

### Roberts Is Silent.

He Is Keeping Quiet the Movements of Troops in Transvaal.

From Other Points Looks as if Boers Will Be Surrounded.

Kruger Skipped With the Gold and Left Officials Unpaid.

London, June 5.—(3:20 a.m.)—Of official intelligence regarding what is transpiring outside Pretoria there is little or nothing to-day. Lord Roberts is silent, but by piecing together items from various correspondents, it would seem that Lord Roberts' immense army is all employed north of Johannesburg except one brigade, which is at Johannesburg, and that six columns are converging on Pretoria.

An undated news agency message from Pretoria, via Lorenzo Marques, June 4, says: "Pretoria is now invested by the British. No resistance will be offered. The city will be surrendered by the burgo-master as soon as a formal demand is made."

President Kruger commands the telegraphic news from Pretoria to Lorenzo Marques has ceased, but messengers of newspaper correspondents continue to pass to and fro. The latest to arrive at Lorenzo Marques brings news that the Boer capital down to a late hour Friday night.

At that time, according to those sources, the Boer leaders had quite recovered from the panic and had determined to defend the town. One message, which is dated June 1, says: "Pretoria is full of strange burghers, but most of the commandos are in larger outside. A great war council of generals has just concluded its deliberations. The decision as to the future military course has not been made known. Louis Botha and Delarey sat in the council."

Another despatch brought to Lorenzo Marques by messenger and dated at Pretoria Friday at midnight, says: "The war council assumes the powers of the government. Its members declare that the capital may still be successfully defended. One commando of burghers, with the help of God, the hour will come when Great Britain will acknowledge the independence of the two republics. A tremendous change will yet come over the situation."

Gen. Delarey said that Pretoria would be defended to the utmost advantage, but that there was no chance that we will beat the enemy out of the country. President Kruger is somewhere to the eastward, but is in constant wireless communication with the leaders here. There is, however, a deep feeling of anger against him on account of what is called his refusal to fight, and because he and the officials took all the gold and left their subordinates unpaid. The latest phase of public opinion is a marvelous revival of courage.

From Lorenzo Marques comes a despatch dated June 4, saying: "It is known that some great British movement is in progress outside of Pretoria. The mysterious movements of President Kruger's secretary and Dutch warship, Friedland, which is in the harbor here, have aroused suspicion that important persons are expected to arrive here."

Boer operations to break Lord Roberts' communications have been completely baffled, and the Boers are in danger of being surrounded by the British forces at Ficksburg, Senekal, Heilbron and Lindley. Gen. Rundle, instead of throwing himself against the Boers at Ficksburg, moved toward Ficksburg and established communication with Gen. Buller. He is intending to seize a strong position on the Ficksburg road, but Gen. Rundle got there first. The 1,500 Boers who were in this movement are now reported to be going elsewhere.

London, June 5.—(4 a.m.)—Beyond Lichtenburg the Boers are assembling to oppose Gen. Hunter.

ARCHBISHOP CORRIGAN. He Has Left Rome for a Trip Through Italy.

Rome, June 4.—Archbishop Corrigan, of New York left here this morning for a short trip through Italy. He will then go to Paris. It is semi-officially announced that his visit has not accomplished any results.

CONFERENCE PLEASED. Hamilton Methodists Approve of Manitoba Prohibition Bill.

Hamilton, June 5.—The Hamilton Methodist conference on temperance committee to-day, in the course of their report, made reference to Manitoba affairs, and noted with satisfaction that the new Premier of Manitoba had introduced a prohibition bill into the legislature, thus endorsing the government's anti-alcohol pledge. The measure appeared to have been drawn up with great care in regard to stringency. The passing of the bill and its effectual administration would set other provinces a wholesome example.

FOR SANDON SUFFERERS. Acknowledgment of Donations Collected and Forwarded by Mrs. Hayes.

Mrs. Hayes, who interested herself in the sufferers by the Sandon fire, acknowledged the following donations, which have been forwarded: Chas. Hayward, women's and children's underwear; B. Williams & Co., clothing; W. G. Cameron, clothing; McClelland Bros., clothing; J. Percy & Co., underwear; Lewis & Leiser, overalls; Thos. Harle, groceries; Finlay, Durkan & Bro., die, canned salmon; The Paterson Shoe Co., shoes; Weller Bros., goods; G. A. Richardson & Co., dry goods; W. Thompson & Co., dry goods; W. Williams & Co., storing, packing and shipping.

