

WAR NEARS ITS END

Lord Roberts is Within Twenty-Five Miles of Pretoria.

ONLY OFFICIAL MESSAGES COME THROUGH

Mass of Rumors by Way of Lourenco Marquez.

CAPITAL PREPARING TO SURRENDER

Foreign Attaches Consider that Organized War is Over.

BOERS ARE MAKING THEIR LAST STRUGGLE

At Request for Medical Aid for Commandant De Villiers General Ruddle Sends Doctor and Bottle of Champagne.

LONDON, June 4.—A m.—There is no direct news from Pretoria of later date than Thursday evening, General French's cavalry were then at Irene, eight miles south of Pretoria, and firing was heard there.

The correspondents with Lord Roberts have not got through a line about the operations after the occupation of Johannesburg. Official messages continue to come through, but press telegrams are held up, probably to avoid their giving even a hint as to what may be the pending operations.

Pretoria Will Surrender.

Passengers arriving at Lourenco Marquez Saturday direct from Pretoria say that the capital was preparing to surrender when they left Thursday. The forts were dismantled. The Boer guard at Komatipoort searched all trains and turned back most of the fugitives, among them deserting foreign soldiers who were striving to reach neutral soil.

Immense Boer convoys of provisions are between Pretoria and Middleburg. Fifteen trains are sent daily to Machadodora with supplies for Lydenburg. Pretoria is pictured by the refugees as in a state of indescribable confusion and chaos. The populace are demoralized and the British are expected hourly.

Some of the foreign attaches have arrived at Lourenco Marquez to communicate with the government. They are advised to consider that organized war, on the Transvaal side, is at an end. Flying among the Boers are reports that the British have been beaten back at Lindley, with heavy loss, that the main attack on Eladfontein failed and Lord Roberts advanced to a bold stroke from the eastward at the railway north of Bloemfontein. Four Boer columns were in a movement seemingly with this objective. There was a commando in front of General Brabant, near Plesburg, another faced General Ruddle, near Senekal, a third occupied Lindley and pressed toward the railway, and a fourth Heitbron and pushed toward Kroonstad. These operations all appear to have failed.

Boers Not Yet Crushed.

A revival of the Boer fighting power east of Lord Roberts' advance, although fruitless, is a symptom that the Boers are not yet crushed. In General Ruddle's attack on the entrenched Boers, seven miles east of Senekal, May 29, the British did not see a Boer all day, so completely were they screened. The British infantry did not get within 1,600 yards of their riflemen. The 122 losses suffered by Lord Roberts were suffered by the Grenadiers, who were being advanced over a level from which the grass had been burned. The Britishers in khaki were a conspicuous target against the black background.

General Ruddle withdrew his whole force at sunset to the Transvaal, having succeeded in drawing the Boers from Lindley, allowing the threatened force to go away safely. The Boers sent to the British for medical help, saying that Commandant de Villiers was seriously wounded.

General Ruddle sent a doctor, with a bottle of champagne and his compliments, as well as a message that he would release all the Boer prisoners at Senekal.

The Lourenco Marquez correspondent of the Times telegraphing June 2, says: "An Austrian, who has seen seven months' active service in the Transvaal, declared that a large proportion of the burghers are deserting to their homes. The arrangement whereby the British prisoners at Pretoria have been placed under an armed guard with British officers pending the formal occupation of the town, is attributed to the good sense and humane disposition of General Louis Botha and the Transvaal war secretary, both of whom have earned the profound respect of all classes.

It is interesting to note that Lord Roberts' soldiers are admiring greatly by both Boers and foreigners. It seems that the Boer attack upon Irene was intended to cover the westward from Pretoria of all the supplies procurable. The last consignment was six hundred wagonloads.

In the advance of the Grenadiers Colonel Lloyd led in the face of a deadly fire. He was hit, but struggled on, only to be disabled by another bullet. Lieutenant Murray, falling, cried, "Forward, Grenadiers!" The blinding smoke of the vedt hampered the operations.

Lieutenant Lord Seymour, on offering to go back to direct the artillery, was wounded. The order to retire was given and executed under a screen of smoke. The Boer fire was kept up until dusk.

