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THE RAILROAD IN THE ANGLO-BOER WAR.

The Part Played by the "Steel Highway" In the Present Conflict In South Africa --- Difficulty of Transporting and Feeding a Large Invading Army.

AILWAYS are the arteries of communication with Mafeking and come to a close they are destined to holds the rallway also holds the tele-South Africa. In that land of kimberiey and Ladysmith, and, as we play a still greater part. "This war," sraph wire. To guard the railway and the second aim was to keep an eye on of the detours which had to be made to telesraph line between Bloemfontein any scattered bands of Boers who avoid the hills, and also because the What distances practically and links, and also because the life must ebb and flow along the railway line. Since the passing of the reaking wagon and the prairie choorer the railway car has been the connection, "has been a war of shunt-ing and side tracking, of tolegraphs and the number of men necessary to police the number of men necessary to police

WAITING FOR THE WORD

single three foot sig line!"

THE COLENSO RAILWAY BRIDGE

from Delagoa Bay to the Transvall remembered that Roberts has had to that mobile hammer that was to pound Under such circumstances, of course, capital, has been the line along which scatter his men out behind him to in- back the main body of the Boers a great rate of speed could not be for years the Boers' supplies of arma- | sure his lines against interruption it is against the army of Roberts stretched looked for on such a line. In fact, on ment and ammunition have been not so difficult to realize just why the out across the republic to the south. It the Beira railway freight trains usually brought secretly into the country from Bosr is able to hold so long in check the was a flanking movement of a few travel at the rate of ten miles an hour, Europe and the United States. Since great army which England has sent up thousand miles. It was a long way while the fast passenger express hurtles the outbreak of hostilities it has been against him. the highway into the Boer republics on The railway line leading up to Mafe- thanks to the Beira railway, one that

either side of the Vaal. Just how many king has already been the scene of was not impossible or Quixotic. soldiers of fortune have stepped ashore many engagements. Almost the first It was necessary, in the first place, from French and German vessels at stroke delivered by the Boers was made for Carrington to carry his troops that the line connects with the Masho-Delagon Bay and gone Pretoriaward against this road, when a body of their across a colony of Portugal, an obvious- naland rallway, which stretches on to over this line it is impossible to say, men at the beginning of hostilities ly neutral power. However, there was Salisbury, the capital of Rhodesia, but the number has been considerable, crossed over from the Transvaal border little difficulty here, for, according to named in honor of the English premier, and often old Oom Paul must have con- and tore up the track south of Mafe- an infernational agreement made at the This latter line was built under congratulated himself that he and his gov- king. Along this line, too, the armored time of the construction of the road, ernment held the Netherlands railway train has done considerable effective Great Britain was to enjoy certain as a means of communication with the work. Even the little stretch of road transportation privileges into Rhodesia. London capitalists which was behind rest of the world. Most of this road about Mafeking controlled by Colone) This understanding was arrived at on the Jameson raid and which has always

it is no easy task to move and supply | way kept open from the coast to Lady- | nitions of war and armed men, though with meat and bread and fodder 100,000 | smith. If such, indeed, had been the four years ago the Mashonaland field men and many thousand horses in the case, there might have been a very dif- force used the line to get into Rhodesta. heart of a hostile country which is pen- ferent tale to tell.

ish advance the farther behind they South African campaign is that known Mashonaland field force was able to must leave their base. Every inch of as the Beira railway. The littoral ter- make use of the sections lying between their line of communication must be minus of the Beira railway is at Beira, Fontesvilla, 45 miles up the river Pungguarded and kept open along this rail- in Portuguese South Africa, and con- we, to Chimoto, over 100 miles farther

This was in July, 1896. The road from etrated by only one line of single track-But the most interesting, if not the Beira to the hinteriand frontier had ed railway. And the farther the Brit-most important, railway figuring in the been constructed in sections, and the

way, for isolation in the land of the nects that scaport town with the town inland from Beira. This was establish. Boar would mean disaster to the Brit-ish. The wounded and sick have to be Belra that General Carrington and his erable importance to the British. hustled away south day by day, and division were sent by Lord Roberts, the It was not until the midsummer of fresh supplies and mounts and re-en- movement being one of the most inter- 1898 that the Beira road was finished. forcements have to be hurried back sting and unique features of the cam- When the last spike was driven in that north as fast as the iron horse can haul paign. The object of this move was little narrow gauge line, its roadbe-Hood corpuscle that has coursed back Kitchener made his justly celebrated and their supplies over 600 miles of a all the lines of communication held by fant object of this great northern de- was 203 miles long. From Beira it rose Ingle three foot six line!" the British. The Boers are said to be tour on the part of Carrington was the steadily to an elevation of 3,450 feet The Lourence Marques road, running outnumbered four to one, but when it is fact that he was expected to operate as above the level of the sea at Umtali.

