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Old London Went Wild-Nothing Previous Ever Equaled Last Night's Furious Demonstration—The Royal Family at Covent Garden Joined in the Popular Exhibition of Enthusiasm-War Office News Machine Is Slow--May Be Monday Before Official News Arrives -- Baden-Powell's Brother Gets Confirmation of the Glad Tidings -- Bobs and Buller Busy-Boers Hustling Out of Natal.

9 o'clock announced that no bies to discuss the event. been received, but at 9:40 the lord mayor, Mr. A. J. Newton, in London's millions spent half the night his official robes of office, announced the in the street and even at four o'clock joyful news to the crowd outside. The men are promenading, singing and masses of people outside the Mansion House soon grew to such dimensions House, the clubs of Pall Mall and through Piccadilly to Hyde Park, there that the police were compelled to divert Square, waving flags and joining in rising and falling hour after hour as all traffic, omnibuses, etc., through the national airs. incessant. The lord mayor was ac- Englishman who ceases for a moment United States. There was a lack of companied by the lady mayoress to be an actor and becomes merely an pyrotechnic glare, but the cabby and the front of the Mansion House, beside itself with emotion. Gusts of Union Jack fluttering from his whip, where an immense portrait of Colonel Baden-Powell was displayed, bearing the inscription, "Mafeking Relieved."

The inscription is a specific description of the inscription of the inscription in the inscription of the inscription in the inscription of the inscription in the addressed the assemblage, saying: "I wish your cheers could reach Mafeking." Here the speech was interrupted by redoubled cheering and the singing of "Rule, Britannia," after which the lord mayor remarked: never doubted what the end would be or that British pluck and courage would conquer at last." lord mayor then led the crowd in singing "God Save the Queen," and 'Soldiers of the Queen," and, with renewed cheering and the waving of flags by the assembled multitude, and an astonishing roar of human voices the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good the mayor and his party

THE WEST END WILD. Later the special editions of the newspapers appeared and the tickers announced the news in all the public resorts. In the west end leading thoroughfares were eventually imby a constant stream of the populace cheering themselves hoarse and singing "God Save the Queen," and "Soldiers of the Queen." The enthusiasm as this dispatch is sent, promises to outrival the scenes attending the relief of Ladysmith.

AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE. A reporter of the Associated Press inquired at the foreign office, and the resident clerk said nothing had been received there in confirmation of the news from Pretoria of the relief of Mafeking.

IN PARLIAMENT. The Associated Press report contain-

ing the news of the relief of the longbesieged place was sent to the Houses of Parliament, where it created a great deal of excitement in the press gallery and lobbies and soon began to be circulated among the members of the House of Commons.

Mr. Thomas Chedderwick, advanced

Liberal member for the Wick dis-trict, amid considerable excitement, said he understood that news of the relief of Mafeking had been received. No minister made any reply, and

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AT THE MANSION HOUSE. | the debate was continued. But the "Lohengrin" was being presented, and house no longer took any interest in when the relief of Mafeking was antit, and the members went into the lob- nounced they foined heartily in the

IN THE STREETS. London, Saturday, May 19-4 a.m.morning troops cheering, and there are crowds in front the Mansion House, Marlborough

This sustained bellowing and uproar the side streets. The cheering is now of hundreds of thousands amazes the sions on a presidential election in the

FURIOUS DEMONSTRATION. It was a curious thing for the onooker to see solemn, gray-haired men toss their opera hats into the air and join the hurricane of cheers, when wreath-crowned banner with the portrait of Col. Baden-Powell on it was borne along Piccadilly. Smart women, in broughams, waved Union Jacks out of the windows. Conventional family parties stopped at street corners to take part in singing "God Save the Queen" and "Soldiers of the Queen." Every-where were abandon, good feeling and that was brought about by a 20-word telegram from Pretoria that Mafeking

had been relieved. NOTHING OFFICIAL. Although the government has not a word, and although nothing confirmatory has been received from any African source, except Pretoria, nobody apparently questions the news. Mr. A. J. Balfour, speaking from the government bench late last evening, said: "The only news I have is through the courtesy of the press. We have no information at the war office. Nor would we have it as soon as it would arrive through other channels. Therefore the fact that we have not received it neither proves nor disproves the accuracy of the information. need hardly say that we will trust, and we have good reason to think,

that it is probably true." MAY HAVE TO WAIT THE MON-DAY.