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ON INDIA'S STARVING MYRIADS

Louis Klopsch Makes Statement of Revolting Scenes in Famine Camps.

BOMBAY, June 3.—Louis Klopsch of New York, 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 through the most severely smitten portions of the Bombay presidency, including Gujarat and Baroda. He makes 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 stricken in flight, were found dying in the fields and roadside ditches. The numbers at one relief station were increasing at the rate of 10,000 per day.

"At Godhera there were 3,000 deaths from cholera within four days, and at Dohad 2,500 in the same period. The hospital death rate at Godhera and Dohad was 90 per cent. The mortality of the stricken simply being the result of the famine, and not of the cholera and smallpox which were increasing at the rate of 10,000 per day.

"The thermometer read 115 in the shade. Millions of flies hovered around the uncleaned dysentery patients. I visited the smallpox and cholera wards at Viragam. All the patients were lying on the ground, there being no cots. Otherwise their condition was fair.

"I can fully verify the reports that the vultures, dogs and jackals are devouring the dead. Dogs have been seen running about with children's limbs in their jaws.

"The government is doing its best, but the native officials are hopelessly and heartlessly inefficient. Between the famine, the cholera and the cholera the condition of Bombay presidency is now worse than it has been at any previous period in the nineteenth century. Whole families have been blotted out. The spirit of the people is broken and there may be something still worse to come when the monsoon breaks."

BERLIN MARKETS ACTIVE

Money Rates Toward End of Week Make an Unexpected Advance.

BERLIN, June 3.—Money rates toward the end of the week rose unexpectedly, owing to the large offering of commercial papers from the provinces. Foreign exchange receded slightly, removing all fear of gold export. The market for the Reichsbank note of the early reduction of the Reichsbank rate. The most striking feature of the bourse last week was the sharp rise in Prussian consols and Imperial 2s, the former 1.55 and the latter 1.70. This is explained by the reinvestment of money from the sale of industrial and English purchases and by the expected improvement in the international money situation as the result of the speedily expected end of the war.

In connection with this, it is pointed out that German financial circles are discussing the introduction of Imperial 2s upon the American market, this being considered practicable in consequence of the great abundance of capital there.

The week's bourse showed ups and downs in industrial, iron and coalers advanced sharply. Weakened later, the markets recovered. Transactions were few. The monthly settlement was accompanied by the failure of several small firms and there was some compulsory closing out of engagements. The iron situation has improved, orders in Westphalia having increased. The Silesian output for April was 690,159 tons, an increase of 13,834 tons. Coal prices have advanced in the Saxony and Saar districts and an advance is likewise expected in Silesia, where the shipments now average 14 per cent above the 1899 figure.

The manufacturers of colored cottons have been in conference here with reference to raising prices from 20 to 30 per cent because of the high cotton rate and the advance in coal and wages. The Plessburg shipbuilding company will add to its works a new yard of three acres and a half across with slips for five large vessels.

LOUBET AT STEEPLECHASE

Last Year's Occasion for Politic Outburst in France Paused Off Quietly.

PARIS, June 3.—The grand steeplechase at Auteuil, last year the scene of a turbulent outburst against President Loubet, passed off today without a sign of political disturbance. The race was held at the palace of the Elysee in a land, accompanied by Mme. Loubet, M. Combarieu, director of the civil cabinet of the president, and General M. C. Baillid, chief of the military household. Although unaccompanied by a military escort, the race was without incident, except occasional cries raised by passersby for the army.

On descending from the carriage at the race course he was met by M. Waldeck-Rousseau, ex-premier, M. Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs, M. Millerand, minister of commerce, M. Leygues, minister of public instruction, and Jean Dupuy and many other high officials. The diplomatic corps was in full attendance, including United States Ambassador Porter, with the members of his suite. No political color was given to the presence of M. Loubet during the race.

After the steeplechase the presidential party left the tribune and returned to the palace by the same route as was taken before, arriving at 5 o'clock.

The day was very beautiful and the company was of the highest quality. The winners were many prominent Americans, a number of whom arrived today or yesterday from London and other points with a special view of attending the event.

