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MANY NATIONS SEND TROOPS TO PEKIN.

Washington, May 31.—The following cablegram has been received at the state department from the senior commander of the squadron, Admiral Kempff: "Tong Ku (Taku), May 30.—The secretary navy at Washington: "One hundred men landed and sent Ten Tain yesterday. Fifty of these go to Pekin this day. Other nations landed men. (Sgd.) "Kempff." The Chinese minister, Mr. Wu Ting Fang, called at the state department at an early hour today to talk with Secretary Hay. He had no information from his own government as to the critical situation in China and was anxious for news. Resident representatives of nearly all of the other nations interested in the Chinese situation are among Secretary Hay's callers today. But as in the case of the Chinese minister none of them had received any information from his own government bearing upon the situation. Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, who is leaving the United States for a visit to Europe and called to say good-bye to Secretary Hay, is decidedly of the opinion that much unwarranted anxiety has been excited as to the actions of the "Boxers." He feels confident that there is little danger to life and property of foreigners in China to be expected from the present uprising. There are reports in a great city like Pekin which would be the turbulent elements in Pekin. Mr. Nabeshima, the charge of the Japanese legation, who also was among Secretary Hay's callers, was likewise dis-

LONDON BELIEVES THE REPORT. The British Are at Pretoria or Very Near There—Johannesburg is Certainly Secured—Boers Capture Boston.

London, June 1, 3.45 a. m.—Related messages from Pretoria confirm the reports of the departure of President Kruger with his cabinet and staff officials Tuesday night, and the selection at a meeting of citizens, of a committee to administer the city provisionally. Since these telegrams left on Wednesday, nothing, apparently, has reached London by telegram from Pretoria. Possibly the wires have been cut. Possibly the Boer censorship at some intermediate point intercepts telegrams. Although the war office has not received a word about it, no one in London harbors the idea that the Boer capital is not already in the hands of the British or about to be there. The possession of Johannesburg, at all events, as Lord Roberts has telegraphed, is a fact. States Attorney Smuts did not depart with President Kruger, but remained in Pretoria. The present seat of the Boer government, according to a despatch from Lorenzo Marques, dated yesterday, is Middleburg, but it will probably be shifted further east. The Boers lately confronting Lord Roberts appear to have gone eastward also toward the Lydenburg region. The defeated Boer force, which their position becomes too perilous, will probably trek straight northward toward Lydenburg. When this concentration takes place there will be possibly 20,000 men, who may hold out for a time, with scattered bands of guerrillas elsewhere. The press despatches from the headquarters of Lord Roberts give no estimate as to the number of Boers who were fighting Gen. French and Gen. Jan Hamilton Monday and Tuesday; but they all agree that the Boers retired and that the British casualties were slight. Mr. Bennett Burleigh, writing to the Daily Telegraph from Elandsfontein Tuesday, says: "Much rolling stock and seven engines have been captured by Lord Roberts' column. The principal losses in the fighting have been sustained by the Mounted Infantry, but the casualties are trifling. Gen. French and Gen. Hamilton were engaged to the west of Johannesburg. "Since Sunday the western columns have been fighting the Boers, who were used, the actions were never serious. In fact they were only big skirmishes. The Boers are retreating to Pretoria. Mr. Provost Batterley, in a despatch to the Morning Post from Germiston, dated May 30, says: "The enemy fought a rear-guard action, retiring from the south to the north of the town with their pomps and artillery in the morning and withdrawing through the rifle trenches in the afternoon. We captured nine engines and over 100 wagons. We succeeded in cutting the line in three directions and imprisoning all the rolling stock in Johannesburg. It was a splendid piece of work. The enemy were astounded at the rapidity of our advance." Boers Massing. Another correspondent, telegraphing from Germiston the same day, says: "I learn that the Boers are massing six miles south of Pretoria for a new and desperate stand with a front of 12 miles." Other rumors in the camp of Lord Roberts are that President Kruger is ill at Lydenburg and that the ammunition of the Boers is running short. Mr. M. H.

MANY ENTHUSIASTIC BUT CELEBRATIONS PREMATURE.

