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SHIFTING SCENES ANENT AFRICA.

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So long as the Boers respected “British property” and by order of their own wealthy and therefore conservative leaders carefully abstained from such uncivilized methods of warfare as the destruction of “British mines,” capitalist England cared but little either for the number of soldiers that lost life, limb or health in the murderous conflict, or for the number of Boers they killed by the civilized method of “pig-sticking,” or for the amount of Boer property which they destroyed or seized in accordance with the practice of civilized nations. But since the Boers, tired of this kind of civilization, have actually blown up some of the Rand mines in retaliation for the razing of their houses, the pillage of their farms and the kidnapping of their wives and children, England is in a tremor.

But the British are not the only ones who are now trembling by these acts of retaliation. Trembling in their boots are also the rich conservative Boers, who hold stock in the Rand mines and other “British property,” similarly exposed by the present retaliatory acts, and many of whom never fired a shot and, not only surrendered to the British, but welcomed them to Johannesburg and Pretoria.

While this incidentally proves that the capitalists are the same cowards the world over, regardless of race, sex, color or previous condition of servitude, it serves to explain the shifting of the scenes now going on anent the war in Africa, and to foreshadow the far more radical shifting of scenes that is likely to be witnessed.

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