### TEXAS FEUD. Three More Lives Lost in a Private Quarrel.

San Augustis, Tex., June 4.—Three prominent men lost their lives in a shooting affray at the court house to-day—Felix Roberts, correspondent of the Galveston News; Sid Roberts and Sheriff Noel Roberts. A few weeks ago Sheriff Noel Roberts was shot to death by Carl Bore, as the result of an old feud, and Wall's nephew, Noel Roberts, was appointed sheriff. Last Saturday the second life was taken in the quarrel when Eugene Wall, son of the murdered sheriff, killed Benjamin Brooks, another of the opposing faction. To-day the second life was taken in the quarrel when Eugene Wall, son of the murdered sheriff, killed Benjamin Brooks, another of the opposing faction. To-day the second life was taken in the quarrel when Eugene Wall, son of the murdered sheriff, killed Benjamin Brooks, another of the opposing faction.

### Leaving a Sinking Ship Foreign Mercenaries Fleeing From Transvaal to Save Themselves.

Boers Keeping a Close Watch on the Deposed President Steyn.

London, June 4.—London is to-day enjoying Whit Monday—a bank holiday—and is not disturbed by engagements between Boer and British in South Africa. The public here are full of confidence that Roberts will reach Pretoria before many hours have elapsed. Towards that goal he is presumably progressing.

The latest explanation of the delay consists in the supposition that he is giving several columns of his flank an opportunity to advance and envelop such of the Boers as are in the neighborhood of Pretoria.

In the Orange River Colony the burghers are reported to be keeping a close watch upon President Steyn, to prevent him from leaving the commandos in the lurch.

Capetown, June 3.—The telegraph to Pretoria is still open, but the town is in great confusion. There has been a general exodus among those taking part in it being a foreign fighting legion, and one of them is reported to have been derailed. No British refugees have arrived.

Maseru, Basutoland, June 1.—Gen. Brabant's Horse have been captured, and some small captures at the hands of the Boers.

Lieut. Bandle was captured with 20 men while on a reconnaissance to the Picksburg district. Two of the enemy were injured.

Lieut. Lees and two men were captured while reconnoitering. Another patrol of the Border Horse, numbering 20 men, were surrounded and captured.

Four Gleichen sent 13 men of the Provincial Horse, under Lieut. Bowker, with a flag of truce to Senekal to deliver the message to the Boers.

General ROCHAMBEAU. Statue in His Memory Unveiled in France.

Vendome, June 4.—The statue erected by subscriptions opened in France and the United States in honor of General Rochambeau, the French officer born here, who was sent with 6,000 men to the United States to take part in the Revolutionary war, was unveiled here this afternoon, with great ceremonies.

VANOUVER NEWS. Sullivan Block Sold—W. H. B. Anderson Married.

Vancover, June 4.—The Sullivan block, Cordova street, was sold by auction this afternoon for \$31,000, to J. Feno, London, England.

W. H. B. Anderson and Miss Nellie Barrett, daughter of Dr. Barrett, were married to-day.

THUMPING ARGUMENTS. Sunday Political Meeting in Vancover Ends in Bows.

Vancover, June 4.—There was a serious disturbance at MacLain's Socialist-Labor meeting on Sunday night. MacLain, who was compelled to break away from the old-line Socialist-Labor party to become a candidate in the provincial election, was holding a Sunday meeting, when Mr. Spencer, organizer of the old-line Socialists, opposed to MacLain, appeared on the scene with his friends. He wanted to ask some questions, but was refused permission and ordered out. He refused to go, and hot words were broken up in confusion.

AN OLD FIRM ENDS. Drysdale & Co. Decide to Wind Up Business.

### All That Is Left of Them Colonel Otter Reports Losses of the First Contingent on May 26.

Effective Strength of the Regiment Is Less Than Five Hundred.

Ottawa, June 4.—Col. Aymer reports that he has received a cable from Lieut. Col. Otter, commanding the Second Battalion, R.C.R., dated Johannesburg, 24th June, reporting the following: "The contingent, which was sent on the 29th May: No. 7080, Private J. E. Davies, Royal Canadian Dragoons.

No. 7235, Private J. B. Robinson, 21st Essex Regiment. No. 7385, Private J. Jordan, 2nd Regiment, Q.O.R.

No. 7588, Private E. Hill, 9th Volunteer Battalion, R.C.R. (Quebec). No. 7589, Private A. Haydon, 62nd, St. John Fusiliers.

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The repetition in the Victoria theatre this evening of the grand patriotic concert so successfully given on May 23 last, should draw a packed house. The theatre should be filled from pit to dome.

The costumes of the sixteen ladies and gentlemen who take part in the programme, which is already appearing in the tabular form to be presented are of a most elaborate and artistic character.

The cutter drift will be in charge of a squad of blue-jackets from H. M. S. Warship, which has been ordered to attend this evening's entertainment.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS. Hon. Mr. Bain, Speaker of the House of Commons and member for South Westworth, has intimated that he will not be a candidate at the next general election. He says he is tired of politics.

