

# SURRENDER OF PRETORIA FULLY SUBSTANTIATED.

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

## The Daily Mail's "Scoop" From Lord Rosslyn Bore Out by Later News.

## Boers Are Busy Shifting Their Capital From Place to Place.

## Roberts Rapid Move on Johannesburg Greatly Astounded the Burghers.

London, June 1.—3.25 a. m.—Belated despatches from Pretoria confirm the reports of the departure of President Kruger with his cabinet and staff officials on 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 reached Lorenzo Marques by telegraph from Pretoria. Possibly the wires have been cut, or 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. State Attorney Smutz 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 to the eastward, also toward the Lydenburg region. The leaders of Laing's force, when their position becomes too perilous, will probably trek straight northward too. When this concentration takes place there will possibly be 20,000 men, who will 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 Generals French and Hamilton on Monday and Tuesday, but they all have been the Boers who were fighting the British casualties were slight.

Mr. Bennett Burnish, wiring to the Daily Telegraph from Johannesburg, says that the Boers are being 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, but although guns were used, the actions were never serious; in fact they were only light skirmishes. The Boers are retreating to Pretoria."

Mr. Frewst Battersby, in a despatch to the Morning Post, from Germiston, dated May 30, says: "The enemy fought a rear-guard action, retiring from the center to the north of the town, where their pom-poms and artillery in the morning, and withdrawing their riflemen through the town in the afternoon. We captured nine engines and over a hundred wagons. Two trains are leaving tonight for the Vaal."

"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."

"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 twelve miles.'"

Other rumors in the camp of Lord Roberts are that the annihilation of the Boers is running short.

M. H. Donohue, correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, was captured yesterday. Some discussion is going on in London as to what will be done with President Kruger if he is captured. One idea is that he will be sent to St. Helena, another that he will be tried for treason.

The Daily Express says: "Mr. Kruger's agent has invested £100,000 of the President's money in land and mines. This took place before the war broke out, and to this fact may be ascribed the failure of the Transvaal authorities to blow up the mines."

The Times says: "Any further resistance the Boers may offer will be futile. The collapse of the Transvaal as a militant state may be regarded as complete. Threats of obstinate guerrilla warfare need not be taken more seriously. In fact, the Boers are making no resistance at Johannesburg and Pretoria. The formal annexation of the Transvaal will speedily follow. The war is rapidly approaching the close."

Five thousand fresh troops will embark for South Africa within the next few days.

A despatch from Brussels says: "Commitments of gold continue to come to the Netherlands regularly. The Boer government, but these have not been so large of late as formerly. It is understood that Dr. Leyds has not the power to draw at all since the arrival here of the Boer peace delegates."

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## IN VANCOUVER.

## The Celebration Over the Fall of Pretoria.

Vancouver, May 31.—The news that Kruger had fled and that the Boers were begging for peace was celebrated last night with great enthusiasm. The fire brigade was ordered out and, with the band, led a procession through the streets. The Mayor made a patriotic speech, and declared to-day a holiday. The city celebrated again this evening. The streets were lined with people to see the parade pass, which reached the entire length of the business portion of the city.

## THE ALLAN LINERS.

## Said They Are to Be Merged in the Royal Ulster Company.

New York, May 31.—It was said to-day in authentic quarters that the Allan, of Scotland and Canada, are behind the proposed new Royal Ulster Steamship Company, Limited, which was recently incorporated under the laws of New Jersey. The company is to be capitalized at £1,000,000, all paid in. Many have been the inquiries as to the new concern, both to and from the other side. Prior to to-day, however, nothing more than that the United Kingdom to Boston and that this city could be learned. The United States and Canadian agent of one of the big lines leaving for the west, the Allan, proposed to merge the Allan State line and all of its other trans-Atlantic services under the single head of the Royal Ulster Company.

## The Powers Have Agreed

## That Armed Intervention is the Only Course in China Now.

## Armed Forces Start For Peking and a Battle Seems Imminent.

London, June 1.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The German government takes a serious view of the situation in China. The powers are resolved upon armed intervention."

Tientsin, May 31.—A special train started for Peking this afternoon with the following forces: British, three officers and 72 men; United States, seven officers and 50 men; Italian, three officers and 30 men; French, three officers and 20 men; Japanese, two officers and 24 men.

The foreign contingent also took with them five quick-firing guns. It is rumored here that the foreign troops would be opposed at the first gate of the Chinese capital, outside the wall.

