

EUROPE READY TO INTERVENE WHEN UNCLE SAM LEADS

Boer Commissioners Expect to Gain Sentiment in This Country to Aid Them Abroad.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

CALL HEADQUARTERS, WELLINGTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, May 27.—Europe stands ready to intervene in South Africa if the United States lead the way. A diplomat who is well acquainted with the feeling in Europe with respect to the South African war said today that the Boer Commissioners, after a tour of the West, which is expected to begin on next Wednesday and end in a fortnight, will return to Europe and endeavor to enlist the aid of those governments by informing them that the sentiment of the United States is favorable to the Boers.

FARMS OF DELEGATES ARE IN DANGER

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The Boer envoys will attend a reception at Boston on Thursday. From Boston they proceed to Chicago, stopping en route at Cleveland or Buffalo. They will later visit St. Paul, returning to Philadelphia on the 15th, after stopping at intermediate cities. The delegates may or may not finally return to Washington. Certain contingencies, they explain, may make it impossible to return here, in which case it is believed they will go to Europe. The envoys have received invitations from over 150 cities and municipalities.

NEGOTIATED FOR SURRENDER.

LONDON, May 28, 4:55 a. m.—The Times has the following from a correspondent at the front, via Kromstad, May 25: "When Broekman occupied the hills overlooking Lindley the chief steward came and stated that President Steyn and all the leading officials had left, with £100,000 in specie. He offered to mediate between Piet de Wet and Broekman. The former offered to surrender with his command providing all were allowed to return to their farms. The negotiations fell through, Lord Roberts refusing to treat on any terms."

BOERS ARE VERY ACTIVE.

NEWCASTLE, Saturday, May 26.—The Boers in this part of the theater of war are very active, having been reinforced from various directions. Their front now extends from Lains Nek to New Republic, where they are fortifying.

TO AID BOER SUFFERERS.

LONDON, May 28.—The National Bazaar, opened at Kensington, London, last Thursday afternoon by the Prince of Wales, in aid of sufferers from the war, netted \$200.

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INVADES THE TRANSVAAL.

KROONSTAD, May 27.—General Hamilton has invaded the Transvaal, having crossed at Wonderfontein Drift.

PAPER MILL DESTROYED.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 27.—The Flambeau Paper Company's mill and warehouse at Park Falls burned today, totalling a loss of \$200,000. The property was insured for \$200,000. The fire was caused by a gas leak from a boiler.

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LORD ROBERTS HAS CROSSED THE VAAL

LONDON, May 27.—The War Office has received the following from Lord Roberts: "VEREENING, Sunday, May 27, 1:15 p. m.—We crossed the Vaal this morning and are now encamped on the north bank. The advance troops, which crossed yesterday, were only just in time to save the coal mines on both this and the other side of the river from being destroyed. Our casualties were four.

NEXT HOUSE MAY BE RULED BY DEMOCRATS

NEW YORK, May 27.—Representative Joseph W. Babcock of the Third District of Wisconsin, chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, said tonight that in his opinion the contest for the control of the next House of Representatives would be close. He said that the reports he had received from various parts of the country indicated the re-election of President McKinley, and the election of a few districts would give the Democrats a majority in the House.

STRIKERS FIRED UPON BY NON-UNION MEN

ST. LOUIS, May 27.—To-night as Philip Sullivan, James Sullivan and Patrick O'Connell, strikers, were passing through the city, they were fired upon by non-union men. Sullivan received a mortal wound in the left cheek and O'Connell was shot through the left leg.

BRITISH AND ASHANTS IN DESPERATE STRIFE

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Torpedo Flotilla Moving.

BERLIN, May 27.—A torpedo flotilla is now proceeding slowly down the Rhine and will arrive at Rotterdam June 8.

MANY WILL OBSERVE THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Largest Cameras Ever Used to Be Operated by Astronomers in the "Path of Totality."



Camp of the Lick Observatory Party at Thomaston, Ga. (From a photo furnished by Director James E. Keeler.)

ATLANTA, Ga., May 27.—Cloudless skies are reported to-night from the various impromptu observatories scattered along the shadow track of to-morrow's eclipse from Alabama to North Carolina. The observers were in a highly hopeful mood to-night over the favorable outlook for propitious conditions. Many of the astronomers, in order that even the possibility of accident may be removed, will remain up all night. Everything is in exact order for the morning's work.

The United States observers have settled upon two points—Pinehurst, N. C., and Barnesville, Ga.—as the very best for observation, owing, in the first place, to their being right in the center of the "path of totality," and in the second, to the probable clearness of the atmosphere there at this season of the year. To these points they have transported several tons of special apparatus and have erected the largest cameras ever used for photographic operations. It is the special desire of the astronomers to obtain numerous photographs, not only of the oscillation and transit of the sun and moon but of the various solar phenomena, such as the corona, the photosphere and chromosphere—those vast seas of incandescent gases which are said to extend 1,000,000 miles on each side of the sun, while the jets of flame in the chromosphere are thought to rise to a height of 100,000 miles.

At Thomaston Lick Observatory has stationed Professor W. W. Campbell, senior astronomer on the observatory staff, and Professor C. D. Perrine with a quantity of valuable apparatus. The period of totality, when the sun will be entirely in eclipse, will be one minute and twenty-five seconds. During these brief seconds, if the day is a clear one, Professor Campbell expects to secure forty valuable photographs showing the different phases of the sun and its corona. About sixteen scientists are in Professor Campbell's party, and the entire number will be needed to properly handle the telescopes and other instruments.

