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After Many Months of Waiting Relief Has surprised and captured, about 30 miles northwest of this place, Comandant at Last Reached the Gallant Little Garrison.

#### LEADERS CAPTURED.

Commandant Botha and Generals Duprey and Daniels Are Now Prisoners in the Hands of the British--Broadwood Enters Lindley.

(Associated Press.)

...... LONDON, MAY 18, 9:16 P. M.-MAFEKING HAS BEEN RELIEVED.

London, May 18.-A special dispatch from Amsterdam says a telegram from a Boer source announces that Mafeking was relieved on Tuesday.

The recipient of the telegram is credited with having heard of the relief of Ladysmith before it was announced. ......

London, May 18.—There is a lack of fresh news this morning, but details of the past operations tend to confirm the view that the end of the war is within measurable distance.

From Kroonstad comes a story, attributed to authority, to the effect that a peace party is being formed at Preverses and the possibilities of early taking possession of the place.

But there is nothing to throw light on the mystery of Marcking. The usual crowd on the platform he urged them to crop of rumors were started on the be of good cheer.

quarters that it has by now achieved its

From both right and left flanks of the British army, comes the important news that Lord Roberts has brought to two wings of his forces on a level with the main body, as shown in his dispatch to the war office, announcing that Lord Methuen had entered Hoopstadt yesterday, and that General Broadwood's cavalry had occupied Lindley the same day, and as so many had expected,

Lord Roberts's Advance

has been promptly resumed. Evidently the Commandant Botha. whom Lord Roberts reported to the war office was captured with a number of others thirty miles northwest of Kroonstad, is not the Federal commander-inchief or he would have mentioned that fact in his dispatches.

Rumors are current at Lorenzo Marquez that further fighting has occurred on the railroad south of Mafeking.

### BOER REPORT.

Pretoria, May 18.-It was officially announced to-day that when the laagers and forts around Mafeking had been toria, while reports from Pretoria itself severely bombarded the siege was aban-

stock exchange and elsewhere, based It is reported that 5,000 British troops



Roberts held out to Mafeking

The Prospects of Relief.

The national anxiety is beyond endurwill keep the Union Jack flying.

the Queen's birthday, May 24th. It is stated at the war office that no news as to the relief of Mafeking had stad.

Towards the Goal.

18th, is the earliest date on which Lord | Landrost and other officials have been taken prisoners.

#### COMMANDERS CAPTURED.

London, May 18.—It has just been of of the Queen," and with renewed cheer-ficially announced that Gen. Methuen ing and waving of flags by the assembled

"Kroonstad, May 18.—Methuen entered in national airs.

Botha, Field Cornet Gassone, five Johannesburg policemen and 17 Boers, There were no casualties on our side.

"Buller reports that Natal farmers are

### RETREATING TO THE NORTH.

Dannhauser, Natal, May 17.-Gen. Buller entered Dannhauser at 10 o'clock this morning. The houses in the town were found to be not much damaged. A destroyed. A number of rebels were found at their homes and arrested.

eral large culverts have been destroyed. The Boers north of Newcastle are falling back on Amajuba,

Gen. Buller has received a message from the Queen congratulating him upon the taking of Dundee and expressing appreciation of the work of the troops, to which he has replied.

The Boers left two doctors and an ambulance here.

Boer Delegates. New York, May 18.-The Boer delegates will leave for Washington this afternoon. The committee appointed by the citizens of Washington to escort the visitors to the National Capitol arrived Manhattan, where they were received by the envoys. The delegation is composed of Senator Allen and Congressman Robinson, of Nebraska; Representative Rigley of Kansas, Daly of New Jersey and Sulzer of New York, C. A. McBride of Washington and Cornelius Vanderhoof of Baltimore. Mr. Sulzer formally invited them to Washington and Mr. Fischer made a brief response.

Washington, May 18.-At the cabinet meeting the question of the reception of the Boer envoys was discussed. It is understood that they will probably be pre-sented to the President by the Secretary of State. They will be received with every courtesy, but only as private citizens and not in any diplomatic capacity.

