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MAFEKING RELIEVED

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(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.

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

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 Pretoria, while reports from Pretoria itself indicate discouragement at the recent reverses and the possibilities of early suing for peace.

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-in-chief or he would have mentioned that fact in his dispatches.

But there is nothing to throw light on the mystery of Mafeking. The usual crop of rumors were started on the stock exchange and elsewhere, based mostly on the fact that this day, May 18th, is the earliest date on which Lord Roberts held out to Mafeking.

Special editions of the newspapers appeared, and in the West End the leading thoroughfares were thoroughly impeded by a stream of people cheering themselves hoarse and singing "God Save the Queen" and "Soldiers of the Queen." The enthusiasm as this dispatch is sent promises to outlive the scenes attending the relief of Ladysmith.



COL. BADEN-POWELL.

Commandant Botha and Generals Duprey and Daniels are now prisoners in the hands of the British. Broadwood entered Lindley. The national anxiety is beyond endurance, although nowhere is there the slightest doubt that Col. Baden-Powell will keep the Union Jack flying.

While the attendants were waving Union Jacks, the Lord Mayor addressed the crowd, saying: "I wish your cheers could reach Mafeking." Here his speech was interrupted by cheering and the singing of "Rule Britannia," after which the Lord Mayor remarked: "Who doubted that the end would be, or that pluck and courage would conquer at last?"

hundred square miles of almost furious demonstration. 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 hurrahs of cheers as the wreath-crowned banner with the portrait of Col. Baden-Powell passed along the streets.

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 house at Hatting Spruit, however, was destroyed. A number of rebels were found at their homes and arrested.

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.

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 in New York to-day, and drove to Hotel Manhattan, where they were received by the envoys. The delegation is composed of Senator Allen and Congressman Robinson, of Nebraska; Representative Riley, 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. Fisher made a brief response.

the battle of Colenso, as stated against his name. Major Babbie, C.M.G., Royal Army Medical Corps—At Colenso, on the 15th December, 1899, the wounded of the 14th and 66th Batteries, Royal Field Artillery, were lying in an advanced donga close in the rear of the guns without any medical officer to attend to them, and when a message was sent back asking for assistance, Major W. Babbie, R. A. M. C., rode up under a heavy rifle fire, his pony being hit three times. When he arrived at the donga, where the wounded were lying in sheltered corners, he attended to them all, going from place to place exposed to the heavy rifle fire, which greeted anyone who showed himself. Later on in the day Major Babbie went out with Captain Congreve to bring in Lieut. Roberts, who was lying wounded on the veldt. This also was under a heavy fire.

OCCUPATION OF NEWCASTLE.

British Successes in the Free State—Roberts Preparing for Advance. London, May 18.—Gen. Buller, in a dispatch to the war office, dated Newcastle, May 18th, says: "The Boer force in the Free State was completely broken up and the third cavalry brigade will be concentrated there."

London, May 18.—Associated Press dispatches announcing the relief of Mafeking were posted outside the Mansion House, and the news rapidly spread. A large crowd collected, all the streets in the neighborhood resounding with cheers.

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THE VICTORIA CROSS.

How Major Babbie Won the Decoration—Medical Men Who Wear the Cross. The Queen has been graciously pleased to signify her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross on the undermentioned officer, whose claims have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval, for his conspicuous bravery at

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and bunting available. The opening of business was delayed owing to the excitement, but the jubilant stock brokers had little inclination for business and amused themselves by connecting by telephone through the Paris house so that the singing of "God Save the Queen" might be heard there.

PEACE BUREAU.

Berne, Switzerland, May 19.—The committee of the International 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.

HUTTON'S CAPTURE.

Kroonstad, May 18.—Gen. Hutton, with his mounted infantry, to-day made a dash upon Bothaville and captured three commandants and 19 other prisoners, mostly "zaps." The Cole machine gun section, commanded by Atlamney, has arrived here.

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.

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.

SUPPOSED DOUBLE MURDER.

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

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