Beilin, May 31.—The latest news from China has given rise to much anxiety here. The British and German troops have been ordered to act in conjunction with the naval authorities of the other powers as circumstances may require. The landing of marines at Taku to go to Peking was ordered. The report from the United States that 20,000 men are advancing to help the Chinese is baseless.

No power is sustaining China. Russia will not separate herself from the others. A cable was received to-day from Tsung Tau, saying the German cruiser Kaiserin Augusta, having taken on board an additional officer and 50 marines, sailed for Taku, the German gunboat Hils following. German naval authorities, it is understood, consider it important to land large forces in China, as, despite the recent disapproval of the Boers by the Peking government, the present contingents are insufficient to awe the insurgents.

## CLOSED DOWN.

## Connellsville Ovens Shut Down to Curtail Supply.

Pittsburg, May 31.—H. S. Frick's Co. have ordered the shut-down of their coke ovens in the Connellsville region this week. As the Frick Co. operates two weeks a closing down of over 1,000 ovens and the curtailment of production of from 7,000 to 8,000 tons of coke a day.

## BACK NUMBERS.

## Boer Envoy's Are Only Curiosities Now Without a Country.

Boston, May 31.—Messrs. Fischer, Wolman and Wassell, the Boer envoys, were received at the city hall to-day by Mayor Hart. The interview was short and informal, and afterwards the visitors returned to their hotel. The remainder of the day's programme is a reception by Governor Crane and a drive through the park system this afternoon, and a public reception in Faneuil hall to-night.

# Victoria Rejoices

## News of Fall of Pretoria Signal For Great Patriotic Outburst.

## Wonderful Manifestation of the Part of a Truly Loyal People.

## Cheering Crowds, Through the Streets All Day and in the Evening.

Yesterday's celebration by the people over the news that Pretoria had fallen eclipsed all previous demonstrations of patriotism in the history of the city. The Mayor's suggestion that the citizens should honor the event by observing the day as a public holiday was acted upon promptly. Every stitch of bunting and every British flag that hands could be laid upon was displayed.

Cheering crowds paraded the streets all day, and were generally given over to rejoicing. The demonstration on the part of the school children at Beacon Hill was most impressive, attended by an immense throng. A band concert at Beacon Hill satisfied the crowds for the rest of the afternoon. Everybody who entered the city was out in the evening. Government street was brilliantly illuminated, and thronged with the greatest mass of people ever seen on Victoria's streets.

Hundreds also assembled at Beacon Hill, where Hitt Bros. gave a most successful display of fireworks. At about 10 p.m. the news was bulletined that the Daily Mail's special report of the fall of Pretoria was the general "hoop-up," which was a feature of the day. The patriotic display by the large business firms was most creditable. The Bank of Montreal displayed a number of appropriate water-pictures, much to the delight of the large crowd.

It was a great and splendid manifestation of loyalty on the part of the people of Victoria, whose vim and vigor when Patriotism beckons is the wonder of the world. The day's events during the past few months. The forenoon was spent in decorating the city with bunting and flags. A large number of flags were displayed, and Chinatown was ransacked for fire-crackers in preparation for the big time in the evening.

The fireworks were, as usual, a grand success. The program drawn up for a somewhat more elaborate display than that of the occasion of the Queen's Birthday celebration, was carried out with a demonstration on the part of the school children, and a "flag-raising" at Beacon Hill, and a "hoop-up" in the city.

The major portion of the business offices closed promptly at noon for the day, and after that hour the streets were continually thronged with a joyful, moving mass of people on foot, on horseback, and in carriages.

Under instructions from the Mayor, Government street was adorned with rows of flags and Chinese lanterns on the occasion of the raising of the flag and a general illumination of the city in the evening.

From the James Bay flats a huge bonfire lit up the faces of the hundreds who lined the bridge and other vantage points. The music was played, and the city after piece of beautiful music added much to the pleasure of the scene.

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had been arranged for last evening were at once postponed. The opposition rally at the Victoria theatre was put off until Monday evening.

General leave was given the sailors on the warships at Esquimalt in the evening, and the streets were thronged with the joyous and marines, who entered into the fun with great gusto.

As the day wore on, it was felt that a Victoria turn here would be a hot time for the old town, again at night, and people were not disappointed. Never before did greater contentment and joy pervade the city. The stirring scenes on the occasion of the relief of Ladysmith and Mafeking almost dwindled into insignificance by comparison with the enthusiasm displayed.

Shortly after half-past seven all carriage and vehicular traffic was stopped at Government street, and that main artery of the city was handed over to the celebration of the day. And the crowds took possession. They had turned out in thousands, and along the illuminated street they pressed and thronged. All sorts and conditions were there, from the old and young, the rich and the poor, the well-to-do and the poor.

