

RIDICULOUS EXTREMES OF HYSTERICAL WAR ENTUSIASM

Sharper are Converting It to Advertising and Other Commercial Purposes.

SENSIBLE PEOPLE CALLING A HALT

The Queen's Chocolate Gift Comes In for Much Criticism—Correspondent Churchill's Heroics Not Relished by Military Officers.

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LONDON, Nov. 25.—Among the serious minded, conservative English people, there is a growing feeling of disgust at the spread of the nauseating nany-pambyism which finds an excuse in the war. The historical outbreak which has ensued since "Tommy Atkins" and his officer became a full-fledged society crone has already been the subject of satirical articles in the better class of British publications, and now all signs point to a reaction from that unreasoning enthusiasm which is responsible for so many ungenial antics.

Never were the old English army officers so agitated as when they read of the queen's decision to send a box of chocolate to each man in the field as a Christmas present. Compared with her simple speeches at her farewells to the troops, this announcement appeared as a sudden descent from the sublime to the ridiculous. On top of this came the heroic acts of Correspondent Churchill fighting battles and controlling troops and regular officers pored in letters to the papers protesting against this.

Though not belittling Churchill's personal bravery in the Tirah campaign, an officer was obliged to tell Churchill that his help was not needed to command a company. Other instances of this young ex-officer's readiness to interfere have been printed since the glowing accounts of the armored train affair.

While it is pointed out that he does not deserve good treatment from the Boers, having violated the usages of war, the reports of his expected release is contrasted with the alleged action of the French and Germans who it is claimed during the war of 1870, shot all noncombatants found carrying arms. While the big west end carters are busy shipping hundreds of cases of champagne and omelette for gras to the regimental messes in South Africa, society women are working feverishly, making plum puddings for these unfortunates.

Many of the puddings contain costly jewelry, tin pins, rings and other ornaments from a daring womankind. Lady Colin Campbell was made no fewer than 105 plum puddings for the Dublin Fusiliers and several puddings have been sent to Winston Churchill, addressed to Pretoria. Though the majority of such efforts are doubtless prompted by genuine patriotism and a desire to alleviate the sufferings of the soldiers, the charitable movement is taken advantage of by notorious self-advertisers, both social and mercantile.

Women who have not been received in society, in spite of the efforts of years, have been entering in their endeavors to get publicity for their particular scheme to raise money or articles to send out to South Africa. Incidentally it is announced that the Duke of Aberdeen has sent the Red Cross Society 200 dozen of Meers, so and so's handkerchiefs, "which are famous for their softness and delicate texture," etc., and every theatrical press agent in the country is reaping harvests by obtaining gratuitous advertisements from hitherto unheard of actors and actresses, who are willing to recite a war poem or do a turn to help the war funds.

This, of course, scarcely applies to the few leaders of the profession who originated the idea of an American quota of charity, a movement which culminated in Mrs. Brown Potter's "The Chantant," though the latter has not escaped criticism.

The Times sets an example by giving a meager and uncomplimentary report. In its news columns and since then several society and other papers have referred sarcastically to the excesses

which marked the tipping and other methods applied at the entertainment to raise funds.

The amount of advertising some of the theatrical nonities have secured is not excused even by the presence of royalties. Many prominent members of the American colony here freely express in private conversation their disappointment and stronger feelings at the proceedings of this performance.

Mr. Joseph H. Choate, the United States ambassador, was placed in an awkward position by finding upon his arrival here that he was apparently actively associated with the Chantant's management, one individual was officially discomfited by the embassy and the same was the case with several others who, though known in the London papers as Americans, are not claimed as such by the various ambassadors or are not received in New York society.

On the other hand the hospital ship Princess of Wales fitted out at the instigation of and with the personal supervision of the members of the royal family after whom she was named, was done quietly and is now ready to sail. A great part of the cost was borne by the princess's own pocket, but its complete control is given to the army medical department.

A rumor has been printed that the long existing and strong family friendship between Mr. Joseph Chamberlain and Sir Alfred Milner may culminate in their becoming brothers-in-law. But, a representative of the Associated Press learns that Mr. Chamberlain has only one sister and she is married.

So, unless Sir Alfred Milner weds a sister of one of Mr. Chamberlain's former wives, it is hard to see how the tie can be effected. Those who know Sir Alfred Milner say he is not of the marrying kind and his intimates discredit the rumor saying "the acquaintanceship of the governor of Cape Colony with Mr. Chamberlain is confined to a few official interviews."

M. A. P. (Mainly About People) is authority for the statement that General Kitchener, before leaving England recently, made a strenuous attempt to obtain the supreme command in South Africa, but was refused on account of his junior rank and lack of knowledge of South African conditions. A cabinet minister is quoted as saying, relative to General Kitchener's request: "Why, when he got to Pretoria the man might actually send Kruger's head to Madam Tussauds."

A letter from an officer at Omdurman says Wingate's forces, which recently defeated the Derwishes near the Nile, south of Khartoum, consisted of five squadrons of cavalry, two infantry brigades, two horse-artillery, ten machine-guns and 1,000 camels. The letter adds: "We should have attacked the Khalifa this winter. There is no probability of his attacking Omdurman, but he will do his utmost to create risings and will attempt a raid along the Nile banks of the White Nile. He is known to have 3,500 riflemen, 5,000 spearmen and more cavalry."