REFUGEES AT TIEN TSIN

Body of Mounted Cossacks Go in Search of Nine Who Are Missing.

TIEN TSIN, June 3.—Six men and two women, French and Belgian refugees from Pao Ting Fu, have arrived here. Nine are still missing.

A body of mounted Cossacks have gone in search of the missing and to take food to Yan Liu Ching for the relief of the party there.

It is reported from Pekin that Mr. Stevenson of the Church of England mission at Yen Ching has been murdered and that Mr. Norman of the same mission is missing.

Meet While Police Sleep.

CLOSE AFTER AGUINALDO

American Bullets Believed to Have Reached Filipino Leader.

CAPTURED HORSE COVERED WITH BLOOD

Major March, with Detachment of Troops, Arrived at Manila After Long Pursuit Through the Rain.

VIGAN, Luzon, via Manila, June 3.—Major March, with his detachment of the Thirty-third regiment, overtook what is believed to have been Aguinaldo's party on May 19 at La Gat, about 10 miles northwest of Vigan. The Americans killed or wounded an officer, supposed to be Aguinaldo, whose body was removed by his followers. Aguinaldo had 100 men, Major March 125.

The American commander received Labagan, a whittier Aguinaldo had made his headquarters since March 6, on May 7, Aguinaldo had been seven hours before, leaving all the beaten trails and traveling through the forest, along the beds of streams. Toward evening, May 19, Major March struck Aguinaldo's camp about a mile outside of La Gat, killing four Filipinos and capturing two. The latter he learned that Aguinaldo had camped there for the night, although exhausted and half starved.

Major March's men entered La Gat on the run. They saw the insurgents scattering into the bushes or over the plateau. A thousand yards beyond the town, on the mountain side, the figures of twenty-five Filipinos, dressed in white, with their leader on a gray horse, were silhouetted against the sunset. The Americans fired a volley and saw the officer drop from his horse. His followers fled, carrying the body.

The Americans, on reaching the spot, caught the horse, which was richly saddled. Blood from a badly wounded man was on the animal and on the ground. The saddle bags contained Aguinaldo's diary and some private papers. The diary was a long one and was addressed: "To the Civilized Nations." It protested against the American occupation of the Philippines. There were also found copies of Senator Beveridge's speech, translated into Spanish, and entitled "The Deathknell of the Filipino People."

Major March, believing that the Filipinos had taken to a river which is a tributary to the Chico, followed it for two days, reaching Tiao, where he learned that a party of Filipinos had descended the river May 29 on a raft, with the body of a dead or wounded man upon a litter, covered with palm leaves. There Major March reviewed his command, exhausted and, and picked out twenty-four of the freshest men, with whom he beat the surrounding country for six days longer, but without finding any trace of the insurgents. The Americans pushed on and arrived at Aparri May 29.

The officer shot was either Aguinaldo or his adjutant, and as the horse was richly caparisoned it is a fair presumption that it was Aguinaldo.

SOVIETISTS IN SESSION

Wednesday Morning Will See Another Presidential Tilet in the Field.

NEW YORK, June 3.—The tenth annual convention of the socialist labor party was continued today with a morning session in the Grand Central palace. The principal part of the morning was devoted to the reading of the report of the executive committee of the party, which is headed by the late, w. e. b. du boise.

B. K. Keimard made an address and delivered a message of greeting from the socialist labor party. The convention is a socialist flag that had been made by the socialist party of Paris.

A resolution was adopted making the nomination of a candidate for president and vice president the first order of business for the Wednesday morning session.

Democrats in West Virginia. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., June 3.—The democratic state convention will meet here tomorrow next Wednesday to select delegates and alternate-at-large to the Kansas City convention and to nominate a full state ticket. The democrats propose to organize for the most vigorous campaign ever conducted in the state. The republicans now have not only both United States senators and three out of four congressmen, but also Governor Atkinson and all the state offices and institutions. The term of Senator Stephen B. Elkins expires today.

