

THE SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION.

We have not formally referred to the "war" for sometime, but as there seems to be more activity on both sides, a few words in place. To begin with then it is no "war" in the strict sense of the word. The big army of 200,000 or more would like nothing better than massing and campaigning but to be ingloriously watching thousands of miles of rail and wire, as most of them are doing, to be rushing hither and thither to oppose bands of boers bent on blowing up trains or bridges, to be roused by news that "the Boers have captured a convoy" that Kundle has captured a mill, all this is not war, but what is called "guerilla warfare".

De Wet one day was reduced to 40 men, next day he was in command of 4000 with 3 guns. And so it goes on; prevarication and misleading statement with only an occasional telegram from Kitchener and that perhaps censored.

The truth seems to be that the Orange River Colony is fairly quiet and pacified, that the Transvaal is not, and it is in its recesses and mountains that the roving bands chiefly lurk. Northern Cape Colony too seems still to give encouragement to the enemy, for no fewer than 8 Boer commandos were operating their last week and reported to be successfully eluding British columns sent in pursuit. They were bold enough to make an attack on the Mounted Rifles, and the British had six wounded, they derailed a train at Middlebury and the engine-driver was killed and fireman injured, new commandants seem to spring to notice as fast as old ones are captured.

That steady progress is being made by the British seems to be proved by the ship-loads of prisoners every now and then reported leaving for some other British colony. The Boers keep no prisoners, loot them and let them go.

Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of Cape Colony, is in England at present, and has been received by the King and Col. Secy Chamberlain with great ostentation. He has been elevated to the peerage as Lord Milner, of Cape Town, and at a banquet given by Chamberlain in his honor, it has been plainly shown that he is not being retired, as some thought, but is returning, with the prestige of favor and the resolve to see the war to an end. This will give great satisfaction, and deservedly so as he has shown himself to possess the true spirit of a peacemaker, and longs for the day when the two races will pull in the same traces.

On the whole sober thinkers are not alarmed at the situation but all wish for a cessation of the useless strife and a return to industrial and commercial activity.

Mrs. Botha is en route for Europe to see ex-Pres. Kruger, and plead with him to use his influence to stay the folly of his countrymen. The old man is becoming more inconsequential and his ability to arouse enthusiasm has gone in Europe. Whether his presence in the United States, which he purposes to visit this year, would develop support is very problematical.

SMIFF'S PREDICTION.

Bobcaygeon Independent

The next Provincial election will take place in June, 1902. Of the result of the election there is no great doubt anywhere entertained,—the present government will be sustained by a moderate majority. Canadian Parliaments and Legislatures do not represent the Canadian people,—they represent Canadian Political parties,—but latterly a third party has been added to the two old parties of Grit and Tory, and the independents are becoming numerous and powerful. If in the coming Ontario election the result depended solely on the vote of the two old parties, it is quite possible that Mr. Ross might be defeated and Mr. Whitney made premier, but it does not depend exclusively on the old party vote and the independents will support Mr. Ross. The independent vote will give him a majority, and that the Independents will support Mr. Ross as against Mr. Whitney is quite certain, for Mr. Whitney has not proclaimed any policy or taken any action likely to secure them. What has he proposed that Mr. Ross is not doing? A change of Premier would not cause the slightest change in policy, it would merely be a change of parties, and the independents favor neither party. The Ross Government for a quarter of a century has been a very careful and economical government. It has conducted the business of the Province at a very low cost. Compare the cost of the government of the whole Province with the cost of the government of the city of Toronto—a government which is in the hands of Mr. Whitney's friends. The government of Toronto will cost this year, from the Treasurer's estimates,

\$3,445,763; whilst the government of the whole province will cost but very little more. There is much that the Independents would like done that has not been done. They would like a stronger infusion of up-to-date thought, but as advanced ideas cannot be expected of the party that prides itself upon its Tory Conservatism, they will prefer to have to support Mr. Ross on the strength of his careful and honest administration of the provincial finances, and he will be retained with about the same majority he now has.

—Hon. J. M. Gibson was the unanimous choice of the East Wellington Liberals at their Convention in Fergus recently. Though a non-resident Mr. Gibson seems to have won their hearts completely, for, while grateful for the honor done him at the last election, he never assumed that he was again to represent them and in no way tried to influence one man to go his way. This unanimity is, then the more gratifying, and bespeaks victory.

—Lt. Col. Mutrie, M. P. P. was the unanimous choice of the Reform Convention of South Wellington, for the next election to the local House.

—40,000,000 bushels of "Manitoba hard" is what is being figured on from the prairie province for 1901, so good is the prospect.

W. C. T. U. Notes.

EXCURSIONS ON SUNDAY.

A large deputation of clergymen and laymen from many points in Ontario waited on Premier Ross and the members of the Government lately and pressed for action restraining the Sunday excursions contemplated in the Province during the coming summer. The Premier replied that he did not quite know how far the Government's powers went in this direction, but if it were ascertained they possessed the authority the Government would at once put it into operation. Principal Caven, of Knox College, President of the Ontario Lord's Day Alliance, headed the deputation, which comprised many members of the Alliance and of the Toronto general and denominational ministerial associations, besides the members of the Presbyterian Synod of Toronto and Kingston, who adjourned their session for the purpose of taking part in the interview. There were altogether some two or three hundred persons present.

