BOER SPIES IN ENGLAND.

The London Secret Service Agents Constantly on the Watch for Them.

The officers of the special branch of the criminal investigation department at Scotland Yard are, and have been for some time past, actively engaged in keeping under observation Boer agents and spies at work in London, says the London Mail.

After the invasion of Natal many of these men thought it prudent to shift their quarters to Paris, Brussels or Berlin, but some remained and are pursuing investigations at Woolwich and other military centers with a boldness and audacity not reconcilable with a knowledge that their every movement is watched.

Not since the days when the refugee foreigner, taking advantage of our "open door," made London the headquarters of anarchism has there been such activity in the department of which Chief Inspector Melville is the head at the present time. There is no show of increased vigilance, but the duties entailed have taken a wide range, involving unremitting vigilance on the part of the officers engaged.

Of the results already achieved it would, of course, be undesirable to make more than a passing reference. The Boer legation in Brussels is constantly in touch with its agents in London, and every intrigue and device resorted to is within the knowledge of our authorities. The spies have shown a great deal of acuteness in not intrusting their communications to the post office. Even the code telegram has no attraction for them. It is not a far cry to Brussels, and even if the police did intercept them, a silent tongue would be insufficient to establish their guilt, for they have a natural objection to be found in the possession of incriminating documents.

The time may come when it will be necessary to discuss the association of certain members of parliament with men who are the avowed enemies of England in the present struggle. Should this be so, some interesting disclosures may be anticipated, and the records of Scotland Yard and of the detective department of Dublin castle will supply information for which the public is unprepared at the present moment.

An incident at Woolwich will serve to show the methods adopted to circumvent the Boer spying. A Daily Mail representative was opposite the arsenal, when a typically dressed artisan passed close to him, and, avoiding an involuntary glance of recognition, entered the "four-ale" bar of an adjoining public house, then thronged with men who had left the arsenal. The "artisan" was a well-known detective officer who had assumed that disguise for the time being.

Admission to the arsenal grounds is now regulated with a strictness hitherto unknown. This precaution is regarded as necessary, owing to the desire for information evinced at the Boer legation in Brussels. Scotland Yard has been equal to the occasion, and a good many inquiries made at Woolwich and elsewhere have been rewarded with comic opera results.

An American who was unable to disguise his pro-Boer proclivities took up his quarters recently in a hotel near Fleet street. He was suspected of being a Boer agent. One morning he made the acquaintance at breakfast of a gentleman of the same political views as himself, who happened to occupy the bedroom next to his.

There was an exchange of confidences, and it took the American pro-Boer the best part of a week to discover that his newly-made acquaintance was a detective. Then he suddenly went in search of pleasure elsewhere.

Eels as Water-Purifiers.

Few people would be gratified if they should find an eel in their rain-water cistern, and probably the last conclusion come to would be that the water was thereby improved. Yet, according to Prof. Sobrero, of Turin, this would be the case. The professor has recently suggested that eels should be used as purifiers of water. All one has to do in order to keep the water in the cistern pure is to put two or three eels, not very big, but lively, into it. With marvelous rapidity they will devour everything objectionable that may drop into the water or generate there. All that the water may chance to contain in the way of animalcules, infusoria, vegetable matter or animal matter, is acceptable to them. Their mission ended, they may in turn be eaten, or may be saved as scavengers in other departments of the water-supply.—British Medical Journal.

A Baby Engineer.

The little three-year old son of Engineer W. B. Evans, of the Fort John (Ore.) motor line, recently gave his father and every employe along the entire line of the road an exciting time. He climbed into an engine which was standing in the yard with full steam on and opened the throttle wide. His father, hearing the engine moving off, started in pursuit. Quickly he telephoned to the stations ahead, but when Portsmouth, the next station, was reached, no one dared to board the engine as it thundered past, until within 300 yards of the end of the line the steam gave out, and a heavy grade slackened the speed.—N. Y. World.

Has a Life Job.

Emperor William wants to have his salary increased $1,000,000 a year, but there is no reason to believe, says the Chicago Times-Herald, that he will get mad and throw up his job if the raise isn't granted.

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An Overworked Bird.

Dorothy—Our Audubon club had a lovely meeting this afternoon.

Papa—What did you do, dear?

"Oh, we passed an enthusiastic resolution appointing a committee to take immediate steps—right off, you know—for the protection of the cuckoo."

"The cuckoo?"

"Yes, papa; in the cuckoo clock, you know."—Detroit Free Press.

A SUCCESSFUL FARMER.