London, May 18 .- Associated Press dispatches announcing the relief of Mafeindicate discouragement at the recent redoned, a British force from the south king were posted outside the Mansion the recent redoned, a British force from the south king were posted outside the Mansion the recent redoned, a British force from the south king were posted outside the Mansion the recent redoned, a British force from the south king were posted outside the Mansion the recent redoned, a British force from the south king were posted outside the Mansion that the recent redoned in the redoned in t House, and the news rapidly spread. A large crowd collected, all the streets in troyed, as well as many culverts and large crowd collected. State yesterday evening. Addressing a the neighborhood resounding with cheers. The war office at 9 o'clock announced that no news had been received, and at 9.40 the Lord Mayor, in his official robes of office, announced the joyful news to the crowd outside. The masses of people outside the Mansion House soon grew to such dimensions that the police were compelled to divert all traffic. The cheering is now incessant.

Special editions of the newspapers appeared, and in the West End the leading thoroughfares were thoroughly impeded by a stream of people cheering them selves 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. A reporter of the Associated Press inquired at the foreign office, and the resi-

dent clerk said nothing had been retract of country. Gen. Rundle on Thursceived there yet in confirmation of the news from Pretoria of the relief of Mafeking.

The dispatch of the Associated Press containing news of the relief of the long telegraphing yesterday says: "New besieged place was sent to the houses of parliament. There it created a great forth by the Boer governments. Their deal of excitement in the press galleries and lobbies, and soon began to be circulated among members of the House of vaal executive at Pretoria Thursday, Commons. Thomas Chedderwick, advanced Liberal member for the Wick district, amid considerable excitement, said he understood that news of the relief of Mafeking had been received. Was

the Lady Mayoress to the front of the Mansion House, where an immense por- Kruger will surrender when Lord Robtrait of Col. Baden-Powell was displayed bearing the words, "Mafeking relieved."
While the attendants were waving Union Jacks, the Lord Mayor addressed the crowd, saying: "I wish your cheers Mr. Jas. Milne, the correspondent of could reach Mafeking." Here his speech Two thousand men are working on the the Reuter Telegram Company, who has been a prisoner here, was liberated and escorted to the border this morning.

was interrupted by cheering and the singing of "Rule Britannia," after which the
Lord Mayor remarked: "Who doubted
Spruit. Reconnoitering parties are si Lord Mayor remarked: "Who doubted what the end would be, or that pluck and courage would congret at last?" The courage would conquer at last?" The Lord Mayor then led the crowd in singing "God Save the Queen" and "Soldiers

Demonstrations in London. London, May 19.-London's millions

crowds in front of the Mansion House, passes. London, May 18.—Following is the text | Marlborough House, the clubs on Pall of Lord Roberts's dispatch of the war Mall and the war office and in Parliament square, waving flags and joining

lishman who ceases for a moment to be

nobody apparently questions the news.

government bench late last evening, said: also was under a heavy fire. "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 house at Hatting Spruit, however, was fact that we have not received it neither are the following surviving members of will trust, and we have good reasons to The railway is little damaged, but sev- think that it is probably true."

George Wyndham, under secretary D. h.p. (assistant-surgeon 7th Foot. for war, replying to several members of Crimea, 1857). 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 to-morrow or even Monday before the government could get the dispatches from our military commanders, even if the siege were raised some days ago, as the news would need to be conveyed over a very long distance by messenger on horseback, whereas the enemy would probably be able to avail themselves of telegraphic communications."

Col. Baden-Powell's brother in London has received a cablegram from a Dutch in New York to-day, and drove to Hotel friend in Pretoria, saying that Mafeking has been relieved.

OCCUPATION OF NEWCASTLE.

British Successes in the Free State-Roberts Preparing for Advance.

London, May 18.—Gen. Buller, dispatch to the war office, dated Newcastle, May 18th, says: "Newcastle was occupied last night,

and to-day the whole second division and the third cavalry brigade will be concentrated there. "I have sent the mounted force through Nuta to expel a small force of the enemy, and to reassure the natives. "The enemy have burned the chapel, broken much glass, plundered many

houses and taken cash from banks, but otherwise they have not done much the pumping stations and water.

"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 'disorganized rabble,' have gone north and say they intend to make a stand at Laing's Nek."

