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COLONIAL TROOPTS. Average Excellence is Very Good Indeed.

From the Cape Times. extent to which the outposts of the are engaged in this struggle for

and pure government in South being brought home to the people in a startingly graphic manner.

Town in a startingly graphic manner. several business establishments of the have been for some days bedecked with

the streets thronged with sightseers, by day we have the proud satisfaction of welcoming our kith and kin from

lands or cheering them as they entrain of action in the north. The most

computation of colonial forces now arms shows that considerable more 2,000 men, mounted and foot, are

with the Queen's colours. This colonial comprises the New Zealand, Australian, and Indian contingents, the Protectorate

whose exploits in the defence of are the admiration of the Empire wonder of Europe, the Imperial House in Natal, who have won imper-

reputation on the battle fields around with, the South African Light Horse, in Cape Town, and all eager for the

regiment's Horse, soon to show their in the Stormbergs, the Natal Volun-

and rifle associations, some four thou- number, and the Cape Colony Volun- which section Cape Town has con-

close upon two thousand men. A and gallant band, picked men, every but a tithe of the multitude whose

have been pressed with ever increas- strength and pertinacity upon the recruit- in all parts of the Empire.

no disparagement to the regular forces been to say that the average excell- the constituents of the colonial army

high indeed. This must necessarily case when regard is had to the striu- character of the tests applied to those

admission, and when it is borne that practically the manhood of Britain volunteered its services. We

and a few days ago the almost excessiv- of the tests adopted in Canada; fact that the number of offers exceed

bulletins to be filled by something like dired to one made rigorous examina- absolutely necessary. The result is as

have been expected—a contingent of voters certain to be of the greatest in the war to whatever point of attack

is sent. The New Zealand coun- now hastening to join one of the operating in the colony, is perhaps of the whole. It is composed of over

parliaments, they are equipped and paid out of the public funds of the colonies they represent, and provision is made by public subscription for their wives and families while they are absent on service; such of them as are in the employment of others have the assurance that on their return home they will step into their old positions, suffering no disability by reason of their absence—a demonstration of loyalty to the Empire which must make the Mother Land the envy of the world. Their fortunes will be followed with anxiety by reason of the fact that every company will desire to be where the fight is the hottest, esteeming the position of danger to be the position of honour. And in this connection never let it be said that the South African colonies have shown any lukewarmness in this campaign. The Cape and Natal have many thousands of their sons on active service, and all may be trusted to do their duty as true sons of the Empire.

Piles for 15 Years. Mr. Jas. Bowles, Councillor, Embro, Ont., writes: "For over 15 years I suffered the misery of bleeding piles, protruding piles. The many remedies I tried all failed. I was advised to use Dr. Chase's Ointment, and must say that the first application gave relief, after the third day the bleeding stopped and two boxes cured me completely."

SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE. The African War is the Last Paradise for Modern Adventurers.

In the Transvaal today the soldier of fortune is making his last stand. No other country in the world is likely to offer the alien adventurer of the future the same positions and profit that have hitherto been the portion of Schiel, Von Albrecht, and the other European mercenaries of Krugerdom. And in this very fact we may see the decline of the soldier of fortune, if we compare his gains with the colossal harvests of his predecessors in history. Perron, the wonderful Frenchman who commanded the Mahratta army, arrived in Hindustan a penniless petty officer from a man-of-war, and in nine years had amassed between one and two millions sterling. Even more rapid was the progress of Col. Hannay, who had to leave "John Company's" service to avoid the bailiffs. He entered the service of the Nawab Wazir of Oude in 1778, and left it after three years with a fortune of £300,000. Many other French and English adventurers were nearly as lucky.

At that time there was not the prejudice against these mercenary swords which the military ethics of modern Europe have fostered. Few foreigners have risen to eminence in the English service, but large numbers of aliens were recruited for us in the Napoleonic wars. Besides the famous Hessians, there were the French Chasseurs Britannique, three Swiss regiments, the Corsican Rangers, and the Greek Light Infantry. In the Crimean war a German legion was recruited in Heligoland, but they never distinguished themselves on the field, and the precedent is not likely to be followed.

In spite of the chilling effect of modern ideas, the soldiers of fortune of the nineteenth century form a picturesque gallery—heroes and rascals, Fenians and Royalists, Poles, Englishmen, and adventurers of no country. Some of them, like Lord Cochrane and Hooart Pasha, have established themselves on a higher plane than the mercenary can usually hope to occupy. The former's brilliant record with the English, Cailian, Brazilian, and Greek navies in turn, is probably unique, though Paul Jones may be set down as a bad second. The ex-apprentice of the Whitehaven collier, who was the most successful American naval officer in the war of independence, and held command thereafter in the French and then in the Russian navy, is not the heroic figure which modern eulogists in the United States like to picture, but he was a fine seaman and a gallant fighter. In fact, he was the typical soldier of fortune (for the accident that he fought at sea does not rob him of his place in that gallery).

