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Boers in Free State Appear to Realize Hopelessness of Their Position.

New Gun at Warrenton Discourages Them—Waiting News From Mafeking.

London, May 6.—(4.20 a.m.)—London has been confidently expecting to have news of the relief of Mafeking before midnight, but at this hour the war office states that no further intelligence has been received of Hunter's column, to which the public believed had been assigned the work of relieving the town.

The 17th brigade has moved four miles south, presumably to assist Gen. Buller. A despatch from Alwalvala dated May 5 says: "Three hundred captured cattle and horses were brought in last night. The wounded are being gradually moved here from Mafeking."

Warrenton, May 5.—The Boers to-day vainly attempted to reach the British new gun with their artillery, but some of the shells from the big gun effectually silenced them.

Natives report that the Boers are vacating Christiansburg, many of them admitting that they are hopeless and apparently are trekking from Klip Dam and Winderton northward.

THE PRISONERS AT PRETORIA.

Their Treatment Such as to Call for Serious Protest.

Washington, May 5.—Referring to the statement in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Baileys, the secretary of state, who said that Her Majesty's government was considering the advisability of further representations through its government to the Boer authorities at Pretoria, state department officials say that the British government has no representations of this kind on this subject. The state department is in receipt of reports at regular intervals from U. S. Consul East at Pretoria in which he never fails to describe the condition of these prisoners. From his reports it appears that while their condition is not all that might be, still the Boers probably are treating them with as much consideration as they are able to exercise at present.

Canadian Death Roll.

Montreal Business Man's Tragic End—A Liquor Dealer's Suicide.

Montreal, May 5.—Alex. Sabiston, manager of the Sabiston Litho. & Pub. Co., accidentally shot himself this morning. He was examining a revolver at the time.

Colborne, May 5.—Nathaniel Gaffield, a pioneer and one of the most respected and prosperous farmers of Cramahoe township, is dead, aged 78.

London, May 5.—A. W. Woodward, aged 52, a partner in the firm of Watt & Woodward, wholesale liquor dealers, committed suicide this morning by hanging. His mind is supposed to have been unbalanced by severe illness.

TRAGEDY OF SANDON FIRE.

Recently Arrived Gambler Met Death in the Flames—Rebuilding Commenced.

Kaslo, May 5.—It was a frightful scene of desolation that Sandon presented this morning. It was a scene of misery and desolation and to make it all the worse, there is a tragedy connected with the conflagration.

COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS.

Yale and California on the Track—Annapolis Wins a Boat Race.

Annapolis, Md., May 5.—The Annapolis crew won the boat race from Yale this afternoon, leading at the finish by about three-quarters of a boat's length and did it without apparent effort.

THE WELDON TRAGEDY.

Father and Son Released on Verdict of Coroner's Jury on Mother's Death.

Collingwood, May 5.—The jury in the Weldon tragedy has brought in a verdict that Amelia Weldon came to her death by some means unknown to them, and that there had been no evidence, either medical or otherwise, to show the cause of death.

LOST IN THE NORTH.

Schooner and Five Men Victims of an Alaskan Storm.

Seattle, Wash., May 5.—The American schooner, Bertie, which arrived to-day from Juneau, brings news of the loss of the schooner Dora B. and five men who were aboard her.

JEFFRIES AND CORBETT.

New York, May 5.—It has been settled that the heavyweight contest between Jim Jeffries and Jim Corbett will be delayed to the Saturday Sports Club at Coney Island, next Friday night.

CZAR AND HIS PEOPLE.

London, May 5.—A special despatch from St. Petersburg says, a special officer from Moscow state that the czar has ordered the chief of police to cease all extrajudicial proceedings for his safety.

SHOE FACTORIES AFIRE.

Quebec, May 5.—A building owned by some one and occupied by Chevalier & Co., and Hamill & Asselin, boot and shoe manufacturers, was badly damaged by fire early this morning.

UTAH'S MINE EXPLOSION.

Schofield, Utah, May 5.—Five additional bodies were brought in to-day from No. Four mine, the scene of the recent explosion. The bodies were horribly mutilated and burned.

RULING THE PHILIPPINES.

Washington, May 5.—Secretary Root to-day sent to congress a copy of an order issued by Gen. Otis and just received here, providing for a system of civil municipal government in the Philippines.

Quiet Week In London.

War Speculation Agreed That Roberts' Advance Will Be Rapid One.

American Need for Preparation to Back Up the Monroe Doctrine.

London, May 5.—Among the many interesting topics brought before the public within the last few days Lord Roberts' advance on Pretoria is prominent. In the meantime the public has been engaged in speculating upon the probable duration of the siege of Pretoria, the facilities of the Boers for carrying on guerrilla warfare subsequent to being defeated in a decisive engagement, and the possibilities of establishing the colonialists' reserves now under arms as settlers in British South Africa.

VANCOUVER'S NEWS BUDGET.

Volunteers for Victoria Garrison—Fire Underwriters' Meeting—Militia Dismissed.

Vancover, May 5.—Mrs. A. C. Campbell of St. Thomas is enquiring as to the whereabouts of her husband, who is believed to have been captured by the C.P.R. on board the ship during the last voyage.

ROYAL ACADEMY BANQUET.

Distinguished Men at the Annual Reunion—Prince of Wales Speaks.

London, May 5.—The annual banquet of the Royal Academy was held at Burlington House this evening.

MR. BROWN NOMINATED.

New Finance Minister Duly Endorsed as the Candidate for Westminster.

MARTINQUE'S DEFENCE.

Nine Million Francs to Make Island Proof Against the English.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, May 5.—Inter-land advice received here to-day that Martinique is jubilant over the news from France that nine million francs have been appropriated to treat the island of Martinique.

CADET'S HORSE BOLTS.

St. Louis, Mo., May 5.—As the 8th division of the Dewey parade was passing by the reviewing stand, a horse bolted and struck a cadet corps member.

COMMAND OF MILITIA.

London, May 5.—The report that has been in circulation that Major Drummond, late military secretary to Earl Dufferin, who has just returned from South Africa, was to be appointed commander-in-chief of the Canadian Militia in succession to Major-General Dutton, is denied here.

India's Awful Visitation

Famine and Pestilence So Widespread That Relief is Well Nigh Impossible.

Ghostly Bands Perishing by the Roadside in Efforts to Reach Succor.

London, May 5.—The report that cholera is strengthening its deadly hold on famine-stricken India brings the pitiful condition of that country more to public view.

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Party Lines In France

Nationalists Introduce Them in Municipal Contest in Violation of Compact.

Sensational Attempt at Abduction—Smoke Shell for the Artillery.

Paris, May 5.—Foreign visitors to Paris this week find the dead walls covered with huge colored posters setting forth the electoral manifestoes of the candidates for the municipal elections, which are to be held to-morrow (Sunday) throughout France.

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