of the capitalization of the Chicago & Alton by \$60,000,000 in one year attracts attention in financial circles.

New York's bank statement was encouragaing in spite of bear predictions. Strikers in Kansas City obeyed injunction against interference with street railways.

Arbuckle will sue as stockholder to compel sugar trust to make a statement of its transactions.

Russian expedition on its way to explore supposed gold fields in northeastern Siberia.

Half of British war loan remains in hands of bankers who can't sell it to public.

Cuban mayors said to be making illegal use of positions to secure re-Cholera is sweeping Indian famine

camps; 400 deaths in three days at

Mandvi. Support of conservative deputies claimed for meat bill by German agrar-

Tablets and sculpture belonging to Mycenaean age unearthed in Crete.

John Redmond and Dillon appeared on same platform at Manchester in token of union of Irish factions. Redmond declared Salisbury's speech an insult to Ireland.

Raisin growers organized to control

London getting gold from Russia. Chinese minister asks: "What Christian repays evil with good?"

Debate on creed revision expected at Presbyterian General assembly in St. Louis. Committee to consider plan of revision and report next year likely to be appointed.

The Rev. Johnson Henderson, Chirago, says religious fads succeed because church is hideboung.

Hundreds of Kansans chasing two bank robbers who broke jail at Marysville and have killed two of their pur-

Mrs. Edith E. Smith of New York won \$63,000 in a week at Monte Carlo. Fire in Camden, N. J., destroyed market, ten stores, and fifty dwellings. Organized gang of card sharpers doing big business on Atlantic liners,

New York plans to fight ice trust. Shops and theaters in Madrid and other towns of Spain closed as a pro-

test against the new taxes. Impression in London is that Salisbury's apprehensions are even more serious than he expressed.

Senator Butler elected chairman of Populist National committee.

Mrs. Druce asks that X rays be used to test authority of records of cemetery where Duke of Portland is

Clots, barricades, and bloodshed in Madrid Barcelona, and other cities of Spain in opposition to increased taxa-

Constantinople rumor that Turkish minister has promised to settle American claims, but asked a short delay.

Franz Josef left for Buda-Pesth where Austrian and Hungarian delegates meet to discuss ausgleich. Monument to Guetenberg unveiled at

Leipzig Friday, in honor of 500th anniversary of his birth. The Journal of the American Medical Association is its official organ and is controlled by the Association.

It has a circulation of more than 16,-900 copies weekly, and is the largest medical publication in America. Attack on Waldeck-Rousseau minis-

try will be renewed when French chamber meets. Hanover Courier suspects an Eng-

lish, French and Russian alliance against Germany. Glasgow inaugurated municipal tele-

phone service, charging \$25 a year. Report that German government will yield to Agrarians on meat bill. An international glass trust has

been formed in Brussels, Belgium, London is betting Roberts will be in Pretoria in two months. Barto won Dupont trophy in Illinois

Astronomers from Yerkes observatory will view eclipse from Wades-

boro, N. C. Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher, Lagrange, saw her son fighting.

Big fields at Roby track's opening. Bloomington, Ill., celebrated its semi-reptennial with greatest parade

town has seen. Dr. J. Reid of Chicago, elected president of Illinois State Dental society. Secretary Roet told Buffington to sense his controversy with Miles. Canadian yachts may race near Chi-

The Boers Are Retiring Before the British.

FREE STATERS CONCENTRATED

Driving Boers from Point to Point -English Relief Force of Three Thousand Mon at Vryburg-What Chamber-

Australians attempted to seize Boer convoy at Zand river, but failed and narrowly escaped being cut off.

Cape Town dispatch to London Mail predicts relief of Mafeking within a

Proclamation annexing Cange Free State to Great Britain expected. Capital of Orange Free State removed from Kroonstad to Heibron.

Thursday, May 10. Roberts crossed Zand with 25,000 men and artillery. Boers retreated, and are being pursued by three columns. Dr. Trakes complained that society women are in the way at Cape Town. The Times says Boer republics will be annexed.

ERIN NOT TO HAVE HOME RULE.

Lord Salisbury Fours Secret Arming

Might Follow Concessions. Ireland is never to have home rule, and England must prepare for defense against a combined attack by all the great powers, according to a public statement by Lord Salisbury, the British premier, at the annual grand habi-

tation of the Primrose league in London. The premier drew a lesson in regard to the government of Ireland from the present conflict in South Africa, insisting that the accumulation of arms in time of peace must never again be permitted. He advised the formation of rifle clubs, to be in readiness for any attack, either internal or from the outside.

The premier in replying to the difficult and intricate Irish problem, said:

"Mr. Gladstone, in an evil moment for the fame of the country and for his party, attached himself to the idea of the separation of England and Ireland. No one can say that the home rule cause presents any elements of sanguine anticipation for the future. am assured that there is no hope of the predominant partner ever consenting to give Ireland practical independence. We have learned something from the South African war-how a disloyal

MAP SHOWING THE GENERAL BRITISH CONCENTRATION AGAINST PRETORIA.

LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Winter wheat firm. No 2 red, 691/200 71c; No. 3 red, 67@69; No. 3 hard sold f. o. b., 64@70%c. Spring wheat in fair demand and steady. No. 1 northern in store, 65%@66%c; No. 3 spring, 62@65½c for common to choice; No. 4. 58@63c for ordinary to choice. Corn weak, prices averaging 1/66% lower. No. 4, 38¼c; No. 3 yellow, 39@39¼c; No. 2 yellow, 39¼c; No. 3 white, 39%c; No. 2 white, 39% @40c. Oats dull, with prices 1/4c lower. No. 4 white, 25@ 25½c; No. 3 white, 25¼@26¼c; No. 2, 23% @26%c.

Cattle-Steady for natives to strong for Texans; native shipping and export steers, \$4.85@5.65; dressed beef and butcher steers, \$4.35@5.15; steers under 1,000 lbs. \$3.50@4.60; stockers and feeders, \$3.40@4,80; cows and helfers, \$2@5; canners, \$1.50@2.85; bulls, \$3.10@4.25; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.40@5; cows and helfers, \$2.50 @4.05. Hogs-Market 10 lower; plgs and lights, \$5.10@5.20; packers, \$5.10 @5.25; butchers', \$5.20@5.35. Sheep-Active and strong; native muttons, \$4.25@5.25; lambs, \$6@7.25; culls and bucks, \$3@4; stockers, \$2.50@3.

Butter-Creameries, extras, 191/20 per lb; firsts, 17@18c; seconds, 15@ 16c; dairies, fancy makes, 16c; firsts, 14%c; seconds, 13%s; imitation creameries, 14@15c; ladles, 12%@ 13½c; packing stock, fresh, 13c; roll butter, 13c. Cheese-Full creams,

A Foreigner with Ability. Phya, or Baron Prasiddhi, the new

minister from Siam, is one of the most eminent of the Siamese king's subjects, chosen to represent his government at Washington and at London because of his high qualifications, his tact and the knowledge he gained of their history, traditions and present condition in a previous visit to the United States and to Great Britain. The present Siamese minister is some forty years old and was intended while still a lad for a military career, although he has since shown marked ability in civil lines.

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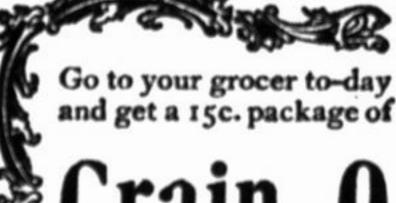
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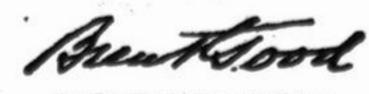
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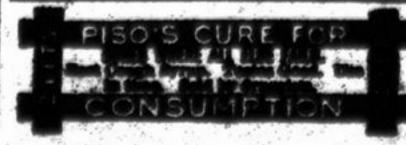
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General Roberts has established his ish force, although somewhat de- pass against Harrismith as soon as the right. Other divisions of the Brit- ably advance through Van Reenen's history. government, in spite of warnings, could accumulate armaments against the most powerful combatant and thus. secure a terrible advantage. We now

headquarters on the north bank of the tached, form practically extensions of General Roberts is ready for their co-Zand river, on the railroad from the line. To the west are Generals operation in the Transvaal. In the Bloemfontein to Pretoria. His front Methuen, Hunter and Barton, who are (meantime General Carrington extends a little over twenty miles east expected to continue the advance to marching west from Delagoa bay and west, with Generals Hutton, the north, gradually relieving the through the country north of the French and Hamilton in the center, pressure on Mafeking. To the east of Transvaal, which he may invade from General Pole-Carew on the left flank, General Roberts is General Buller's that direction. Great issues are now and Generals Rundle and Brabant on great army in Natal, which will prob- impending in this most wanton war of

Friday, May 11.

KIMBERLEY

RIOUALAN

North of Zand river Britsh are driving Boers from point to point, and continuing advance towards Kroonstad. British relief force of 3,000 men reached Vryburg on Thursday and expected at Mafeking by Sunday.

Free-Staters concentrating in Koranmaberg Hills east of Winburg. Chamberlain announced that Boer

republic would be annexed. May 19-13.

Roberts occupies Kroonstad without opposition, the Free Staters removing their capital to Lindley, forty-five miles east; British expect no serious resistance south of the Vaal river, believing that Transvaal army will refuse to fight outside its own territory and that Free State troops will desert their allies.

An unofficial report has reached London that Mafeking has been relieved. British forces are certain to reach the besieged town within a day

British forces marched in triumph into Kroonstad, the Boers trekking northward and many Free Staters sur rendering.

Monday. May 14.

Gen. Buller has outflanked the Boers in the Biggarsberg range and pushed on toward Dundee. Further difficulties are anticipated in the northern part of Natal.

