

The Wires Are Cut

And London Is Kept Guessing About the Situation in Pretoria.

Lorenzo Marques Messages Keep Asserting That Kruger Is Captured.

General Rundle Drives the Boers Back Not Far From Lindley.

London, June 2.—(4:45 a. m.)—Lord Roberts continues silent regarding Pretoria, probably because he cannot give of events from his knowledge. At Lorenzo Marques, where all the news from the Boer side is re-handled by cable, communication with Pretoria is suspended. Some messages by courier reached Lorenzo Marques, but none of later date than Wednesday. Those assert that the burghers are in a state of panic, and that Pretoria is being controlled by a vigilance committee. Lorenzo Marques again sends the report that President Kruger has been captured.

This news blank gives rise to a suspicion that the committee at Pretoria may not have been able to carry out their plans for securing the peaceful entry of Lord Roberts and sparing the city the horrors of a siege. The peace party, the citizens' committee persuaded the commandants of the forts to withdraw some of the troops from the defences, perhaps with the view of keeping order in the town. If messengers were sent to the British, or if the British, being two hours' march from Pretoria on Wednesday, could get on at any time prior to Friday noon, Lord Roberts would certainly have telegraphed this fact. Hence it looks as though there was a Boer force between Pretoria and Johannesburg.

These soldiers, falling back toward Pretoria, some of them fresh from the fight with Gen. Buller, would have brought a new element into the situation and would probably overrule the peace committee. It is possible that the British had some success in this respect. It is also possible that the Boers held their forts standing close together on the hills south of the town, they would be in a position to stand a siege.

CURTIS GETTING PRACTIOUS.

Says If Premier and He Disagree He Will Resign.

Grand Forks, June 1.—The Smith Curtis meeting at Greenwood was not a success, numerically or otherwise. Mr. Curtis devoted the first hour to personalities entirely. He was followed by Mr. Foley, of Rossland, who admitted he knew nothing about the political issues, having just returned from the United States, but talked nevertheless. He was advised to get the audience quieted. Duncan Ross then spoke three-quarters of an hour, and proved that Martin completely reversed his policy within four years. He spoke on five important issues. Mr. Curtis spoke until midnight, and made the wildest kind of promises to the electors. He expected this to be the last meeting of the campaign, and indulged in extraordinary statements and political guesses. He distinctly repudiated Joe Martin, stating that he was running on his merits and standing on his own bottom, and would not allow himself to be dragged in policy, and resign.

A SLOW SHOW.

The Associated Press Correspondent Misses the Little Egypt Dances.

Paris, June 2.—The exposition drags along towards completion with the many exhibits still unfinished. The chief complaint of visitors is not lack of sufficient to see, but of the absence of any form of amusement except that of viewing the exhibits. There is no outside music nor any of the other attractions which made the Chicago World's Fair each night a scene of gaiety and brilliancy.

WOUNDED WINNEPEG MEN.

Two of Those Shot in the Faber Farm Action.

Winnipeg, June 2.—(Special.)—The two Winnipeggers who were wounded in the battle at Faber's Farm reported from South Africa are H. B. Pate, a medical student in his first year. He came from England about two years ago. He is 22 years of age, single and has no relatives in this country. C. Woodard is a young Englishman, 25 years of age. He is also a medical student and well known in this city, being enthusiastic in field sports and an all-round athlete. He came to this city from London, England, four years ago. Both joined the Field Battery when men were called for to serve in South Africa.

SITUATION IN CHINA.

German Foreign Office Does Not Think Things Critical.

Berlin, June 2.—The foreign office has informed the Associated Press correspondent that the situation in China has improved during the past few days. The Chinese military authorities have shown greater energy and more success in the strike. The foreign office expects the troubles will be quieted without further violence.

Canadian Officers

Have a Chance to Secure Positions in West Africa Constabulary.

Copyright Question Referred to Department of Justice for an Opinion.