> round to the Boers' back door, but, over the country at the rate of 12 and sometimes 13 miles an hour. The complete journey from Belra to Umtali takes two whole days. It is at Umtall

tract with the British South Africa company, that great organization of been the bitter foe of the Boer. This lists only in your imagination. I company guaranteed the interest on the debentures and made a very good thing out of the undertaking, which was rooted in Great Britain's desire to have rail-

way connections between Cape Town on the south and Beira on the east coast Africa. And it will not be long before this dream is realized. The road from Cape Town, which skirts the western border of the Transvaal, already reaches up north of Bulawayo. There is yet just one missing link in the long chain, and that is the 280 miles that lle between Bulawayo and Salisbury. Work is now being done, and it will not be long before Salisbury and Bulawayo are linked together with the two potent little lines of sidel rails. Then the passenger stepping into his train at Cape Town will travel north 2.000 miles and step out at Sallsbury, By turning east and traveling 373 miles he will once more stand on the coast of

the Indian ocean. When Carrington reached Salisbury, therefore, when he had this 280 miles of overland marchnn hle denth

GUARDING A TUNNEL.

conservative tsung-li-yamen. present a magni every reason to believe, a p He put the cake aside and powerful ton

LI'S LITTLE REVENCE.

Of Li Hung Chang, the Chinese ster of commerce, whose part

the three ate began to show symptoms Li smiled benignantly and said ; man who had not a

"Your wisdom is so great that I at competied to preserve souvenir to transcenden The man was removed i scapitated. To the other two th mler remarked; "The cake that ing is not the one you sent ! which I had my cook imitate. The son from which you are sufferi of no way to cure your present pair cept by letting you share the fr your friend who has just left the room

HOW THE CZAR WAS NAMED. The following story may be true m

at any rate it is good enough to worth repeating According to all precedent the preczar ought to have been named Ale der and not Nicholas, and the rea that he does not bear his fathers may

Is said to be this Princess Dagmar of Russia, the sh of the Princess of Wales, was so to be married to the Czarowitz plas, but Nicholas died. Thour engagement was

ed.

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and that you do

church, saying:

not love me, for you have said so. It

promise that if ever heaven bloss with a son he shall be named Nichig

"And what is the name by which the

child shall be known? Speak, that is given him in the presence of witness

Before the royal mother could of

her lips to say the name "Alexande the czarowitz said in a loud volce: "Nicholas, so let his name be."

Thus Alexander kept his promise.

The seventh richest man in Am

s James Henry Smith of New To

Mr Smith had made millions for h self in his shrewd, close mouthed

that gave him the name of 'The Sh

Smith of London, who amassed a bu

fortune in Chicago real estate i

banking operations, died and left I

the bulk of his wealth. Sir Micha Hicks-Beach announced that the dad

duties on George Smith's estate amount

In order to avoid the death dat

George Smith, who lived as an ected

recluse in the Reform club in Late

and died there, deeded away much

his property during his later ye Still there was enough left to yield sum to the British treasury that show

he bequeathed \$65,000,000 by will.

One other heir besides James Her

Smith received a targe sum, but " Silent Man's" share of the estate, add

This places him well up among

to his own accumulations in street, is estimated to make his pre-

nt wealth \$60,000,000.

to \$4,500,000.

Man," but recently his uncle, Ge

His fortune is estimated at \$60,000.000

J. H. SMITH'S VAST FORTUM.

in memory of my brother." So they wodded, and in 1868 their fet. child was born. At the christening h patriarch turned to the mother, in cordance with the custom of the Gree

never hope to take my poor bill place in your heart, but you have t

an arranged one the princess lov her finne and it was grief to her was decided the she should mar ry his brother Alexander. On day that youn prince found he sobblng hefo portrait of h dead brother. "Dagmar," h said gentij "forgive me you unhappy.