Look for Taylor's Requisition. FRANKFORT, Ky., June 3.—There are no developments in the matter of warrant for the arrest of former de facto governor, Taylor, today. Acting Sheriff Sutter spent the day at his home in the country and at the executive office. It was stated that no requisition on the governor of Indiana had yet been made. The requisition is looked for tomorrow.

HIGHWAYMAN STILL AT LARGE

Modern Dick Turpin Presents Driver of One of the Stages with His Card.

RAYMOND, Cal., June 3.—The lone highwayman who yesterday held up three Yosemite stages and two seasons and two United States cavalrymen is still at large. Additional details reveal that the number of people held up was thirty-two, twenty-seven men and five women. Major Rucker and Captain Wood, United States army, with sixty men of the 7th, who were on way to Yosemite, reached the scene just as the robber was about to open the express box. Seeing the troopers he disappeared in the brush.

The robber spoke with a Swedish accent in his description corresponding with that of the man who held up two stages at Oak Flat on May 18. He gave the driver of one of the stages a card bearing the legend "The Black Kid," saying: "I hope we will get better acquainted, old man." From the three stages he collected about \$250.

NEELY PAPERS ARE SIGNED

Governor Roosevelt Writes His Name and Documents Are Forwarded to Washington.

NEW YORK, June 3.—Governor Roosevelt has signed the Neely extradition papers and they were forwarded to Washington tonight.

Rich Strike in Kansas.

GALENA, Kan., June 3.—What is represented to be the richest gold strike ever made is reported from one of the properties of the Combination Zinc Mining company. At a depth of sixty-two feet the mine shaft ran into 227 cent jacks and are said to have gone through ten feet solid. Considerable excitement has resulted.

CAMPAIGN CLOSES IN OREGON

Leaders of Two Parties Make Statements Regarding Prospects in Coming Election.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 3.—The campaign in Oregon closed last night and the party managers have been busy today in perfecting arrangements for the election which occurs tomorrow. There will be elected one justice of the supreme court, a state auditor and four judges in the breast of Peter Frank, a 16-year-old boy who was sitting in the doorway of his father's house, an interested spectator of the demonstration. A detachment of police dispersed the rioters and carried young Frank to the city hospital. The physicians say that the wound will prove fatal.

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CLUB WOMAN'S CONVENTION

Delegates Attend Milwaukee Gathering from Every State in the Union.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 3.—Tomorrow is the preliminary day of the club woman's convention. The board of directors will meet in the morning and will probably be called upon to settle the Indiana trouble, that state having sent two sets of delegates, each seeking official recognition. This will be followed by the meeting of the council at which will be privately discussed the leading issue of the convention—reorganization. Mrs. Horace Brock of Pennsylvania, chairman of the reorganization committee, today expressed her opinion that a cautious wait-and-see policy was warranted. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Mrs. Josephine Ruffin of Boston, who was an accredited delegate to the convention. The Phillips club of Milwaukee, composed of colored women, has also applied for papers of admission to the general convention.

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CLARK'S BODY AT ST. LOUIS

Special Car Enroute to Omaha, Where Funeral Will Be Held.

ST. LOUIS, June 3.—The special car from Asheville, N. C., bearing the body of the late S. H. Clark, former president of the Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific railroad systems, arrived in this city at 8 o'clock tonight. It was met by a large number of railroad officials, friends and relatives of the late Clark. The car was taken to the special train of the Missouri Pacific which is to carry the funeral party to Omaha, where the burial will take place tomorrow afternoon.

CONFEDERATES PRAISE DAVIS

Anniversary of Southern Hero's Birth is Observed at Reunion in Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 3.—The last exercises connected with the tenth anniversary of the death of Jefferson Davis were observed today, when the ninety-second anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis was observed at Reunion hall with services in memory of Jefferson Davis, Winnie Davis, the "Daughter of the Confederacy," and the confederate dead. Five thousand persons attended the exercises. Mrs. Hayes, daughter of Jefferson Davis, and her daughter, Miss Varina Hayes, were on the platform. General Gordon had been expected to preside, but he was called away from Louisville and his place was taken by General Stephen D. Lee. The first speaker was General Clement Evans of Georgia.