The relief of Mafeking has had the effect of suspending for a moment in- omnibuses are crowded with men and terest in the operations elsewhere. In the field of warfare, nevertheless, yesterday brought important official announcements. Lord Methuen entered Hoopstad on Thursday. He is now 70 is wearing a rosette of the British colors miles from Kroonstad and 50 miles from Traffic is practically suspended and great Bothaville, Gen. Buller entered New crowds surround the Mansion House and

castle Thursady evening. Lord Roberts is not idle. While waiting for stores at Kroonstad he is using his mounted men to search in a wide day encamped at Clocolan. British successes are thus reported at every point from which news came vesterday.

A Lorenzo Marquez correspondent peace proposals will probably be put reverses are causing despondency. There was a prolonged meeting of the Transand the destruction of the mines was again considered. It is understood the storm of enthusiasm which has spread

According to other advices from the that so? No minister made any reply, same point, President Kruger and the and the debate was continued. But the other high officials propose leaving al-House no longer took any interest in it, most immediately for Lydenburg. The and members went into lobbies to discuss British prisoners will be conveyed there, and the foreign consuls at Pretoria are The Lord Mayor was accompanied by leaving for Lydenburg. In Kroonstad it is said that President

erts crosses the Transvaal frontier. Lord Roberts is accumulating immense supplies, and the preparations for another movement are well advanced. The next step will be Johannesburg. There are 12,000 Boers at Rheonster

Commandant Nell with the Johannes burg "Zarps" is actively commanding 15 miles north of Kroonstad. Desperate efforts are being made by the Transvaalers to get every available unit on the fighting line. All exemptions have been cancelled. The civil administration is reduced to the lowest limit. The Boers have dynamited Laing's Nek tunnel, and the railway is completely

THE VICTORIA CROSS.

How Major Babtie Won the Decoration -Medical Men Who Wear the Cross.

hurricane of cheers as the wreath-crowned banner with the portrait of Col. Baden-Powell passed along the streets. Smart women in broughams waved the rear of the guns without any medical officer to attend to them, and some contents of the windows contents. The rear of the guns without any medical officer to attend to them, and when compared to the wounded of the single of the windows contents the wounded of the same through the Paris bourse so that the singling of "God Save the Queen" might be heard there.

When the remaining places of business and when compared to the paris bourse so that the singling of "God Save the Queen" might be heard there. Union Jacks out of the windows, con- and when a message was sent back ask- closed for the usual half holiday the ventional family parties stopped about ing for assistance, Major W. Babtie, R. the corners to take part in singing "God A. M. C., rode up under a heavy rifle aded all quarters of the town, singing fire, his pony being hit three times. Everywhere was abandon and good When he arrived at the donga, where feeling and an astonishing roar of human the wounded were lying in sheltered voices. It was all brought about by a corners, he attended to them all, going twenty-word telegram from Pretoria that from place to place exposed to the heavy Mafeking had been relieved. Although rifle fire, which greeted anyone who nothing confirmatory has been received showed himself. Later on in the day from any African source, except Pretoria, Major Babtie went out with Captain Congreve to bring in Lieut. Roberts, who

> Major Babtie, who joined the service A Te Deum service was held in St. on the 31st July, 1881, is a native of Paul's this afternoon. The Lord Mayor Dumbarton, Scotland. It will be of interest to note that

among the receipients of the "Victoria" proves nor disproves the accuracy of the the medical branch of the army. The sion House, which was besieged by an information. I need hardly say that we list shows in parenthesis their rank and impassable crowd. regiment as gazetted: Surgeon-Major Thomas E. Hale, M.

Assistant-Surgeon H. T. Sylvester, M.

D., h.p. (assistant surgeon 23rd Foot. Crimea, 1857). Surgeon-General Sir A. D. Home, K.

Surgeon-General W. G. N. Manley, C. B., retired pay and Lieut.-Colonel W. Temple, M. B., retired pay (assistant-surgeons, Royal Artillery. New Zealand,

Lieut.-Colonel C. M. Douglas, M. D., retired pay (assistant-surgeon 2nd Batt. 24th Foot. Little Andaman Island, 1867). Lieut.-Colonel J. H. Reynolds, retired pay (surgeon-major Zululand, 1879). Corporal J. J. Farmer, late Army Hospital Corps (Transvaal, 1881). Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel E. B. Hartley, Cape Mounted Rifles (surgeon-major C.