Mr. George Wyndham, parliamentary under secretary for war, replying to several members of the house, who had privately interrogated him, said: "Although the government has nothing, I am disposed to believe the Boer bulletin. It may be tomorrow, and perhaps even Monday before the government would get dispatches from our military commanders, even if the siege were raised some days ago, as the news would need to be conveyed over a long distance by messengers on horseback, whereas the enemy would probably be able to avail themselves of telegraphic communication." DISPATCH TO BADEN-POWELL'S

BROTHER. Col. Baden-Powell's brother in London has received a cable from a Dutch friend in Pretoria, saying that Mafeking has been relieved.

IN THE THEATERS. The performers in the London Music Hall last night had little use All grocers sell Tea, but all for stage business or for the lines of their pleces. The audiences, who crowded the Alhambra, Empire, Covent are good and some are not Garden or the theaters, had no desire to attend to stage performances. The We have had a great many sight of a biograph scene, which gave the first glimpse of a military naval costume on the stage, was sufficient to create an uproar. A leading actor in one of the Strand theaters said: ductions of all the countries "I did not attempt to read my lines as evening. It was of no use. The public had no interest in me beyond the fact that I wore a military uni-

At her majesty's theater at the Garrick, where "Zaza" is being played, and at the other houses, where legiti-mate drama holds the boards, the occupants of stalls, boxes and galleries sang in chorus "The Absent-Minded Beggar" and "Soldiers of the Queen"

NIAGARA-LIKE ROAR OF VOICES The London fire insurance laws make fireworks impossible, and the city lacked the blaze of illumination characteristic of other great cities during such festivities. The British, therefore, rely on lung power, and from St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and up through Piccadilly to Hyde Park, there rising and falling hour after hour as the surging masses poured through the London thoroughfares like the proces-

AMERICANS JOIN IN. At Carlton's Hotel, which is filled with Americans, the bands played "Marching Through Georgia," has been recently adapted to an Eng-lish song, entitled "Marching to Pre-"Dixie" and other American airs were played.

Ten thousand people stood in front of Mrs. Baden-Powell's house in St. George's Place, cheering and singing, and a score of cabs brought congratulations. Miss Baden-Powell, the colonel's sister, said: "The same tale has been brought us many times during the last anxious months. The war office has promised us the earliest information. We only hope it is true." Later in the evening Col. Baden-Powell's mother sent word that she had retired, and that if any telegrams came she was not to be disturbed until morn-

MESSAGE TO THE COLONEL The boys of the Charterhouse school where Baden-Powell was educated vere aroused from sleep by the news, and the institution quickly became a veritable pandemonium of noise and enthusiasm. As soon as information of the relief was received the lord mayor sent the following dispatch to Col. Baden-Powell: "The citizens of London relieved. They rejoice in the good news received. Your gallant defense will long live in British annals. Cable what money is needed for the garrison and inhabitants after long

OUTSIDE OF LONDON In unrestrained jubilation the provinces were not behind the metropolis. Although London had the start by a few minutes, the great industrial circles and surrounding towns suddenly burst into patriotic demonstrations. Bells clashed in their steeples, village bands turned out and the people gathered to chant fervidly "God Save the Queen." From all parts of the empire comes the same story. Bombay, Hong Kong, Colombo and the Australian cities are rejoicing. Continental cities, as the press telegrams abundantly testify, received the news sad-

OUT IN THE WIDE WORLD: Under the head of "How the News Was Received," the Daily Chronicle says: "The telegram to the Associated Press from Pretoria—the historic dispatch announcing the relief of Mafeking-was sent from the capital of the Transvaal at 11:35 a.m., May 18. It reached the London office at 9:16 p.m., and was instantly dispatched to every quarter of the clobe. By 10:30 had come a response from far off Toronto; describing the reception of the news there. This is not sur-prising, in view of the fact that, four minutes after the receipt of the telegram here, it was in the Associated Press office of New York, whence it was forwarded to the furthest limits

of the North American continent." THE EMPIRE RELIEVED. That not only Mafeking, but the whole United Kingdom is relieved, is demonstrated by the utterances of the

The Daily Telegraph says: "Mafeking is a small place. Its fall would have made no difference to the course between the acts in order to give vent to their enthusiasm, although they settled down to the programme afterwards.