They loitered about the bands, whose martial airs and spirited marches stirred the pulse and warmed enthusiasm. Then came a scattering, as one by one the bands retired, and the cheering and the shouting ceased.

To Beacon Hill a couple of thousand people went, and the celebration there was well repaid by the balance of the Queen's Birthday fireworks. Messrs. Hitt Bros. had their work well done, and the display was a grand success.

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# Yeomanry's First Fight

Showed Their Mettle at the Little Battle of Tweefontein.

The Action in Which Villebois de Mareuil Met His Death.

The following account of the battle of Tweefontein is given by Mr. Charles R. Hand, the correspondent of the Daily Mail.

The something happened very suddenly, as some things usually do. On Thursday morning a Kaffir, goggle-eyed with excitement, was brought in from one of the pickets, and was interrogated by the Intelligence people. In a few minutes Lord Methuen had given his orders, and the sturdy Yeomen, their faces shining with hope and expectation, and the wiry Kimberley men, cool and alert as always, were moving along with a couple of guns over the veldt southeast.

At last! Boers, a commando of Boers! The goggle-eyed Kaffir, engaged in his lawless occupation of looting cattle at a place called Tweefontein, along the track from Boshof to the Modder river, crossing where Cronje made his last laager, had observed a Boer commando of seventy men, and he had taken to his heels. It was only eight or nine miles away.

Lord Methuen opened out his force as he approached the kopje; sent a couple of scouts round the rear of the kopje, while the scouts went cautiously forward to find out whether the enemy were still there, and what the position was like. And soon the best that was hoped for became known.

The commando was still there, and the scouts had no more chance of escape than a ferreted rat with a ring of terriers round the mouth of the hole. The only question which lingered in the mind of the Yeomen was a sporting affair from the first, Col. Eric Smith, of the 10th Battalion, went ahead, waving on his men to follow him in his single hand with his hunting horn.

The men from the Aylesbury hunting party made a hunting business of it, and went ahead to be in at the death. There was plenty of cover in the folds of the ground, but I am afraid very few of the Yeomen troubled much about cover. The low field artillery came up after a time and fired three rounds, and the affair was over. The commando was killed and the Yeomen were three or four miles away.

It was a very unpractical sort of boivard commando. They had started from Kroonstad to dynamite the railway. They had a cart loaded with dynamite and munitions. But they had no food, and they had lost their way. The night before they had been bivouacked in a bush, and they had steered away south as long as the daylight lasted, and then had taken refuge in a kopje, prepared to stand the night out, to give them a version of the sort of thing that is usual when kejees are attacked. But in this unpractical boivard way they had selected a kopje that was absolutely isolated and open to attack, under more or less of cover, from every side.

There was next to no shelter, and as our gunner sadly remarked, it was the only kopje any Boer force had occupied since the war began. The Boers were not a little surprised to find that the Yeomen were so near to their camp, and they were not a little surprised to find that the Yeomen were so near to their camp, and they were not a little surprised to find that the Yeomen were so near to their camp.

However, the Yeomen had their blood, and are eager now for business. We have come on here some miles further along the Hoopstad road, and we hear of little wandering commandos ahead of us. If we could only get another lot of dynamite, but this time the Yeomen would prefer a commando of real Boers. The little bag of Frenchmen was a fair show, but it was not the Yeomen who were the real thing. We want Boers, real Boers, and plenty of them.

## POLITICS IN COWICHAN.

Joint Meeting of the Electors Addressed by the Candidates.

Cheminists, May 31, (Special)—There was a good attendance of the electors to hear the speeches of the prospective candidates for parliamentary honors last night. Mr. S. Moore presided, and the first speaker was Mr. C. H. Dickie, opposition candidate, who clearly expressed himself on the issues of the day.

Mr. Walter Ford, the government candidate, believed in the Martin platform, and thought the government was doing a very good job. He wanted to see better roads and bridges and said that "fighting jobs" was a capable leader.

Mr. T. J. Wood, of Duncan, advocated the cause of the opposition and the rights of responsible government. Mr. Dickie, he pointed out, had experience as a working man and an employer of labor and thus knew the wants of the electors.

Dr. Lewis Hall, of Victoria, made a lengthy speech on the behalf of his leader, Mr. Joseph Martin. Mr. Higgins, lumberman, delivered an important speech on the laws that should be placed on the statute books by way of reform. He suggested some good ideas in economics, and his remarks were well received.