M. R., 1881). Major J. Crimmin, Indian medical service (surgeon Bombay medical service. Burmese, 1888).

Captain F. S. Le Ouesne, R. A. M. C. (surgeon army medical staff. Burmese, Lieut.-Colonel O. E. P. Lloyd, R. A. M. C. (surgeon-major army medical

staff. Burma, 1894). Capt. H. F. Whitchurch, Indian medical service (surgeon-captain Indian medical service, Chitral, 1895).

LORENZO MARQUEZ, May 19.-MAFEKING WAS RE-LIEVED ON WEDNESDAY. MAY 16TH.

London, May 19.—There had been no interruption up to noon to day of London's celebrations of the British sizecesses in Africa. In fact the enthusiasm increased as the day proceeded. The women waving flags and every cab, cart and carriage, and every house is decoratstreet to the most dignified business men, public buildings, shouting and cheering. Lady Georgina Curzon this morning

Telegraphed Her Congratulations Lady Sarah Wilson. She informed Baden-Powell that the fund for Mafeking, for which she had made an urgent appeal on May 12th, already amounted lamney, has arrived here. to £7,000.

The whole British Empire has been carried off its feet by the news of the pletion of the railway will be delayed relief of Mafeking. Cables from all parts for some days. of the world, where floats the Union Jack, tell of joyful demonstrations. Overstrained feelings have found vent in a government does not intend to destroy through the United Kingdom and the the mines now."

The Empire is En Fete

and most of the people in the United Kingdom are taking a holiday to-day. Further confirmation of the various reports of the relief was received to-day in a dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez, under to-day's date, announcing that Mafeking had been relieved.

As haudreds of loaded trains journeyed from the suburbs to the city, their occupants kept up a roar of cheering which was echoed by the occupants of decorated houses along the route. From dawn the crowds swelled until

the frequented thoroughfares were impassable and vehicles had to be stopped. No attempt was made to restrain pent up feelings. Nearly everyone had A Union Jack

about his cap or high hat, and many tion of the gentlemen themselves. This wore sashes of the national colors. Busi- is in accordance with the usual rule gov-ness men and street urchins hurrahed erning the presentation of foreign minfor "Baden-Powell and Mafeking," and listers. demonstration.

Outside the Mansion House from early morning a dense mass of people stretch- department, which does not at present ed far up the adjacent streets. Ever and know anything of their character. anon the crowd burst forth with the National Anthem, "Rule Britannia" or 'The Absent-Minded Beggar." The huge pictures of Col. Baden-Powell were

A few hundred persons on the outskirts of the mass

hundred square miles of almost furious the battle of Colenso, as stated against and bunting available. The opening of It was a curious thing for the onlookers to see solemn, grey-haired men toss their opera hats into the air and join in the opera hats into the air and join in the opera hats into the air and join in the opera hats into the air and join in the opera hats into the air and join in the operation.

Instruction.

Major Babtie, C.M.G., Royal Army decidence, the jubilant stock brokers had little inclination for business and amused themselves by connecting by

> clerks made a huge procession and parand cheering, and adding to the

Extraordinary Excitement

of the throngs of holiday-makers. During the afternoon the police found difficulty in keeping the spirit of un-ruliness down. A great deal of rough horse play was indulged in, and every soldier and sailor in uniform was seized Arthur J. Balfour, speaking from the was lying wounded on the veldt. This and carried on the shoulders of cheering

> and the sheriffs had intended to be present at the service, but they were forced to telephone that it would be hopeless for them to attempt to leave the Man-

One of the most

Curious Processions of the day was formed by some hundreds of South Kensington art students of both sexes, headed by mounted khakiclad comrades. The girls were their study smocks and reaped a golden harvest along the road of the parade for C. B., retired pay (surgeon, 90th Foot. Lady Georgiana Curzon's Mafeking fund. In the midst of the procession was a great model of Col. Baden-Powell mounted on a car, and guarded by the model of a lion. The students indulged in a mild demonstration in front of the residence of Col. Baden-Powell's mother. All the naval and the military centres dressed ships and fired salutes.

