

PEACE TERMS ARE SIGNED

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outside of the War Office consisted of a copy of Lord Kitchener's cablegram. A similar notice was put up outside of the Colonial Office. Beyond these two stumpy bits of paper London knew nothing of the great event. In clubs, the hotels and the newspaper offices, which were almost all deserted, the momentous news was ticked out on the tape. Then, like wild fire, at about six o'clock and without any visible means for the transmission of the news, LONDON AWAKENED TO THE FACT

that the South African war was over. The inhabitants of the east end flocked to the Mansion House, that Mecca of the boisterously patriotic, just in time to see the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Jos. C. Dimasdale, come to a balcony on the front of the municipal headquarters and announce that terms of surrender had been signed in South Africa. Amid many cheers the Lord Mayor made a short speech, in which he expressed his hope that London would show its appreciation of the good news by behaving itself decently and in an orderly manner. "Let us," said the Lord Mayor, in conclusion, "now pray for a long and happy peace."

At this statement the assembled

the national anthem was sung lustily. Two sentries and many policemen guarded the historic message outside of the war office, which could scarcely be read by the flickering gas light. After reading this notice, the people passed on in eager crowds into the more eastern districts of London, where there were no illuminations such as made the clubs on Pall Mall more noticeable.

"GOOD OLD KITCHENER," and "We're bloomin' glad it's over," were among the phrases shouted by the crowd. A large number of those who had relatives at the front participated in the night's street scenes and lent a serious and often pathetic touch to what would otherwise have been an amusing jollification. "Dear old Bill," or some such name, would be called out by some one in the crowd, with an added, "E'll soon be home."

While the general public celebrated the news of peace in the streets society was equally joyous, although perhaps not quite so demonstrative. At the fashionable hotels and restaurants patriotic airs were played and those present repeatedly stood up and cheered when the bands played "God save the King."

In the meantime the news had been conveyed to most of the churches, whose bells clanged to the message of peace. Preachers stopped in their prayers and sermons to read Lord Kitchener's laconic message to their congregations.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will shortly appoint a day of national thanksgiving, in which Cardinal Vaughan will join in behalf of the Catholics.

THE TERMS.

The cabinet will meet this morning and will probably discuss the wording of the statement to be made to Mr. Balfour, the government leader, in the House of Commons. This statement is eagerly awaited, as it is understood Mr. Balfour will enlighten his hearers as to the conditions upon which the Boers surrendered.

Cabling from Pretoria, the correspondent of the Daily Mail after announcing the terms of the surrender, says the British authorities absolutely rejected the suggestion of the Boer delegates that the terms of surrender should be ratified by Mr. Kruger, and declared that Boers in Europe had no hand in the settlement. "The terms will show," continues the correspondent of the Daily Mail, "that the British government carried its contentions out to the end, and that the minor concessions, particularly those in regard to generous financial



GENERAL SIR GEORGE STEWART WHITE.

crowd, which was in no humor for praying, yelled lustily, and at the instance of the Lord Mayor, gave hearty cheers for King Edward, followed by others for the men who had died in South Africa since the war had commenced.

A WILD TIME.

By 8 p. m. the news had become generally known. A few belated extra editions of newspapers were peddled about the streets, but before their appearance the enterprising hawkers, who for a long time past had kept Union Jacks, feathers and horns stored up in anticipation of the present event, were much in evidence. The efforts of the hawkers received lucrative rewards, with the result that up till long after midnight the national flags were waved indiscriminately by well-meaning roysters. There was scarcely an omnibus or a cab which was not adorned with the national emblem. Improvised processions marched up and down the Strand and Piccadilly. Sporadic cheering and much hoarse blowing attended the slowness of the crowds, which, had their volume been greater, would doubtless have rivalled Mafeking night. As it was, the demonstration of the night resulted in a genial and harmless sort of jubilation which con-



GENERAL BADEN POWELL, Commander of Consular.

treatment, will greatly appeal to the Boers in general.

THIS MORNING'S PAPERS.