Joseph Lemoine, of the Hamilton Electric Light Co., was shocked by live wires and fell from the top of a pole Sunday, and died at the general hospital that evening.

CHINESE PIRATES. Board a River Steamer and Rob the Passengers.

Shanghai, June 4.—A number of desperadoes, disguised as passengers have boarded the British Yangtze river steamer, Kiu-wei. They committed wholesale robberies, terrorizing the passengers, who were quite unable to offer resistance. The thieves escaped with their booty.

GRATEFUL LONDON. Lord Mayor Cables the Great City's Thanks to Roberts.

London, June 5.—The Lord Mayor of London, Mr. A. J. Newton, has cabled following to Lord Roberts: "The Empire will never forget what you and the forces under your command have achieved. Accept the grateful congratulations of the citizens of London."

NEW YORK DEMOCRATS. Will Support the Kansas City Platform.

New York, June 5.—The Democrats of New York, in convention to-day, did not re-affirm the Chicago platform of 1896, but declared that the party in this state will support the national platform adopted at the Kansas City convention, endorsed the nomination of William Jennings Bryan, for president, and pronounced for maintaining the parity of gold and silver as currency.

VANOUVER NEWS. Nelson Voting, Appeal Allowed—Connaught Mines Coming Here in July—Veteran Officers.

Vancover, June 5.—(Special)—The appeal in the Nelson Voters' case was allowed to-day by the full court, Justice Walker dissenting. The Nelson voters some 328 names to the Nelson voters' list.

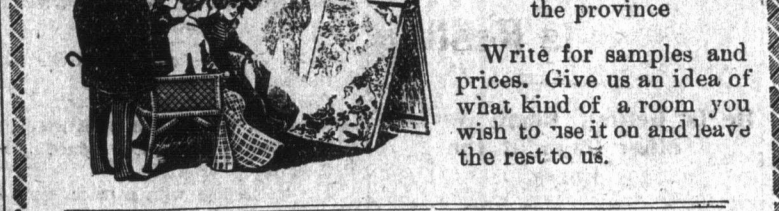
The Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles will take part in the mobilization of troops at Esquimaux on the 2nd and 3rd of July. They will be present to man the fortresses, as Lieut. Col. Worrop expresses it. The Vancouver and New Westminster companies will leave here on the 30th of June, Saturday, and return the following Wednesday.

THE NEWS OF ROBERTS' ENTRY INTO PRETORIA was received this morning with quiet satisfaction, but there was no attempt made to take part in the mobbing and hounding of the Boers.

DRYSDALE & CO. Decide to Wind Up Business. Montreal, June 4.—Wm. Drysdale & Co., book publishers and stationers, have decided to go into liquidation.

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### For Sake of The Empire Very Serious

Boxers Approaching Tien Tsin From All Sides and City in Arms.

The powers are appointing a single command for their forces.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing yesterday, says: "The Boxers are within three miles of Tien Tsin. In addition to the marines, the defensive force includes volunteers under the command of Major Higgs, late of the 16th Lancers. The town is practically under arms."

The Daily Express has a despatch from Shanghai, dated Tuesday, which says: "Russian troops have been ordered from Port Arthur to the neighborhood of Pekin to punish the Boxers for killing two Cossacks and wounding two."

The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: "In official circles here it is believed that the situation in China has grown worse. The powers are now exchanging despatches regarding the appointment of a single commander for the United European and United States squadrons."

The latest news regarding the Boxers has reached here by both private and official telegrams, all of which think the situation black and alarming. The German foreign office considers an encounter between the Boxers and Russians an event probably fraught with the greatest danger.

Boer Envoys Not Surprised at Surrender of Pretoria.

Chicago, June 5.—The Boer envoys arrived here this morning, but the welcome words of the reception committee were half lost in the shouts of the newsboys crying: "All about Pretoria surrendered. Mr. Fischer, one of the envoys, said: 'The news does not come as a surprise. The fight will continue.'"

COMMERCIAL CABLE. Quarterly Dividend Declared Payable July 3.

New York, June 5.—At a meeting of the directors of the Commercial Cable Company, held here to-day, the regular dividend of one cent and three-quarters per cent, was declared payable on July 2. The transfer books will be closed June 20 and re-opened July 3.

NO INTERFERENCE. Germany Will Not Meddle With the British Lion.

Berlin, June 5.—The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung prints an inspired statement regarding the results of the investigation of the German foreign office into the cases of reported insults to the German flag at East London, Port Elizabeth and Benigdo. The descriptions of these incidents, says the article, "have been greatly exaggerated in the British office."

FAMILY NAMES. Three New Forts Near Metz to Have Royal Titles.

Berlin, June 5.—The Emperor has decreed that the three new forts near Metz shall bear the names of the Crown Prince, Empress and Lothringen, respectively, in order to show, in His Majesty's words, "how closely I and my house are related to the Reichland."

