THE BLACK MENACE IN SOUTH

The Dormant Fires of Old Time Savagery Threaten to Break Out Among the South African Natives Now That the Boers and the British Are at War.

England saw this when her redcoats d it a second time when she attempted | clock of civilization back a century or to make herself the molder of South two by the savageries and atrocities African destinies. Those restless black hordes that swarmed 7,000,000 strong over the hills and valleys and plains outh of the Zambezi have had to be eld down with an iron hand.

shed is bred in the state of the preoccupation or the imency he takes not lightly to the ways of potency of their old time white masters not because they love work, but be- a very important consideration with who hitherto have held them down, cause the new order of things establish- Great Britain. The "Crown Colony of deluge the lower half of the dark contigrst stepped on African soil. She learn- nent in blood and turn the hands of the

which would be sure to follow?

to the passive black in whose heart the Transvaal burgher. But there are other blacks in South spark of rebellion still burns. Among Africa than Zulus and Basutos. Today | the wilder tribal natives the feeling of there dwell below the Zambezi river revolt must be still stronger. The manbetween 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 dusky tie of semicivilization has never been skinned aborigines. To hold these in forced on their shoulders, they have check there are altogether some 750,000 never passed under the colonial yoke, whites. In the Transvaal there are and to fight is still as natural with three blacks to every white. In Natal them as to eat. When it is borne in there are eight blacks to every white mind that Chief Lorothodi of the Baman. Taking all of South Africa into sutos can, out of his 217,000 men, call consideration, there are at least ten | 50,000 armed warriors, one-half of which dark skinned natives for every white number could take the field armed with settler. All these blacks may be divid- modern rifles, and all in a state of more ed into two classes. One class is made or less efficient discipline, some idea of

up of the tribal and still more or less the possible fighting strength of the

wild natives, who have never yet pass- entire black population of South Africa ed under the yoke of civilization. The when once aroused may be gained. other class is made up of the natives | Basutoland is a somewhat limited The South African black is a born portunity to gratify this dormant pastry, who labor on the farms, work in miles, but owing to its position between who have taken to trousers and indus- territory, with an area of 9,720 square nghter. The passion for bloods sion for bloodshed? Will the natives of the gold and diamond mines and are in the Orange Free State, the Cape Colnghter. The passion of the Africa once more take up arms, and, beshed is bred in his bones. After Africa once more take up arms, and, beshed is bred in his bones. After Africa once more take up arms, and, be-

will get the mastery.

initial move, should any be made, would in all probability come from him. Basutoland has had every reason to show its gratefulness to Great Britain, It is indebted to this power for the early recognition of statehood in 1843, and also for a subsequent intervention on the part of England which insured the existence of Basutoland as a state. But thanks are not always given and out of the forced to travel through different regiments he gave differently But thanks are not always given African colonial work. When Great the fruitful plain of the Caledon river, Britain granted a practical independ- which his people still call "the conence to the Orange Free State, the question of the boundary line between once more to put up his kraals there. the new state and Basutoland was left | He feels, indeed, that the present time in a rather unsatisfactory condition. would not be a bad one for making the

The claim of Moshesh, the astute Ba- effort. Is it any wonder then that he suto chieftain of 50 years ago, was that is aching to take up arms against the Basuto territory extended wherever his Boer? Yet, should he once be allowed own foot had pressed the ground or any to do so, is it possible to set any limits of his people had once dwelled. It was to the extremes to which his ancient in 1847 that an approximate line, known | hatred would drive him? as the "Warden line," was drawn to define the western limits of Basutoland.

Sir George Russell Ciark acted for G. Yeatman Lagdon, and it can be seen Great Britain when the burghers and that his responsibility is no light one. emigrant farmers appointed delegates to come to terms about the independ- seize the opportunity offcred by the