Within three miles of the town going eastward is the farm of Mr. W. Creamer, one of the municipality's largest and most prosperous mixed farmers. Mr. Creamer came to this country in 1880 and settled on a portion of the land which comprises his present enormous farm of 1,280 acres. In common with many others of a similar period he experienced all the hardships and difficulties common to the absence of railway and market facilities. In no wise daunted, by energy, industry and indomitable will he has been able to surmount all obstacles and has achieved an unparalleled success, and is known throughout the district as one of its preeminent farmers. His operations extend over 1,280 acres, two sections (the thought alone of so much land makes the eastern farmer dizzy); 800 acres of this is broken and the remainder is excellent pasture land and wood. This harvest he took off a crop of 500 acres of wheat and 200 of other grains. Four hundred acres are plowed and ready for wheat next spring. Mr. Creamer is, as has been stated, a mixed farmer of no mean proportions, having at the present time 40 horses, 60 head of cattle and 50 pigs. The most modern farm buildings are found on his premises, the main building being a barn 55 feet square on a stone foundation containing stabling for 16 horses and a large number of cattle. The loft is stored with 29 loads of sheaf oats for feed and tons of hay; there is also a cutting box. Another building of large dimensions is the granary, in which after teaming large quantities to market he still has stored 3,000 bushels of wheat. A crushing machine is in the building. There are a number of lesser buildings containing chicken house, pig pens and cattle sheds. The farm residence is a handsome frame structure of ample proportions, in connection with it is a wood shed. The water supply is unexcelled; besides house supply there is a well in the stables and a never failing spring situate in a bluff, which never freezes. Surrounded by a thick bluff of poplars, extending in a semi circle to the west, north and east, the winter storms are broken and accumulation of snow unknown. Added to his farming operations, Mr. Creamer conducts a threshing outfit for the season. His success is only one instance of what can be accomplished in Western Canada.—Baldur (Man.) Gazette, Nov. 16th, 1899.

Thousands are going to Western Canada this year to take advantage of the free homestead laws that are being offered by the government.

Birds of Passage.

"No, I do not make friends as easily as I used to with my fellow-travelers," said the man who was relating European experiences. "It is not because I feel less sociably inclined, but because of the cold setback I received at Gibraltar. In the hotel office one morning I entered into conversation with an Englishman and woman who seemed to me to be the right sort. They did not meet my friendly overtures with the usual 'Oh!' and an English stare. On the contrary, they seemed anxious to become acquainted with me, and soon we were chatting pleasantly. I congratulated myself upon my good fortune in falling in with such agreeable people, who were almost nice enough to be Americans. We discussed Gibraltar and were just planning a sight-seeing expedition for the following day when one of the hotel waiters thrust his head in the doorway and said: 'The missus wants the both of yez.' My new-found friends were the maid and man servant of the duchess of Cleveland, Lord Rosebery's mother."—Detroit Free Press.

Fond of Horses.

Hoax—Klumsy is very fond of horses, isn't he?

Joax—If he is it's something new.

"Well, I saw him out riding the other day, and he had both arms around the horse's neck."—Philadelphia Record.

Why They Were Noisy.

"Here, here! What are you little girls making so much noise about?" exclaimed the little girls' papa, looking up from his paper.

"We're just playing we're mamma's whist party," chorused the little girls.—Philadelphia Record.

An Ohio genius has invented a chair that can be adjusted to 1,000 different positions. It is designed for the small boy to sit in when he goes to church.—Buffalo Express.

It is said that care will kill a cat; but if a man doesn't care very much he will probably find a bootjack or a gun just as effective.—Chicago Daily News.

No speculator ever quits in time.—Washington (Ia.) Democrat.

HE WAS AGREEABLE.

Would Let the Old Uncle Shoot If He Found Him in Such a Position.

This young fellow is engaged to a pretty Detroit girl, but they don't care to publish the bans until after Lent. This disturbs an irascible old uncle of hers, who has a daughter of his own, too much after his own style to be a favorite. He took it upon himself to send for the young man the other day.

"Are you going to marry that niece of mine?" he asked, sternly, when they were alone in the inner office.

"Pardon me, sir, but I must decline to answer. She has a father and a mother, and I'm on good terms with them. I fail to see that it is your affair."

"There's a whole lot that you fail to see, young man. I'm really the head of our family, and I'll not shirk my duty. Her parents are a couple of chumps. Are you or are you not engaged?"

"You force me to say, sir, that it is none of your internal business and that you are just what I heard you were, a sour, cross-grained old curmudgeon."

"See here, sonny, I'll not bandy words with the likes of you, but if you had been going with my daughter as long as you have my niece, I wouldn't do a thing but put a revolver to your head, informing you that if you didn't marry her I'd shoot."

"And I'd beg of you to shoot."—Detroit Free Press.

WHAT THEY REALLY SAY.

Husband and Wife at the Theater Who Appear to Be Engaged in Conversation.

A man and wife enter the theater. As soon as they are seated and she digs around for the hat pins and removes her hat they look at each other smilingly and seem, to onlookers, to be carrying on an animated conversation. Here's what they're really saying:

Husband—Your hair's crushed and plastered down in front like a dago barber's. Can't you give it a swipe that'll—

Wife—Unreasonable thing! How can you expect me to have my hair all fluffy and nice as soon as I take off a heavy toreador hat that comes down over my—

"Well, give it a couple of dabs, anyhow. Looks now as if you'd been making a high dive off a—"

"There—now does it suit your lordlordship?"

"Oh, well, it isn't as dinky as it was. What's become of that—what-you-call-it—that rat thing you got to put under your front hemp awhile ago? That made it stick up some, anyhow, and—"

"The dog ate it up, and it was too warm, anyway. My, what a frightful haircut your barber gave you to-day! Makes you look like a Russian moujik! Don't you think you'd better change your barber?" etc.—Washington Post.

Feminine Consistency.

Mrs. Greene—They do say that Mr. Slyder gambles. Isn't it awful?

Mrs. Gray—I should say it was. Why, it's almost as bad as stealing. If he wins, he robs some other man; if he loses, he robs his family.

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