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RESOURCES OF THE BOER REPUBLI

What the Intrepid Little South African Nations Will Have to Draw Upon For Indemnity If They Should Suffer Ultimate Defeat at the Hands of Great Britain.

ready been paid. It is that part which and are capable of producing a steady

ference when it came to a matter of set- of the proposed outlay. tling up accounts with the South African republics at the end of the war. To use his own words, "no one felt strong enough or hold enough to try to rob the victors under unctuous pretexts of hu-

some time or other, and by some the Transvaal were engaged in agri- 000,000 worth of the precious metal, one or other, the piper has to be cultural pursuits. There are about 12,- while every month reef after reef of paid, and paid right well. Now that the 500 farms in the republic, nearly 4,000 new deposits is being brought to light. war in South Africa advances more and of which belong to the government and Perhaps a gentle hint as to the faith more toward its close it is beginning to are the source of considerable state rev- of the burgher himself in his country be asked where the necessary pounds, enue. The newly developed coal mines and its future is to be found in the fact shillings and pence will come from to are proving far more valuable than was that precisely at the time when the pay for the broken eggs that went to ever anticipated, 2,000,000 tons a year financial crisis was at its height the make the omelet, as Napoleon put it, being now the average output. These volksraad increased the salaries of its One part of the debt, it is true, has al- lie in the eastern part of the republic members \$6,600 a year.

tion in parliament as to whether or not raad a proposal was brought forward started out from under the shadow of Great Britain was bound by secret to raise a loan of \$20,000,000 for railways Table mountain carried with it half a treaties with continental powers in con- and irrigation works alone. There were million of gold dust to be minted into nection with the outcome and settle-ment of the South African war, Great posal beyond the fact that already the The wonderful gold bearing quartz of Britain's prime minister, answering promise of war was in the air. So Kru- the Witwatersrand mines forms a sinmegatively, went out of his way to as- ger and his fellow legislators laid the gle reef about 30 miles in length, so far sert that there was neither precedent matter over indefinitely, though no sur- as known at present, and runs siantfor nor likelihood of any outside inter- prise was expressed at the magnitude wise down into the earth for, it is be-

AR is an expensive pastime. At war about one-third of the people of South African Republic contain \$3,500,-

There was a time when the lowest a nation pays for by the life and blood output of most excellent coal for an in- dividend paid by a Transvaal mining of her best sons. But that is a part definite length of time. Then, of course, company was 15 per cent. There was with which the financier and the poli- there are the national exports of ostrich also a time when as much as 675 per tician have nothing to do. It is the feathers, wool, cattle, hides, grain and cent was handed over to London stockcold, hard cash that interests these ivory, each article on the list bringing holders as dividend on every share of men. There is a balance to be struck, in many a dollar to the Transvaaler stock. In fact, for many a year now a a deficit to be met, and somebody must and his government. The Transvaaler, great golden stream of wealth has flowmeet it. Who is that somebody to be? in fact, has been taught to think in big ed from Johannesburg and Pretoria up Some time ago, when Lord Salisbury figures. This may be evidenced by the across the equator into England. Bewas answering Lord Teynham's ques- fact that in the 1898 session of the volks- fore the war every mail steamer that lieved by experts, an indefinite num-Although it is true that the financial ber of miles. On the very fringe of this

yellow nuggets and grains to be found | rock today is very low pay ore, and if there. Sometimes he even goes over | it were not for the big plant and the half a mile down beyond the reach of cyanide process its extraction would sunlight, and there are a few shafts not be profitable. By means of the cythat reach almost the mile limit, though anide process the gold can now be naturally not very many. There is lit- taken out at a cost of only \$6 per ton of tle water flow on the Rand, so one ore handled. But although this congreat expense and inconvenience is ob- glomerate is not very rich in the yel-The Boers have never been low metal it is practically inexhaustible great gold seekers, so all, or practically and of an even richness throughout. the companies operating on the Ten million tons of this conglomerate Rand are English, or at least controlled | were crushed with profit in 1898.