> date, says The Relief Force

A Capetown dispatch, under to-day's

entered Mafeking unopposed, the siege having been already raised. The relief column, which left Kimberley secretly, passed the Taungs and Veyburg districts without encountering the Federal's column. It was 1,500 strong and composed of Cape police division of field horse, Imperial Yeomanry and the Kimberley Mounted Regiment, with three Maxims. The force reached Manitzan River, twenty miles south of Mafeking, on May 11th.

Col. B. T. Mahon, who, it is understood, commanded the relief column, served in the Dongola and Nile expeditions with General Kitchener.

# PEACE BUREAU

Berne, Switzerland, May 19.—The committee of the Internation Peace bureau has decided to make a final appeal to the powers who are signers of the convention adopted by the Hague peace conference, in favor of the restoration of peace in South Africa,

The committee call attention to the clause of the convention for the peaceful settlement of international conflicts, by the terms of which the signatory powers agreed to use all efforts for the settlement. The committee declares an offer ed. Everyone, from the newsboys in the of mediation cannot be considered by Great Britain as an unfriendly act.

## HUTTON'S CAPTURE.

Kroonstad, May 18.—Gen. Hutton, with his mounted infantry, to-day made to Col. Baden-Powell and to her sister, a dash upon Bothaville and captured three commandants and 19 other prisoners, mostly "zarps." The Cole machine gun section, commanded by At-

> Owing to the derailing of two trains at the Vet River, progress toward the com-

### HEAVY LOSSES.

Capetown, May 19.—The Argus says that 80 of Eloff's patrol were killed and the Irish-American brigade was greatly cut up at Mafeking and Kroonstad. The Boers are turning against the French and Germans.

BOER DELEGATION.

Secretary Hay Will Examine Credentials Before the Delegates Are Received.

Washington, May 19.—The credentials of the Boer delegates now in Washington will be submitted to the secretary of state on Monday next. Col. O'Brien called at the state department this afternoon and arranged with Secretary Hay that the Boer credentials should be submitted in advance of the presenta-

blew shrill blasts on tin horns, and well B. R. Bryn, the private secretary of known society and notable women took the Boer delegation, is expected to bring part with great zest in the remarkable the credentials to the state department on Monday, where they will be submitted for the careful examination of the

SUPPOSED DOUBLE MURDER.

(Associated Press.) cheered again and again, and every now and then some one with a cornet or a flute would start patriotic airs.

Associated Press.

Memphis, Tenn., May 19.—The dead bodies of Henry Reichmann, of Memphis, and Mrs. Lilly Badaken, wife of a newspaper man of Forest City, Ark., were found in the woman's apartment on Jefferson avenue, early this morning. Reichmann had been shot three times,

COL. BADEN-POWELL.

ance, although nowhere is there the slightest doubt that Col. Baden-Powell On the line of Roberts's advance the

only important news is that the Boers have blown up a bridge over the Rhonoster river, 37 miles north of Kroonstad A special dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez, dated yesterday, says the last 500 refugees, who arrived here, agree in stating that Mafeking had been relieved. end of the war is anticipated by

been received up to 8 o'clock this morn-The latest report is to the effect that office: the Mafeking relief force left Bloemfon-

mostly on the fact that this day, May have surrounded Christiana and that the

entered Hoopstad yesterday propposed, multitudes and the singing of 'For He's that Generals Duprey and Daniels and a Jolly Good Fellow," the Lord Mayor 40 men have surrendered, and that Gen.
Broadwood occupied Lindley yesterday.
It is further announced that Hutton's
London, May 10 mounted infantry yesterday surprised and captured Commandant Botha and 23 others, thirty miles northwest of Kroon others, the control of the contr

tein at the beginning of May and marched straight across the country.

Arounstad, may 16.—Reducted C. Gen.

The sustained bellowing and uproar of hundreds of thousands amazes the Eng-"Broadwood occupied Lindley yester an actor and becomes merely an obser-

"Broadwood occupied Lindley yester- an actor and becomes merely an obser- to signify her intention to confer the signify her intention to confer the signify her intention to confer the of the men were wounded. Steyn was side itself with emotion. Gusts of patriotism have set the town quivering the confident anticipation in high th