Culvert Blown UP BY THE BOERS.



and forth throughout that land of arid | advance to Kharium, he carried his plain and rocky kopje.

way plerced a mountain range there can republics would have been a fruit-space of it being required to cross that was sure to be a pass.

sularity that has always clung to the company. ways became the center of Interest to Edilshury in Rhidesia.

railway along with him, for, as he When war broke out in South Africa, knew, the railway tie had come to be he military commanders on both sides looked on as the seal of conquest. In saw that the coming campaign would South Africa the British had the ada a way be a battle of railways. It vantage of owning and operating most was realized that the steel rall was the of the railways. Had the case been othsey to the situation, for where a rail- erwise their invasion of the South Afri- lies in Transvani territory, only a short

less, if not a hopeless, task. Even narrow neck of land between the Le-At the very beginning of hostilities though they finally arrived at Bloem- bombo mountains and the Indian ocean. the Boers saw this. They knew, also, fontein or Pretoria, the English com- This road is 255 miles long and has been hat the British had the advantage in mander who had pierced that uninviting in operation since 1895. the matter of railways, though they re- country would have found himself in Since Lord Roberts has been near alized, on the other hand, that the los much the same prodicament as did Na- Bioemfontein he has had to depend comotive was far more necessary to the poleon when he faced Moscow in the principally upon the road which runs nyader than it was to their own army. heart of a Russian winter. His nearest from Cape Town to De Aar junction, at The Englishman it seems, did not ap- base of supplies would be in some re- which point it meets the road which reclate this situation so quickly as he mote part of Cape Colony or Natal. He traverses the Orange Free State (passsucht to have done. The general condi- would have found himself surrounded ing through Bioemfontein) and conitons of affairs in South Africa were new by a hostile population and his move- tinues into the Transvaal, with its Baden-Powell has its armored train, June 11, 1891, when a convention was ing ahead of him before 'he reached Life in his little home island ments emberrassed by a cumbersome terminus at Pretoria. It has been and this played its part in holding back held, fundamentally for the purpose of Bulawayo. The ordinary traveler prohad made him more of less unable to supply train for in such a country he obvious, since the defeat and cap-estimate distance, a symptom of in- and his commissariat could never part ture of Cronje, that the British com- and Cronje. A little to the south, too. In Africa, upon the taking over of Chief does so by bullock wagon or stagecoach

Cape and that a little jaunt from Si-mon's Town would bring him up to lines of portions of lines which have forces. Roberts' second great strategic relieved weeks and weeks ago. mon's Town would bring him up to lines or portions of lines which have forces. Roberts' second great strategic relieved weeks and weeks ago, baked deserts for hundreds and hun-dreds of miles-these things all taught the Englishman that he was in a land

him. But his attention fell on them a lines has played its unity increased. Even at the present bridge had never been blown up and At the time this agreement was made, however, it was never anticipated that the new where of communication had been however, it was never anticipated that the sea was no easy shelves. You see there about and an of them were bornesed. he was the Boers had cut off railway war drama. Before this war shall have and transportation is a serious one, for properly guarded in time and the rail-



EVERYDAY RAILROAD SCENES IN SOUTH AFRICA-

Free State his difficulties have contin- would have been changed if Colenso their territory,

trains that crawled over brick red, sun runs from East London, on the south- had learned their lesson, and, after in- neatly blocked by the Boers before the granted nominally to the Mozambique rule, for the shipment of goods,

with a ten inch rule. He found that a Hurrismith. The fourth goes from Lou-this instance, for when once away from series of defents which overtook Buller don in July, 1892, with debenture cap-and covered goods trucks had to be for I have made a rule, as fixed as day's journey or a week's march land- renco Marques on Delavon bay, to Preday's journey or a week's march land- renco Marques, on Delagon bay, to Pre- the railway the British must mave at when he left the railway and tried to ital only. The Portuguese government converted into live stock coaches for laws of the Medes and Persians in the first bar and covered into live stock coaches for laws of the Medes and Persians in the first bar and the first railway and tried to ital only. The Portuguese government rd him nowhere. He saw that be had thein and the fifth is the Beira rallway. a shalllike speed as compared with the force his way into Ladysmith by a new further agreed not to impose transit mounts and ammunition mules. When to lend a book." him hither and thither. So the rail- Portuguese East Africa, to the town of advance morthward into the Orange the history of the South African war British goods passing to and fro over guese portion of the road is a two foot

mander intended to conduct a move- Plumer has done most of his fighting Lohengula's territory by the British If he is in a hurry and wants to pay \$60 Britisher. When he first landed in But the railways considerably chang. ment, or series of movements, like those along the railway and made several in- South Africa company. Under this for the trip, he takes the coach. If he South Africa, he had a vague idea that ed conditions, and as factors in the of Grant, when, at the head of the army effectual Kimberley was a day's march from the campaign are well worth studying, of the Potomac, he made his numerical with the south. It was owing to his promised to undertake, among other is no consideration, he goes via bullock