At the music halls, however, no one pretended to take interest in anything not having military color. The Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York and the Portuguese minister occupied a box at Covent Garden, where

is no advancement which the nation would not hall as a fair reward for the brilliant capacity, cheerfulness and iron courage of the hero of the em-pite."

The Daily News, which compares Mafeking to Lucknow, says B. P. may stand for Baden-Powell or British Pluck. Splendidly have these resources responded to the need of Mafeking. They have realized the full ideal of a British settlement in a faroff land.

The Siege.

LASTED OVER SEVEN MONTHS. The siege of Mafeking began on Oct. 13, seven months and six days ago. officers, among whom, luckily, was Col. Baden-Powell, to assume chief command. There were about 7,500 na-tives and 1,000 civilians, besides the small force of military men. Gen. Cronje began the siege with 8,000 men and nine guns, and since then other commandants have succeeded film. Commandant Snyman being the last. A big creusot gun was brought to reduce the town after it had stubbornly held out for three months, but it has not achieved its mission. Col. Baden-Powell has, by all sorts of military operations—by sudden sortles, by night surprises, by dynamite explosions, by bayonet charges upo nthe trenches in the dark—and numerous other maneuvers, kept the enemy not only at bay, but inflicted severe loss. When Gen. Cronje left Mafeking to face Lord Methuen at the Modder River, he declared that the defenders of Mafeking "were devils, not human beings."

OTHER NOTED SIEGES. Caw pore and Badajos

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Bobs and Buller

London; Saturday, May 19-4 a.m.-The relief of Mafeking has had the effect of suspending for a moment interest in the operations elsewhere in the field of war. Dispatches yesterday brought important official announcements. Lord Methuen entered Hoopstad Thursday. He is now 70 miles from Kroonstad and 50 miles from Bothaville. Gen. Buller entered Newcastle Thursday evening. Lord Roberts is not idle. While waiting for stores at Kroon-stad, he is using the mounted men to search a wide tract of country. Col. Broadwood occupied Lindley on Thursday and the same day Gen. Hutton captured one of the Bothas 30 miles from Kroonstad. Gen. Rundle on Thursdream day, and the same day Gen. Hutton cesses are thus at every point, from which news came yesterday.

MENT. Lord Roberts is accumulating im-mense quantities of supplies, and the preparations for another movement are patrols. COMMANDEERING.

READY FOR ANOTHER MOVE-

Commandant Nel, with the Johan-nesburg "Zarps," is actively comman-deering 15 miles northwest of Kroon-stad. Desperate efforts are being made by the Transvallers to get every available unit on the fighting line. All exemptions have been canceled. The civil administration is reduced to the lowest limits.

A FINAL BLOW. The Standard says: As a final blow to the hopes of the enemy comes the news from Washington that the United States Cabinet met to consider a Pretoria dispatch asking in tervention, and that President Mc-Kinley and his colleagues decided that they can take no steps whatever. the Boers want peace they must sue for it from the imperial government.

In Natal.

BRITISH OCCUPY NEWCASTLE. London, May 18.—Gen. Buller, in a dispatch to the war office, dated at Newcastle, May 18, says: "Newcastle was occupied last night, and today the whole second division and the third cavalry brigade would be concentrated there.
"I have sent the mounted force through Nautu to expel a small force of the enemy and to reassure the na-

"The enemy have burned the chapel, broken much glass, plundered many houses, and taken cash from the but otherwise they have not done much harm,
"The railway is badly damaged; the
Ingagane and Nkuder bridges are destroyed, as are many culverts, and

the pumping station and waterworks. "Of the 7,000 men flying before us, about 1,000 seem to have gone to Wakkerstroom, and some by Miller's Pass to the Free State. The remainder, who are described as a 'disor-ganized rabble,' have gone morth, and say they intend to make a stand at

The Boers have dynamited Laing's Nek tunnel and the railway is completely wrecked. The work of repairing will occupy many weeks. The Boers now hold the best positions for defending the pass.