lighting that may be coming atons. Successful to support their population, when he was appointed chief of the It is merely a question as to whether sumcient to support the sum of the sum their fear for the well remembered from and so well hand of the English or their dormant their rich, lowland plains during the went to work and made his people an hand of the English or their dormant their field, to their numbers have efficient and mobile fighting organizamore than doubled, and they have be- tion. Some time later the old Chief come restive under the consciousness of Umtetwas died, and Tshaka at once The man who has, perhaps, more to come restrict and strength and the pres- declared the absolute independence of do with the eventual outcome of this their fluid the Zulus and upheld his declaration question than any other individual is sure of overpopulation. It is still a the Zulus and upheld his declaration Lerothodi, the chief of the Basutos. The cherished dream with their people to by force. regain the territory they owned and regain the territory ago. All Napoleon in his way, and soon started their land is taken up, and now year by year their male population is forced When he had vanquished any neighto travel southward and seek work in the Cape Colony, in the Transvaal, in the old men and women and absorbed Natal and even in the homes of their the young warriors into his own ever old time archenemies, the Orange Free swelling ranks. His army grew so that Staters. Every Basuto who goes in he found it necessary to divide his and out of his country in search of quered territory." Some day he hopes

> The man who at present has the task of holding the Basutos in check is Sir Should the Zulus, on the other hand,

easily understood, too, that the blacks thing for Moshesh and his tribes. As a putting the army as a whole before the consequence of such intervention the single fighter was capable of further are anxious to take a hand in any consequence of further fighting that may be coming along. blacks received a reservation of land development. He bided his time, and

This Tshaka was a sort of black faced in to make the Zulu power supreme. boring tribe, he straightway killed off young warriors into regiments. The colored shields, and any particular regiment that distinguished itself in action he promptly rewarded, and so established the competitive spirit among his men. There was also instilled in them a most rigid discipline. Any warrier found returning from a fight with a wound in the back was peremptorly killed as a coward. The same punishment was meted out to him if he came back without shield or assagat, Boldiers were not allowed to take wives until they had fittingly distinguished themselves in the field. Officers always kept the destination of any particular expedition a profound secret-at least until the time to make the attack had arrived. Solid formation was also made use of, a new and unique thing in the history of savage warfare. In attacking their first forward movement was always in solid formation, supported on either side by flying wings ofskirmishers. They understood the effectiveness of a well executed flank movement, and when the final hand to hand conflict took place they did not know what such a thing as fear meant, In fact, to die on the battlefield was the source of perpetual glory and the promise of perpetual happiness. Was it any wonder these acute war-

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riors swept down and rode over nearly all the undisciplined savages south of the Zambezi river? When the Dutch came up across the Vaal into Natal, they kept up the fierce fight. It is true the man with the rifle got the better of it in the long run, but it was no easily won victory. Today, broken, but not crushed. these savages wait for the chance to avenge past disgraces. A few years of quiet may have somewhat subdued their pristine ferocity, but it could never make the leopard of Zululand change his spots. The Zulu is a born fighter, and will never be happy until he is fighting once more. He has, in many instances, forsaken his assagai for the rifle of the white man, but with his new weapon he has proved even more expert than with his famous broad bladed

So perhaps when these things are understood it will be realized what is meant when the "black menace" is spoken of. Up to the present time it is a menace and nothing more. If peace can again come to South Africa without the actual fall of this sword of Damocles, both the Britisher and the Boer will, or should, utter a devout prayer of thanks. WILLIAM J. RUDOLPH.

ROYALTY BEFORE THE CAMERA. Who is the most photoed royal personage? And whose lineaments are most valuable commercially? As might be expected, Albert Edward, prince of Wales, easily heads the former list. There are so many thousands of his photos that it is popularly supposed that he poses before the lens every time he assumes a new tie. Then comes his ubiquitous and vivacious nephew, William II, who has a neat little collection of his regal self in over 600 different poses, and all out of his own head.

Empress Frederick is repeatedly photographed, but inclines to a family group arranged by herself. Emperor Francis Joseph objects to being posed at all, but prefers a natural attitude. He is a first class model, in direct contrast to the emperor of Russia, who simply hates the camera so much that, what with his objection to face the lens at all and his nervousness under the operation, there are very few portraits at all resembling him, except those that are not his at all, but borrowed from his double, the Duke of York. The sultan's hatred of the cam-

Naturally, most of them are military.