Bill to Appoint Colonels Has Passed the House Committee Stage.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, June 1.—Lord Minto has received a despatch from Mr. Chamberlain, offering to Canadian militia officers commissions as assistant inspectors in West African constabularies. The pay is \$1,500 a year, with free quarters and free passage to West Africa. Applicants must be unmarried and not exceeding 35 years of age. The government has decided to refer the copyright question to the department of justice for an opinion whether the interests of Canadian publishers are protected. Meanwhile a committee of the house will also investigate the matter. The bank bill passed the committee stage without opposition. Strong opposition is manifested on both sides to the bill enabling the government to create honorary colonels of militia, but the bill finally was reported. Sir Wilfrid Laurier says that communication with Newfoundland looking towards union has not been reopened.

LORD ROSEBURY.

He Looks Upon the War as a Blessing in Disguise.

London, June 1.—Rumors are current of Lord Rosebery's willingness to resume the leadership of the Liberal party. The majority of the party desires it, for he is regarded as having embodied his principles in the following letter sent to-night to the Plymouth Mercury, a Liberal paper, on the occasion of its anniversary. After formally congratulating the paper, Lord Rosebery proceeds: "The extraordinary success at a remarkable moment. It finds a nation annihilated by the war, in which the great mass of the nation stands shoulder to shoulder for the war. With all its curses, it may ultimately bring a blessing. "It may become up the nation; it may make a nation; it may unite a nation; it may make the nation take stock of itself and examine its deficiencies. Under these circumstances, the function of the press, always important, has become more so at this juncture. It must be sincere. It must discuss the merits of the party. It must be prepared to discard the obsolete shibboleths to search out abuses, to disregard persons, to be insistent in pressing for necessary reforms, social, educational and administrative, and if need be, constitutional, and more, with regard to an appreciation of the destinies and responsibilities of the Empire. "We are given the parting of the ways. Will Britain follow the path in her world-wide task? How is she best to pursue it? What new forces and inspirations will she need? What changes does it involve? These are questions requiring clear sight, cool courage and freedom from formula. It is because I believe in the more vigorous spirit in our fortunes in a bold Liberal spirit, that I send a message of hearty goodwill."

ORANGE GRAND LODGE.

The Next Meeting Will Be Held at Winnipeg.

London, June 1.—The next meeting of the Orange Grand Lodge of British North America is to be held at Winnipeg. Clarke Wallace has been re-elected grand master.

KNOCKED HIM OUT.

Number Thirteen Was Unlucky For Jack Bonner.

New York, June 1.—Kid McKoy added another to his long list of victories to-night. Jack Bonner, of Summit, Pa., was this particular mark. It took the "Kid" thirteen rounds to do the trick, but he did it so thoroughly that Bonner's seconds were forced to throw up the sponge in order to save their man from being knocked out.

WANT COMPENSATION.

Manitoba License Holders Ask for Two Million Dollars.

Winnipeg, June 2.—Dr. Neilson has presented a petition to the legislature on behalf of the License Holders' Association asking that compensation be granted them in the event of a prohibitory measure becoming law. The total amount asked for would aggregate about \$2,000,000. Premier Macdonald says the petition will receive serious consideration.

BOTH KILLED.

Grand Trunk Train Runs Over Two Montreal Men.

Montreal, June 2.—Two milkmen named Carrier and Triller were struck by the Grand Trunk train crossing at North Elizabeth street, St. Henri, at 7 p. m. evening. Both men and the horse they were driving were instantly killed.



FIELD MARCHALL LORD ROBERTS.

EMANCIPATION.

When Kruger threw the gauntlet down, And boldly dared Britannia's might, To gild his name with fresh renown To gild his name with fresh renown, And dare to challenge the rugged breed Of men who meet at Manly deeds.

Oh, yes, the tale will oft be told How gallant Colley's stoutest men Atoned the fearful steps were rolled, And more and more were slain, And he and many more lay dead, And those alive in panic fled.

The Nation since hath blushed with shame The die is cast; to end at hand: The tyrant's myriads have been lost, Their State was built on shifting sand; They've delayed to count the cost; And yet the loss of all their price Will yield more noble liberties.

We fought but to enjoy our peace; Our heritage is glorious yet, Our seas expand, our realm increase; Each our own power more firmly sets, For still the might of Freedom yields More away than countless battlefields.