by English capital. The thorough and The ore is secured by drilling and businesslike principles upon which blasting, and, after being holsted to the these big English concerns have under- surface in steel elevators, is put taken their gigantic mining operations through the huge steam crushers. This help the weak," once said a man who are wonderful to behold. With them reduces the rock to pieces about the knew him well. "Nearly all the perilous money has been no object, and when size of hens' eggs, after which it is put fights in which he was engaged were once a good vein is located the scale on through the stamps, with streams of waged in defense of females. He was which the business is carried on is a water running constantly through it. always at any hazard for the right truly magnificent one. Nothing could By the time the stamping is finished the against the wrong. be fatther from the old fashioned Cal- ore is reduced to a powder about as fine ifornian gold hunter of "forty-nine." as cornmeal, and this powder is run sion offered. Once an aged aristocrat According to the mining laws of the over copper plates which are covered called upon Jackson to protect him Transvaal, an individual or company with mercury. Mercury, having a from the military, into whose service he can hold only "vertical rights" on any strong affinity for gold, causes the little was about to be pressed. laim-that is to say, although the gold particles of yellow metal to adhere to bearing rock dips in a southerly direc- the plates. From these plates it is re- of his request. tion at about an angle of 45 degrees, moved from time to time. The tailings the miner has not the right of the lat- are then taken and treated in immense

eral development of his reef. For this vats with cyanide of potassium. There





rican republics, it is doubtful if Great Britain, even though circumstances are such that John Bull shall be able to Ben King, who won fame by his poem "If I Should Die Tonight," was one of the few "natural born" humorsqueeze out of them every pound, shil-

ling and penny his rapacity may dic-tate him to claim, will ever be able to ists with which this country or any othfind compensation for the losses the er has ever been blessed. A volume of land of the Union Jack has sustained his verse, collected since his death, is through rushing into this present war. about to be published. England has spilled much of her best blood, she has lost many of her best in him, occasionally streaked with pasons and she has suffered defeats that even later successes can never quite wipe out. So, whatever the final outcome, it is no wonder that many a subject of the "gray widow at Windsor" is asking, Does it all pay?

WILLIAM J. RUDOLPH.

JACKSON AND THE LAME MAN. "General Andrew Jackson was always ready to protect the innocent and "He was also full of wit when occa-

"'I am lame,' said he in explanation

'Can't you run?' inquired Jackson. "'No; I can hardly walk.'

"'Well, I wish all my men were in

BEN KING.

POEMS BY BEN KING.

Ben King had quaint and original fun

thos, like all real humor, and he expressed it in the first language that occurred to him. Not a word or line of his can be imagined as having been thought up on purpose or studied out or "couched" in terms of any kind but those that the mind of the man instantly dictated. For this reason there is honest admiration for his honest powers and a feeling of deep gratitude that artificiality cannot smother all natural feeling. Following is his poem "If I Should Die Tonight:"

If I should die tonight. And you should come to my told corpte and uy, Weeping and heartick o'er my lifeless clay-If I should die tonight, And you should come in deepest grief and wose And say, "Here's that ten dollars that I one,"

I might arise in my large white cravat And say, "What's that?"

If I should die touight, And you should come to my cold corpse and kneel,

Clasping my bier to show the grief you feel-I say, if I should die tonight And you should come to me and there and then Just even hint of paying me that ten, 1 might rise the while, But I'd drop dead again,

Another poem of King's, almost as popular as this, is:

THE PESSIMIST. Nothing to do but work, Nothing to eat but food, Nothing to wear but clothes To keep one from going nude Nothing to breathe but air: Quick as a flash 'tis gone. Nowhere to fall but off, Nowhere to stand but on. Nothing to comb but hair, Nowhere to sleep but in b Nothing to weep but tears, Nothing to bury but dead. Nothing to sing but songs; Ah, well, ales, alack!

ultimate victory would bestow upon his country.

This is both interesting and important because of the fact that earlier in the struggle another parliamentary leader declared that the Boers would in the end be made to pay to the last penny every expense incurred by England in her role as aggressor in that heroic but hopeless struggle of the Transvaalers for liberty and independence. So now that the tentacles of the great, all absorbing empire are closing more tightly on the two little South African states, and now that the British have had their second success over the gallant Boers. the method of finally settling up accounts on a monetary basis is a very interesting and important question.

