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June 2, TWENTY-FIRST YEAR

WORD FROM PRETORIA SINCE HIS LAST VISIT

On Saturday at 9.10 a.m. Lord Roberts was at Orange Grove, Twenty-Five Miles From the Capital.

A Combined Effort Made by Boers to Cut British Communication North of Bloemfontein, But It Failed—Censorship Again Complete.

London, June 4.—(4 a.m.)—There is no direct news from Pretoria of late date than Thursday evening. Gen. French's army were then at Orkney, eight miles south of Pretoria, and British were heard from the north of the Orange River. Operations elsewhere and the situation at Johannesburg, dated at Orange Grove, a farm four miles northeast of Johannesburg, show that on Saturday at 9.10 a.m. he was 25 miles from Pretoria. Not a line was received from Pretoria.

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Distressed Thruout Sources. From the other side there filters thru Lorenz Marquis a mass of statements, some contradictory, others obviously untrue, but purporting to be true. Passengers arriving at Lorenzo Marquis Saturday direct from Pretoria say that the capital was preparing to surrender to the Boers on Thursday. The Boers were dismantled. The Boer guard at Komatipoort, searched all trains and backed back most of the fugitives, among them deserting foreigners who were striving to reach neutral soil.

Boer Convoy of Provisions. The Boer convoy of provisions are between Pretoria and Middleburg. Fifteen trains are sent daily to Mafeking and supplies for Lydenburg. Pretoria is pictured by the refugees as in a state of indescribable chaos. The populace are dismayed, and the British are expected nearby.

Foreign Attacks See the End. Some foreign attaches have arrived at Lorenzo Marquis to communicate with their Governments for orders to leave, as they consider that organized war on the Transvaal side is at an end.

Boer Reports of British Repulse. Flying reports from the Boers are reports that the British have been beaten back at Lindley, with heavy loss; that the main attack on Etanfontein failed, and Lord Roberts was forced to retreat to Klips-River; that the railway has been cut behind him; that Vereeniging, and that a provision train has been captured.

Boers Completely Screened. In the Boers' attack on the outposts of Boers, seven miles east of Senekal, May 29, the British did not see a Boer, so completely were they screened. The British infantry did not get within 300 yards of their riflemen. The 182 loss was shared by Lord Roberts were suffered by the Grenadiers and Scots Guards, while advancing over a level from which the grass had been burned. The Britishers in khaki were a conspicuous target against the black background.

Bundle Was Gay. Gen. Marquis saw his whole force at sundown to Senekal, having succeeded in drawing the Boers from Lindley, allowing the threatened force to get away safely. The Boers sent to the British for medical aid, saying that the British were seriously wounded. Gen. Rundle sent a doctor, with a bottle of champagne, and his compliments, saying that he would release all the Boer prisoners at Senekal.

GERMANS HAVE CHANGED TUNE. Cohesion of British Empire Demonstrated by the War—Boers as a Master Strategy. Berlin, June 2.—The semi-official Post says the South African war has taught two important lessons, viz: The cohesion of the British Empire, even to the farthest independent colonies, showing that the Imperial idea has really taken root throughout the vast Empire; secondly, the lesson that Russia is not able to march into India.

All the German newspapers consider the war a master strategy. With the approval of the British Ambassador, Sir Frank C. Lucas, the British colony here, with its German and American friends, is preparing a peace celebration, the main feature of which will be a thanksgiving banquet. This is to be followed by the national festival in Great Britain.

BOERS ARE RETREATING. Little Doubt About the Surrender of Pretoria—Burgers Are Worn (N.Y. Sun Special Cables). Pretoria, Thursday Noon, May 31, via Lorenzo Marquis, June 2, 1.30 p.m.—Gen. Viljoen's commands are passing thru the town. They came in from the direction of the Rand. The men have been fighting for three days and they are worn out. The Boer artillery are going east and north and I, therefore, believe more firmly than before that no defence of Pretoria will be made.

Last night's Volksstem, the official organ of the Transvaal, states that Kromstad and Pretoria are being shelled by the Burgers and that there is a prospect that they will be retaken. Gen. Marquis with 8000 men occupied Villiers Drift yesterday. His sole object is to cut and harass the British lines near that point.

Town Was to Be Surrendered. Pretoria, Wednesday, May 30, via Lorenzo Marquis, June 2, 1.30 p.m.—Lord Roberts, reviewing the events of the week in South Africa for the Associated Press, says: "The situation can clearly be understood if we in the first instance neglect the Pretoria telegrams. Lord Roberts advanced from the 'V' in two columns, he himself with the main body following the line of railway and Generals French and Hamilton keeping pace with him a short march to the left and slightly in advance."