WANT PREACHERS. British Columbia Sends For More Methodist Parsons.

Gananoquo, Ont., June 5.—At the Methodist conference this morning, a memorial was presented from the British Columbia conference, asking for six clergymen to fill demands in that province.

### Botha Wished To Make Terms

But Roberts Demanded Unconditional Surrender of Pretoria.

"Bobs" Sends Despatch Telling What Took Place Previous to His Entry.

London, June 5.—(11:07 p.m.)—The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts: "Pretoria, June 5.—(12:35 p.m.)—Just before dark yesterday the enemy were beaten back from nearly all the positions they had been holding, and Ian Hamilton's mounted infantry followed them to within 2,000 yards of Pretoria, through which they retreated hastily. De Laist then sent an officer with a flag of truce into the town, despatching his surrender in my name."

The Boers were taken by surprise and a general officer of the Boer army, who brought me a letter from Botha, proposing an armistice for the purpose of settling the terms of the surrender. I replied that I would gladly meet the Commandant-General the next morning, but that I was not prepared to discuss any terms, as the surrender of the town must be unconditional. I asked a reply by daybreak, as I had ordered the troops to march on the town as soon as it was light. In his reply Botha told me that he had decided not to defend Pretoria, and that he trusted that the women, children and property would be protected.

At 1 a.m. to-day, while on the line of march, I was met by three of the principal officials of the Boer army, who stated their wish to surrender the town. It was arranged that Pretoria should be taken possession of by Her Majesty's troops at 2 o'clock this afternoon. In Pretoria and Mrs. Kruger are both in the camp, followed by the Guards and Stevenson's brigades and a few newspaper correspondents.

At about 2 o'clock cheers in the distance welcomed the approach of Lord Roberts. The tin increased and became deafening as the Commander-in-Chief led the column into the square in front of the court house, accompanied by the officials to retain their offices for the present. Gen. Roberts afterwards left the building re-mounted on his horse, and was hailed by a chorus of "God Save the Queen."

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### Unlucky Thirteen

Boers Capture a Battalion of Imperial Yeomanry Near Lindley.

Methuen Starts in Pursuit But Arrives Too Late For Rescue.

He Routes the Enemy But Cannot Take Away Prisoners.

London, June 5.—(Midnight)—The following is the text of a despatch from Lord Roberts, announcing disaster to the 13th Battalion of Imperial Yeomanry: "Pretoria Station, June 5.—(12:35 p.m.)—I regret to report that the 13th Imperial Yeomanry had to surrender to a very superior force of the enemy on May 31 near Lindley. On receiving confirmation of the battalion being attacked, I ordered Methuen to proceed with all speed to its assistance."

Methuen was then on the march from Heilbron to Koonstad, and half an hour after the receipt of my telegram, on June 1, he started off. By 10 a.m. of the following day he had marched 44 miles in 25 hours, but he was too late to rescue Col. Spragg's Yeomanry.

"The Boers then attacked the Yeomanry, and after a running fight of five hours, completely routed the enemy, and were within 2,000 and 3,000 yards, but I trust it will not be very long before the Yeomanry is released from captivity."

At the music halls and theatres last evening the mention of Lord Roberts at Pretoria brought every audience to its feet in a second, and it was almost impossible for the performers to proceed with the programme. Every building possessing an illuminating device used it for all it was worth, until the metropolis was ablaze with light. The clubs on Pall Mall were lit up with huge torches, and the staid old street of murky buildings was searched for the gleam of a torch. The Boers and the war office the crowds continued thick.

The Prince of Wales came to town yesterday afternoon and went to the opera in the evening. His drive to and from the performance was marked by a tremendous welcome from the people. The news was wired to the Queen at Balmoral immediately on its receipt, and the King and Queen were notified of the royal residence. Throughout the country illuminations occurred on a large scale. Billions of Krugers were being telegraphed to the Field Marshal in congratulation were sent to the Field Marshal who had made England so happy.

London, June 6.—(4:30 a.m.)—Queen Victoria, surrounded by the Duke of York, the Duchess of York and many notables of her court, drank to the health of Lord Roberts and the army at Balmoral. The toast was "God Save the Queen." The toast was followed by a chorus of "God Save the Queen."

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### Gen. Roberts Enters Pretoria

He Took Formal Possession of Transvaal Capital Yesterday Afternoon.

Official Report of Drive Boers From Six Miles Spruit.

London, June 5.—(12:47 p.m.)—The war office has issued the following despatch from Lord Roberts: "Pretoria, June 5.—(11:40 p.m.)—We are now in possession of Pretoria. The official ceremony took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Lord Roberts entered Pretoria at 2 o'clock, South African time."

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