The war, it has been said, has already cost Great Britain £500,000,000. Will it be possible for the Orange Free State and the South African Republic to hand over any such gigantic sum as this. providing England carries out the threat of her minister on the one hand and, on the other, that the apparent unjustness of such an exorbitant demand shall not provoke the interference of the great powers of Europe?

greatest gold producing country on the more formidable in the following year operated there. face of the globe. The actual figures in by a marked decline in mining shares this connection are nothing short of in the market, rebellion and rinderpest pressive, if not inspiring, for its unique and these together exploit a block of of the Transvaal. That little sister restartling.

any quantity in 1884 up to the end and energetic littly republic. The priof the year 1896 the Transvaal's pro- mary cause of this temporary collapse duction of the yellow metal amount- was overtrading and overstocking, and output was almost \$50,000,000.

This great gold output is under the when the crash came. The excessive fields at Barberton, it is worth noting, republic was a territorial Rothschild, known elsewhere in the world. these mines are very large. Up to the time of the outbreak of the posits of gold already discovered in the of the earth in his search for the little solidified the mass into solid rock. This But, rich as are these two South Af- of York.

No. of Contraction TYPICAL BOER FARM HOUSE

GLIMPSES OF BOER LIFE.

The Transvaal is not a poor country, and commercial crisis in Johannesburg, reef of gold stand the smokestacks of reason a single claim is very rarely It is small in extent, but it is rich, fab- aggravated by the uitlander revolt at Johannesburg, and along it are scatter- worked. It is far too small to be profit- ous and unhampered by foreign relaulously rich, in gold-in fact, it is the the beginning of 1896, was rendered ed the works of the 60 different mines ably exploited under such circum-A view of this mining district is im- as "outcrop companies" are formed,

not altogether unjustly, most suffered

stances, so what are commonly known together could not long depress the ugliness. In all directions one sees contiguous claims. This explains why public, it must be remembered, has less ed to \$211,671,000. During the last few the person responsible for it was the lously elongated, beiching its black, which the solitary gold seeker has very averaging about 4,000 acres each, but it years this output has increased at a gentle uitlander. It was, on the other bituminous mass and standing out, little chance of success. Native labor must also be borne in mind that only tremendous rate. For 1896 alone the hand, the gentle ultiander who, perhaps sentinel like, above a body of scaffolding is employed and can be secured for 250,000 acres are under cultivation. The and machine shops of corrugated iron. about 50 cents per day. The Rand Free Staters have very little gold in Nearby are always great, desolate mines, when in full operation, employ their country, though they have diacontrol of some 200 mining companies, competition of importers, encouraged heaps of gray quartz and the huge vats about 60,000 laborers. Every plant has mond mines that are of considerable nearly all British, which, three years by the unrestrained granting of credit, where the tailings undergo the cyanide its one or more costly steam stamps for value and promise to increase in wealth ago, had a nominal capital of \$285,000,- resulted in a panic that involved the process of extraction. The town itself crushing the ore, or, as the Dutch call as more thorough exploitation takes 000 and an actual invested capital of banks and mercantile houses of Cape has plenty of brick and stone, big build. it, the "banket." "Banket" is really the place. The diamond output of the Free 105,000,000. The total value of dutiable Colony and Natal, and through them ings enough and palatial homes in any Boer name for nut cake, and as the ore State amounts to about \$2,000,000 a

is a somewhat newer process, however, your fix,' the general quickly replied, called "chlorination," which has grad- and, turning to his quartermaster, said, ually been taking the place of the cy- 'Give him a gun.' anide process with many of the larger "When Jackson was introduced to

concerns of the Rand. On the whole, it may be said that gold addressing the great warrior, said: mining on the Witwatersrand today is more of the nature of a manufacturing been writing against you." business than mining in the popular ac-

thousands of workmen, involved proc- of my country in order that you might esses and great capital are necessary. enjoy that privilege.' But this gold manufacturing business metal is practically unlimited, and to an attack on the works of the Indian when the mines are operated under | fort, a strapping big soldier who stood more favorable circumstances than just in front of the line cried out: they have been of late their returns will be even greater in the future than do? I have no gun?" they have been in the past.

