

REAL CAUSES OF SOUTH AFRICAN WAR

ENGLISH AND BOER CLAIMS CAREFULLY REVIEWED.

If information is lacking as to the Principles Involved in the Contemporary Conflict between the British and the Boers Here It is Fully and Fairly Set Forth.

From the Times-Herald.

The issue between the English and the Boers is one as old as this century. In many different forms, but always with much the same ground of quarrel at the bottom, it has re-appeared with each succeeding decade.

The great gold fields in the Transvaal are the material facts that have caused the conditions of the struggle of today, for it is through them that the Englishman and Boer have been brought so close together.

The Boers claim to be the lords of the Transvaal country and they persist in regarding the foreign settlers—the Uitlanders—as temporary residents without legal rights.

The first form of the issue is over the question of sovereignty. England is asserting her suzerainty, while admitting Boer independence in local affairs, and Kruger is denying the claim.

SOVEREIGNTY OR NO SOVEREIGNTY? There was no burning question was there not reason just now for insisting on it. The more practical statement of the issue is that it concerns the political franchise rights which the Uitlanders now find it so difficult to acquire.

MAIN GRIEVANCES STATED. The main grievances of the Uitlanders against Boer rule in the Transvaal can be summed up in the following declarations:

The Uitlanders pay practically all the taxes of the Transvaal, yet have no say as to how the money shall be spent.

Their children have to speak Dutch in order to gain a proper education. Johannesburg is wretchedly governed and it is in a fearfully unsanitary condition.

Their newspapers are gagged. They are not allowed to hold public meetings. Trial by jury is turned into a farce.

The dynamite monopoly is an obstacle to the industrial progress of Johannesburg. The Uitlanders pay more money in taxes than is spent in the government of the Transvaal.

To add insult to injury, the Uitlander has been disarmed and compelled to pay for a fort erected to terrorize him. This, then, has been the status in the Transvaal. The Uitlanders, who are farmers, hunting and agriculture, are being taxed, gaged, and their rights, their numbers, rules the Uitlander, three times as numerous, and seriously hinders the latter in his modern struggle for wealth.

STRUGGLES IN FORMER DAYS. Only by considering these past struggles with the English can the present one be seen in its true proportions. The Boers were the original European settlers in the Transvaal.

The English rule was autocratic, and the Boer idea about slaves and land-holding fitted so little with the English ideas that soon the Boers had two great grievances against their rulers. They were surly and ugly and often there were riots and broils, until they found what they thought was a solution of their troubles in the '30s.

FIRST TREK NORTH. Then they began a "trek" north and east into the wilderness to set up homes for themselves. The English did not hinder them.

The year of the great trek or exodus was 1838, when the regions now in Natal, Orange Free State and even the lands across the Vaal were all entered by them. In Natal the Boers were first slaughtered by Zulus and then subdued by British soldiers and forced to move further north.

issued a proclamation Aug. 21, 1845, to the effect that all these Boers were still British subjects. England was able to enforce this claim as to the Orange River country in 1845 by an armed invasion.

BASE OF KRUGER'S CLAIM. Here is the first ground for the present claim of President Kruger to complete independence for the Transvaal. His sturdy countrymen had gained an advantage which they might have held permanently had they been able to conduct their affairs so as to give no reason for further British interference.

There were many like Kruger, at first in the lands beyond the Vaal, but in time they combined, and the first republic of the Transvaal was organized.

PRIVILEGE OF LITTLE VALUE. As it is the higher road which has the full power in the making of laws, it can be seen how little the privileges of the second class burghers amount to. Little as they are, they must still be immigrants, no matter how wealthy or capable, until, as has been said, a special resolution gives them the higher grade of citizenship.

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month he defined the right of intervention in the Transvaal which England had, limiting it to cases in which the convention of 1854 had been violated, or in which English subjects had been treated in such manner as would give cause for intervention if they were residents of some independent foreign country, as France or Germany.

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SATURDAY WILL BE CHILDREN'S DAY HERE. OUR MAGNIFICENT TOY DEPARTMENT IN THE BASEMENT OPENS ON THAT DAY. CONSIDER THIS YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION TO BE HERE—AND BE SURE AND BRING ALL THE LITTLE FOLKS ALONG.

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Form the nucleus of all our business undertakings from which you are able to judge best our modes and methods. If you can buy better goods for less money here on that day, it is apparent you can do equally as well with other things on other days.

Turkish Bath Towels.

No cents each for Friday. All the bath rooms in christendom are incomplete until the Turkish towels hang on the racks. They're the real comfort, the genuine luxury of the bath.

Better come early if you wish to share in this towel bargain. There's only two and a half hundred of them and they won't last long.

Women's Overgaiters.

14 cents the pair on Friday. There's more real comfort and health in these Overgaiters than one can imagine if they've never worn them.

They are made of best quality felt, in black only and are seven buttons high—high enough to offer every protection from cold to the wearer.

Torchon and Val Laces.

3 1/2 cents the yard on Friday. The price is so small you can hardly see it. You'll wonder, too, how it can be so when you see the laces.

Most of them are machine-made Torchons in edgings and insertings though in the lot are quite a number of pieces of the delicately woven Valenciennes kind.

Children's Dress Aprons.

21 cents on Friday. All sizes from two to fourteen years. Several styles of course. Among them are pretty striped muslin effects with full ruffles back and front, prettily edged with lace.

Women's Cashmere Gloves.

13 cents the pair for Friday. Black Cashmere, fleec lined. Think of it. We anticipate a rush on Friday that will put to shame all previous sales in this best of all glove stores.

Novelty Dress Goods.

15 cents the yard on Friday. Dress goods that for three weeks back have easily brought thirty cents the yard. A bargain that you'll long remember; we can give no other excuse for this tremendous price cut.

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