"The southern people celebrate Jefferson Davis' birthday," said General Evans, "because he was the first, the last, the present and the everlasting president of that invaluable republic known as the Confederate States of America. Jefferson Davis is still counseling the southern people to the truth of all those things that constitute the best elements of human liberty."

Ex-United States Senator Reagan of Texas, the surviving member of the confederate cabinet, said that probably not in the world's history had the same amount of honor been shown to a man who had represented an unsuccessful cause as had been shown to Jefferson Davis. Judge Hagan said that to show Jefferson Davis' spirit of sacrifice he would tell how Mr. Davis refused to put men to guard his home and his plantation in Mississippi when his personal property was in danger of being carried away.

General Stephen D. Lee referred to Jefferson Davis as a "Prometheus chained to a rock." The last speaker was General Evans. Mr. Davis thrilled the south and she has not yet recovered from the shock," said General Lee.

Rev. J. William Jones of Virginia, chaplain general of the United Confederate Veterans, preached the annual sermon. Mr. Jones said that the confederate soldiers, when, after Hancock's charge, it seemed that the army of northern Virginia would be cut in two, General Lee had ridden to the front, as if to lead the charge of the confederates; how General John B. Gordon, grasping the bridle of "Old Traveller" and cried, "Men, it is necessary that General Lee lead this charge! You have never failed me; will you fail me now?" After the soldiers had replied with a cheer, "Lee to the rear," General Gordon said: "Charge, and remember that the eyes of your chief are on you."

Rev. Mr. Jones spoke at great length on the religious life of the confederate soldiers.

ON LOSS OF THE PAULLAC

French Authorities Appoint a Commission to Inquire into the Vessel's Condition.

(Copyright, 1900, by Press Publishing Co.) LONDON, June 3.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—A commission has been appointed in Paris to make minute inquiries in New York respecting the condition of the vessel, purchased from the Wilson line of Hull last year by the French Transatlantic company, which disappeared while on a voyage from New York to Havre last February, with a crew of about sixty and a valuable cargo. The French minister of marine has just ordered an inquiry as to the condition of the vessel, which was over from the English company. The order states that according to a report when the Paullac was encountered by the English liner Germanic in the Atlantic on February 11, the last time she was seen, she was rolling very heavily, with a list of nearly 15 degrees, and the commission is to make minute inquiries concerning the way the cargo was disposed, etc.

Kansas Has Enormous Crop.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 3.—The farmers of Kansas will begin next week to harvest the largest wheat crop in the history of the state. The secretary of the State Board of Agriculture says: "The crop this year will be the heaviest ever known. In 1892 it was 100,000,000 bushels, and what an average of eighteen bushels to the acre. This year the winter wheat average is 4,852,000 acres, as estimated by the growers, and the average yield will be larger than that of 1892. If the yield per acre is the same as in 1892 the aggregate yield will be 85,000,000 bushels. The crop, in general, was never in better condition."

LIVE STOCK PRICES

How the Figures Have Gone Up During the Last Four Years.

MEANS MONEY TO THE NEBRASKA FARMER

Increase in Value that Follows the Great Demand is Enormous.

OMAHA MARKET IS EXPANDING RAPIDLY

Receipts for May Were the Largest Ever Known at This Point.

SOME STATISTICS ON THIS POINT

Figures from the Records at the Stock Yards that Show the Prosperity of the Nebraska Stockman.

Boom in Omaha Live Stock Market.

May, 1900, 1900, 1899, 1898, 1897.

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Hog receipts, 244,858 121,370

Sheep receipts, 72,800 60,450

Horses, receipts, 3,729 783

Prices, Hogs, \$ 5.30 \$ 4.15

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During the month of May just closed there arrived at the South Omaha live stock market 81,902 head of cattle, 244,858 hogs, 72,800 sheep and 3,729 horses and mules. These figures are remarkable in that they were the largest for the month of May in the history of the market. The following figures, showing the receipts four years ago, will give a better idea of the strides made by this market than can be gained from words:

Cattle Hogs Sheep Horses

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From the above figures it will be noted that the receipts of cattle and hogs have more than doubled in four years, while the receipts of sheep have increased largely and receipts of horses have doubled several times over.