

# A REASONABLE VIEW OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR

## The Net Result Will be a Blessing to the World.

Writing on "The Beginning of the End of the Boer War," the editor of the New York Journal of Commerce says:

There is every indication that peace in South Africa is at hand and that the Boer leaders of just now are ready to accept of independence. That the result of the referendum will be the endorsement of the judgment of the leaders is hardly doubtful. While it is impossible to predict the personal bravery, military capacity and indomitable resolution displayed by the Boers in their struggle for independence, it is equally impossible to predict the progress of civilization, or human progress, or the roll of the Boer States of the Transvaal and its ally, the Orange Free State, under a system of patriarchal government which rendered it impossible for the government of either to do justice to the stranger within their gates, whether he were of the native owners of the soil or of an outsider from Great Britain or her colonies. In the Transvaal the Boers, who "stood in" with Kruger, were able to amass fortunes at the expense of those who were the country-owed the development of its mines, and the rapid increase of its wealth. There was a dynamic monopoly, which levied an enormous tax on the indispensable material of mining operations, and a railroad, without any competitor, which charged ten times the

value of the service it rendered in the transportation of freight. In the towns the local taxes were heavy, and the foreigner paid a great deal more than his share, without being allowed any voice in the spending of them, or any participation in the benefits of the educational system which they were to support. The Boer farmer carried but little weight in the state of government so long as the rule of independence was placed on other shoulders. A man who is ignorant of all the conditions which make up the life of a civilization, and who stands in the pale of civilization, is of one nature, and more hostile to all that kind, it would be difficult to conceive. His virtues and his vices are those of the seventeenth century, and those of the twentieth century, and while his stalwart heroism is of all time, it is displayed in an attempt to perpetuate a system of which even South Africa is not large enough to hold. Be the rights of the Boers what they may, it has been a misfortune to the world to have ended in any other way than it has done, in the affairs of nations, as the relations between individuals, there is a higher equity, which has sometimes been invoked to guide the hand of justice, and however heroic an episode history may record, the last stand of the Boers to the end, the forces which will act the more freely now, and that the Boers have given in their allegiance to the British Empire.

### PACKED IN A TEA BOX

#### Young Japanese Killed Pick-pocket Brother

Yokohama, April 9, via Victoria, B.C., April 28.—On the 7th instant a tea box wrapped in matting arrived at the Nagoya station from Nagoya. It was found to contain a body of a man who had recently met with a violent death.

### BECAUSE HE WAS A THIEF.

The man who came to the station to take delivery of the box was arrested and sent to the local police station, where he confessed that the body was that of his younger brother, and that he, the consignee, was the murderer. His name being Ichiburo, of Honde, the victim, was the young brother, and the victim had been imprisoned as a pick-pocket who had been imprisoned as a pick-pocket six times, though only 18 years of age at the time of his death.

### RETURNING OFFICERS.

Appointment of 84 of Them Announced.

Although the elections for the Provincial general council will not issue until May 25th, excellent progress has been made in the appointment of returning officers, the selection of 84 of whom was announced yesterday. The officer chosen is in almost every case the Sheriff or the Registrar of the respective county. Those in this part of the Province:

Hamilton West—R. Hope, Registrar, Hamilton.

Hamilton East—T. Middleton, Sheriff, Hamilton.

Brant North—W. B. Wood, Registrar, Brantford.

Brant South—W. Watt, Sheriff, Brantford.

Haldimand—J. Baxter, Registrar, Cayuga.

Hatfield—D. Robertson, Registrar, Milton.

Lincoln—T. C. Dalton, Sheriff, St. Catharines.

Monck—J. E. Moran, Registrar, Welland.

Norfolk North—A. G. Donny, Registrar, Simcoe.

Ontario South—J. F. Paxton, Sheriff, Whitby.

Quebec North—G. W. Brant, Registrar, Woodstock.

Oxford North—J. Brady, Sheriff, Woodstock.

Oxford South—G. R. Pattillo, Registrar, Woodstock.

Simcoe West—E. Brown, Registrar, Simcoe.

Simcoe East—S. Leung, Registrar, Brantford.

Toronto West—Charles Lindsay, Registrar, Toronto.

Toronto East—J. H. W. Widdell, Sheriff, Toronto.

Toronto North—Frederick Mowat, Sheriff, Toronto.