BOER REPORT-BACKING OUT. Dundee, Natal, May 15, via Lorenzo Marquez, May 17.—Under orders from Pretoria the federal commanders are retiring to the Natal defense line. All commissariat and materials have been removed here. The railway is doing excellent work. The artillery and wagons of the various laagers were removed in perfect order. As it passed Hasling Spruit the gis; antic and orderly retreat presented (weird scenes.

On the Biggarsberg

FLANKING THE ENEMY. London May 18 .- The Times correspondent at Ladysnaith sends the following, dated May 15: The plan for turning the Boer position at Biggarsberg was admirably conceived and carried out. While our left remained

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A HARD ROAD TO TRAVEL. The march throughout was over an extremenly hilly and difficult country. the roads being bad, mostly deep sand. The eleventh column bivouacked on the Waschbank River, immediately in front of which lies the almost un-broken line of the Biggarsberg. The 12th cavalry brigade, who scouted all the time ahead of the column, came in touch with the enemy below the Big-garsberg, the African Light Horse having a few casualties. That night the force bivouscked on a farm two miles from the foot of the hills, and eight miles from the Waschbank River. The next morning the Boers fired a few shells into the camp. whole column marched along the road leading to Pomeroy, to a point where and three miles east of Helpmaaker. The mounted infantry, supported by the 2nd brigade, rapidly seized the hills on both sides, Col. Bethune, with a considerable force of mounted infantry, co-operating from Pomeroy. The Boers were completely out-maneuvered and forced to evacuate carefully prepared positions commanding our advance along the valley, and fell back to a small kopje immediately north of Helpmaaker, where they had longrange guns and Vickers-Maxims. Battery A engaged, them. Later our Vickers-Maxims, which were in tion for the first time, silenced theirs. The artillery duel continued till sunset. In the evening our heavy guns were brought up, and the troops bivouacked within 3,000 yards of the Boer position. Our loss was one

HELPMAAKER OCCUPIED. The enemy retired during the night, and at dawn we occupied Helpmaaker. Hence the road runs along the top of the Biggarsberg, through open and comparatively flat country to Dun-dee. Lord Dundonald's cavalry im-mediately pursued, but the Boers set fire to the grass behind them, and made it difficult to come to close quarters. They fought a rear guard action at Spion Kop, where they were shelled out of their position by a battery, and again at Blesboke Laagte, the pursuit was temporarily checked. This latter position, how-ever was turned, and the pursuit re-sumed. Two prisoners and many horses were taken. Our casualties were extremely slight. Our success was the

signal for a general advance. THE GIBRALTAR OF NATAL. The chief feature of the last two fighting was the rapid marching of the infantry and cavalry. fact that the Helpmakaar position, which the Boers call the Gibraltar of Natal, was taken with the loss of twenty, though held by a force of 4,000 men, was due to the speed of our movements. Sunday's success was magnificently followed up yesterday, when the mounted infantry covered at least 40 miles, and successfully engaged the enemy's rear guard three times, being practically the whole time in the thick of the smoke of grass fires. which acted like a fog, hampering to movements. When advancing through the smoke our men found themselves under a heavy fire from the enemy

within 200 yards. On Sunday night the Boers at Help nakaar received strong reinforcements but against Monday's pursuit could do nothing. The column moved at dawn on Tuesday and passed Dundee. DUNDEE LOOTED.

The town is badly looted. All the collieries, except the Navigation, whic is the biggest, are wrecked. Rev. Mr. Bailey, the rector of Dundee, was there all through the war. He says the Boers in Natal at the beginning were 35.000, since when they have gradually withdrawn. Most of them went just before the relief of Ladysmith, but a large force is still left. Gen. Botha commanded in Natal until six weeks ago. Lucas Meyer now commands. After the relief of Ladysmith the Boers came through the Biggarsberg in utter confusion, and would prob-ably have evacuated Natal, but were stopped by President Kruger, who proceeded south to Glencoe. The Boers then returned to the Biggarsberg.

Peace Proposals.

COMING TO TERMS. London, May 19 .- A Lorenzo Marquez correspondent says: New peace [Continued on page 8.]

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