RELIEF CONFIRMED.

Some Particulars of Colonel Mahon's Brilliant March the Difficulties He Had to Overcome.

At the Last Moment the Boers Fell Into a Trap Baden-Powell Had Prepared Months Before. it di tre bie.

British Troops Reported to be Within Forty Miles of Johannesburg-Boer Women Children Are Moving from the Transvaal Capital to Lydenburg, Where Kruger is Supposed to Have Gone.

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at this hour all the streets in the news was received, the scenes in neighborhood are already resounding with cheers. The war office at 9 o'clock announced almost indescribable. Bands and

the joyful news to the crowd outside. The lord mayor was accompanied by the lady mayores to the front of the Mansion House, "where an immense portrait of Col. Baden-Powell was

never doubted what the end would be, nouncing the relief of the town was or that British pluck and courage would conquer at last."

would conquer at last." The lord mayor then led the crowd in, singing "God Save the Queen," and "Soldiers of the Queen," and, with renewed cheering and the waving of flags by the assembled multitude, and similar scenes of rejoicing occurred. the singing of "He's a jolly good fellow," the mayor and his party re-

Queen."

The war office at 9 o'clock announced almost indescribable. Banus and that no news had been received, but at 9.40 the lord mayor, A. J. Newton, in his official robes of office, announced other vehicle was decorated with the joyrill news to the crowd outside. Brass bands were parading and leading crowds, who sang patri-otic songs. Colored fire was being burned in every direction.

Mansion House, 'where an immense portrait of Col. Baden-Powell was displayed bearing the inscription: "Matching relieved." While the attendants were waving Union Jacks, the lord mayor briefly addressed the assemblage, saying: "I wish your cheers could reach Matching-" Here the speech was in-terrupted by redoubled cheering and the singing of "Rule Britannia," after which the lord mayor remarked; "We never doubted what the end would be,

sent to the Queen at Windsor Castle, where Lord Salisbury was dining with

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, May 19, 4 a. m.-London's millions spent half the night in the street, and even at 4 o'clock this mor-The message of people outside the Mansion House grew to such limensions that the police were compelled ning troops of young men are prommading. to divert all traffic, omnibusses, etc., It was all brought about by a twen-ty word telegram from Pretoria that through the side streets The cheering was incessant. Later Mafeking had been relieved. Although the special editions of the newspapers the government has not a word, and arrived and the tickers announced although nothing confirmatory has the news in all the public resorts. In been received from any African source the west end leading thoroughfares except Pretoria, nobody apparently were eventually impeded by a conquestions the news. stant stream of the populace cheering Arthur J. Balfour, government leadthemselves hoarse and singing "God er in the house of commons, speaking Save the Queen," and "Soldiers of the from the government bench, late last evening, said: The enthusiasm as this despatch is "The only news I have is through sent already promises to outrival even the courtesy of the press. We have no the scenes which followed the relief information at the war office. Nor of Ladysmith. would we have it as soon as it would A reporter of the Associated Press arrive through other channels. Thereinquired at the foreign office and the fore the fact that we have not receivresident clerk said nothing had yet ed it neither proves nor disproves the been received there in confirmation of accuracy of the information. I need the news from Pretoria of the relief of hardly say that we all trust and we Mafeking. have good reason to think that it is The despatch of the Associated Press probably true." (Cheers.) containing the news of the relief of George Wyndham, parliamentary unthe long besieged place was sent to der secretary for war, replying to the houses of parliament, where it several members of the house who had created a great deal of excitement in previously interrogated him, said: the press galleries and lobbies, and "Although the government has nothsoon began to be circulated among the ing, I am disposed to believe the Boer members of the house of commons. bulletin. It may be tomorrow and Thomas C. Hedderwick, advanced liberal, amid considerable excitement, perhaps even Monday before the govsaid he understood that news of the ernment would get despatches from our military commanders, even if the relief of Mafeking had been received. siege was raised some days ago, as the Was that so? news would need to be conveyed over No minister made any reply and the a very long distance by messengers on debate was continued. But, the house horseback, whereas the enemy would no longer took any interest in it and probably be able to avail themselves the members went into the lobbies to of telegraphic communication." discuss the great event. Col. Baden-Powell's brother, in Lon-From the mention of the laagers in don, has received a telegram from ,a the Pretoria despatch it is understood Dutch friend in Pretoria, saying that here that prior to the raising of the Mafeking has been relieved. siege of Mafeking the Boer laagers The performers in the London music around that place were vigorously bombarded by the British relief col- halls and theatres last evening had

