

the worst fever places; but this I afterwards learned was not the case, as they succumbed to the disease as readily as our East African and South African soldiers.

My business concluded, I was glad to shake off the sand of that terrible place and continue the journey to Zanzibar, one of the most lovely islands on the earth, although the town of Zanzibar itself, the seat of the Sultan who is under English protection, is not advised by Gen. Matthews, is to a European not a lovely sight to behold; but it is not worse than many other oriental towns, with its unpaved, narrow, ill-smelling streets, densely populated by Arabs, Shuhalis, and a mixture of several native tribes from the East African coast.

There are also a great many Indian and Portuguese traders to be found here, and the place is celebrated for the fine silver and gold filigree work of Indian and Arabian artisans. Europeans of all nations seek their living as merchants here, for it is an important mercantile center, where ivory, skins, ostrich feathers and other produce from the interior of Africa are brought to market. Here I had also the questionable pleasure of meeting and conversing with Tippu Tib, the whilom slave trader, one of the greatest rascals of our time, a man who has crossed Africa many times and who through his great influence with the tribes and his marvelous knowledge of the country has escaped a violent death many times, as he is too useful a personage to lose.

Most of the English and American die a mysterious death, and the less said about these troubles the better. I spent several days in Zanzibar, buying horses and carriages for our expedition, and also completing the outfit. I was glad when the German Government consoling vessel took us off for Tangi, from which place our expedition was to start. Little I knew when I left Zanzibar what wonderful adventures and hairbreadth escapes awaited me in the "Dark Continent."

(To be continued.)

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POLITICAL NOTES.

In his opening speech at Hamilton, O., Senator Foraker said that trusts are a step in commercial progress, and have come to stay. They are not Republican or Democratic, nor the result of the tariff. They exist more largely in Free Trade England than anywhere else, and were brought about by the sharp competition of that country. There are good trusts and bad trusts, and the remedy is to be found in regulation, not abolition. He was strongly in favor of the retention of the Philippines, and Congress should be trusted to legislate wisely for them.

Last week, at the demand of Gov. Lorain, Senator Wellington resigned his chairmanship of the Finance Committee of Maryland. Senator Wellington's course has been very unsatisfactory to the Republicans of that State, and it is felt that any prominence given him would be harmful to the party's best interests.

Gov. Roosevelt opened the campaign in Ohio last Saturday with a speech at Akron.

Senator Burrows will speak in Ohio and also in Iowa.

It is now definitely said that Vice-President Hobart will not be a candidate for renomination. His physicians have told him that he must not run. He is said to be very positive on the subject of his health, and his retirement from politics, but yields to medical advice. The next question is as to who will succeed him. The President would undoubtedly like to see Gov. Roosevelt by landing him there, but Roosevelt has no idea of being played out in any way. The Republican nomination as Governor and the Presidency in 1904, Vice-President Hobart wants the honor of naming his successor. If this is granted, he will be Attorney General Griggs, who, it is thought, can lead New Jersey in the Republican column. Senator Platt wants Secretary Root. The Western Republicans are manifesting a desire to be heard in favor of some man beyond the Mississippi.

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SO IS AND DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

Miss Amy Craven, granddaughter of Capt. T. A. M. Craven, has been named as sponsor for the Sorrowsful Tree, which is to be launched at the Bath Iron Works next Saturday. Capt. Craven was in command of the Tecumseh when she was blown up by torpedoes, and his life while entering Mobile Bay, because he insisted upon the pilot's proceeding him in the effort to escape from the conning-tower.

The Sorrowsful Tree.

Philadelphia Press. There is a tree in Persia to which the name "The Sorrowsful Tree" is given. Perhaps because it blooms only in the evening. When the first star appears in the heavens the first bud of the Sorrowsful Tree opens, and as the shades of night advance the stars thickly stand the sky, the buds continue gradually opening until the whole tree looks like an immense bush of flowers. On the approach of dawn, when the brilliancy of the stars gradually fades in the light of day, the Sorrowsful Tree closes its flowers, and only one single blossom is visible. A sheet of flower dust, as white as snow, covers the ground around the foot of the tree, which seems blown up by torpedoes, and is in the vicinity of this singular tree there usually grows another which is almost an exact counterpart of the Sorrowsful Tree, but less beautiful, and strange to say, it blooms only in the daytime.

Giving It His Straight.

It is to be "blown" in an hour, announced little Bobby Wiggins, who ushered his sister's baby into the parlor. "An hour?" repeated the young man in surprise. "O, well, she said tell her she'd be down in a minute, but yer know how that is yourself."

THE TRANSVAAL.

Strained Situation in South Africa as Viewed by a Late Resident of Cape Colony.

The Transvaal situation is beginning to assume serious features. A retrospect on the last war in the year 1880 between England and the Transvaal can hardly furnish any data for what may or may not happen in the near future.

Then there were no railroads; Bechuanaland, or as it is now called, Mashonaland, or Rhodesia, was under Kaffir rule. The goldfields of the Transvaal were at that time undeveloped, and operations by a large army were very difficult, as waterplaces were few and far between.

