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DID KRUGER WANT WAR?

Some Documentary Evidence on the Point.

A LETTER WRITTEN BY J. SNYMAN

A Month Before the Ultimatum

"ON THE STOEP IT IS NOTHING BUT WAR."—THE OLD MAN AND HIS HOLLANDERS.

London, Jan. 10.—The Daily Mail says:—It is the custom among pro-Boers to affect to regard Mr. Kruger as a man of peace, one who never really contemplated hostilities, who was forced into an impossible position, who was the over-matched victim of astute British diplomacy. The fiction that he struggled against war till the last is slowly being dissipated, and it is now generally recognised by all fair-minded men that he was resolved to appeal to the sword, and that he welcomed the way in which events shaped themselves.

In this connection we may print the following copy of a sworn translation of a Dutch letter found in the trenches outside Mafeking. It has never yet been published. "J. S.," the writer, is one of the Snymans who figured so prominently in the operations round Mafeking. Notice the date of the letter, Sept. 11. The ultimatum was launched exactly one month later:—

"VERY SECRET."

"Pretoria, Sept. 11, 1899.

"Dear Brother, I arrived here on Monday early, and had a conversation with our old President, when I laid before him the matter about which I came. To put it short, it is absolutely useless.

"The old chap was nearly raving about it, and said that the burghers wanted to tie his hands, and so, brother, the thing is simply war, and nothing else. He said we had gone too far, and help from over the sea was positively promised, only unanimity of opinion must reign here or we could neither expect nor obtain assistance. Brother, the old man and his Hollanders dogs talk very easily about the thing, but what shall we do, because if one speaks against it one is simply a rebel? So I remain dumb.

"On the stoep it is nothing but war, but in the Raad everything is peace and Queen. Those are the politics they talk. I have nothing more to say here, but I can tell you a great deal. Brother, old Reitz says Chamberlain will have a great surprise one of these days, and the burghers must sleep with one eye open.

"It is rumored here that our military officers work day and night to send old Victoria an ultimatum before she is ready. The old President says that the English intend sending biggers from India against us, but the whole of the Basuto, Swani and Zulu nations are ready to help us, and also the Free State and colonial fellows. The old 'Rooiniks' will make a very sorry show against us.

"If it were possible to settle all questions at one blow and to keep our country, then I should be in favor of it, but not to have the burghers in a minority again, for that would only mean a second bloodshed. Piet Cronje will be our General, and it will be left to the volunteers of Landgosen to settle the Baralongs, and I am quite in favor of that, because we alone have had the trouble. Old Hammerkop will have to see to that, and also Cornelius Otto. Brother, I am anxious to get back, because I see that things will never get straight. Send me at once the money for the Orphan Master, and a couple of extra pounds for my expenses, otherwise I might run short. Brother, what I am writing about politics is very secret, so do not tell to any private individual.

"You may tell it as a secret to Hans and Iak, so that they can quietly prepare themselves. I will not sell my horses now.

"Brother, I have found out something from Reitz. They have had some misunderstanding with . . . It appears he is nothing but a British spy. Naturally it is not all right with him, according to some of his letters which have been obtained. So you can let . . . know, because he considers him his friend.

"There are complete lists here of every Uitlander and his political opinions, drawn up by the Secret Service officials. I see that every adult Uitlander inhabitant of Zeerust will stand by us, and the old President was delighted about it, as he says this shows our case to be right and reasonable. Brother, do not sell my cart now, but shorten the bands at once, and I shall not buy a new one any more. Brother, I must now end. Send the money up at once. Old Kock says he has no money at the moment. I want to find out something more about the Koenana concession.

"Holland, so I hear, is absent, but he is expected some time soon. The three furrow ploughs are not to be got here, but at Johannesburg. The gold business is weak, but not very bad. All the commandants have been called up again today, I hear.

"Kind regards to all, brothers and sisters. Yours affectionately. J. S.

"Brother, old Joubert is just raging about the sleepiness of the commandants of Marico and Lichtenberg. He says the enemy's spies are always among them, but they simply sleep,—I think that is right don't you?"