Mafeking. The truth dawned on him figured and are still figuring conspicu- movement, the spreading of a living net The line running from Durban with the sea at Beira. Great Britain, Carrington had no easy task to get with bewildering suddenness. The long, outy in the present campuign. The to capture for a second time the floer through Fletermaritzburg and Lady-weary, overland marches, the weeks of first may be designated as the line forces in the neighborhood of Wepener, smith up into Natal figured conspicu-vast new inland colony, and this seatolling with heavy guns over sprul and which runs from Cape Town to Mafe- was not so successful as his first at- ously in the war from the very opening port had to be well up the coast. Al- iy the resources of a new and imperkople, the days and days in dusty king by way of Kimberley. The second, tempt at Paardeberg, for the Boers of the campaign. This line was also though the original concession was fectly equipped line, used only, as a

> gauge line, it will be seen that to rush To prove the point to you. I would superal the other to you. I would be seen that to rush the point to you. I would be seen that to rush the point to you. I would be seen that to rush the point to you. I would be seen that to rush the point to you. several thousand men into the heart of you to just look round my we

en richest multimillionaires in United States. According to the lat stimates the highest seven men d fortune in America now stand thus John D. Rockefeller, \$250,000,009; nelius Vanderbilt (estate), \$125.000 Andrew Carnegie, \$120,000,000; Will K. Vanderbilt, \$100.000,000; John Jan Astor, \$100,000,000; William Rockstein

\$100.000,000; James Henry Smith, Ba 000,000, A HINT TO BOOK LOVERS. A gentleman once received a from an acquaintance who anno that the object of his call was to try

"I have it," said the gentleman question, "but I cannot lend it to ?

"But why?" asked the visitor. "Because people never return

Soldlers in the Italian army are al-all incomes of £13 and upward, and the municipality, in-owed two hours in the middle of the then only one man in 700 comes within lowed two hours in the middle of the then only one man in 700 comes within cluding the cost of conducting free chids, Its scope. day for a nap.

among many of the Zujus and Kaffirs. | in high esteem by the Japanese. The income tax in India is levied on ! Orea, a little city in Sweden, owns toria is famed for its excellence. He have already been at the front on more | Lee university, who was sent to Ar-I accompanied by a fall military band. return in the fall.

In parts of India cakes of tea and in American tourisis in Japan number China pieces of silk pass as currency. Three times the total of all other foreign It is stated that President Kruger's namely. Prince Christian Victor, Prin-war of 1897-8. Oxen still form the cinculating medium travelers, and the United States is held favorite hobby is gardening; the col- ces Adolphus, Alexander and Francis of

schools for the children and a free tele- There are five princes actively engag-

ed in the present South African war- cis, served as captain in the Egyptian

ander of Teck did good work in Mata-beleland, and his brother, Prince Fran-sood haship beleland, and his brother, Prince Fran- good health.

Tavorite hobby is gardening: the col-lection of phloxes in his garden at Pre-toria is famed for its excellence. He have already been at the front on more Lee university, who was sent to be

At the Confederate reunion which is ody. o be hald at loc.000 Italian islo to be held at Louisville a chorus of 100 skilled and unskilled, find emple

and operates a nursery which yields an has a liking for red geraniums and cal-income of \$150,000-sufficient to pay all ceolarias, and the daffodil is one of his served in the Ashanii the Sudar and income in served in the Ashanii the Sudar and income in served in the Ashanii the Sudar and income in served in the Ashanii the Sudar and income in served in the Ashanii the Sudar and income in served in the Ashanii the Sudar and income income in served in the Ashanii the Sudar and income income in served in the Ashanii the Sudar and income income in served in the Ashanii the Sudar and income in the Sudar and the served in the Ashanii the Sudar and income in the Sudar and income income in the Sudar and the served in the Ashanii the Sudar and income in the Sudar and income in the Sudar and income in the Sudar and the served in the Ashanii the Sudar and income in the Sudar and the served in the Ashanii the Sudar and income in the Sudar and the served in the Ashanii the Sudar and the served in the Sudar and the Sudar and the served in the Ashanii the Sudar and the Sudar and the served in the Ashanii the Sudar and the served in the Ashanii the Sudar and the served in the Sudar and the served in the Ashanii the Sudar and the served in the Ashanii the Sudar and the served in the served in the Sudar and the served in the Sudar and the served in the Sudar and the served in the served in the Sudar and the served in the se income of \$150,000-sufficient to pay all ceolarias, and the daffodil is one of his pet flowers. He is said to detest or-