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umn and that the burghers were prac- i little use for stage business or for tically compelled to abandon the siege. lines of their pieces. The audien THE NEWS IN LONDOW. LONDON, May 18, 9.16 p. m.—Mafe-king has been relieved. 9.40 p. m.—The despatch of the As-sociated Press announcing the relief of Mateking was posted cutside the Mansion House, and the news rapidly spread. A large crowd collected and the streets of more attill Londow, usa-the streets of more attille Londow, usa-the streets of more at the hour, were "T did not attempt to read my life."

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ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1900.

last evening. It was of no use public had no interest in me beyo the fact that I wore a military u

the the fact that I wore a military use form." At Her Majesty's theatre, at the Garrick, where Zaza is being place and at the other mouses where lest mate drama holds the boards, the re-cupants of stalls, bores and sufferent sang in chorus. The Absent Minor Beggar and Soldier of the Queen the tween acts in order to give vent the their enthusiasm, although they set their enthusiasm, although they set the down to the programme are-wards. At the music halls, however, no one pretended to have interest in anything not having military class. The Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, and the Portugues minister, Senhor Piato De Seveni, occupied a box at Covent Garden, when the relief of Mafeking was and nounced, they joined heartily in me applance. The London fire insurance them

Thitsen captured one of the Bothas, inty miles from Broonstad. General undle on Thursday, encamped at ideolan. British successes are thus supred at every point from which we came yesterday. A Lourenso Marquez correspondent telegraphing yesterday says: "New peace proposals will probably he put forward by the Boer government. The recent reverses are causing despond-on the Transvaal executive at Pre-toria Thursday and the destruction of the mines was again considered. It toria Thursday and the destraction of the mines was again considered. It is understood that the government does not intend to destroy the mines." According to other advices from the same point, President Kruger and the other high officials purpose leav-ing almost immediately for Lydenburg. The British prisoners will be conveyed there: and the foreign consuls at Pretoria are leaving for Lydenburg. In Krot istad it is said that President Kruger will surrender when Lord Roberts crosses the Transvaal fron-tier. Lord Roberts is accumulating im-mense quantities of supplies and the preparations for another movement

tier. Lord Roberts is accumulating im-mense quantities of supplies and the preparations for another movement are well advanced. The next stop will be Johannesburg. Two thousand men are working on the railway deviation at Valsch River. There are 12,000 Boers at Rhenoster Spruit. Recom-ported in the stress stretch daily by STANDARD AND DIGGERS' NEWS LOURENZO MARQUES, May 20.-

The Standard and Diggers' News con-firms the report of the relief of Mafe-king: It gives a confused account of notering parties are sighted daily by the British patrola Commendant Nel, with the Johannesburg "Zarps," is actively commandeering fifteen miles northwest of Kreenstad. Desperate efforts are being made by

the Transvaalers to get every avail-able unit on the fighting line. All exemptions have been cancelled. The rivil administration is reduced to the lowest limits. The Boers have dyna-mited Laing's Nek tunnel, and the rails ay is completely wrecked. The work of repairs will occupy many weeks. The Boers now hold the best positions for defending the pass.

RE VOLUNTEERS.

RE VOLUNTERES. LONDON, May 18.—In the house of lords itday the secretary of state for war, the Marquis of Lansdowne, introduced a bill to estend the powers of the volunteer act by providing that volunteers may be mobilized in any great emergency instead of only to repel actual invasion, and also to enable volunteers to enter into an agreement ren-dering them liable to be called on at any time for either home or foreign service. ed to him during the long siege. played in the most conspicuous style in the Daily Express is the dominant

A BIG DISPLAY.

where Lohegrin was being mayed, and when the relief of Mareiking was nounced, they joined heartily in the applauss. The London fire insurance take make fireworks impossible, and the city lacked the blaze of flumination claracteristic of American cities dur-ing similar rejoicings. The Britisher therefore, relies upon lung power, and couched in an exceedingly humble

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WAR SUMMARY. LONDON, May 21, 3.10 a. m.-Dist

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clergymen generally found in the event their topic for the day. Details of the relief are still want-ing, the British military authorities being without despatches. Lord Rob-erts wires that he knows of the relief only through a press agency. Lord Liansdowne, however, announces that the war office expects direct news to-dar