The supplies for the army had to be brought in with ox wagons. There were at that time no authentic and reliable maps of the Transvaal, and the English army had to maneuver as best it could. It is, follow the Boers wherever they would lead them, which brought about the final disaster of Gen. Collyer.

These mistakes are not likely to be repeated in case of another war of England with the Boers. The country has been surveyed from south to north and from east to west, and maps are now in existence which will properly guide an invading force. The chief danger to the Transvaal lies in the fact that the railway line to Bulawayo skirts the whole western frontier.

WESTERN FRONTIER EXPOSED.

During the last war there was only the Natal border to be defended, whilst now the whole western frontier is exposed to attack, and that in a very serious manner, as there are no fortifications on that frontier worth speaking of except some natural ones.

If a prospective expedition were as ably managed as the one under the command of Sir Charles Warren against the Bechuanaland, there would be very little doubt that England, provided she brought a great force, would be able to crush the Transvaal. But do not let us lose sight of facts. Sir Charles Warren's forces had to provision in the Cape Colony; there they had to buy the necessary horses, and they also partly recruited in the same place.

Now, I will remember the feelings amongst the Boers, when I came to South Africa shortly after the Transvaal war. If England at that time had not given the Transvaal its freedom, the Boers of the whole Cape Colony would have risen up in arms, and as they are the most law-abiding people I ever came in contact with, and also in adapting themselves to reforms, I do not think that they have changed one whit since the times of 1880. In fact, the Boer party in the Cape Colony has, through the efforts of the Afrikaner Bond, and the indefatigable H. Meyer at its head, grown stronger every year until now they form a majority in the Cape Parliament.

It is due to the efforts of the Bond alone that the Dutch language is allowed in the Cape Parliament, and it is only since that time that Boer representatives began to enter Parliament. The Bond's representatives have carried many reforms, and it is now a power to be reckoned with. I do not think England would find many recruits among the Boer population of the Cape Colony for an expedition against the Transvaal, and it was just this element that proved the backbone in all the native wars. History may not record this, in fact, it gives all the glory of these bloody fights to the European soldiers; but any one well acquainted with the country and the events which took place there, knows differently.

ORANGE FREE STATE.

The Orange Free State will, when it comes to war between England and the Transvaal Republic, certainly stand in with the Transvaal. In truth, there exists an alliance between the two Boer Republics, and the Orange Free State certainly has no great reasons to love England, having been deprived by her of the diamond fields in a very high-handed manner.

It may be well worth while to point out how England obtained the diamond fields. The whole area of the diamond fields formerly belonged to the Orange Free State. When it was taken by the British, the English quietly annexed that part of the country. On the 7th of November, 1871, a number of British mounted police appeared on the market place of the largest settlement—New Rush. The officer in command ordered the Free State flag to be hauled down, and in its place was raised the Union Jack. He then read a proclamation to the citizens assembled, which stated that England had annexed all the diamond fields in the very high-handed manner.

Four weeks later the Government of the Free State issued a formal protest against this proclamation, but nothing came of it. The Earl of Kimberley, who was Colonial Secretary at that time, paid a comparatively small sum to the Free State to make the "annexation" legal.

One of the most interesting English travelers, Anthony Froude, gives the Transvaal Boers a very good character in his book, "Oceana, or England and her Colonies," published in London in 1886. Mr. Froude states that the Transvaal Boers have always settled their differences with the Kaffirs with much bloodshed. A number of the Boers, especially among the Boers, and work with them, and for them. He says that the best-tilled lands of natives he has seen in South Africa are near Pretoria. He describes the Boers as of rough simplicity, and possessing great love for their Republic and its institutions. He compares the Boers to Horatius of the Roman legends, who had been turned into armed warriors, and who conquered Pyrrhus and Hannibal. This is the description of the characteristics of the Boer by an unbiased English critic.

THE UTLANDERS.

As to the so-called "Utlanders" in the Transvaal, the less said about them the better. I am now referring to the noisy, "A Little Spark May Make Much Work."

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revolutionary element, those who enticed Jameson and a number of British officers of good standing by false tales of their sufferings, and by stating that even their women and children were in great danger, to make that freckling expedition into the Transvaal, which met with just deserts by being severely and quickly repulsed by the Boers with heavy losses and punishment. These so-called "Utlanders" who their fancied wrongs promised to raise a big force to meet Jameson, but what did they actually do? They calmly waited at Johannesburg and allowed Jameson and his men to stand the brunt of the fighting; they never even so much as raised a hand nor pulled a trigger nor touched their pockets. The respectable Utlanders, who have possessions in the Transvaal, have always acted proper, and have lately tried to get the Transvaal Government to bring about certain necessary reforms, and would surely have succeeded if it had not been for a certain party who whose sole aim it appears to be to force a war upon the Boers. Far be from me to put myself in the front as a champion of the Boers. I certainly think some concessions should be made, but it is not the object of the writer to discuss political matters, but simply to put forward certain facts, so that every one may draw his own conclusions about the matter.