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SPENSER WILKINSON SIZES UP THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

Military Expert Says the Boer Military Power is Now Completely Broken and the War Practically is Over—Flying Columns to Do the Rest.

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HON. THOMAS BAIN IS TIRED OF VEXATIONS OF POLITICS

Strong Pressure Was Brought to Bear on the Speaker to Quit—Elections in October.

Hamilton, June 2.—(Special).—The executive of the South West-Whitby Association held a private meeting at the New American Hotel yesterday afternoon to consider Speaker Thomas Bain's decision to retire into private life at the close of the present session. "Hon. Mr. Bain, who was congratulated on his retirement, said he was tired of the vexations of politics and that he had decided to retire into private life at the close of the present session. He said he was tired of the vexations of politics and that he had decided to retire into private life at the close of the present session. He said he was tired of the vexations of politics and that he had decided to retire into private life at the close of the present session."

As to the date of the elections, Mr. Bain thought October would be the likely month, and said the executive had no objection to the subject of a successor to himself in South West-Whitby. It is said that a meeting of the association will be called in a few days to determine this, and the names mentioned are Mr. Alex. Pirie, always in bloom, and Mr. D. Sealy, lumber merchant. Mr. Sealy, who was congratulated yesterday by a friend in regard to his possible nomination, looked like a man who has something to suppress, but denied the story conclusively.

Among the City Conservatives, the reason of Speaker Bain's retirement is cruelly signed to an unwelcome end. The man who has been a rival of E. D. Smith, those who know South West-Whitby say that the Conservative candidate will roll up a majority of 300 over the Liberal nominee. The retirement of Mr. Bain does not come as an surprise, as it had long been a matter of difficulty that the last two conventions have induced him to do so.

KILLED HIS STEP-MOTHER. Step-son Was Jealous Because Father Transferred Two Houses to His Wife. FIRED TWO SHOTS INTO HER HEAD

New York, June 3.—Mrs. Mary Naughty, 31 years old, was shot and killed last night at her home, No. 53 Chambers-street, Newark. The murder was witnessed by Edward N. Naughty, husband of the dead woman, and father of the murderer. The murderer's mother died in December, 1898, and the father, who has been employed for 20 years in the zinc works at Newark, engaged several housekeepers at different times, to all of whom the son took exception, quarrelling with them because they did not, as he complained, cook to his mother's satisfaction. His father married Miss Mary Carriz, and installed her as mistress in the house. The son began to find fault with the stepmother, and especially criticized her cooking. He angrily complained of his coffee at breakfast, and words were passed. The son says that his stepmother threatened to fit coffee for him for good.

He stepped at a store in the afternoon and bought a cheap 22 calibre revolver. At supper another quarrel arose, and the father interfered and quieted his son. After supper the son left the house and returned with a pitcher of beer. He poured out three glasses on the table and the son walked into the room, re-appearing immediately afterwards, and holding the revolver down by his side. His stepmother was sitting at the end of the table, nearest him, and she passed over to the other side of the table and he fired a second shot into her head. The act was done so quickly that the father had no time to prevent it. He grabbed the son and tried to disarm him, carrying the pistol and ran from the house. The son appeared later at the Fourth Precinct Police Station, and he himself fired the revolver with the bullet in the woman's head, which had gashed out at the first shot. The murderer is a good-looking, intelligent youth. On Friday the father transferred to his wife's house the revolver which he had bought. It was the knowledge of this that prompted the murder.

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EXTRAORDINARY OBJECT LESSON TO EUROPE, SAYS MR. B. E. WALKER

Is the Growth of the Imperial Idea and the Prompt Response of Britain's Colonies in Aiding in the War—The Money Question.

Mr. B. E. Walker, general manager of the Bank of Commerce, has just returned from a short visit to London, and very kindly favored a World reporter with his impressions on various topics of interest in the world's metropolis. Perhaps the most notable event during Mr. Walker's stay in London was the British Empire League dinner, at which 355 people were present, including the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Devonshire, who presided; the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Sutherland, Lord Chamberlain and many other titled persons. The feature of this gathering was the prominence given to the Australian Premier and delegates in England to conclude terms for the Confederation of the Australian colonies. Everywhere this event is regarded as of supreme importance, and coming at the present time, gathers additional lustre from the surpassing strength of Imperial sentiment which the war has developed. Australia is reaping the honors for entering upon a course, proved by Canada to have been well advised, but regarded 33 years ago as an experiment of which the British people were sore or less doubtful. Everywhere these delegates were received with the utmost attention and the greatest deference paid to their views. Great Britain now sees the wisdom of establishing another nation like Canada in the southern sea. The Canadian delegates also came in for their share of attention.

