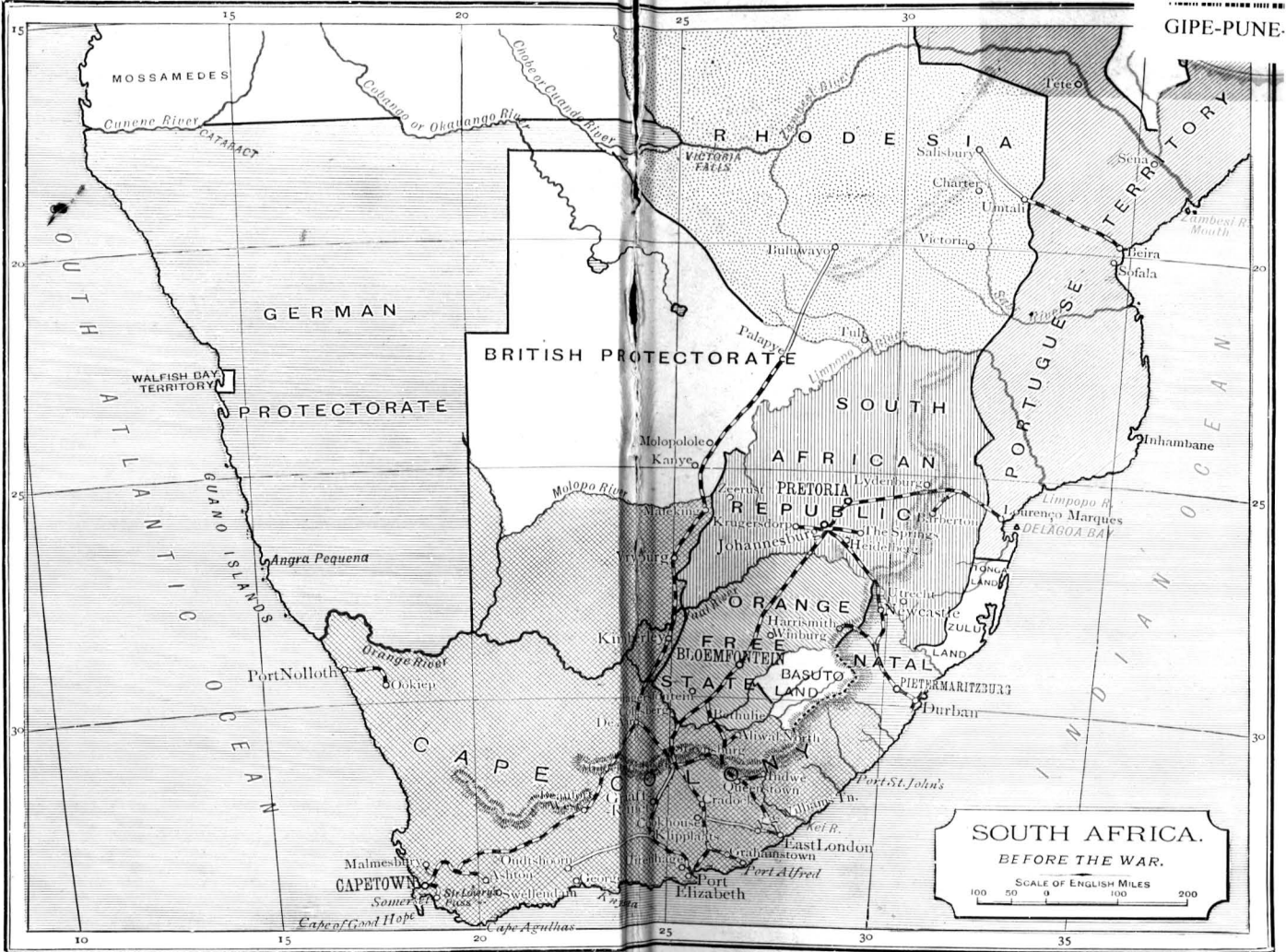


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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

MR. KRUGER dictated these *Memoirs* to *Mr. H. C. Bredell*, his private secretary, and to *Mr. Piet Grobler*, the former Under Secretary of State of the South African Republic. These gentlemen handed their notes to an editor, the *Rev. Dr. A. Schowalter*, who spent several weeks at *Utrecht* in constant colloquy with *Mr. Kruger*, elucidating various points with the aid of the President's replies to a list of some hundred and fifty to two hundred questions which *Dr. Schowalter* had drawn up.

The English and American edition is translated by *Mr. A. Teixeira de Mattos* from *Dr. Schowalter's* revised German text, collated line for line with *Mr. Kruger's* original Dutch, with this difference that, in the English edition, *Mr. Kruger* speaks in the first person throughout, whereas, in the Continental editions, the narrative is allowed to change into the third person from the point at which *Mr. Kruger* begins to attain a prominent position in the affairs of his country. This latter arrangement appearing to me an artificial one, I applied for leave to alter it, and this was the more readily granted inasmuch as it has been decided that, when *Mr. Kruger* is no more, any subsequent Continental editions shall also be printed in the first person throughout.

In the Appendix at the end of the second volume have been collected several documents in the shape of speeches, proclamations and circular dispatches, including the famous three hours' speech delivered by *Mr. Kruger*, after his inauguration as President for the fourth time, on the 12th of May 1898.

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ERRATA

- Page 24, line 2, for "*witharnosters*," read "*zwartharnosters*."
- Page 24, note, for "*Witharnoster* is a white rhinoceros.—*Translator's Note*," read "*Harnoster* is a corruption of *rhinoster*, and a *zwartharnoster* is a black rhinoceros.—*Translator's Note*."
- Page 218, line 8 from foot, for "He even tried to win over the Irish party in Parliament, which was not at all in harmony with his plans, by a present of £10,000," read "It can even be proved that Rhodes gave thousands of pounds to political parties with whose views he in no way agreed, in the hope of obtaining their support."
- Page 240, note, for "The portion of Kruger's speech to which he refers ran as follows:" read "Kruger elaborated this point in 1898, when, in his famous three hours' speech (*vide* Appendix A), he said:"
- Page 469, last line, for "The faith of the Lord Jesus and His works," read "The liberty of the Lord Jesus."