

# THE BOERS HARD TO HOLD

### BRITISH AUTHORITIES FIND THEM TO BE SLIPPERY PRISONERS.

#### How the Captured Burghers Are Now Kept From Escaping—Prison Ships Guarded Night and Day by Warships—Daring Dashes For Liberty.

[Special Correspondence.]

CAPE TOWN, April 1.—The British authorities are having lots of trouble in taking care of their Boer prisoners. It is one of the most annoying of the lesser problems of the war for them. During the first part of the hostilities most of the captured Boers were sent to Durban, but of late nearly all prisoners of war have been sent to this place.

At first the experiment was tried of turning over the Boer prisoners to the



SIMON'S BAY BY MOONLIGHT.

[Showing a prison ship under the searchlight.]

navy, but this was not a success. It was thought that the warships, being unable to otherwise aid in the war, would make excellent prisons. You would almost think that this would be so. Any one who has even been on a warship anchored a mile or two from shore and realized the strict discipline maintained would imagine that no safer place could be found for a prisoner.

But your jolly British Jack Tar does not make a good jail-keeper. In the first place, he is too confiding and simple minded. He is too apt to make friends with his wards, and, while his loyalty is unquestioned, he is not the right man for the place. For one thing, he dislikes the job. He feels that it is beneath his dignity. Then, too, there is no denying the fact that these British sailors have at the bottom a secret admiration for the plucky Boers, and it does not do for a jailer to hold these views of his prisoners.

The chief reason for abandoning Durban was that it was too near Boer territory. In case of an escape the refugee was almost certain to make his way back to his friends. So the warships and the prisoners were sent here. Later they were shifted to the British naval station at Simon's bay. There several transports have been turned into prison ships, which are guarded by cruisers.

But, as is well known, Cape Colony is full of men who the British regard as rebels. The Cape Dutch sympathize with the Boers to a man, and most of them are willing to take many risks to aid in the escape of a Boer prisoner.

When the Boer prisoners were first sent to Simon's bay, much latitude and liberty were allowed them. Friends were allowed in any number to visit the ship, and few restrictions were placed on them. This good time, however, did not last long, as in a short while some of the privileges were abused, which resulted in more stringent rules being promulgated. Instead of every day, visitors were restricted to two days a week and only a few allowed on board at a time. An interpreter was also present during the interviews with the prisoners.

Then came the escape of one of the Boers named De Meillon. This is the story: A bluejacket happened to be in the bar of one of the hotels and, understanding a little German, overheard a man telling another in that language that he had just escaped from the Penelope and that he was a Boer prisoner. The bluejacket went out quietly and reported what he had heard. The matter was placed in the hands of the police, with the result that De Meillon was captured in a house near Cape Town a couple of days after. A part of inquiry was held, but no particulars have leaked out as to his escape or whether he had any accomplices. It was suggested that he had a bluejacket's suit and so escaped.

Mr. J. M. Paine, a British official, reported that he had removed the prisoners from the transport Manila to Simon's bay. The people of Cape Town were put on board the

started by the report that three of the Boers had escaped from the Manila, notwithstanding the fact that the ship had been placed a considerable distance out. Upon investigation it was found that two of the men had indeed escaped, unless they were shot or drowned, but the third had faked it or could not swim as well as the others, for he was picked up returning to the ship.

It is now expected that, in spite of the protests of Prime Minister Schreiner, the majority of the Boer prisoners will be transferred to St. Helena at an early date. Not until this is done will the British cease to be troubled by the escape of prisoners. **Cecil Holt.**

#### La Grippe Successfully Treated.

"I have just recovered from the second attack of la grippe this year," says Mr. Jas. A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexia, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days, against ten days for the former attack. The second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy, as I had to go to bed in about six hours after being 'struck' with it, while in the first case I was able to attend to business about two days before getting 'down.'" For sale by B. R. Wilson & Son, druggists.

#### Cheese In Swiss Families.

The social rank of a family in Switzerland is estimated by the age of its cheese, and the greater the respect due to or the affection for a guest the older is the cheese set before him. There are in each pantry at least as many cheeses as there are boys and girls in the family, for at the birth of every child a cheese is made.

It is first cut into on his or her wedding day, on which festive occasion all the guests partake of a piece of the groom's and the bride's cheese in order to secure for them all earthly thrift and happiness. The rest is served as a token of friendly souvenir and heartfelt mourning after the tomb has closed over his or her earthly career.

Moreover, when a Swiss youth falls in love and wishes to pay court to the girl of his heart he goes to her father and asks permission to share the family dinner next Sunday. This is always granted if he is respectable, for it would be considered a deadly insult to refuse. The anxious question in his mind is, "Will papa bring out the cheese?"

Papa does not usually hurry to relieve his fears, having the family dignity in mind and wishing to proceed with due deliberation. If he is indeed satisfied with the suitor, he at length rises from his seat, goes solemnly to the cupboard, takes down the oldest piece of cheese, splits it and hands a piece to the youth and one to the maiden, and from the moment they have tasted it they are betrothed.

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#### Tyrolean Epitaphs.

A German traveler has discovered some quaint epitaphs in a Tyrolean cemetery.

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A farmer whose initials only are given and appears to have been the author of his own epitaph has this memorial: "Here rests in God F. K. He lived 26 years as man and 37 years as husband."

On the tomb of a man who fell from a roof and was killed are these words, "Here fell Jacob Hosenknopf from the roof into eternity."

This wail of a desolate husband caps the climax, "Tears cannot bring thee back to life, therefore I weep."

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#### Humors of the Law.

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A federal court, in explaining that the functions of a charge d'affaires were not shown by the literal translation of the terms, illustrated by saying, "To appoint a person chief builder could not be understood to invest him with the ecclesiastical functions of the pontifex maximus."—Case and Comment.

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#### Both Had Been Out.

"The revenue cutters of the United States, as you may know," said an officer of one of them who likes his little joke, "confine their services, which are really invaluable to the government, to the coast, and it is a rare thing indeed for any one of them except those of the Bering sea patrol to venture any distance out to sea. Nor is this rule an unsatisfactory one, for, say what you please about it, sea service is not as pleasant as the novelists and other romancers would have you believe."

"But I am getting off of my story, which applies to the cutter Grant when she was doing duty in New York bay and vicinity. Something had happened to call her down the shore somewhere, and she left the bay one afternoon, and early the next morning, while she was bowling along at about seven knots an hour, she hailed a big four master."

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"What ship is that?"

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If it succeeds in its object and the traveler on the veldt, attracted by the bird's flutterings to and fro between himself and the rocks, finds the honey, the bird changes its plaintive tone to one of joy and pleasure, as much as to say, "Thank you very much."

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