In the absence of any knowledge of the terms of Peace, the editorials in this morning's papers are rather stereotyped and uninteresting, expressing generally and without any undue exultation, thankfulness that the long and arduous struggle is ended, and a hope that the peace will be enduring. The papers recognize also that there is still a great and difficult task ahead in reconciling and reconstructing South Africa. While expressing the need of admiration for and gratitude to the British troops, almost all the newspapers ungrudgingly testify to the bravery of the Boers.

KITCHENER THE NATIONAL IDOL. One of the most curious features of the war is the remarkable way in which he has deepened the awesome respect, akin to fear, with which the British nation regards him. His lion-like reports, and his utterly independent prosecution of the campaign in South Africa, has hugely heightened his military reputation. Yet he is universally admitted to have next to nothing in common with his countrymen or their government. As Lord Kitchener's star has ascended, so has Lord Roberts' descended. The genial optimism of the now commander-in-chief, so bitterly grates upon a people severely over-taxed for the war which he long ago declared finished, that the spontaneous popularity which made him the hero of the jubilee procession will not be repeated at the coronation.

Lord Milner may or may not have played an important part in the peace negotiations, but popular and political opinions assign to the ex-Sir of the Egyptian forces the bringing about of the present negotiations. This feeling is by no means confined to outsiders. Great financial magnates, whose information regarding the conditions in South Africa has often been better than the government's declare Lord Kitchener is the saviour of his country.

LORD MINTO NOTIFIED.

Ottawa, June 1.—His Excellency the Governor-General received the following cable to-night from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, June 1.—Peace was signed last night—(Sgd.) Kitchener."

Lord Kitchener's message announcing peace was referred to in the churches to-night, and the joy of the people was expressed in the singing of the national anthem.

INTEREST ON TRANSVAAL BONDS

Pretoria, June 1.—A proclamation

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THORNTON & DOUGLAS IN LIQUIDATION.

which was issued yesterday in connection with the signing of peace terms last night declares that notwithstanding the proclamations of Mr. Kruger that interest on the bonds of the Transvaal would be suspended so long as the war lasted, such interest shall begin to accrue June 1.

June 26 and June 27, the days of King Edward's coronation, have been proclaimed public holidays here.

Ex-President Steyn is suffering from paralysis, and has been given his parole, and has gone to Krugersdorp, about 50 miles southwest of Pretoria.

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.

New York, June 1.—The London correspondent of a morning paper says: "It is admitted even by optimists that it will be no easy matter to carry the Government through the period of reconstruction. The release of the Boer prisoners under safeguards which will preclude the resumption of fighting and an amnesty for the Cape rebels under conditions which will not tend to condone treason to the Empire, are problems of exceptional difficulty. A larger measure of good faith than the Boer warriors, brave and resourceful as they are, have justified is required before the shattered commandos and roving bands of guerrillas can be allowed to disperse with arms in their hands, even if the horses are taken away from them. Cape Colony, with a constitutional government, is impossible, and with a Dutch population still embittered and demoralized offers difficulties even more serious than those presented by the two Boer colonies under a military administration. The South Africans say that the only main capable of meeting the Boers on their own ground is in his

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guarantee of permanent pacification, since the warriors will be more likely to settle down in contentment if they are convinced that their day is not ended and that confederation implies self-governing colonies with equality of race rights and opportunities. Moreover, South Africa is rich in mineral resources, and the thrifty Boers have a reasonable hope of sharing the prosperity of the British settlers.

TAX ON FOOD SUPPLIES UNNECESSARY.

The proclamation of peace will remove the necessity of taxing food supplies for war purposes. If the registration duty be retained it will be a decisive demonstration of Unionist hostility to free trade, and it will be even more significant if the penny on incomes be remitted or if some compromise be effected in relieving the ratepayers of the expenses for elementary education. The decision of the Government on this question is awaited with anxiety by the supporters of Parliament, who are themselves divided in opinion, one section clamoring with the Spectator for the immediate abandonment of the corn duty, and another and stronger body insisting that it must stand as a basis for a system of privileged trade within the Empire. No forecast can be made with confidence, but since the remodelling of the budget is more difficult than the making of it, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach is likely to take recourse in the argument that to balance the direct by indirect taxation requires the taxation of food.

REJOICING IN CANADA.

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