The situation in the field has changed but little since Friday. Lord Rob-erts's troops are in fine form and abundantly supplied. Indications seem to point to an early movement. His cavalry, riding over several hundred square miles in a semi-circle beyond

square miles in a semi-circle beyond Kroonstad, have received the submis-sion of hundreds of Free Staters. It now appears that the De Wet who offered to surrender with 1,000 men, was not the well known General De Wet, but Commandant De Wet. He stipulated that his men should be al-lowed to return to their farms. Lord Roberts, replied that the surrender must be unconditional. The Botha who was captured the

wounded. The British loss is said to have been considerable. The British are reported as fleeing, but no explana-tion is given. PHAISE FOR A CANADIAN. OTTAWA, May 20.-A young Canadian officer; Capt. McInnes, R. E., son of Senator Donald McInnes of Hamilton, was one of Col. Baden-Powell's prin-cipal officers in the defence of Mafe-king. Baden-Powell as written in the highest terms of the splendid assist-ance which Capt. MoInnes has render-ed to him during the long siege.

Jost his head several times recently. The original of the telegram ad-dressed to the burghers at Venters-burg, urging them to hold out, was really written at Petersburg, a place which surrendered early in March. President Steyn, who was last re-

ar news of the morning: "We have the best reason for stat- | suitation with the Transvaal govern-

"We have the best reason for stat-ing that, in the last 24 hours, a tele-gram has been received at the for-eign office, addressed personally to the prime minister from President Kruger, proposing terms of peace. "The exact terms of the message cannot be stated, but we believe it is comobile in an exceedingly humble serted to have been parties to the

strain. "It is inconceivable of course that A Cape Town correspondent re-asserts that the Irish-American ambalance corps from Chicago suffered

therefore, relies upon lung power and from St. Paul's Cathedral to Westmin-ster Abbey, and up through Piccadi-ly to Hyde Fork, there was a Niceastric in the process of Ladysmith. How THE PEACE COMMISSION RE-CEIVED THE NEWS.

king: It gives a comfused account of the events preceding. An engagement who fought Sunday near Marilogo and the relief forces cut through the Boer hnes, entering the town, and began bombarding the Boers, who retreated. The Boers had two killed and five wounded. The British loss is said to have been considerable. The British are reported as fleeing, but no explana-tion is given

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like roar, incessant, rising and failt hour after hour as the surging mass poured through London's thorough fares like the processions on the eve of a presidential election in the United States.

There was a lack of pyrotechnic glare, but every cabby and every 'busman in London had a Union Jack fluttering from his whip, and the stars and stripes were by no means lacking. Patrons of four wheelers were not content to ride inside the vehicles and the tops were covered with flag waving, oheering, sprawling enthusiasts.

At Carleton Hotel, which is filled with Americans, the bands played Marching Through Georgia, which has been recently adapted to an English song entitled Marching to Pretoria,

lations. Miss Baden-Bowell, the col-

onel's sister, said: The same tale has been brought us many times during the last anxious months. The war office has promised us the earliest information. We only hope it is true."

Later in the evening Col. Baden-Powell's mother sent word that she had retired, and that if any telegrams came she was not to be disturbed until morning.

The boys of the Charter House school, where Baden-Powell was educated, were aroused from sleep by the news and the institution quickly be came a veritable pandemonium noise and enthusiasm.

As soon as information of the relief was received, the lord mayor, A. J. Newton, sent the following despatch to Col. Baden-Powell : "The citizens of London are

They rejoice in the good news lieved. received. Your gallant defence will ong live in British annals. Cable, me what money is wanted for the needs of the garrison and inhabitants after long privations."

In unrestrained jubilation the provinces were not behind the metropolis. Although London had the start by a few minutes, the great industrial centres and surrounding towns suddenly burst into patriotic demonstrations. Bells clashed in their steeples, village bands turned out and people gathered in the squares to chant fervidly "God Save the Qucen.'

From all parts of the Empire comes the same story. Bombay, Hong Kong, Colombo and the Australian cities are rejoicing. Continental cities; as the press telegrams abundantly testify, received the news sadly.