ROBERTS HAS INVADDED THE TERRITORY OF THE TRANSVAAL

Boers to Make a Last Stand on the Gatsrand Mountains, North of Potchefstroom.

President Kruger Has Issued a Proclamation to the Burghers Asking Their Votes For or Against Continuing the War.

LONDON, May 28, 3:20 a. m.—When Lord Roberts wrote his first dispatch on Transvaal territory yesterday, shortly before 2 o'clock in the afternoon, he was fifty-one miles from Pretoria. His immensely superior forces had passed the Vaal River, their last great natural obstacle, at three points. The Vaal forms a curve of eighty miles from Parys on the west to Zand Drift on the east.

While Lord Roberts' 30,000 infantry, 20,000 horse and 150 guns are moving on Johannesburg and Pretoria, through a parched and deserted country, the situation at the Transvaal capital as it was last Friday is thus described by an observer, who sent his message by private hand to Lourenço Marques yesterday: "The situation, both from a military and a political point of view, has become very critical. President Kruger yesterday admitted that for the first time matters are very grave. The Boer determination is to trust everything to a last stand on the Gatsrand Mountains, to the north of Potchefstroom, where 3000 Kaffirs are digging trenches. To that point every available man and gun have been sent. The whole of the western border of the Transvaal from end to end is defenseless and General Baden-Powell can march in when he likes. Lord Roberts, on the other hand, will encounter the greatest resistance. The Boer endeavor is to lure the British into appearing to threaten Johan-

FOREIGN TROOPS NEEDED AT PEKING TO PROTECT LEGATIONS

Following the Defeat of Chinese Forces Anarchy Spreads in Three Provinces.

PEKING, May 27.—The diplomatic corps has decided to ask the Chinese Foreign Office to define explicitly the measures which the Government intends to take in dealing with the "Boxers." SHANGHAI, May 27.—Reports received to-day indicate that affairs around Peking are extremely critical, owing to the defeat of the Government troops by the "Boxers." It is now regarded here as certain that foreign troops must be sent to Peking to protect the legations, while the withdrawal of missionaries from the interior is considered imperative.

READY FOR A RUSSO-JAPANESE CONFLICT

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CALL HEADQUARTERS, WELLINGTON HOTEL, WASHINGTON, May 27.—Should the strained relations between Russia and Japan culminate in war American army officers will be near the scene of hostilities to observe and report upon them to the War Department. While it is not believed that war between Russia and Japan is inevitable, the War Department has determined to send officers to Peking and Tokio and they will be attached to the opposing armies should hostilities come. Lieutenant Colonel John S. Mallory, Forty-first Infantry, has been ordered to duty at Peking and in the next day or two an officer will be ordered to proceed to Japan.

The indications are that a pitched battle is imminent at Lains Nek, where General Buller faces the Boers, reinforced and seemingly determined, with an estimated strength of from 8000 to 10,000 men. The reinforcements contain a large party from Ladysmith and fresh commandos from Pretoria. General Buller's officers are doubtful of the ability of the Boers to display the same tenacity as in the fighting at Ladysmith.

Two boxes of dynamite fuse have been found under the Newcastle City Hall. General Buller is causing numerous arrests of suspected Boer sympathizers. Two have been sent to Pietermaritzburg. Mr. Gawthorpe, a chemist, and his wife, have been arrested on a charge of high treason.

MAFEKING VERY COOL WHEN RELIEF CAME

MAFEKING, May 18.—This was how Mafeking took the relief. Faintly from the northwest, about 1:30 p. m. May 18, we heard the sound of artillery. Colonel Baden-Powell went up to the lookout. The women and children were on the housetops and most of the men were manning the works.

The fight must have lasted three hours, when through our glasses the Boers could be seen stretching out in retreat. At sunset the garrison seized the standard and diggers fort and shelled the Boers as they passed.

WILL MAKE A STAND AT JOHANNESBURG AND PRETORIA

LONDON, May 28.—The Lourenço Marques correspondent of the Times, in a dispatch dated Saturday, says: "During the week the Boers have successfully deceived even the best informed residents with reference to the probable course of events when Lord Roberts entered the Transvaal. While one section declared that serious fighting is ended, another is equally convinced that the burghers will make a stand at Johannesburg and Pretoria.

"Men who have been present at the recent engagements describe them as ignominious routs, wholly unjustified by the initial damage inflicted by the British. Such observers are convinced that all operations of a military interest are now at an end.

TRANSVAAL BURGHERS ARE TREKKING HOMEWARD

GROOTVIEL (twenty-three miles south of Vereeniging), May 27.—Lord Roberts' force has been steadily advancing, and to-day the Transvaal hills were sighted. General French has secured an excellent flanking position on the northwest. There is something irresistible about this advance.

The troops have been splendidly handled and the Boers, completely outmaneuvered, have been forced to abandon their positions at the first appearance of the British flanking force, which has made a determined resistance at the Vaal impasse.

RALLIED AT POLFONTEIN.

MAFEKING, May 21.—The Boers who were routed here rallied a few miles east, at Polfontein, well within the British border. There is no sign of the enemy to the north. Colonel Plumer's linesmen have received a wire saying that a train will arrive to-morrow. A system of daily runners to the south has been organized.