Premier Ross, in his reply, said that in regard to public morality and the enforcement of the laws to that end, they might rely upon the Government which he served as faithfully as they could and with the same fidelity which any of them would do under similar circumstances. The Cabinet had but one view with regard to the observance of Sunday. He had himself voted against Sunday cars in Toronto, and under similar circumstances would do again. (Applause.) The preservation of the Sabbath was in the interests of workingmen, and also of those who required work done with a clear head. "I see no reason in the world," he went on, "why Sunday excursions should be supported by the law or should be permitted by the law of any country entertaining the views which I believe the people of Ontario entertain. I do not know what useful purpose they can serve. I think they cannot but lead to dissipation and idleness, and very often to breaches of the law which can only be prevented by preserving Sunday."

SURELY COMING.

The Great Pan-American Shows.

Every man, woman or child who knows anything about circuses, and who ever saw The Great Pan-American Shows will be delighted to know that the big shows, in all their magnificence and exalted grandeur, will surely exhibit at Durham, on Friday June 7 and precede both exhibitions with the grandest morning street parade ever seen since parades were first exploited. In the great shows will be seen several new features which can not be seen elsewhere. Those who have seen the monster Bovalapus pronounce it the greatest, the strangest and most unique marvel to which the deep ocean ever gave birth. The shaggy, fierce though beautiful, horse-riding lion: Rajah, the biggest born of brutes, taller, longer, cost more than the world-famous Jumbo—the very lord of beasts, and is worth the price of admission alone. The Roman Hippodrome, an exact reproduction of the Colosseum of ancient Rome, and the modern races attached to it, are at once exciting, exhilarating, and in all things equal to the best races run on a modern race-course. The circus, which consists of one hundred and fifty superior acts, given by one hundred superior arctic stars, requires three full hours in which to give them.

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Dromore.

The farmers are busy preparing for their roots around here. The weather continues cool and not much growth nevertheless the fields are beautiful and green.

Quite a number around here were sorely disappointed on Victoria day. Many were building on having a good day's outing, but were compelled to stay indoors all day. Notwithstanding Dromore had a fine display of fireworks in the evening.

Mr. J. Hastie, who has been for some time visiting his daughter Mrs. J. Cusnie of Mt. Forest returned home last week.

Miss S. Inkster visited her sister Mrs. J. Garson last week.

Mr. Young, of Hampden was a caller at the home of Mr. J. M. Findlay, Sunday and took in the C. E. in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Petty, North Line, had the pleasure of entertaining friends last week.

Mr and Mrs Wm. Clark, of Varney, attended service here on Sunday.

We have not heard of any great fish catches yet this season.

BROWNSVILLE.

Seeding and house cleaning is all over, it has been a fine spring on both man and animals, in fact last week was a little too cool, but no frost to do any damage, so far the prospect for fruit is high, there is a great blow of blossoms. The farmers are telling us that hay crop will be very heavy.

Jacob Schmidt is under the weather for the last few weeks with Typhoid fever, but is gaining nicely under Dr. Sneath's care, although he got a bad fright last Saturday when the flues caught fire. No damage was done as the fire engine was on hand and got the upper hand of the fire in a little while.

Mr. Thomas Wamsley is slowly improving, Dr. Betten is attending at present.

Mr. Lane's arm is mending slowly. Miss Mary E. McFarlane and Miss Mary Clark are expected home from the city this week.

Mr. Whittiers is improving his farm by building a new straight fence along the sideroad which makes a grand appearance to it. Mr. Witters sold a horse to James Shields for a good figure.

MILITARY NOTICE.

No. 4 Company 31st Reg't, will proceed to Niagara June 11. Preliminary drills will be held May 25th and June 1st, 8th and 10th at 6 o'clock sharp. All members are requested to be present. A few good recruits are wanted.

O. M. SNIDER, Capt. No. 4 Co'y. 31st Regt. Hampden, Ont.

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New Grocery Store. The undersigned has opened out in his new building in Lower Town, (next door to C. McKinnon) full lines of FLOUR, FEED, GROCERIES, &c. Nothing Stale. Everything New and up-to-date and he cordially invites a trial. Cash or Farmers' Produce. GEO. LAWRENCE. NOTICE. Any persons fishing on the property of the Durham Fishing Club will be prosecuted. Five dollars reward will be paid to any person furnishing such information as will lead to a conviction. J. KELLY, THOS. A. HARRIS, Pres. Secy.

TENDERS WANTED For the erection of a woodshed, &c., at the Public School will be received till June 15th. Plans and specifications may be seen at C. L. GRANT'S, Secy. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. FRESH FISH at the FREEZER.—Miles Wilson has constantly on hand fresh fish. Will be pleased to accommodate farmers and others at any time. Remember the place, near the south end of the town.

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