The people of St. John went in yesterday for general rejoicing over the announcements of British successes and Boer actions which practically meant the termination of the war. Flags, bunting and patriotic colors in many places became everywhere prominent. Buildings were profusely decorated on all streets and the display was in excess even of the Lady-smith patriotic dressing of the town. Factory whistles and those of steamers and tugs made a terrible din at the noon hour while the church bells and the fire alarm clanged in all grades of tones. In the morning Collector of Customs Lockhart gathered his staff in the long room and led them in God Save the Queen, and cheers for Her Majesty, "Boes" and the Canadians. He, himself was cheered lustily at the close. Mayor Daniel telegraphed from Fredericton to Recorder Skinner his congratulations and asking that the aldermen take such action as seemed fitting for he could not get home till late night. A meeting of the citizens was called and was held at city hall. Ald. Macrae presided and Mr. Scott E. Morrill was secretary. Then all manners of propositions were heard and debated, as to the best way for celebrating the news. It was finally decided that there be a half holiday today. Just then Dr. Scammell entered and announced that the news had been denied. This caused consternation and at last it was agreed to leave to Mayor Daniel the decisive action, when the fall of Pretoria should be announced. Last night the town kept the greater part of its decorations and the people were out in large numbers. There was no particular demonstration, but with firing crackers and generally jolly the crowds kept moving till about 10 o'clock. The Harmony Club gathered a big crowd in Market Square, attracted by the singing from the club's room in the Imperial building. Mayor Daniel arrived home last night. After consultation, he decided to call a meeting of the aldermen, militia men, chairman of the school board, and chief of fire department to consider action when the Boers' last stronghold shall be officially declared in British grasp. The meeting will be this afternoon. A special meeting of No. 1 salvage corps was held last evening and arrangements were made for celebration of the capture of Pretoria. Committees were chosen to look after the arrangements. Chatham Celebrated. The celebration today of the latest victory in South Africa was as genuine and enthusiastic as on similar occasions. On the receipt of the telegram, flags were promptly hoisted in all parts of the town and all the bells and steam whistles joined in heralding the good news. A salute was proclaimed by Mayor Leogis. In the evening a grand torchlight procession, accompanied by the town bands, paraded the principal streets, which were thronged with exultant people. Dorchester Broke the Record. Dorchester, N. B., May 31.—The town is wild with enthusiasm over the capture of Pretoria. This is a holiday in the schools and the stores are all closed. The church bells, cannons and guns are going at a great rate. There are a polymorphous parade and a huge bonfire tonight. Speeches were delivered by Mr. Justice Hanington, Sheriff McQueen and others at the close of the celebration. Beyond a doubt, today witnessed the greatest celebration here in the history of our town. Moncton Had a Time. Moncton, May 31.—Pretoria was celebrated by Moncton today in much the same manner as were the other British successes in South Africa. Announcement of occupation of Johannesburg was received with great demonstration of joy. Flags were hoisted all over the city and church bells were kept tolling the best part of the day. The mayor declared a half holiday and men from the railway shops and other labor establishments paraded the streets, moving with their feelings in various forms. The schools were closed for the day and the city generally gave itself up to the enjoyment. A procession, headed by a band, paraded Main street tonight, and the celebration was continued until midnight. Sussex Pent-up Enthusiasm. Sussex, May 31.—Today's celebration of the successes of the British arms in South Africa was exceeded anything of a patriotic nature attempted here. Pent-up enthusiasm burst forth in a popular demonstration that carried everything before it. The school children paraded the streets at noon carrying banners and flags in profusion and on the route of the march were cheered to the echo. The evening's proceedings were of a most interesting nature. A detachment of some 125 men preceded by the 74th Regimental band paraded the principal streets, firing volleys at intervals. This was intermingled with the ringing of fire bells, blowing of whistles on electric light station and numerous other sounds made noise enough to wake the dead. At noon Michael Hennessey, late of Her Majesty's 15th Regiment, fired a salute of 21 guns and in the evening by his skillful handling

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Senate Passed the Sundry Still Trying to Read the Private Appropriations Bill. Letter.

TRUST LEGISLATION. DISORDERLY SESSION.

Taken Up by the House—A Two-Thirds Vote Will Be Required to Pass the Anti-Trust Bill—Its Success Doubtful and Trusts Will Continue.

Washington, May 31.—At the conclusion of a session lasting eight hours the Senate this evening passed the sundry civil appropriation bill, which has been under consideration for nearly a week. The amendment providing for an appropriation of \$500,000 for the Louisiana purchase exposition to be held in St. Louis in 1902, was continued in the bill.

The passage of the sundry civil bill leaves only two general appropriation bills to be acted on by the Senate, the military academy and the general deficiency measure. It is expected they will be passed by Saturday night.

Washington, May 31.—The House today, under a special order, adopted after an exceedingly hot debate in which the leaders on both sides charged each other with playing to political galleries, entered upon the consideration of the resolution reported from the judiciary committee proposing a constitutional amendment to lodge in congress the power to define, regulate, control, prohibit or dissolve trusts, monopolies or combinations.

Under the terms of the order today with a night session was devoted to debate and tomorrow at 5 o'clock the vote is to be taken without opportunity to amend. Saturday is to be devoted to the bill to amend the Sherman anti-trust law. The Democrats charged that the proposed constitutional amendment was objectionable in every way; that it was a mere political pretext; that it was unnecessary and was proposed at the end of the session for election purposes in the coming campaign.

The Republicans repudiated the charge of bad faith. A constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds vote to adopt, or 229 yeas. The Republicans have only 186 votes, 29 less than the requisite two-thirds. Today the only speakers were Messrs. Ray (N. Y.), Terry (Ark.) and Lanham (Texas).

Birmingham Silenced. Toronto, May 31.—Robert Birmingham, ex-Conservative organizer, stated today, he had refrained from going to Ottawa on the advice of influential friends. He might yet go to the capital before the end of the week and would not discuss his dispute with Sir Charles Tupper until after that visit. He was quite satisfied as to the position of affairs.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND CANADA.