Saw the Powerless Men on Parade. Mr. Walker was a witness of the parade thru London of the 250 soldiers from H.M.S. Powerful, under Capt. Lambton, who rendered such effective service in the defence of Ladysmith. Their reception was a continuous ovation, the crowd at one point extending along from Trafalgar Square to the Mansion House.

May Return Via London. In conclusion, Mr. Walker expressed the hope that the Canadian soldiers in South Africa may return by way of London, to show the English people the part they have taken in the war. Mr. Walker said that he had seen the men in London and that they were a most impressive sight. He predicted a great reception for them.

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An Object Lesson to Europe. Referring to the war, Mr. Walker expressed the opinion that Europe has had the most extraordinary object lesson she has ever had. Perhaps she has not been so surprised that Britain herself at the revelation of the growth of the Imperial idea and the prompt response of the colonies to the growth of the earth. Nor was the limit reached, for if necessary the army of occupation in South Africa could have been quadrupled. This demonstration of Britain's military resources, said Mr. Walker, put an entirely new face on the attitude which other nations will probably adopt towards Britain in future. There is no doubt, he said, of the intense hatred of Britain, which is undiminished among the peasant class in the south of France and fostered by politicians and a section of the press.

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One of the Gang Struck Here—This Man Was Afterwards Caught—Others Escaped. An organized attempt was made on Saturday night by three men to rob the cash drawers of Yonge-street stores. The men were caught by the police. One of the men was afterwards caught, but the others escaped. The man who was caught was afterwards caught, but the others escaped.

THE BOERS ARE SURROUNDED. By Brabant's Forces Five Miles Outside of Bloemfontein—Burgers Lying in Wait.

Maseru, Batostand, May 31.—Gen. Brabant has practically surrounded the Boers five miles outside of Bloemfontein. The only open for the Boers' retreat is the Basaltoland road, where thousands of Boers are under Chief Jonathan are awaiting events. Two charges of them were last night preferred at the Court-street Station against Walter Identia, 211 Church-street. The police assert that he stole a gramophone, the property of the late Mrs. W. H. Whaley & Co. of Yonge-street. The second charge was made by C. A. Weisman, a young man on Saturday save a worthless cheque in payment for a watch which he purchased.

THE FLOATING SNOW SOAP. Will Be Brought Up in the House of Commons and Sir Louis Davies Is Promised a Hot Time.

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MOST REVOLTING SCENES IN THE FAMILIAR

Grotesque Story Told by the Editor of The Christian Herald After Visiting the Stricken District.

People Dying in the Fields and by the Roadside—Cholera Carrying off Thousands—Vultures and Jackals Feasting—Government Doing Everything Possible.

Newbury, June 3.—Mr. Louis Klopsch of Bombay, publisher of The Christian Herald, who arrived here May 14 and started at once on a tour of the famine-stricken districts, has returned after traveling thru the most woe-stricken districts of the British Presidency, including Gujarat and Baroda. He made the following statement regarding his observations: "Everywhere I met the most shocking and revolting scenes. The famine camps have been swept by cholera and smallpox. Fugitives scattering in all directions, and coming at the present time, gathers additional lustre from the surpassing strength of Imperial sentiment which the war has developed. Australia is reaping the honors for entering upon a course, proved by Canada to have been well advised, but regarded 33 years ago as an experiment of which the British people were sore or less doubtful. Everywhere these delegates were received with the utmost attention and the greatest deference paid to their views. Great Britain now sees the wisdom of establishing another nation like Canada in the southern sea. The Canadian delegates also came in for their share of attention."

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SCHOOL QUESTION NOT SETTLED, SAYS ARCHBISHOP LANGEVIN

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TOURING DAYS—AND WHAT TO WEAR.

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DURAND—On Saturday morning, at his late residence, 347 Euclid-avenue, Mrs. W. H. Durand, aged 31 years. Funeral on Monday, June 4, at 3 p.m. from St. Boniface Cemetery, from her late residence, 347 Euclid-avenue.

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GLONNA—On Sunday morning, at her late residence, 1000-10th-street, Margaret, beloved daughter of Donato and Maria Glonna, aged 5 months. Funeral on Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.