So if it comes to a matter of "Pay, pay, pay!" with Oom Paul's people the Transvaal will be found to be a very good debtor. It would take many army line was forced to smile as it comyears, of course, to pay off the tremendous demands that England, if victori- front."

tions, would impose on her little enemy. The finances of the Orange Free State are by no means so rosy as those From the first discovery of gold in financial activities of such a wealthy nothing but the same dull scene repro- the small individual miner, as known in than 100,000 whites in all its population, married to anybody outside the royal han strayed from the British camp up duced and repeated-the tall, black the Klondike today, is scarcely ever and its revenue has never reached over circle. Only one of James I's daughters to its walls unperceived and rolled insmokestack, with colored bands about heard of in the Transvaal. It is always £400,000 for any single year. It is true lived to grow up, the Princess Elizait like an ocean liner's funnel, ridicu- the big company in competition with that there are 6,000 farms in the state beth, afterward queen of Bohemia and Imports into the Transvaal for this different banking and mining concerns number, but, after all, Johannesburg of the Rand greatly resembles that de-same year amounted to over \$70,000,000, in London. This check given to mining city is only the counting room of the lectable product of the Boer haus-to almost \$9,000,000 per year, a sum The revenue for 1896 was £4,807,513, and incivities and importations affected the mines. Plain and unprepossessing as is vrouw's kitchen, the word soon passed which, when the smallness of the country died early. For hundreds of yard, with the mob in close pursuit, he word soon passed which, when the smallness of the Country died early. For hundreds of yard, with the mob in close pursuit, he word soon passed which, when the smallness of the Country died early. the expenditures £4,671,393. The great finances of the Transvaal government the town itself, it has, or at least had into general usage. The geological term try and the thinness of population are years princesses were never plentiful in Jackson intercepted the angry herde part of this revenue, of course, was ob- to such a degree as to cause their sur- up to the time of the war outbreak, an for such formation is "conglomerate," considered, shows that the republic is a England-till George III was blessed and, with an exclamation of warning, tained from the goldfields in the form of mining licenses, mining royalties, the dynamite monopoly and duties on im-ports intended for mining operations. The came the rin-dynamite monopoly and duties on im-ports intended for mining operations. The came the rin-dynamite monopoly and duties on im-ports intended for mining operations. The came the rin-dynamite monopoly and duties on im-ports intended for mining operations. The came the rin-dynamite monopoly and duties on im-ports intended for mining operations. The came the rin-dynamite monopoly and duties on im-ports intended for mining operations. The came the rin-dynamite monopoly and duties on im-ports intended for mining operations. The came the rin-dit despear. Then came the rin-hit the burghers themselves; and the two together necessitated recourse to two together necessitated recourse t tained from the goldfields in the form plus to disappear. Then came the rin- air of prosperity and general business signifying, as it does, a hardened mix- very prosperous little country. The with a bevy of six fine daughters. item from railway revenue. The gold- dition could not be permanent. The different processes of extraction un- thousands of years ago, the beach of and as the people north of the Vaal Victoria's daughters or any of her majsome long lost sea. Small streams car- must always look to the Cape for a esty's granddaughters or great-grand- is a dead man! fields at Barberton, it is worth noting, republic was a territorial Rothschild, known elsewhere in the world. are on grounds owned by the govern- with only a penny in its pocket, but The Rand miner has no equal.' He ried grains of gold down to the beach large proportion of their supplies, the daughters-excepting their own mamment, so the Transvaal's returns from with millions in its banks. It has been thinks nothing of delving and drilling and there deposited them in the sand, activity of the different roads through ma, the Duchess of Fife, and the yet

Major Lewis of Franklin, the major, ' 'General Jackson, I have all my life

"'And I,' was the response he ceptance of the word. Immense plants, ceived, 'have been fighting the battles

"Just previous to the battle of the promises to be a business that will last Horseshoe, when Jackson had his men for many a long year. The supply of drawn up in line of battle preparatory "'Oh, General Jackson, what shall I

> "Jackson eyed the questioner a moment and replied:

"'By the great hornspoon, my fellow, try it fist and skull!' The whole menced the charge upon the works in

WHEN PRINCESSES WERE SCARCE.