TORONTO, May 31.—The Globe's special cable from London, says the Times has the following today: "St. John's, Newfoundland, May 30.—The official organ of the Bond ministry strongly advocates union with Canada and forebushadows political action with a view to the attainment of that object. It cites the Australian bill as an inducement to this declaration which is regarded as authoritative."

BOERS AT BOSTON. Sympathy and Cheers for Them in Faneuil Hall.

Boston, May 31.—Amid a storm of applause a long set of resolutions expressing sympathy with the South African Republics and calling upon the United States government to make known to Great Britain this country is opposed to the actions of England in the present war in South Africa, were unanimously adopted at the close of the reception to the Boer envoys, Messrs. Fischer, Wolmanns and Weis, in Faneuil Hall this evening. The hall was crowded. Colonel T. W. Higginson, who presided, spoke at considerable length and expressed his belief that the majority of the English people were opposed to the present war.

THE MAIL CONFIRMS LORD ROSELYN'S DESPATCH. Pretoria's Fall is Imminent—From Other Correspondents.

London, May 31.—The Daily Mail says it has received cable despatches this evening from correspondents at Pretoria completely confirming Lord Roselyn's despatch of yesterday announcing the imminent fall of the capital of the Transvaal.

DR. LEVY'S POWER TO DRAW CURTAILED. Funds from the Transvaal Still Arriving at Brussels.

London, June 1.—A despatch from Brussels says: "Commitments of gold continue to come to the Netherlands Bank regularly for the Transvaal government, but these have not been so large of late as formerly. It is understood that Dr. Levy has had power to draw at will since the arrival here of the Boer peace delegates."

SHORT BUT VERY SWEET. LONDON, May 31.—The following despatch from Lord Roberts has been received at the war office here: "Johannesburg, May 31, 2 p. m.—Her Majesty's forces are now in possession of Johannesburg and the British flag floats over the government buildings."

FIRE IN NEWTON HOSPITAL. Contagious Ward Burned—Brave Nurses Removed Thirteen Scarlet Fever Patients.

Newton, Mass., May 31.—Two fires breaking out about the same time brought out the resources of the Newton fire department this afternoon, and while in neither instance was the loss heavy, in a money way, the fire in the Newton Hospital, on Washington street, at the Lower Falls, had quite a sensational incident. The hospital fire broke out in the contagious ward. Too much praise cannot be given to Miss MacDowell, the matron of the hospital and her nurses, for the daring manner in which they rescued the 12 scarlet fever-patients in the ward. One by one, the sick patients were taken out of their cots and lowered through the windows to the ground where they were removed to safety. Not until all had been taken out did the nurses seek safety themselves and as they were overcome, the firemen gave them assistance.

THE WEST COAST. Reported the Ashantis Have Burned Koosmassie. Cape Coast Castle, May 31.—It is reported that the Haussa quarters at Koosmassie have been burned, and that many houses were killed.

INSURGENT GENERAL TAKEN. Captured in Venezuela and Exhibited in the Streets of the Capital.

Caracas, Venezuela, via Haytian Cable, May 31.—General Davila, commander of the government troops in the victorious engagement last Sunday, with General Hernandez, which resulted in the capture of the insurgent leader to Caracas and will exhibit him in the streets of the capital.

ANOTHER VILLAGE BURNED. LOCKPORT, N. S., May 31.—The forest fire which has been raging for several days swept down with all its fury Wednesday afternoon on the little village of West Ore Harbor, about five miles from this place, today, destroying buildings, including eight houses, the Episcopal and Methodist churches and the hall with its contents. The men of the place were nearly all away, and only the women and children were on hand to fight the flames. The place has very little insurance. A number of women and children are homeless.

Two Men Plunged Ninety Feet and Were Killed. Wilmington, Del., May 31.—George Huggins of Glasgow, and J. Koney Cunningham, of Cocher's Bridge, while returning together in a buggy this morning, from a festival at Summit Bridge, plunged into the open canal draw at Pivot Bridge. Huggins was instantly killed and Cunningham was so seriously injured that he cannot live. The neck of the horse was broken and the buggy broken to pieces. The drop from the top of the abutment was about 90 feet. Irving Daiet, with whom the men were racing, was a short distance in the rear and saw them disappear. He turned quickly and was thrown out and slightly hurt.

At It in Newfoundland. St. John's 30th, May 31.—The report of the surrender of Pretoria to the British, celebrated here today amid scenes of wild enthusiasm. The shipping, public and commercial buildings and private residences were decorated and bunting was practically suspended. There is torchlight procession of policemen, men and the societies tonight and there will be a general holiday tomorrow when the demonstrations will be continued.

All Canada Celebrating. Toronto, May 31.—Despatches from all over the dominion tell of manifestations of joy in all the cities, towns and villages over the capture of Pretoria. Everywhere enthusiasm is the same. Bonfires and works spread the glad news through country side last night and today business suspended and celebrations are held, continuing until a late hour tonight.