Toronto South—Spencer Lavelle, Registrar, Toronto.

Waterloo North—J. D. Moore, Registrar, Berlin.

Waterloo South—John M. Stewart, Sheriff, Berlin.

Welland—James Smith, Sheriff, Welland.

### WILL BE LOOKED INTO.

#### Admiralty Enquiry into Latest Morgan Combine.

London, April 28.—In the House of Commons today the Secretary of the Admiralty, Hugh O'Grady-Forster, replying to a question, said the Admiralty was considering the whole matter of ship subsidies in the view of defining the rights of the Admiralty in the event of contingencies arising, such as the suggested stopping combine. When the present form of agreement was settled upon, no trade combination under foreign control was contemplated, but the Admiralty had appointed a committee to consider and report on the proposed form of future subsidy agreement, and the arrangements with the White Star Line, which provided the possibility of any of their steamers being transferred to a foreign flag without the consent of the Admiralty during the agreed portion of the Admiralty agreements.

### MERCHANT MARINE IN WAR.

Important legal points were involved, including the question whether, in the event of war, there was anything to prevent these companies claiming that the right of the British flag at sea, and whether the Admiralty has the means of enforcing its right of protection or hire in such case; or, if, by abandoning the subvention, the companies could claim that the right of pre-emption ceased. All such points would be carefully considered, and the Admiralty's rights would be ascertained.

### Brampton Landmark Gone.

Wright's Castle, Built 50 Years Ago, Prey to the Flames.

Brampton, April 28.—To-night at 7 o'clock what is known as Wright's Castle was destroyed by fire, and by 7.30 nothing but the bare walls were left standing. The building was erected 50 years ago by the late George Wright, and was the most imposing private residence in Western Canada. It was a two-story building, and was built on a hillside. It was a landmark in the town, and was a source of pride to the community. The fire was caused by a gas leak, and the building was completely destroyed. The remains of the building were removed, and the site is now a vacant lot.

### Woolwich, and it is practically certain that he will be elected.

A new proposition for the construction of the Coast to Kootenay Railway was made in the British Columbia Government by a firm of New York capitalists. A special despatch to the London Times from St. Petersburg says that the Government in the north-west of Russia has decided to purchase the proposed railway. The railway would be a link between the Pacific coast and the interior of the continent, and would be a great benefit to the region. The proposed route would pass through the mountains, and would be a great engineering feat. The railway would be built by a company of American capitalists, and would be a great source of revenue to the Government. The railway would be a great benefit to the region, and would be a great source of pride to the community.

### HERE AND THERE

#### Mr. Thomas Robertson, Speaker of the Nova Scotia Legislature, died in South Dakota.

Montreal police report that 500 stores of all kinds keep open in that city on Sundays.

The C. P. R. new freight tariffs show considerable reduction as compared with last season.

Disorders have broken out in Sweden in connection with an agitation in favor of universal suffrage.

The Montreal and Gatineau Railway line in Quebec was completely blocked by three extensive landslides.

Chinese bandits attacked a Russian post at Newchang, Manchuria, killing one Russian officer and four privates.

One of the promised results of the new steamship combine is a daily mail service between New York and England.

Additional nominations for the Legislature.



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### WANT THAT MONEY BACK.

Windsor, Hotel Men Displeased With Site of Killies' Camp.

Windsor, Ont., April 28.—The hotel keepers of the city subscribed nearly a thousand dollars to the fund to buy the Killies' Camp, a site for a military camp. The hotel men are displeased with the site, and are demanding that the money be returned to them. They claim that the site is not suitable for a military camp, and that the money should be used for other purposes. The military authorities have refused to return the money, and the hotel men are now taking legal action.

### GRAIN DUTIES ADOPTED.

The Government's Majority Ninety-four.

London, April 28.—In the course of a debate on the grain tax in the House of Commons this evening the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, announced that "offal" or coarse meal for stock feeding would pay only threepence hundredweight, instead of fivepence. He added that in the case of flour and fine meals the farmers



First Tramp—Grab de par' Bill an' de tide' wash us in de washin'.

### SEVERAL PERSONS INJURED.

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### WAS JAMES QUIRK'S DEATH ACCIDENTAL?

#### The Family Physician Firmly Believes a Fall Caused it.

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