The revolutionary wars of the Continent have naturally attracted many of these adventurers. Count Innski was a Pole who fought the Russian in his native land, and when all was lost took service under Schamyl, Prince of Circassia. The Hungarian war of independence in 1848 next employed his desperate valour, and at Temesvar he had three horses killed under him. Finally, he became colonel of a Turkish cuirassier regiment, and was known as Iskander Bey. In the Hungarian revolt, Gen. Guyon, an Englishman, was a famous figure, and at Tyrnan he held his ground until he had lost three-fourths of his battalion and the village streets were streaming with blood. A less attractive personality is Gen. Cluseret, who served as a captain in the French army in Algeria, then under Fremont, in the American civil war, was next a Fenian "general," and then War Minister under the Commune. Dombrowski, another "general" in the Commune, and a far abler and braver man than the ex-Fenian, had fought in Poland and under Garibaldi. He was killed at the barricades in 1871. Among Continental forces of aliens one ought to mention the French Foreign Legion, which still includes the runaway aristocrats and broken men of half Europe, and the Irish Brigade, which fought for the

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Pope in 1860, under the command of Major Myles O'Reilly, M. P. An old soldier of the Papal Zouaves, another Irishman, is now Gen. Coppinger, of the United States army. Garibaldi himself is, of course, entitled to a niche in this gallery of fame, and his son, Ricciotti, has since his Italian campaigns fought for France in 1870, and for Greece in 1897 in both bravely fighting for a lost cause.

The New World offers us condottieri of a new type, like Walker, the filibuster, who became dictator of Nicaragua, and might have ruled Honduras but for a British man-of-war. Gen. Carroll-Teviss, who served in the Franco Prussian war, and a good many South American struggles, was a Fenian hero. So was Capt. John McAfferty, who served in the Mexican war of 1855, and was then an officer in the Confederate army. He was in all the Fenian plots of 1866-7, and was twice tried for treason-felony. He was acquitted at one trial and amnestied after the second, a leniency which he repaid by renewed activity in the ranks of the Clan-na-Gael. He was said to be the real "No 1" behind the Phoenix park murders.

Egypt has employed many aliens. Muzinger Bey was a Swiss, who had been British Consul at Massawah; Gessi Pasha, an Italian, who, after serving as interpreter to the French army in the Crimea, became Gordon's lieutenant in the Sudan, and smashed the slave hunters' revolt in Darfur. Loring Pasha was an American soldier; Lupton Bey, Governor of the Bahr-el-Gazal, who died in the Mahdi's dungeons, an Englishman. Slatin and Emin were both Austrians.

In more recent years we have had Gen. Kohres, an ex-mayor in the German army, who landed a cargo of Mannlicher rifles for the Chilean Congressionlists, drilled their troops, and defeated Balmaceda. Gen. Ronald Melver, a Scotsman, who had served under fourteen flags, from the Confederate to the Carlet, is another roaming Briton, like Kad McLean, an ex-lieutenant in our service, who is now commander of the army of the Sultan of Morocco. Gen. Digby Willoby, who commanded (in blue and silver), the Hova army, has since fought for the Chartered Company in Rhodesia, but has now turned to the arts of peace.

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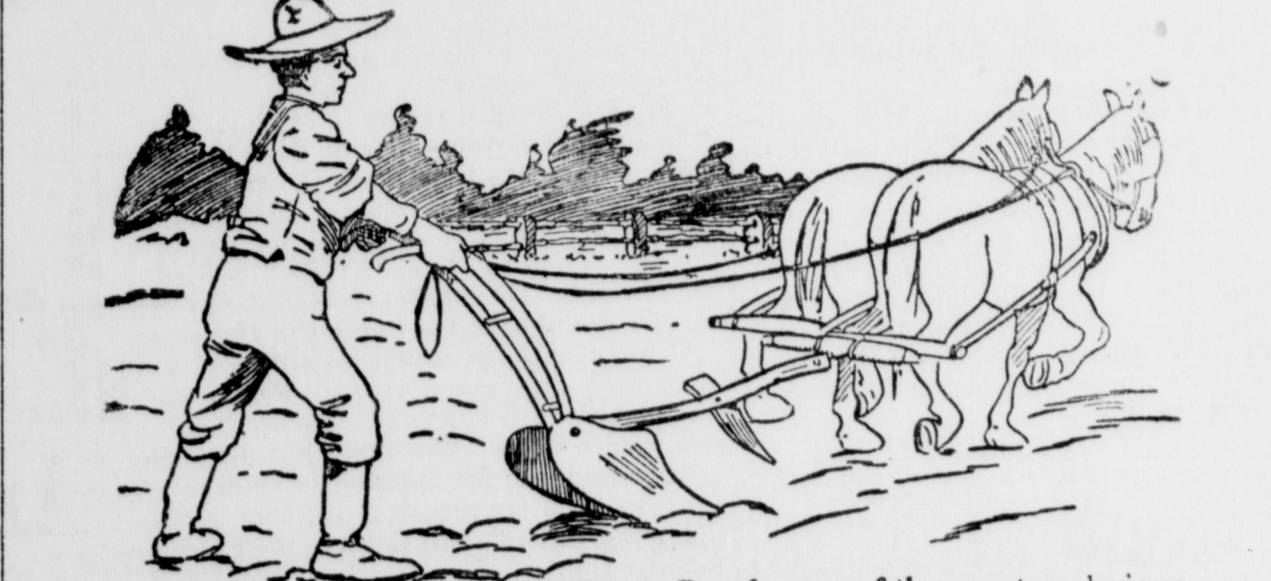
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