These are reported to be full of garrulousness. We shall probably not get our chief losses due to fever, scarcity of water and the cattle fly. But, I assure you, that when we begin the Khalifa will be vigorously pursued, to prevent his doing any more harm among the scattered Derwishes in South Africa."

With wisdom ahead of his years, little "Johnny" Bell, who has won 22 races on the English turf, has decided to go to school during his four months' vacation.

The London riding schools have begun to supply female grooms, who, instead of following their mistresses through the park at a respectful dis-

tance like a male attendant, ride side by side with their mistresses, thus alleviating the silence attending the old-fashioned morning carter with a male groom in the rear.

The next yachting season promises to be the best in many years. It is now definitely said that the Valkyrie III will be re-commissioned by the prospective new owner, to whom Lord Dunraven is arranging to sell her. Lord Dunraven, by the way, was anxious to represent a London dally in South Africa, but his physicians forbade it and a younger earl has represented the Daily Telegraph in Africa.

Mr. Charles Day Rose's new boat Distant Shore is higher and more comfortably fitted than any racer on this side of the Atlantic, though similar in lines to the Columbia. When the Columbia comes over here if she does make the trip, she will find the Shamrock, Distant Shore Valkyrie III, Meteor II and Britania ready to contest against her in behalf of Europe.

Captain Hogarth is quoted as saying that under English weather conditions the Shamrock would give the Columbia a much harder tussle.

Mrs. Coe's Napua is being repaired and altered on the Clyde and is fitting out for a Mediterranean cruise.

The number of families thrown into mourning by the war is already having an appreciable effect on the attendance at the west end theatres. The managers feel that war plays are too realistic to be popular for some time to come.

MONOPOLY ON NICKEL PROPOSED

ITS ARMOR PLATE USE

England and France are to Control Only Mines and Keep It Away From Other Navies.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—A special to the Herald from Toronto, says:

By an order in council signed by the lieutenant-governor of Ontario, Sir Oliver M. Mowat, on the report of the cabinet, and especially of the crown lands commissioner, the Hon. P. J. Davis, together with a memorandum from the director of mines, Mr. Archibald Blue, it is proposed to "renew the negotiations opened with the British government in 1891, which had for their object concessions of an interest in the nickel ores of the ungranted lands of the crown for imperial and national uses, on such terms as may be mutually agreed upon."

The object of these negotiations is to secure control of the nickel ore lands to the British government, which could thus control the production of nickel, holding it as a monopoly and using it only for its own war vessels. There are said to be only two nickel deposits in the world of commercial value—those in New Caledonia, an island in the further Pacific belonging to France, and in the Sudbury district of Ontario. The plan to control the Ontario ores is the interest of the British government was first suggested in 1891.

The offer at the time did not at the time commend itself to the officials of the British admiralty, but the evidence, which has since accumulated to prove the superiority of nickel steel over every other kind of armor plate suggests that possibly the time may have now arrived when the proposition made to the imperial government eight years ago might be hopefully renewed.

It remains to be seen, however, whether the commissioners of the admiralty will accept the offer now made by Ontario. It seems scarcely probable that acceptance would mean the placing of an embargo on the continued export to the United States for naval purposes of the nickel product of the Canadian Coppe Company, which is composed mainly of Judge Stevenson Burke, of Cleveland, and several Ohio capitalists.

This company has up to now had a practical monopoly of the supply of nickel for American armor. In the seven years 1892-1898 the quantity of ore smelted and reduced in the Sudbury district was 59,552 tons and the estimated metallic contents were 29,765,990 pounds of nickel and 34,570,500 pounds of copper.

At the selling price of matte at the furnaces, which is the form in which it is exported to the refineries in the United States, the total value of the nickel product for the seven years was \$2,294,600, and of the copper, \$1,302,585, or a total of \$3,597,185. But at the average selling price of the metals during the seven years this would amount to



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While the expert nickel trade will doubtless be checked, perhaps altogether stopped, Sudbury will under any arrangement that may be made continue to supply refined nickel for Uncle Sam's ships.

A special dispatch to the Herald from Washington says:

The United States will not be prevented from getting nickel even if Great Britain and France should attempt to control the supply of nickel ore. The principal deposits of this metal are at Sudbury, Canada, and New Caledonia, a French island in the Pacific, but nickel is being produced in Oregon and in other parts of the United States.

If England and France should refuse to allow their nickel to be sold to other nations, it would probably increase the price in the United States, but would not entirely shut off the supply.

SEND THEM TO ASTORIA
San Francisco is Getting Tired of Being the Military Depot of the Philippines.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—A memorial to congress is now being prepared by the Citizens' Executive committee asking that San Francisco be relieved of the care of regular troops returning from the Philippines. Now that the volunteers of the several states have been received, cared for, assisted in arriving, and aided in departing, the work of the committee is practically ended.

Organization will, however, be maintained until every possible effort is made to induce the federal government to provide for the care and transportation of all regular troops to the points of enlistment. This may require an act of congress.

LEAVE A VALUABLE ESTATE.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Nov. 25.—Henry H. Hall is dead at his home in this city. He was assistant treasurer of the United States during Lincoln's administration and issued the first greenbacks issued by the government. He leaves a valuable estate to his daughter.

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