Nature has just one pigment on her palette with which she produces all the marvellous tints of beauty, and that one pigment is the blood. The shell-like pink beneath the finger nails, the delicate rose of the cheek, the cherry ripeness of the lips, the iridescent brilliance of the eyes are all produced by the blood. Just as the permanence of a beautiful painting will depend upon the purity of the colors with which it is painted, so the permanence of beauty depends on the purity of the blood. Paint, powder and cosmetics won't avail to preserve beauty. Beauty begins in the blood. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a true beautifier, because it provides for nature that pure blood with which alone she can paint. The use of this medicine will cleanse the skin, heighten the complexion, brighten the radiance of health which is the greatest charm of beauty. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are very effective in ridding the system of clogging residuum, which accumulates with constipated habit.

Friday morning fire destroyed a new house on Union street, Sydney, which had just been completed by J. J. McDonald, contractor, for Kelly & Dodge, photographers. The loss amounted to twenty-five hundred dollars, and is covered by one thousand dollars insurance in favor of Kelly & Dodge in Caledonia, and one thousand in favor of the contractor in the Guardian. The origin of the fire is unknown.

For cuts, wounds, rheumatism, stiff joints, burns, scalds, bites of insects, croup, coughs, colds, Hagyard's Yellow Oil will be found an excellent remedy.

At a private meeting of the Irish parliamentary party at Dublin, Friday, John Redmond was unanimously re-elected chairman. The meeting took steps to fill the places of the Irish M. P.'s sent to prison.

Careful and Experienced Housekeepers Must Have the DIAMOND DYES.

Notwithstanding the effort of substitutes, careful and experienced housekeepers insist upon having the Diamond Dyes for home use. Mrs. H. Birtz, Winnipeg, Man., says:—"Diamond Dyes have been our friends for many years. I have dyed dresses for myself and suits for the children, and have saved considerable money which we have used for other purposes. I find the Diamond Dyes give perfect colors; they are easy to use, and when the directions are observed there is no failure or poor work. I have tried other dyes, but the Diamond Dyes are first and best."

Rags, yarns and pieces of flannel and cloth when colored by the Diamond Dyes will make up pretty mats and rugs. Diamond Dye Mat and Rug Patterns are sent to any address. The Wells & Richardson Co., Limited, 200 Mountain Street, Montreal, P. Q.

The Indian agent at the Lame Deer agency, Mills City, Montana, sent for an Indian he wanted to see for misconduct. The buck refused to come in and the Cheyennes are on the verge of revolt. Troops are being sent from Mills City.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS cure backache, sideache, scanty, cloudy, thick and highly colored urine, diabetes, dropsy and all troubles arising from a weak condition of the kidneys.

LIEUT. CORY WOUNDED.

Gallant Action of a Canadian Officer in India.

LED THE CHARGE IN RECAPTURING PORT ON THE MAKRAAN COAST.

Lieut. Cory Led the Bombay Sappers.

London Jan.—A Calcutta despatch reports that a message received there from Pasi, on the Mekran coast, and dated 20th December, reports the capture by a British force of Nodiz Fort, which has been seized by a gang of raiders from Persia, under the leadership of Muhamed Ali. The latter successfully raided Kandahar, in Mekran, last year, and in October last he again entered Mekran from Persia and was to have co-operated with another gang of Persians on the border. His seizure of the fort of Muhamed Umar, however, led to his undoing, he being almost immediately blockaded there by the Nazim of Mekran with nine hundred and eighty-five men. The Nazim carried on the siege of the fort for fifty-three days, but, having no artillery, failed to capture it.

Finally Major Showers appeared on the scene with an escort under the command of Major Tighe, 27th Baluch Light Infantry, and the place was then taken by assault, after heavy fighting, which lasted two hours. The Murree Mountain Battery having first breached the walls, the 27th Baluch Infantry, led by Lieut. Grant, and the Bombay Sappers, under Lieut. Cory, carried the fort by storm. The guns had to be brought close up, the ring leaders of the raiders resisting to the last. Casualties were:—Muhamed Grant and Cory, both severely wounded; three men of the Baluchis killed and six wounded. Five of the enemy were found dead, about fifteen were burned in the ruins of the fort, fourteen were wounded and sixty-three were taken prisoners. Muhamed Ali, the leader, was killed, and his party is now broken up.