When the Boers went across the Vaal River they went into Kaffir territory. England at that time had no idea of taking possession of that country, as they had their hands full in the Cape Colony. The Boers had to fight hard to wrest the country from the Kaffirs, and they lost many men and a great deal of livestock. They were a hardworking people, and soon developed the country, and then when the Kaffirs were subdued, they were promised far to become a prosperous one. England stretched out her hand and annexed it in 1887, under Lord Beaconsfield's Government, and put Sir Theophilus Shepstone in charge of the country. But Sir Theophilus could not get along with the Boers; he had no sympathy for them; he thought them a slow, lazy, good-for-nothing set of people, and he estimated their power of enduring continual grinding down, when in a year of drought, after the crops had failed and their herds were starved, he tried to get the full taxes of the destitute people. A little leniency at that time would have saved England a great deal of trouble. The Commissioner carried everything with a high hand and wanted to sell out those who did not, and in fact mostly could not, pay their taxes. Then the Boers became desperate and the trouble started, the end of which is too well known to bear repetition. The Boers were only about 25,000 men, and commanded a force of only about 2,000 men, is very brave, for they have split up their forces considerably to defend the length of the western and Natal frontiers.

TRANSVAAL REPUBLIC.

Before going further, it may be as well to cast a cursory glance at the country. The Transvaal—the original part of the South African Republic—between 22° and 29° South Lat., and 25° and 33° East Long. It covers the greater part of the South African high plateau. It may be divided into three natural territories. The "Hoogvelde" (high plateau), which lies in the Southern part, chiefly bounded by Boers, is from 3,500 to 6,000 feet above the sea, and consists mostly of sparsely-growing grassland with a few mountains scarcely rising above 1,000 feet over the plateau. The Magalies Mountains divide it from the Northwestern Territory, the "Bunveld," 2,000 to 3,000 feet above the level of the sea, the plains of which are mostly covered with savannah forest, thorn bushes or brush (except in the Southern part, which is not free from fever in the summer). There is a dense population of Bechuanas and Basutos. The Boers have mostly settled in the mountainous region round the Waterberg, about 5,000 feet above sea level. This part is fairly healthy. The third territory, which is the "Bankenveld," includes the mountain and river land in the East, and is intersected by rivers. This territory land forms the connection between the high plateau and the Indian Ocean. The mountains, of which the highest is the Mauch Mountain, 7,177 feet, are "cloofed." In the valleys there are forests. From the 25° northward there is fever during the summer, even in the higher parts of the "Bankenveld." The air in the Transvaal is dry throughout the year, the temperature in summer rising to 112° Fahrenheit. The nights are always cool. The cold months are June, July and August. The rains fall in the summer from September to April. The country is mostly suited for stock raising, and does not produce enough breadstuffs for the consumption of the inhabitants. So much for the geographical aspects. In going into the facts of the case a little

closer, it will be found that it is none too easy for an invading force to enter the Transvaal. First of all, the Matabele have to be reckoned with; they have been put down several times, but only have a reasonable opportunity to rise up in arms again. The Matabele have been kept in check by a strong force; and there are other native tribes who also need watching. I should say the most favorable, and in fact the only reason for a successful attack, if it has to come to that, would be after the rains have fallen, and all the dams and dry river-beds in the country are as well as the so-called "vlees" and "tjans" (natural depressions of the soil which form for months after the rainy season small lakes and large pools) are filled with stagnant water. The Transvaal, like the rest of South Africa, is a country where there is a great scarcity of water; there are few running rivers and streams, and the water has to be largely on wells and dams, which latter, if largely enough, hold water from one rainy season to another. But most of these dams hold out for two or three months only. In this fact of the scarcity of water lies the great difficulty for the operations of a large body of troops. The Boers on falling back would not only be able to get water, but to fill up the wells, if they do not otherwise render them useless. Therefore, as before stated, an expedition into the Transvaal is possible after some heavy rains have fallen; but the rains cannot always be relied on. There are many years in which the dams and rivers are filled with stagnant water. There is only one great danger to be feared in operations during the rainy season, and that is the horsesickness, which is a very serious disease, and against which there is no remedy or preventive, and although both forces would suffer by it, it is certain that horses freshly brought into the Transvaal would have less chances than those reared in the country. Food for the army will have to be brought along, and that is no very easy matter, for operations on retreating will certainly destroy the only line of railway leading into the country; nor will they keep near to it if they are wise, for destroyed railway lines are filled with stagnant water. They will endeavor to fight out the decisive battles in parts where there are natural water supplies, and where the Boers are attacking party to get up their supplies, and where there will be little water for a large force.

They will the Boers have any live stock or food of any kind behind them. As for the large towns like Johannesburg and Pretoria, they can take care of themselves. The Boers are not likely to be able to enter Johannesburg, and they will not fight till they drop. They have the further advantage of knowing the country thoroughly, and what is still more important, they are not afraid of the Boer peasant mob, armed with all kinds of out-of-date rifles, but their main body are well equipped and well trained soldiers, who have been trained by capable officers. They possess a very efficient artillery, which they entirely lacked in 1880, and which is now being reorganized. Write at once for a free trial package and other information. It is an honest remedy that you can test before you buy. Address: John A. Smith, 326 Summerfield Church Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.

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