era amounts to a mania, and his taste dom they have sullenly been looking as to old treaties, he stated that war for so long, England would indeed have is justified, judged by his latest photo. Wilhelmina the Good likes to be between two powers breaks all pre-ex- her hands full. During her last Zulu "shot" early and often, while Carmen isting treaties, and that the British war England, as she well remembers, Sylva loves a shoppy representation of government therefore had no treaty was for a time overmatched, and she with Chief Moshesh. This left Moshesh | learned to her sorrow that the wielders | her classic self as a professional poetess. And last, but by no means least, tired of being photoed, and generally her weariness is shown in the result. A second encounter with those South

of view of duty. Commercially "the pope" goes off like hot cakes, and 18,000 of him are sold them down has made it a principle al-Princess of Wales is only beaten by a length behind with 14,000, while that native fighter in all South Africa. Never lady of many sorrows, the Empress Euhas dark skinned rival beaten him, genie, finds only 800 purchasers per anand his only vanouishers have been

WHAT THE FINGER NAILS TELL. In days when superstition was more prevalent than it is now the shape and appearance of the finger nails were considered to have reference to one's destiny. To learn the message of the finthe century that the great Zulu chief | ger nails it was necessary to rub them over with a compound of wax and soot their first superiority over their ene- and then to hold them so that the sunmies on the battlefield. At that time light fell fully on them. Then on the signs and characters were supposed to

appear, from which the future could be interpreted. Persons, too, having certain kinds of nails were credited with the possession of certain characteristics. Thus, a man with red and spotted nails was supposed to have a hot temper, while pale, lead colored nails were considered to denote a melancholy temperament. Narrow nails were supposed to betray ambition and a quarrelsome nature, while round shaped nails were the distinguishing marks of lovers of knowledge and people of liberal sentiment. Conceited, narrow minded and obstinate

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Such questions it is not easy to answer. Just what such an uprising would stand for, however, it is not difficult to understand. There have been When once that great iron hand was many symptoms and not a few actual elaxed, the kopjes and kraals of South | occurrences to show that such a con-SPIES BASUTO MOUNTED SCOUT. INFORMATION. VOLUNTEERS ence of the Orange sovereignty. When | Transvaal war to strike for the free-

lages with protestations of peace on bors, the Zulus, almost as much as they

Africa have been steeped in blood. So | tingency is far from remote. The bur-, ed with the incoming of the Anglothe mailed fingers were fightened on ghers of the Transvaal and the Kaffirs Saxon demanded that they labor, leave the throat of the native. The native have already had a clash of arms. The the country or perish. Even the apwrithed and struggled under that Basutos have also applied to the Eng- parently peaceful laboring classes steely pressure, but the hand proved lish authorities for permission to go on stronger than the throat it held, and the warpath and wipe out in their own tent bayonet point held significantly Zulu and Swazi and Tonga and Basuto characteristically savage way certain and Galka flung away their assagal and old scores they hold against the Boers. Warclub and slunk back to their vil- These same Basutos hate their neigh-

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their lips, but eternal enmity in their hate the Boers. Nothing could ever manded in the struggle of white against Great Britain gave him not so many use of the hoe and the pickax. white. The vital question at such a years ago. It is true he abominates time is, will the blacks take advantage the Boer even more than he distikes has been suddenly shown up in all its

among the Kaffirs have to have the poover them as a gentle reminder that law and order, and a law and order novel to them, is their present heritage. The veneer of civilization which has been forced on these Kaffirs does not make a Zulu and a Basuto fight side by go very deep. They have been forcibly Today the great fron hand has other side. The Zulu, on the other hand, re- disarmed, forcibly domesticated, hamwork to do. All its strength is de- members a cruel trouncing or two mered into docility and coerced into the

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Bechuanaland" is over five times the extent of Basutoland, having an area the English troopers also ends.