"The relief of Mafeking has had the effect of suspending for a moment interest in the operations elsewhere in the field of war. Nevertheless, yesterday b:ought important official announcements. Lord Methuen entered Hoopstad on Thursday. He is now 76 miles from Kroonstad and 50 from

Bothaville. Gen. Buller entered Newcastle Thursday evening. Lord Roberts is not idle.. While waiting for stores at Kroonstad, he is using his mounted men to search a wide tract of country. Col. Broadwood occupied Lindley on Thursday and the same day General

BALTIMORE, May 18.—The first intima-tion of the relief of Mafeking which came to the Boer enfors was conveyed to them by a representative of the Associated Press, who boarded the Congressional Limited train, upon which they were being conveyed to Washington, as it passed through Balti-Abraham Fischer, who acted as spokesman for the party, read the despatches from Pre-toria anad London carefully, but without a show of emotion. Kingdom. In the Finchley district of

show of emotion. "I have no comments to make at this time." he said. "In the absence of official information, I much preter to say nothing." "Would the news, if true, indicate the near approach of the end of the war? he was asked. was asked. "By no means," was the reply. "There is much to be done before there can be an end to hostilities, even if Mafeking has been

a large crewd and the windows were. elieved. relieved." "Do you agree with Lord Roberts in his-prediction that the fighting will be over by the Queen's birthday?" "By no means, unless the English surrer-der," replied the envoy as the train moved out of the station on its way to Washingshattered. The police charged the were called out.

played. Ten thousand people stood in front of Mrs. Baden-Powell's house in St. George's Place, cheering and singing, and a score of cabs brought congratu-

CHAMBERLAIN GIVEN A BIG RECEP-TION.

LONDON, Msy 19,-Hon, Jeseph Chamber-lain called at the war office after midnight and received a tremendous ovation.

KRUGER WILL BE SHORT HANDED. LONDON, May 19.—Beinett Burleigh wires from Kroonstad to the Daily Telegraph that less than 5,000 Burghers will support Presi-dent Kruger beyond Pretoria or go with him to the mountains.

KING OSCAR MAY ABBREATE.

LONDON, May 19.—The Stockholm corres-pondent of the Daily Express says: "A runnor is abroad here in pro-Boer cir-cres that King Oscar's declaration of sym-pathy with Great Britain may cause him to abdicate, as it has embittered his relations with the cabinet. of

with the cabinet. "The Crown Prince's hirthday, June 26 is mentioned as the occasion for a public innouncement.

BUYING EVERYTHING IN SIGHT LOURENZO MARQUES, Thursday, May 17.-In anticipation of the clesing of the rail-way from Delagoa Bay to Pretoria, Boer agents are buying up all the available pro-visions and forwarding them to the Trans-yaal. Extraordinary efforts are being made to heaten the work

hasten the work. BOER PEACE COMMISSIONERS IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, May 18.-Messrs. Fischer, Woimarans and Wessels, the peace commis-siopers of the Transvaal, arrived here to-night, accompanied by the congressional and citizens' committee, which escorted them from New York, and were given an enthusi-astic reception. They were met at the rall-road station by members of the reception committee, which included some members of congress, and escorted in carriages to the Arlington hotel. A large number of people witnessed their arrival, and there were many along the route to the hotel. The avenue was illuminated. At the hotel tho cogressman Sulzer made a brief address, welcoming the visitors to the capital in the arcatest nation on earth." Delgate Fischer responded to the speech of welcome. Congressman Sulzer announced that the meeting on Sunday evening at the Grand Opera house in honor of the commis-sioners was to be a reception and not. "a demonstration." A number of prominent public men are to make addresses. WASHINGTON, May 18.-Messrs. Fischer, were called out. As the rioting continued the Royal Artillery was called upon to suppress the mob. The windows of buildings adjoining' Mr. arrests were made.

man crowds in the Colliseum while the gladiators pursued each other to the BULLETIN FROM LORD ROBERTS.

death; but it is good in so far as it is a protest against one of the greatest LONDON, May 20, 11.55 p. m.-The evils of the age, the love of money." following is the text of Lord Roberts's Special prayers of thanksgiving were despatch:

offered yesterday in the churches of "KROONSTAD, May 20, 3 p. m.-No the United Kingdom. The Lord Bishop official intimation has yet been reof London, Dr. Mandell Creighton, who ceived, but Reuter states that the re-Hef of Mafeking has been effected. preached before the Queen at Windsor, "Rundle reports having occupied alluded to the relief of Mateking, and