—FREDERIC IRVING TAYLOR.

Victoria, May 30th, 1900.

KUMASSI HAS BEEN REELIED

Believed That Capt. Hall's Party Had Reached There on May 26.

London, June 1.—The colonial office has received despatches from Cape Coast Castle, under date of May 31, saying it is believed there that Capt. Hall with a relief party entered Kumassi, May 26. The governor, Sir Frederick Mitchell Hodgson, with the sick, wounded and refugees, was expected to arrive at Fumusu, May 30.

Troops, it is said, have been concentrated at Fumusu to overcome any possible resistance by the rebels, who are reported to be to the north. If the report of the relief of Kumassi is correct it greatly improves the military situation. But notwithstanding the optimistic tone of the despatch from Cape Coast Castle, it reveals a somewhat serious situation of affairs, inasmuch as, apart from the possibility of Governor Hodgson's party being cut off by the enemy north of Fumusu, it practically announces the evacuation of Kumassi, which will be interpreted by the hostile tribes as a British retreat, and thus tend to spread the rising. The rainy season is now in full swing, and no punitive expedition can be successfully undertaken until the autumn.

CONGRATULATES STRATHOONA.

Grand Forks Expresses Its Admiration For the Boys.

Grand Forks, June 1.—A cablegram was forwarded to-day to Lieut. Leckie and Bunch Mackintosh, of the Strathoona militia forces in Canada. Col. Hartley is an Irishman, who has seen a lot of fighting, having won the distinguished service decoration in the Egyptian campaign. The report that Col. Hartley will come to Canada has not been officially confirmed.

PAY, PAY, PAY.

Insurance Companies Must Make Good Policies on Seized Gold.

London, June 1.—By the judgment of Justice Mathews in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice, to-day, insurance companies will have to pay their policies on gold requisitioned by the Transvaal just prior to the outbreak of the war. Two claims, each for \$50,000, have been decided in favor of the plaintiffs, mining companies, the judge holding that no state of war existed at the time of the seizure of the gold.

GERMAN RIOTS.

Authorities Have Great Trouble in Quelling Disturbances.

Berlin, June 2.—The street riots in Konitz, the result of the death of a Jew named Winter, attributed to the Jews, continue in spite of the active interference of the military. Martial law has been proclaimed there. Everybody must leave the streets at 9 p. m., and the military have been instructed to use their rifles if again attacked. Capt. Hesse and Commissioner of Police Block were seriously wounded.

A Khaki Platform

British Conservatives Accused of Making Political Capital Out of War.

Lord Salisbury Does Not Seem Likely to Retire From Politics.

The Boxers Do Not Create Excitement in Official Circles.

London, June 2.—When England is not talking of peace in South Africa and the manner of its accomplishment, the topic of the day is the dissolution of parliament and the possible retirement of Lord Salisbury. Sir Howard Vincent writes to the Times declaring that the Premier's withdrawal from the field of activity would be nothing less than a calamity for the universe.

The Spectator surmises that Lord Salisbury will give up the ministry of foreign affairs, contenting himself with being Premier only, and suggests that Mr. A. J. Balfour, the government leader in the House of Commons and First Lord of the Treasury, should be given his uncle's portfolio and be made a peer; while Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, should succeed the Marquis of Lansdowne as Secretary of State for War and become government leader in the House of Commons, these hypothetical changes to come after the dissolution of the cabinet. Other weeklies and dailies also refer to the possibility of Lord Salisbury's retirement. There is not the slightest ground for believing that Lord Salisbury contemplates retiring from the ministry of foreign affairs or the leadership of the party. He has never mentioned such a contingency and his spirits are equally good, even to the point of what, for him, is unusual sociability, while his interests in home and foreign affairs is keener than ever. So it is safe to say that if the Conservatives are successful in the forthcoming general election, Lord Salisbury will once more pilot the fortunes of the country and party.