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some 65,000 of these pastoral natives in ange Free State. 650,000 blacks. So these different fig-South Africa.

facing his oppressors, the Boers, as an of the assagai were no mean foes. Her independent power, and he was not final victory was bought only after the the aged queen of England is very long in taking advantage of the situa- | most deplorable bloodshed. tion. Moshesh promptly placed his frontier line within 20 miles of Bloem- African fanatics is at any time most | She regards the matter from the point fontein, while the Orange Free Staters | thoroughly dreaded by England. For of some 51,000 square miles. Through- were most anxious to see him safely be- this reason the hand that has held out this territory dwell over 60,000 na- | hind the Caledon river. After a few tives. North of the colony proper years industriously spent in the con- ways to show more claws than velvet. yearly, chromos not counted. The stretches Bechuanaland itself, reach- solidation of his scattered tribes Mo- Doubly dreaded would be a Zulu outing away north as far as the Zambezi shesh declared war on the Orange Free break when England has her hands tied head (the pope's) and comes an easy river. Mafeking lies at the lower end State. And no idle little war it was! by a struggle with her African white second with 16,000. "William the Secof this territory, while farther up to- It lasted four long years. In the earlier enemies. This Zulu who is now being ond to None" goes very strong with ward the Nyanzas stretches the great part of that struggle with the fierce watched so apprehensively is the best 15,000, and the czar comes only a short Kalahari desert. Adequately to police blacks of Moshesh the burghers sufferthis immense district is impossible. The ed severely, and it was not until the natives who wander about its wilder- Dutch community, under the presidency nesses have for some time been held of Sir John Brand, made a special effort the English themselves, though at what terrible cost only England's widows' more or less in check by the whites, but and put a large and effective force in where the pale of civilization ends be- the field that Moshesh and his native pension list can show. Physically he is a yond Mafeking the actual influence of warriors were driven back. They were powerful, active, fearless and splendid forcibly ejected from the wide, rich savage. But beyond this he can claim Zululand today is supposed to have a plains lying to the east of the Orange another secret of power, and that is in the mysteriously splendid organization black population of about 150,000. Ton- Free State and were driven back foot of his forces.

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galand, just to the north up the coast, by foot into the barren heights of the has also a native population of about Drakensberg mountains. At that time 40,000 Swaziland, just northwest of they numbered over 100,000 altogether, this again, has a population that is and they found themselves without terhard to determine. The fighting pow- ritory upon which to feed their wandergreat, for they are an agricultural and showed them no mercy, and by 1868 the Zulus were one of the weakest of horny, transparent substance certain ers of its natives, however, are not ing and homeless people. The Boers practically all of their territory had the South African tribes. They were There are, however, supposed to be been taken possession of by the Or-Swaziland, and just how they would | The starving Basutos, in their dilemact when the infection of revolt reached ma, appealed to Great Britain. Great with some English soldiery about that them it is hard to say. In the South Britain came to their rescue, but in a time and marveled at their wonderful African Republic itself there are some way not altogether unselfish. She pro- formation and methods. When he re-

the chief of a neighboring tribe, fell in claimed all the territory of the Basutos | turned to his own people, he began to ures are somewhat disquieting when as her own, and at once, therefore, and organize them into brigades, regiments considered in connection with the men- with honest and unspeakable Anglo- and companies and drilled them after ace the black offers to civilization in Saxon indignation, ordered all the com- the British fashion. The result was inmandoes of the oppressive burghers evitable. After such organization his It can easily be seen how the attitude out of the territory they had overrun, enemies always wondered why he was of these different black races is one of | England then stepped in herself. At | always so successful on the battlefield. the most important factors, apart from first sight it looked like a case of out He had a lieutenant, a youth of fierce the actual denouement of the present of the frying pan into the fire, but, self- and stupendous energy, of the name of struggie between the Britisher and the ish as England's original motives may Tshaka. This young man in turn quiet- folk were supposed to have small nails, Boer, which have to be taken into con- have been at the time of her interven- ly studied the organization of Umtet- indolent people fleshy nails and those

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tion there he moved in 1851 to the unpopular with the people by referring services in the first battle at Modder cording to well founded rumors, soon by the name of Knust, who spends neighboring town of Chatham, where in a public address to the ancestors of River Lord Methuen made special ref- to be retired on a pension of \$97 per about half the year in his native land the present colonists—a subject which erence, had previously distinguished month. It is decidedly unusual for the and the rest cruising about the Pacific of the cathedral of the isle of Iona, has been turned over by the Duke of Argyll to the Scotch Process. Such a move will be a token and in the Egyptian war in 1882. In physicians at Baden-Baden, Dr. Heck-he started in business as a watchmak-he started in business as a w was a penal settlement. Now he has and in the Egyptian war in 1882. In ployees, Such a move will be a token acres, and it was sold for £3,000.

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