Lord Salisbury can have sent any reon the hp of every Briton: 'Uncondiheavily during the fighting at Kroonstad, and that U. S. Consul Hay had tional surrender. The boisterous rejoicings over the news from Mafeking have become

protested valuely to President Kruger against using the corps on the fightriots in parts of London, Aberdeen and Belfast, and elsewhere in the United ing line. Gen. Buller is in front of Laing's:

Nek, hesitating to attack positions of suburban London a mob stoned the enormous natural strength. The rerailway bridge masters' house and ports that the Boers have blown up smashed the windows of a draper's portions of the tunnel are confirmed. Although everywhere also they are though whether by accident or design reported as retiring out-fronted, they it is not yet known. Two clerks were have effected their retreats without injured. The house of a Boer sympalosing their convoys or guns or prisonthizer at Harlesden was attacked by ens to any extent. Were they disorganized they would strew the line of retreat with booty.

mob and were greeted with a shower Gen. Colville's base is Winburg. of decayed eggs. Numerous arrests Gen. Rundle is advancing on Fickswere made, and the police reserves burg, trying to catch up with the retiring Boers, Vrede, where the Free Rioting took place in Aberdeen from State capital has been removed, is a seven to ten o'clock Saturday evening village of 200 inhabitants in the exaround a hall where a "stop the war" treme northeastern part of the counmeeting was being addressed Crontry on the road from Helbren to wright Schreiner, husband of Olive Botha's Pass and the Drakensperg. Schreiner. A crowd of students and Precident Steyn, when twitted about others tried to storm the hall and to the migratory capital, is reported to, break down the doors. The foot police have said that the Americans during were unable to cope with the disturbthe war of independence changed ers and sent for the mounted police, their capital nine times and yet dewho made some headway with the feated the British,

crowd, but the fights occurred be-The British are confiscating the cattween the supporters of the meeting tle of rebels in the districts about and the crowd, and the Royal Infirm-Aliwal North, Col. Adey's men. haveary nearby was kept busy dressing the driven in 2,800 head.

wounds. of combatants caused by The London papers are speculating stones, bricks and clubs. A number as to what will be done to reward of arrests were made, and finally the Col. Baden-Powell. It is understood chief magistrate ordered the chief conthat, as soon as the official news is restable to call out the military. The ceived, the rank of succrnumerary Gordon Highlanders from the castle major general will be cabled him, and barracks then cleared the streets. at the same time he will be advanced Within the hall the opponents of the to the rank of Knight Commander of promoters of the meeting practically the Bath, Possibly a baronetcy will proke it up and carried an amendment be conferred upon him.

London paid an all day call upon The residence of the Rev. Alexander Webster, where Mr. Cronwright-day. Telegrams, letters and flowers Schreiner stayed, was damaged. Boer arrived every minute. It took six Schreiner stayed, was handaged. Boe armived avery minute. It took all sympathizers stoned a procession of shipyard employes at Belfast; and there were some disorders in Eirmingham. At Dover the business establishment of J. Browne; a member of the local chamber of commerce, was the Daily Express has started a movement to build a half of heroes to comwrecked by a mob. The police were unable to cope with the disturbance memorate these who have fallen in and the local artillery and volunteers the war.

CAPTURED 1,500 BOERS.

LONDON, May 21.-A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Mequating's Nek, dated Mar 16, says; "Gen: Brabant is reported to have

captured 1,500 Boers at Chocolan."

GEN. DEWET PREPARED TO SUR-

LONDON, May 21 .- A special despatch from Kroonstad says that Gen. Dewet has sent word that he is prepared to surrender conditionally with his entire commando.

CHIEBRED THE GOOD NEWS. KROONSTAD, May 20 .- The press telegram announcing the relief of Mafeking was read to the regiments on parade. The men were greatly excited and cheered lustily.

Khaki clad Boers, made up to represent British farmers, have been visiting the farms and repeating the substance of the British proclamation. If the

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Browne's were smashed. Numerous Rev. Lord William Cecil, son of the premier, preaching yesterday in Gray's Inn Chapel, London, before the Australian dederation delegates and other notables, referred to these demonstrations of violence, and said: "The popular enthusiasm prevailing throughout the country is dangerous. The line between good and evil is soon overrun by the unthinking crowd. The outburst is evil in so far as it is the

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