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## GERMANY MAY HELP

### In Preventing War in South Africa.

## BOERS' FIGHTING CAPACITY

### MEANS A TERRIBLE AND BLOODY STRUGGLE.

Kruger is Said to Be Waiting on Events—Hints That Germany Will Not Help Boers—May be Likely to Have Quieting Effect in the Transvaal.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—In default of news of any real significance from South Africa, an article in Blackwood's magazine by an expert on the fighting capacity of the Boers attracts attention. The idea prevails here that war with the Transvaal means a terrible and bloody struggle which will severely tax British military resources and which cannot be concluded without a vast expenditure of money, that will demand a consummate leadership to successfully terminate. This idea the writer controverts. He shows that the exaggerated estimate of the fighting strength of the Boers is due to recollections of a disastrous war, but British reverses then were due chiefly to insufficient forces and an under-rating of the strength and military qualities of the Boers. Again, British marksmanship has improved, while that of the Boers has deteriorated. Finally, it is not probable that the government would embark in a struggle without placing an ample force at the disposal of the general in command. The writer concludes that the alarmist view is only justified if the quarrel extends over to Cape Colony, Orange Free State and Natal and Rhodesia, which is unlikely, but it is a mistake to suppose the conquest of the Transvaal Boers, left to themselves, would be a task which would severely test the British army or involve an alarming expenditure.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—President Kruger still seems to be waiting on events. The latest telegrams are more re-assuring, but nothing decisive is known as to whether Mr. Chamberlain's proposal for a joint enquiry will be accepted. The fact that the semi official German papers are beginning to hint pretty plainly that the Transvaal can expect no help from Germany, may combine with the British government's steady preparations for war to hasten a satisfactory settlement. In any case no military movements would be possible until October.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—The Johannesburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The government is awaiting the approval of the Orange Free State and the Cape Colony ministry before replying to the proposal of Mr. Chamberlain to submit the franchise controversy to a joint commission of inquiry. I am in a position to assert the first draft of Transvaal answer was a refusal. The second was an acceptance of the independence of the Boers, the public not being im-

## TIRED OF BEING SCOLDED

So a Seven-Year-Old Philadelphia Boy Committed Suicide.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 14.—Tired of constant scolding, James Cattell, the seven-year old son of Cooper Cattell, committed suicide. "Jimmie," mischievous and with overflowing spirits, for some time past has caused his parents much worry. Some childish freak yesterday morning made his parents angry. The boy begged to go out to play for an hour, but his father refused to permit him. "Jimmie" was ordered not to go outside of the house under a threat of severe punishment.

Little Jim was too full of life to stay cooped up in the house. He cried for a while and then watched for his opportunity and slipped out of the house. From information given by the coroner it appears that "Jim," after climbing the fence from his father's home, had gone to Elm street wharf. Once there he jumped into the river. "This is the last time I will cause my papa and mama trouble," were his last words.

Several hours later the little fellow's body floated on the surface of the river and was recovered by the wharfmen. The parents are inconsolable. "Jim" had often been heard to say, "Some of these days I'll kill myself."

## EMPLOYEES SHARE IN PROFITS.

A Firm in Halifax Decides to Divide Up With Employees.

HALIFAX, N.S., Aug. 14.—Clayton & Sons, clothing manufacturers of this city, the largest employers of labor in Halifax, having a staff of over 400 hands, called their employees together and announced that in future the profits of the business in excess of ten per cent. will be divided among the men. Interest at the rate of seven per cent. on the capital invested must also first be paid.

For the purpose of apportioning the profits in excess of ten per cent., the employees are divided into four classes. The first class, including employees occupying the most responsible positions, will receive forty per cent.; the second class thirty per cent.; the third class twenty per cent.; and the fourth class ten per cent. The scheme goes into effect at once.

## FIERCE RIOTS IN LONDONDERRY.

The Protestant Celebration Leads to Fighting.

LONDONDERRY, Aug. 14.—The Protestant celebration of the relief of Derry, besieged by James II's army in 1689, led to riotous scenes here yesterday. An excursion party composed of 400 members of a '98 club, arrived from Belfast, but the police refused to allow the excursionists to enter the city. The appearance of a nationalist band to meet the party caused disorders and stone throwing.

Both mobs attacked the police. Finally the riot act was read and the mayor of Londonderry called out the garrison. Eight constables were seriously injured.

Rioting was renewed in the evening on the departure of the excursionists in the vicinity of the railway station. The police made repeated baton charges and several persons were injured.

## A COAT WITH A HISTORY.

It Was Worn At The Burial Of Sir John Moore In 1809.

OTTAWA, Aug. 14.—Robert C. W. Lebb, of Orme & Sons, has discovered an old coat which has a history. It was worn by Mr. Lebb's grandfather, who was present at the burial of Sir John Moore in 1809.

## NEWS OF THE WORLD.

### What Comes To Us From All Quarters.

## CONDENSED PARAGRAPHS.

### TELEGRAMS FROM THE EARTH'S FOUR QUARTERS GIVEN.

Little Matters That Interest Everybody—Notes From All Over—Little of Everything Daily Read and Remembered by the Dear Public.

Oscar Webster, Coaticook, Que., has been appointed a customs preventive officer.

Major Louis Felix Pinault, 9th battalion, Voltigeurs du Quebec, has been appointed deputy minister of militia and defence in the stead of Col. Charles E. Panet, deceased.

Among the first recipients of the Canadian general service medal will be Lord Wolseley, Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, Lieut.-Gen. B. W. Lowery, C.B., and Major-Gen. Sir W. Butler and H. McCalmont, C.B.

The half yearly report of the Grand Trunk railway company announces that a surplus of £135,400 has been added to the balance of £4,100 carried forward from 1898, making available a payment of a full dividend of four per cent. on guaranteed stock, and one per cent. on first preference for the half year, leaving a balance of £2,000 to carry forward.

The emperor William has expressed a desire to furnish three recreasers, paid by himself, for the decoration of Queen's new yacht, which is nearing completion. His majesty's enthusiasm for painting of marine subjects is well known. The imperial yacht "Hohenzollern" adorned with a series of imperial portraits which include representations of British naval victories.

## DREYFUS' COUNSEL SHOT.

An Event That Has Added Great Incidents of the Trial.

RENNES, Aug. 14.—Two bushes Maitre Labori, counsel for the last (Sunday) night. One shot hitting Labori in the back. He fell on the roadway. He is still alive.

RENNES, Aug. 14.—Maitre Labori shot from behind as a lonely figure on the river Velaine, the ball striking the posterior region of the spine on the right side at the fifth or sixth vertebra. The heavy blow, for the moment, exploded the depth of the wound. The ball is lodged in the vertebral canal, however, maintaining the nerve respecting the integument and spinal cord.

## Latest Insurance

LONDON, Aug. 14.—The London & Lancashire Insurance Co. lately had to defend a case known as "foul shaves," contracted while being the prospects opened up by the associations have been the question of insuring a description. A well known has made an offer to 300 of its members a premium each.