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MAFEKING RELIEVED LAST THURSDAY

ENTIRE BOER FORCE WITH THEIR GUNS CAPTURED

President Kruger Reported to be Suing for Peace.

Rifles and Ammunition Being Gathered In—Boer Offers of Surrender—Other Interesting News from the Seat of War.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

LORD ROBERT'S REPORT.

LONDON, May 21.—The following is the official despatch:

KROONSTADT, May 20.—No official information has been received, but runners state that the relief of Mafeking has been effected.

General Rundle reports having occupied Dreslees, Flat Trommel, and Cloccolan, the enemy falling back to Sentokala and Felckburg.

Fifty rifles and three horses under Rundle were captured by the Free Staters. They belonged to a battalion of Yeomanry working along the telegraph line from Boshof to Bloemfontein.

A field cornet and twenty Barghers surrendered at Boshof yesterday.

While at Hoopstad Lord Methuen secured 250 rifles and between 400,000 and 500,000 rounds of ammunition.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED CAPTURED.

LONDON, May 21.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Mequatting Nek, dated May 16th, says: General Brabant is reported to have captured 1,500 Boers at Cloccolan.

ENTIRE FORCE CAPTURED.

LONDON, May 21.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marques, dated Sunday, says: "On Thursday the entire Boer force around Mafeking including the guns were captured by the British."

REPORTED KRUGER SUES FOR PEACE.

LONDON, May 21.—Displayed in most conspicuous style in the Daily Express this morning is the following: "We have the best reason for stating that in the last twenty-four hours, telegrams have been received at the Foreign office, addressed 'Personal' to the Prime Minister from Kruger, proposing terms of peace."

The exact terms of the message cannot be stated, but we believe it is couched in an exceedingly humble strain. It is conceivable, of course, that Lord Salisbury can have sent any reply except one that stands ready on the lip of every Briton "unconditional surrender."

OFFICIAL AND SEMI-OFFICIAL.

LONDON, May 21.—Details of relief of Mafeking are still wanting, the British war authorities being without despatches.

Lord Lansdowne announces that the War Office expects direct news today. The situation in the field has changed but little since Friday.

Lord Roberts' troops are in fine and abundantly supplied.

The indications seem to point to an early movement.

It appears that the Dewet who offered to surrender with 1,000 men, was not the well-known General Dewet, but Coms mandant Dewet. He stipulated that his men should be allowed to return to their farms. Lord Roberts replied that the surrender must be unconditional.

The "Botha," who was captured the other day was Philip Botha. Reports flow into Lord Roberts of the

discouragement of the Boers and of their willingness, even in the case of Transvaalers, to give up.

Mr. Steyn is described as having lost his head several times recently. Steyn has again gone to the front.

A Cape Town correspondent is advised that a plot has been discovered at Pretoria to depose President Kruger and to surrender the Transvaal during the present month. Progressive Boers and members of the Judiciary are asserted to have been parties to the movement.

Vrede, where the Free State Capital has been removed, is a village of 200 inhabitants in the extreme north-eastern part of the country on the road from Heilbron to Botha's Pass and the Drakensberg.

A CONFUSED REPORT.

LORENZO MARQUES, May 21.—The Standard and Digger's News confirms the report of the relief of Mafeking. It gives a confused account of the events preceding. It says:

An engagement was fought on Sunday at Maribeg and the relief force cut through the Boer lines and entered 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 explanation is given.

LATEST

THE GOOD NEWS CONFIRMED.

LONDON, May 21.—The following despatch from Sir Alfred Miller to Mr. Chamberlain was received at 1.30 o'clock to-day: "Barion telegraphs from Taungas that Mafeking was relieved on May 17."

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FENIANS AT WORK.

Attempt to Blow Up Fortifications at Esquimault.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 21.—Fenian sympathisers with the Boers have made an attempt to blow up the British fortifications at Esquimault.

The big naval docks was the objective point of the leaders of the plot, who barely escaped from the guard with their lives.

Major Bennett of the Duke of Connaught's own rifles, made a statement of the circumstances. He says that three weeks ago the officer commanding at the Esquimault forts was advised to look out for a possibility of a Fenian outrage.

The information came from the military authorities at San Francisco, and with it a description of three well-known Fenians who were a few days later recognized in Vancouver. Orders were given to the sentries to shoot after any failure to reply to a second challenge and to shoot to kill.

On Wednesday night, just after midnight, four men were discovered by the sentries within line of the first outposts. They were just abreast of the Fort McAnlay works and within a short distance of the large marine docks of the North Pacific Squadron, when two guards shouted almost simultaneously "Who goes there?" There was no reply, and the dimly outlined figures crouched to the ground. They must have begun slipping away almost immediately. The guards challenged again and at this several other sentries immediately fired. By the time a search party had been formed there was much confusion, and the men succeeded in running past the outposts.

The latter claim that they will be able to recognize two of the men.

The commanding officer regarded it as a certain attempt to destroy some part at least of the works.

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