The Chinese question is attracting much public interest here. Yet the ravages of the Boxers and the landing of British and other armed parties have scarcely caused a flutter of excitement. The Associated Press, which has learned, does not believe the latest outbreak will result in anything serious. The British cabinet, however, is of the opinion that the partition of China, as a possibility at present, considered too remote for any expression of opinion. The attitude of the British cabinet is that the conduct of the officials responsible for the conduct of these affairs. "He is empowered to requisition the men and guns, needs the local condition, existing there, and never heard of the Boxers till the other day. I am inclined to believe we shall not fear of them again in future."

FASHIONABLE AMUSEMENT.

Dress Parade on the Music Hall Stage.

London, June 2.—Encouraged by the remarkable success of the amateur theatrical performances of the past winter, London society women, wearied of other forms of excitement, propose to appear on a music hall stage which will not only afford themselves entertainment, but will give the public a chance to view the fashionable gowns which are ordinarily restricted to Ascot or the Sunday parade. The idea had its inception with a Mayfair modiste, anxious to display her latest designs, and to give her customers a hearty response from her fashionable customers.

NELSON'S CARNIVAL.

Arrangements Made for the Visit of the Winnipeg Crew.

Nelson, June 2.—Final arrangements have been made for the Winnipeg rowing crew to visit Nelson during the week ending June 2. They will enter a race against a four from Vancouver and also possibly from Victoria.

ITCHING PILES.

Mr. O. P. St. John, Dominion Inspector of Steamboats, 348 Shaw street, Toronto, Ontario, suffered for nine years with itching piles. After trying many remedies in vain, he began to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and he is entirely cured. More people have been cured of piles by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills than by all other remedies combined. If never fails to cure piles. Send for free pamphlet.

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 White 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 envelope 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 foreign fighting legions. Six special trains left on Wednesday last, and the train is reported to have been detailed. No British refugees have arrived.

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

Lieut. Rundle was captured with 20 men while searching a farm in the Ficksburg district. Two of the enemy were injured.

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

Count Gleichen sent 13 men of the Provincial Horse, under Lieut. Bowker, with a flag of truce to Senekal to demand the surrender of that place. The Boers captured the flag, and after robbing the men of all but their clothing, sent them to Vrede, whence some of them managed to escape. Most of the Boers are reported to be hiding their guards were recaptured.

EULOGIZE ROBERTS.

In Germany He Is Admitted to Be a Master Strategist.

Berlin, June 2.—The semi-official Post says the South African war has taught two important lessons, viz., the cohesion of the British Empire, and the farthest independent colonies, showing that the imperialism idea has really taken root throughout the vast British Empire. The lesson that Russia is not anxious to march into India. All the German newspapers consider the war virtually over. The Lok Anzeiger to-day eulogizes Lord Roberts as a master strategist. With the approval of the British ambassador, Sir Frank Claessens, 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 co-operate with the national festival in Great Britain.

SITUATION IN CHINA.

Missionaries Missing—Engagement With the "Boxers."

Tientsin, June 3.—Two more of the party of foreigners who fled from Pao Tien have arrived here. One of them was injured. The relief expedition has returned.

The body of mounted Cossacks that were in search of the refugees has returned. They report that they had a fight with "Boxers" at Tull, killing 16 and wounding many. Lieut. Blenckey, Dr. Hamilton, a trooper and a civilian were wounded.

It is reported from Hao Ting that eight Americans and three members of the China Inland Mission are missing. No further information has been received regarding the missing refugees.

Pekin, June 3.—The most alarming reports are constantly arriving from the country, especially Pao Tien Fu. The telegraph wires from Pao Tien Fu are cut, and all news comes via Express. It is reported that a serious crisis exists at the palace. The ultra-Conservative party advocates not taking repressive measures, urging the Dowager Empress to allow the "Boxers" to finish the work of driving out the foreigners.

It is impossible to confirm or deny the reports, but significant indications of the feeling of the government towards the foreigners are contained in the attempt to arrest Lin, Chinese manager of the Peking and Tientsin Railway. Lin, chief of the Shan Hi Commercial Bureau, and Pan, a leading banker of Shan Hi, on the other hand, are the dangerous characters, but in reality they are connected with new British enterprises. All that may be done is to stop Kruger's supplies. So soon as the British have all the railways, living conditions will quickly make an end to all local opposition and the Lydenburg region can be dealt with at leisure.

