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HAS MAFEKING FALLEN.

There was Hand-to-Hand Fighting There on Saturday Last.

London, May 16.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marquez, dated Tuesday, says:—"There is now no doubt that there was desperate fighting at Mafeking Saturday, but it is believed to have gone in favor of the garrison. All that can be ascertained of a reliable character follows:

"The Boers, using artillery, attacked the town Saturday. Very soon the Kafir location was in flames, some say as the result of shell fire, and others as the result of treachery. Fighting at close quarters became general, and, in the midst of the confusion, the Boers gained possession of the Kafir location, from which point of vantage they brought guns to bear on the town at close range.

"By an adroit move the garrison, despite its attenuated numbers, succeeded in actually surrounding the party of Boers who had captured the Kafir location. Severe fighting followed, but, according to the latest reports, the Boers still hold the location, in which they are probably surrounded.

"The truth is, I believe, that the Pretoria authorities knowing of the progress of the relief column, gave orders to Gen. Snyman to storm the place. As soon as the location was in flames the Boer bulletins of victory were flying about everywhere to encourage the weak-kneed burghers. Boers who came down yesterday from Pretoria produced for the edification of incredulous Britishers two telegrams by officials, one of which was signed by Snyman and said: 'I was lucky enough to capture Baden-Powell with 900 of his men.'

"There is no doubt about the heavy fighting. A telegram from the Portuguese consul to the governor-general here confirms this, and there is little doubt of the occupation of the Kafir stadt. But similar things were published at Pretoria about Ladysmith, and quite recently about Wepener, just before Col. Dalgetty was relieved.

CONTRADICTORY REPORTS.

Lorenzo Marquez, May 15.—Telegrams received here report very heavy fighting at Mafeking. Pretoria reports that Mafeking has fallen, and the Netherlands Railroad Co. has issued a statement that Col. Baden-Powell has captured a large force of Boers.

A war bulletin posted at Pretoria May 12 announced that the British

were advancing to the relief of Mafeking. The Boers Saturday occupied the Kafir location at Mafeking. They were in turn attacked during the night of Saturday, and on Sunday found themselves surrounded. The Boers lost seven killed and seventeen wounded. The British loss is reported to have been heavy.

RELIEF NOW DUE. London, May 16.—"Food will last until about June 10," is the latest official word from Col. Baden-Powell, the British Commander at Mafeking, sent to Lord Roberts under date of May 7. Five days later the Boers attempted to storm the town, and it is possible that they succeeded, although nothing is known of the attack or its results except through Pretoria sources which have no countenance here.

The British relief column is due there now. Ten days ago Gen. Snyman was having difficulty in keeping the burghers together owing to the approach of the British, and when the last Associate Press despatch left Mafeking, on May 7, the Boers had killed, on the previous day, one of the horse guards and had captured several horses.

Maj. F. D. Baillie has sent to the morning the Boers attacked us. Report of May 7, this message: "This morning the Boers attacked us. Result as usual. There is an aching void here. Pass the loaf."

The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts, dated Koonstadt, May 15, 1 p. m.:

"Baden-Powell reports, under date of May 7, all going well. Fever is decreasing the garrison is cheerful, and the food will last until about June 10."

The war office has received the following from Gen. Buller:

MULES AND LOCUSTS.

London, May 16.—Lady Sarah Wilson has wired to her sister, Lady Georgina Curzon, from Mafeking, under date of May 8, saying: "Our breakfast consists of horse sausages and lunch of minced mule and curried locusts. All well."

Excellent "brawn" is being made from horse and ox hides and is eaten by whites and blacks. The garrison is very cheerful, very dry and very hungry.

THE WRECKED RAILWAY

Will be Repaired in Three Days and Then Roberts can Advance.

London, May 16.—Lord Roberts' infantry are still at Koonstadt. The railway laborers are hard at work, and the engineers hope to have the line repaired within three days. The prairie has put on a russet winter coat. The nights are bitterly cold, but the days are hot.

The Free Staters are surrendering in larger numbers than after the occupation of Bloemfontein. One officer of the Transvaal artillery says: "There will be no serious fighting this side of Pretoria and Bovenburg on the Vaal is indefensible. Heavy guns are being mounted at Pretoria."

"But Gens. Botha and Linumer are agreed that ultimate success is impossible. President Kruger is obstinate, and a majority of the Transvaalers hold firmly with him."

It is estimated that the Transvaalers can still muster 80,000 men on the fighting line.

Gen. Buller's advance, as his telegrams indicate, was by the instructions of Lord Roberts, and it will cease to go forward as Lord Roberts may direct. Certain commentators affiliated to the war office say that Gen. Buller's orders to keep the Boers employed have been supplemented by an order to drive them completely out of Natal and then to move on Harrismith.

Gen. Buller and Gen. Buller are taking possession of the wide regions around Ladybrand almost without opposition. They find the country plentifully supplied with cattle, horses and fowl. Gen. Buller is reducing his transport and feeding his men and animals largely off the country.

The Boers in that quarter surrendered and it is the expectation of the correspondents on the spot that the eastern section of Free State will soon be as tranquil as the western. Gen. Buller's front is 80 miles long, but his forces are disposed so that if any point be attacked the troops there could be quickly reinforced.

STEIN'S PREDICTION.

Lord Roberts contributes a line to the discussion going on in the press as to when the war will end by the following telegram, dated Monday, and sent through a correspondent who

had made the direct inquiry: "I regret that I cannot give any reply to your question, as it is impossible at present to predict when the campaign may end."

The view of the other side is reported by a correspondent to whom President Steyn said: "Sooner than leave this country to fall into the hands of the British I would destroy all our homes and leave it a desert."

The relations between the Transvaal and the Portuguese appear to be strained. The Portuguese consul at Pretoria, according to reports from Lisbon, has been ordered by President Kruger to leave the country. The Portuguese declaration making food and clothing contraband has nearly destroyed the usefulness of Delagoa bay to the Transvaal.

Sanhor Joaquin Machado, governor-general of Portuguese East Africa, is being entertained at Beira, and the British officers who are passing through are showing him courtesies. The Lieben cabinet is understood to count on British protection in the event of Boer aggression.

All the morning papers give long accounts of the reception of the Boer envoys in New York, but none comments editorially except the Daily Chronicle and the Times, the former of which says: "To give a parallel instance, suppose that, during the course of the Hispano-American war, the Spaniards had asked England to intervene, and had sent a deputation to Queen Victoria. Would the Spanish delegates have been received with cheers and presented with the freedom of the city of Southampton or of the nearest townships in that vicinity? This difference between the temper of the English populace toward America and that of the American populace toward England will take a good deal to explain away."

HAY MAY MIDDLE.

London, May 16.—The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Times says: "Among the prominent burghers in Pretoria there is a feeling that their only chance is to make the most of threats to destroy the Johannesburg mines in the hope of securing intervention."

The United States consul is interesting himself in the detention by the

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GLENCOE TAKEN.

London, May 17.—Following upon the occupation of Dundee, it is reported that Gen. Buller has captured Glencoe. Gen. Buller's despatch to the war office says that the Boers have evacuated the Biggarsburg range.

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