therefore very valuable and not to be During the night a sallor named Straancestress of Queen Victoria. Of sentries gave the alarm, and his com-Charles I's daughters, the Princess

Elizabeth died at Carisbrook castle as a very young girl, and the Princess Mary became Princess of Orange, James II's daughters, though their mother was of nonroyal birth, were always regarded as important personages from a successional point of view, for was a warm friend of the general, and

conservatively estimated that the de- a quarter of a mile below the surface Pressure and chemical action in time the Free State is assured for all time. more important princess, little Victoria ward, "but the snap of the speciacie

Nothing to quench but thirst, Nothing to have but what we've got; Thus through life we are cursed Nothing to strike but a gait; Everything moves that goes. Nothing at all but common sense Can ever withstand these woes. Some of King's parodles were also very good, as, for instance, his "How

Nowhere to go but out, Nowhere to come but back

Often They stood on the bridge at midnight In a park not far from town They stood on the bridge at midnight, Because they didn't sit down. How often, oh, how often, They whispered words so soft-

How often, oh, how often How often, oh, how oft!

WON BY LUCK.

It doesn't always take a whole army to capture a fort or a man-of-war. The Earl of Peterborough took Barcelona, with a garrison of 400 Spaniards, with the aid of one man. Leaving his army besieging Madrid, he rode with an aldde-camp right up to the gates of Barcelona and com-

manded the Spaniards to surrender or he



do already at During the night a sallor Madrid. But so rolled inside through a great was the breach. fright of the

garrison at seeing the grim earl before their gates that they capitulated and

marched out of the town. Another strange capture of a fort was accomplished by an intoxicated sailor during the war in India. The British army had been all day besieging a very strong fort on the river Hooghly, and they would have had to spend many more days before they Princesses were very scarce in Eng- managed to take it, as the inhabitants land during the Stuart dynasty, and had plenty of food and ammunition. side through a breach. On seeing the enemy he became suddenly sober and shouted for his comrades. The British rades rushed the garrison.

ANDREW JACKSON'S NERVE.

Here is an occurrence which will illustrate General Andrew Jackson's indomitable courage. At Clover Bend a mob got after Patton Anderson, who was intent upon taking his life. Anthrew his hand to his hip pocket and,

This effectually checked the mob. "I had no pistol," said Jackson aftercase deceived them."

ABOUT MEN AND THINGS.

In German cities merchants are not sas and Mr. Lindsay of Kentucky, all ents. allowed to put up signs unless the of whom were born and raised in the wording is true. In Mainz a fine of Old Dominion. wording is true. In Mainz a fine of Old Dominion. 500 marks is imposed for violations of The champion linguist of the house about 50 passengers and is 56 feet long Cooks in Ceylon must appa

of representatives is Congressman and 10 feet wide. Its average speed is versatile persons, judging from a Cin- italized at \$2,000,000. the law. There are five men in the United Bradley of New York. He speaks Ger- seven to ten miles an hour, and it is galese journal: "Wanted-A billet as States senate who were born in Virgin- man, French, Hebrew, Italian, Irish called the Alessandro Volta.

The first electrical launch in Venice

ing politics with any of his constitu- salmon was about the best to be got, Walapana." and the Scotchmen knew that, and con-

He experiences no difficulty in discuss- the London market as Scotch. Irish ed. Please apply to Fonseka, Ragala, the various editions, letters, etc. His nection with this it is recalled that the The London papers announce that

sequently sold Irish as Scotch to get a final steps have been taken in forming full of manuscripts. a hat trust to control the trade of Eng-

Cook and Appu, or either, by a married more books than any three of the lead- about it in advance by dedicating it to is being laid out. The course will be states senate who were born in Virgin-ia. In addition to her own two sen-ators, Virginia lays claim to Mr. Talla-ferro of Florida, Mr. Harris of Kan-

books number 70. It is said that the critics dealt savagely with Mascagni's drawers of the Brantwood library are last previous opera, "Iris."

John D. Rockefeller will be able next spring to entertain his friends at his Cooks in Ceylon must apparently be land. The combination has been cap- of a new opera, "The Maskers," which place at Tarrytown on his private golf It is calculated that Ruskin wrote more books than any three of the lead-

