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Mr. C. W. Van Der Hoogt Also Has News From South Africa.

Mr. C. W. Van der Hoogt, formely Secretary of the State Board of Immigration, was in Baltimore recently after an extended trip to Europe. The object of his visit was for the purpose of conferring with President Kruger, of the South African republic: Dr. Leyds, the representative of the South African republic in Europe, and other leaders of the Boer cause. Dr. Kuyper, the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, through whom an offer of mediation has been made and who has laid the foundation for the peace negotiations now going on, was also seen by Mr. Van der Hoogt.

Mr. Van der Hoogt expressed great surprise when he learned that the peace negotiations were based upon giving up independence and becoming crown colonies. "This," he said, "is entirely contrary to my expectations when I left. I do not believe that any negotiations could be concluded along these lines. The general impression among our people is that our cause is in better shape than it was a year ago, and our burghers are filled with courage to continue the struggle, which they will do, in my opinion, until the last defender falls.

There has been published recently a statement that Casper Kruger, the elder son of the President, has taken the oath of allegiance to England. I am prepared to contradict this report, having yesterday morning received an official communication from the headquarters of the Dutch Alliance, which is in touch with the men now in the field. This statement shows that Casper Kruger is still in the field, fighting under the banner of the Boers, as are all other members of the family save those who have lost their lives in the cause or have been made prisoners.

"At Utrecht I saw President Kruger and had quite a lengthy interview with him. His physical as well as his mental condition seem to be fair. His favorite occupation is studying the bible, which is constantly before him. President Kruger stated that he had not abandoned the idea of coming to the United States, and that if an occasion arose where his presence here would lend aid to his struggling people he would come at once. He still grieves for the loss of his wife."

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Until my passive thoughts,
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CITY VS. COUNTRY BOYS.

The Cecil County Farmers' Club was entertained at its last meeting by Frank R. Cherry at his handsome home near Principio. Nearly all the members of the club were present, and the meeting was a very profitable as well as a very enjoyable one. When the host was called upon to make the customary address, he responded as follows: "Still on the farm? How do you like it, etc.? are some of the questions asked me by my friends in my old city home. They all seem surprised, not only my city friends, but my country friends as well, how I, a city-born man, can be satisfied in the country. But what would become of the country if some of the city boys did not come out and farm, as it seems the height of a country boy's ambition is to become either a policement or a motorman on the trolleys, and let the farm go. Where? Oh, any old place, just so he doesn't have to work on it. Now is my time to be surprised at the boys. Why do they leave the farm when it eventually will be theirs in most cases, and the work not near so hard nor steady as the position they aim at in town. Again, I think the trouble lies a great deal in the way the parents treat their boys. Why not give them an interest in the farm when old enough to understand the responsibility of the position? We all know we are looking for the financial end of everything and the boy does not seem to realize how much he is getting on the farm for nothing, we might say. When he sees $9 or $10 a week in town he is anxious to leave home and the farm, forgetting about the board bill, car fare, clothing, etc., which must be paid out of the $9, and no comforts at home. Where, in the majority of city homes you will find the son having an interest in his father's business, not only in name but in the financial ending of the busines, in comparison the farmer gives his boy a colt or calf to raise as his own. When they arrive at maturity it is the father's horse or cow, and the boy gets another colt or calf to raise. I myself would leave home. But speaking as a city-bred man, I think the country has the best opportunities for the boy if the father will give him the right kind of encouragement.

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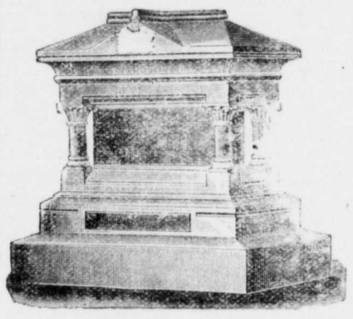

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