Elopement Follows Divorce,

The sequel to the divorce of Marins E. Lana Cefgado Green from her former husband, a wealthy stockbroker in New York, came when she eloped from Galveston, Texas, with F. K. Parke, auditor of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway company Parke resigned his position and deserted a wife. Parke and Mrs. Green met by appointment in Houston and New York.

Big Copper Syndicate Formed.

A new consolidation of copper propas the Pan-American Copper Syndicate company. One of the men interested in the project said: "It will be put on a conservative basis. The aggregate capitalization of the companies to be merged is over \$70,000,000 and the new corporation which takes them all in will be capitalized only at \$15,000,000 to \$18,000,000.

know better than we did ten years ago what a risk it would be if we gave a disloyal government in Ireland the power of accumulating forces against this country."

GERMANY IS STILL ISOLATED.

Trouble with Russia and France Not a Remote Possibility.

lin to the effect that the re-

Despite rumors affoat in Ber-

cent visit of the Austrian emperor resulted in a secret agreement between Austria and Germany by which each undertakes to take no step in the Balkans without advising the other. Vienna diplomats are satisfied that the Berlin meeting was absolutely unproductive of any written agreement or verbal understanding or anything else. The Austrian emperor's visit was intended to be purely one of friendship, although the kaiser, with his accustomed astuteness, seized his opportunity at the Schloss banquet in his speech to regalvanize the triple alliance, which latterly had been little mentioned. Aside from the triple alliance Germany's present position is one of isolation. The relations of Berlin and St. Petersburg are not cordial, while the situation as regards France is most doubtful and even dangerous. The srrewdest diplomats in this city of shrewd diplomats admit that it is impossible to forecast the happenings of six or even of three months. The peasants in the districts north of Lemberg. Galicia, are in open revolt. They are burning and plundering farms, for the protection of which the military has been summoned. The outbreak has its origin in an effort of the landowners to revive medieval customs left by a night train ostensibly for which the laboring population declare are oppressive.

Burns Her Children. Frenzied because her hasband had accused her of abusing her step-chilerties is soon to come into the field | dren. Mrs. Anna Grabbert, 36 years Ill., died of heart disease when she at New York city. It will take over al old, of Chicago, after saturating the number of Mexican and United States, clothing of herself and two little girls copper mines and be known probably with kerosene, locked herself and four a boat with two young men, when the children in the house and set fire to it. The dead : Emma Grabbert, stepdaughter, 11 years old; died at St. eighteen feet of water. One of the Anthony's hospital. Mary Grabbert, step-daughter, 9 years old, died at St. Anthony's hospital. Seriously injured: Mrs. Anna Grabbert, 36 years old; conveyed to county houghtal; burned about head, body and legs.

western twins, new, 9c; Young America, new, 969%c; eastern cheddars, 11 @1114c; special makes, Swiss, 13@ 13%c: Limburger, 10@10%c; brick, 9%@10c. Eggs-Fresh, 11%c, cases included; loss off, cases returned, 84c per lb; springs, 14@2 lbs, \$4@5 per doz; small, \$2@2.50 per ducks, 767%c per lb; geese, \$3.50@4 per doz. Vel-Fancy carcasses, 8%c per Ib; good to choice at 7% @8c; fair. 6% 67c; light-weights, 6c; coarse and heavy, 5@6c. Potatoes-Choice stock. 29@30c per bu; common mixed at 20@

The race problem conference is in session at Montgomery, Ala., with an unexpectedly large attendance. A. M. Waddell of Wilmington, N. C., gave a thrilling recital of events in North Carolina, which led up to the present movement to amend the constitution John Temple Graves followed with an argument for the separation of the races in distinct localities as a cure

Ex-Gov. MacCorkle of West Virginia delivered an address on "The Negro and the Intelligence-Property Franchise." Educational matters were discussed, the speakers being Dr. Julius Curry of Washington, and Dr. Hollis B. Frissell, president of Hampton institute, Virginia.

Near Weeks' turpentine camp, says a dispatch from Brooksville, Fla., were found the decomposed bodies of two negroes tied together. They are the bodies of the men who were arrested at the camp on May 8 charged with killing John Clellands, a white man, from ambush.. The negroes were placed in charge of deputies, to be brought to jail at this place, but instead were taken to the scrub and shot to death.

Two Drown While Boating. Both bodies were recovered.

10%c. Live Poultry-Chickens, hens. Tell of the Southern Negro.

of that state so as to restrict suffrage. for existing evils.

H. Dreher of Virginia, Rev. J. L. M.

Two Negroes Shot Dead.

Edna Worden, aged 20, and May Mc-Nully, aged 16, were drowned while boating at Grand Falls, near Joplin, Mo., Sunday afternoon. They were in boat was caught in a strong current, became unmanageable and capsized in girls was assisted to the dam by the men, who then went to the relief of the other girl, but she sunk before they could reach her. The girl at the dams lost her hold and also sunk.