[Lieut. Cory is the son of Mr. Charles D. Cory, insurance adjuster, Toronto, well known in St. John and Halifax, a graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston, 1895, and served with his regiment, the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, in Natal under General Buller.]

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING.

The Use of

MALT BREAKFAST FOOD

Adds to the Comforts of Home Life.

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Good housekeeping demands that the morning meal should be commenced with Malt Breakfast Food, delicious, appetizing and strengthening. No other grain food can so well furnish energy and vigor for the day's work. Young and old love Malt Breakfast Food. It is partially predigested during its manufacture; it contains no insoluble starch, therefore it is easily digested and quickly assimilated, and agrees perfectly with the weakest stomach. Malt Breakfast Food is the only grain food that truly builds up flesh, bone and muscle; it keeps the young and old vigorous and strong. Ask your Grocer for it.

WAR AND CONTINGENT.

Lord Milner has Expectations that the Cloud has Burst—The Canadian Nurses.

Johannesburg, Jan. 10.—At a local banquet given here tonight, Lord Milner, the British high commissioner in South Africa, made a long speech on the situation and expressed his belief that the storm cloud overhanging Africa had burst that the great cataclysm was now behind instead of before and that "men breathed more freely."

After strongly denouncing the tactics of the pro-Boers, Lord Milner declared: "The war will end all the sooner if we apply a steady physical pressure without flinching about negotiations. It is useless to threaten and useless to wheedle;

the only thing is imperitability to squeeze and to keep our clemency and conciliation, both excellent in their proper places, for the Boers who surrender, instead of lavishing it in blandishments upon those continuing to fight.

London, Jan. 8.—Sir Edward Grey, speaking at Newcastle last night, praised Lord Rosebery's Chesterfield speech. He advocated a large measure of amnesty for the rebels of Cape Colony, and this view is also taken by the Morning Post, which is usually a thick-and-thin supporter of the government. Consideration of precedents adopted during the American Civil War suggests to the Post that when the operations in South Africa came to an end, the theory of treason should not be pressed.

London, Jan. 10.—The war office has issued a call for 9,396 infantry volunteers to replace gradually those now serving in South Africa.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—Hon. Joseph Chamberlain cabled Lord Minto today to send the Canadian nurses, who are going to South Africa, by way of England. The officer commanding at Halifax will engage the passage upon the receipt of a requisition. On arriving in England the nurses will report to the quarter-master general, who will provide passage for them. This is owing to there being no accommodation for them on troopships.

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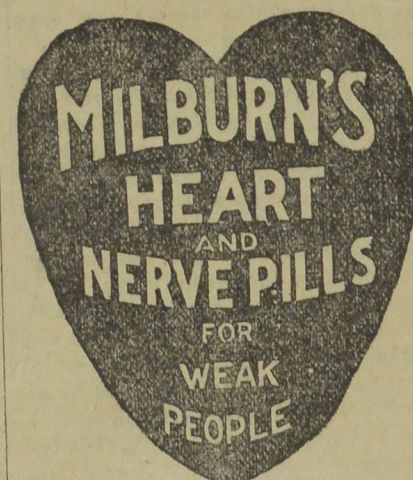
J. M. WILEY, Druggist, Fredericton, N. B.

Col. Neilson, director of the General Medical Service, who arrived at Montreal from Toronto yesterday morning, said that the report that the army medical corps might not go to South Africa arose out of a reporter misunderstanding his remarks. He was only referring to nurses when he spoke.

When you feel weak, run down, nervous or unable to work or think as you ought, take Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. They'll build up your health and give you strength and energy.