The best of good feeling prevailed while the different debaters expressed their views on the political issues of the day. After the usual vote of thanks to the chairman, and three cheers for the Queen, the meeting dispersed.

## MORAL CHICAGO.

Bound to Stop Betting at the Racing Meets.

Chicago, June 1.—Oak Park policemen raided the Hawthorne race track to-day and confiscated all the cards, time sheets and other paraphernalia of the book-makers found in the betting ring.

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# Disputed Road Is Now Open

Craigflower Road Gazetted as Available to All Kinds of Traffic.

Official Announcements in Yesterday's Issue of the Provincial Gazette.

That portion of Craigflower road over which there has been so much discussion in the city council and among the residents of Victoria West, has been taken over by the government for public traffic. Yesterday's Gazette contained the following notice in connection with this matter:

"Notice is given that all lands which are the property of the crown, and situated within the following boundaries, are hereby declared and set apart as a highway for the use and enjoyment of the public, viz.: Commencing at the junction of the centre line of the Craigflower road with the northern limit of the Victoria and Esquimalt road; thence in a northerly direction, following the centre line of the existing carriage way on the Craigflower road to the municipal boundary of Victoria City, and having a width of 33 feet on each side of said line."

The following companies are incorporated: Imperial Automatic Voting Machine Co. of Victoria; capital, \$250,000. Atlin Transportation Company of Victoria; capital, \$20,000. Bear Creek Mining Co. of Rossland; capital, \$1,500,000. Valparaiso Gold Mining Co. of Kaslo; capital, \$100,000.

The following extra provincial companies are registered: Gribble Island Copper Co. of Fairbairn, Wash. capital, \$100,000; local office, Victoria, with G. A. Kelly attorney. Ainsworth Mining Co. of Seattle; capital, \$1,000,000; local office, Victoria, with G. A. Kelly attorney. Chapleau Consolidated Mining Co. of England; capital, \$75,000; local office at Nelson; agent, John M. Williams.

In accordance with the request of the department of Indian affairs, a strip of land one chain long and half a chain wide, in the district of New Westminster, and formerly used by the Indians for camping and drying, has been reserved to the Musqueam and Langley Indian reserves, on township 38.

The Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments: To be justices of the peace within and for the counties of the province of New Westminster, Westminister, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay: Richard Strong Sargent and Edward Courtney Stephenson, of Hazelton; George Henry Riley, of Kitimat; the Rev. James B. McCullough, of New Westminister; Edward Ballock, of Westminister; and Fairview.

Geo. Herbert Thompson, of Vancouver, to be a notary public for the Mainland of British Columbia.

Donald C. Kurtz, of Kaslo, deputy mining recorder, to be acting assessor and collector of revenue, assessor, tax and acting registrar of the County of Kootenay, situate at Kaslo, with John J. McQueen, of Kaslo, as assessor.

Alexander D. McIntyre, of Kamloops, to be official administrator for the county of Yale, and judge of the court of sessions for the county of the north and west ridings of the Yale electoral districts, vice F. J. Fulton, resigned.

Thomas G. Golden, to be returning officer for the north riding of the East Kootenay electoral district, vice C. H. Elstone.

Lewis Hall, D.D.S., and Richard Nash, D.D.S., of the city of Victoria, to be members of the board of directors of the province of British Columbia, vice A. C. West and W. J. Curry, resigned.

The Lieutenant-Governor has appointed the undermentioned persons to be district registrars of the registry of the Supreme Court, set opposite their respective names, namely: James Ferguson Armstrong, Fort Steele registry.

Donald C. Kurtz, Kaslo registry. Henry Noble Coursier, Revelstoke registry.

Such appointments to take effect on the 25th day of June, 1900.

The Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint the resignation of Mr. Thomas Kingsbury McQueen, of Ymir, of the office of justice of the peace.

The Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to establish at the town of Fort Steele a registry of the Supreme Court, to be known as the Fort Steele registry. Such registry to be established on the 25th day of June, 1900. Similar offices have been established at Kaslo and Elstone.

## OPERA AT WINDSOR.

Calve Will Appear Before Her Majesty in Leading Role.

London, June 1.—Mr. Maurice Grau has received a command from Her Majesty to give a performance at Windsor Castle on June 26. The programme will consist of "Cavalleria Rusticana," with Mme. Calve in the leading role, and the third act of Faust, with Mme. Calve as "Marguerite."

## BARBADOES' CONDITION.

The Island Said to Be in a Bad Financial Way.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 1.—Inter-laud advice received here to-day say the financial condition of Barbadoes is very bad, and that the government and people are seriously excited