FEDERATION WITH CANADA.

London, June 2.—The colonial question which has come up prominently during the last few days is the reported desire of Newfoundland to be federated with Canada. All the British organs favor the project, but some of them express doubt if a French-Canadian Federation would be willing to consider the French shore controversy.

Hoisting The Flag

General Roberts Gives Details of the Occupation of Johannesburg.

Heads of Government Offices Consent to Carry on Duties Temporarily.

Last Stand of Boers Expected to Be at Machodorp.

London, June 2.—A cablegram from Lord Roberts, dated Johannesburg, May 31, but which was not despatched there until 8:30 a. m. of June 1, has been received by the war office. It says: "The occupation of Johannesburg passed off quite satisfactorily, thanks to the excellent arrangements made by Dr. Krause, the Transvaal commandant here, and order prevailed throughout the town. "Dr. Krause met me on my entrance to Johannesburg and rode by my side to the government offices, where he introduced me to the heads of the several departments, all of whom acceded to my request that they would continue to carry on their respective duties until they could be relieved of them. "Johannesburg is very empty, but a good crowd of people had assembled at the main square by the time the British flag was being hoisted. A royal salute was fired, and three cheers for the Queen were given. "At the end of the ceremony, the Eleventh and Seventh divisions marched past, with the Natal Brigade, the heavy artillery and two brigade divisions of the Royal Field Artillery. "Gen. Hamilton's column and the cavalry division and mounted infantry were too far away to take part in the ceremony. The troops looked very workmanlike, and evidently took a keen interest in the proceedings. "The Fourteenth and Wells' brigades have been left in Johannesburg to preserve order, while the remainder of the force is encamped north of the town on the Pretoria road. "Capetown, June 2.—A despatch to the Pretoria says: "Pretoria will surrender." President Kruger, according to this correspondent, is in discussion with the British, between Pretoria and Machodorp, and he adds: "It is expected that the last stand of the Boers will be made at Machodorp."

London, June 2.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the events of the week in South Africa for the Associated Press, says: "On Wednesday morning General Roberts summoned the Boers to surrender, offering to give 24 hours delay before entering the town, which, however, he surrounded with troops. General's Freestaters were kept away from the town and pushed forward. "On Thursday General Roberts entered Johannesburg, and made a formal occupation. He held a review of two divisions and then leaving a brigade to garrison the town, he put his main body of the army within two easy marches of the Boer capital. "Meantime Lord Roberts' communications were well covered and the Freestaters were receiving punishment. On Tuesday General Rundle defeated the Free Staters near Senekal and received credit for the victory. On the same day the Highland brigade, which had marched north from Ventersburg, entered Heilbron, which proves that General Brabant has an infantry brigade which, though not Rundle's, may be Chemmiesers. "Now as to Pretoria. On Wednesday President Kruger left. The Boer troops were dismissed from the barracks at Pretoria. Very likely General French is east of the railway and the remainder of the army within two easy marches of the Boer capital. "Our news of Lord Roberts was 24 hours old and there was nothing improbable in his troops being where Pretoria reported to be. Therefore, we were moved to believe that Pretoria would be occupied on Thursday. Now it is clear that Pretoria has not yet been taken. "General Roberts must now be before Pretoria, but the evidence is not sufficient to enable us to judge whether he has met with any serious resistance. There might be slight difficulty in the entry of the Boers into Pretoria. In all probability the entry into Pretoria will not be delayed. The Boer military power is now completely broken, and the war practically over. The federated with complete occupation of the country will take some time and probably will be delayed by many guerrilla bands. "President Kruger may form a band at Lydenburg, which, however, can do no great harm, as General Buller will stop Kruger's supplies. So soon as the British have all the railways, living conditions will quickly make an end to all local opposition and the Lydenburg region can be dealt with at leisure."

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Faithfully yours,

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J. M. MUTTER.

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ectors of Esquimalt District After due consideration I led to withdraw from the contest about to take place, for the honor ing you in the provincial legis may add that in taking this step I was influenced by urgent private I take this opportunity of many friends very kindly for they have done me.

Yours truly,

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