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 10.—The rumors that a revolution has broken out in Paraguay are well founded. The revolt was caused by a question of presidential succession, Ocevals' term expiring in November. He resigned and a collision followed with chamber deputies, several were wounded. There is great excitement at Asunsion, its capital.

New York, Jan. 10.—In coming Atlantic steamers reports heavy gales and many vessels are having trouble to weather the storm.



These pills are a specific for all diseases arising from disordered nerves, weak heart or watery blood. They cure palpitation, dizziness, smothering, faint and weak spells, shortness of breath, swellings of feet and ankles, nervousness, sleeplessness, anæmia, hysteria, St. Vitus' dance, partial paralysis, brain fog, female complaints, general debility, and lack of vitality. Price 50c. a box.

ELOPING PAIR RUN DOWN.

Husband of Oshkosh Woman Congratulates Man Who Went Away With Her, and Takes Child Home.

An elopement and a chase of several thousand miles ended in the capture of the elopers by the injured husband occurred at Joplin, Mo.

John Bublitz lived at Oshkosh, Wis., with his wife and 4-year-old boy. Three weeks ago his wife eloped with a neighbor, G. K. Kimball, taking her child and \$4,000 in money with her.

Bublitz engaged a detective to find them. He followed them to Chicago, thence to Denver, and thence to Joplin, where they arrived a week ago and took a room in a lodging house. The detective notified Bublitz that his wife had been located and Bublitz hastened here.

He swore out warrants for the couple. Accompanied by the constable, he went to the house. The little boy came to the door. The father's love in Bublitz overcame all else, and he rushed past the constable and clasped the child to his breast.

Mrs. Bublitz was arrested, but Kimball was absent at the time.

He was found in a saloon close by, which he was trying to purchase.

When Kimball was brought into the room, Bublitz extended his hand to him, saying, "I congratulate you upon your elopement." The two men then shook hands.

Mrs. Bublitz broke down and wept, but the two men were calm and composed. Mrs. Bublitz gave her husband \$1300 of the \$4000 she had taken with her, and, after she and Kimball paid a fine of \$1 and costs each, they were allowed to leave together.

Bublitz took his child with him back to Oshkosh. Both parents wanted the child.

WIDOW AFTER HIM.

Proposal of Marriage Received by a Widow. It came in a dainty, light-blue envelope, sealed with wax bearing a wealthy West Side widow's monogram. The alderman carried the letter in his inside left pocket, and read it so often that his friends became seriously concerned.

Alderman Brennan is stout, ruddy faced and in robust health, despite his 60 years, and he has prospered up to the half-million mark. He has never been married. A few weeks ago a resolution was offered in the council recommending that Alderman Brennan and other bachelor aldermen emulate the example of Alderman Thompson and get married.

The widow read the resolution and wrote to Alderman Brennan. She told him that she had a home of her own, but that it was cheerless, because no man sat at the opposite end of the table to carve the Sunday turkey. She said that she was childless, and needed the comforting solace of a mature and manly man.

"I've got a home of my own," said the alderman. "What can I do with two homes?"

This was taken as an intimation that one home on the West Side might soon be for sale.

A London paper described a children's excursion as a "long, white scream of joy," and was called to account by a correspondent, who said that a scream could be long, but not white, whereupon the editor justified himself by urging that "a hue is often associated with a cry."

Today the members of the Montreal hunt club will hold a unique run over the snow. They will dispense with their horses and use snow shoes.

Fur Caps and Collars.

Lucy & Co. are in receipt of a case of men's fur caps and collars. They came direct from one of the best manufacturers in Canada. They simply wish to remind those in need of a good fur cap or collar that it will be worth their while to examine these goods before completing their purchases. They also wish to say to those that purchased suits of clothes, overcoats, &c., that another case of watches have arrived and are now ready for those who are entitled to them.—d.

Dozens of tons of lead are used every year in making the packets in which UNION BLEND TEAS are sold, but every packet contains a full pound of tea. Being hermetically sealed it is impossible for it to deteriorate in flavor or strength.

Wedding invitations, announcements cards, neatly printed at this office.