ROBERTS MOVES ON

Steadily Pressing Northward Toward Vaal River.

Positions of Generals French and Hamilton.

General Baden-Powell Gives Additional Details of Siege and Relief of Mafeking.

LONDON, May 23.—Once more Lord Roberts is advancing in force. The wait at Kroenstadt is over and already the main British army is about 20 miles north of its former resting place. Judging from the dispatches of Lord Roberts at Honing Spruit Station, while flanking him on either side of the railroad, Gen-eral French's cavalry and General Ian Hamilton's mounted infantry are both slightly in advance of Lord Roberts and threatening to envelop the Boer position, which extends for 20 miles due north, General French probably crossed the Rhenoster river near the junction with Horning Spruit, which runs thence to Honing Spruit Station, The main British army will probably advance along the railroad, while General French converges from the west and General Hamilton from the east. Against this overwhelming force the Boers will probably follow their usual tactics of retiring to positions which doubtless have been prepared in advance for their occupation.

General French and General Hamilton are separated from each other by about 40 miles, while Lord Roberts is within 12 miles of General French and 30 miles of

General Hamilton. Since the last dispatch left Honing Spruit yesterday, Lord Roberts has doubtless still farther advanced and by now is either engaging or following the retreating Boers. Definite dispatches received this morning make it clear that the Vaul river has not yet been crossed, as nearly 40 miles intervene between it and Lord Roberts' advance flankers.

The small number of casualties sustained by General Hamilton in his occu-pation of Heilbron bears out the theory that the Boers will make no strenuous resistance until the Vaal is reached or until even later.

Dispatches to the Associated Press from Heilbron say that the Boer General De Wet had 4,000 men posted on an adjacent hill, but that he retired when General Hamilton approached. President Steyn fled from Heilbron May 20, and his destination is not known

BADEN-POWELL'S GALLANTRY. The first word received from Colonel Baden-Powell at Mafeking heightens rather than diminishes the reports heretofore cabled of the gallantry exhibited by the garrison during the closing days the siege. In an interview with the correspondent of the Reuter Telegram company, May 11. Colonel Baden-Powell

'My great endeavor is to prevent the relief force from trying to rush into the place before they are strong enough to do so. It would be better to make certain of relief in two months than to be beaten in an attempted relief in one month. You remember it was said in the old days in Zululand that the natives called me Umhala Panzi ('the man who doesn't rush things'). The knowledge that the whole empire was watching with appreciation the good fight of the garrison has been worth an extra pound of rations a day to the garrison. It was difficult to persuade the civilians of the necessity of submitting to martial law. We had our little difficulties, but later there was a loyal acceptance of the military administration, and there was no trouble at all."

Referring to the requests of newspapers for messages, Baden-Powell looked embarrassed and said:

"These chaps have got an exaggerated idea of the importance of my personality. I look upon myself as the figurehead of the good ship Mafeking. It has been her stout canvas and shape and her brave hull that really shoved the ship along and brought her safely through the stormy cruise. So, whenever I read nice things people say of me I take it that they are said inasmuch as I am the head representative of the garrison."

BADEN-POWELL TO ROBERTS. The war office issues a dispatch from Lord Roberts, under date of Honings Spruit, May 22, announcing the receipt by him of the following message from Major General Baden-Powell, dated Mafeking, May 17:

"I am happy to inform you that Mafeking was successfully relieved today. The northern and southern columns joined hands on May 15 and attacked the enemy yesterday, and, after a small en-gagement, entirely defeated them with loss. The British casualties were 3 kill-

ed and 22 wounded.
"The relieving force marched into Mafeking at 9 this morning, and the relief and defense forces combined and moved out and attacked the enemy's head langer. We shelled them out and nearly captured Snyman, and took one gun, a flag and a large amount of ammunition, stores, etc. Five dead and 15 wounded Boers were found. The enemy appears to be retreating in all directions except one commando, which is lying low, possibly to

cover the retreat of the remainder.
"Captain Maclaren and Corporal Murray were found in the Boer hospital. They are doing well. The townspeople and the garrison of Mafeking are heartily grateful for their relief."

WARREN'S FIGHT AT DOUGLAS. A dispatch from Douglas, Cape Colony,

dated May 22, says:
"A force under General Warren, consisting of mounted infantry, Imperial reomanry and two guns of the Canadian artillery, left Rooi Pan, Cape Colony, on the night of May 20 and marched in two columns, under Colonels Hughes and Nothing was seen of the Boers until the British were within two miles of Douglas, when a few shells from the Canadian artillery sent the burghers in full retreat toward Douglas. Colonel Hughes' column advanced in skirmishing order, and after a lengthy exchange of shots the Boers fled, leaving their larger and a quantity of stores and ammunition.

"Again today 300 Boers opened a hot fire on a detachment of yeomanry, and the Canadian artillery repeated their excellent practice and compelled the enemy

CURRENT COMMENT.

Notes and Comments, Political and Otherwise, on Matters of Public Interest.

Andrew J. Palm.

If Porto Rico is not a part of the United States what right has congress to appropriate money of the United States for her benefit? There never has been a case in the American congress in which there was so much hypocrisy, cowardice and inconsistency shown as the Republicans have exhibited in dealing with Porto Rico.

Prof. Goldwin Smith, who left a high political position in British politics and a professorship in Oxford university to live in Canada, says that England will no doubt ultimately win in her contest with the Boers, but he considers the measure of glory in so doing will be about the same as that gained by England in burning Joan of Arc. The credit to be derived by the United States in subduing the Filipinos may be likened to the glory we gained in hanging Mrs. Surratt because she kept a boarding house.

The broom corn trust has 12,000 tons of stock on hand, but refuses to sell for less than \$200 per ton. This is far beyond the real value, and as a result a Chicago factory has imported 500 tons from Hungary at a total cost of \$\ilde{\pi}120 a ton laid down in Chicago. This is the first broom corn ever imported for American factories, and this would not have been bought abroad had not the trust played the hog game a little The broom corn trust will now doubtless ask congress to raise the tariff on broom corn in order to protect the American farmer, and unless congress rises above its usual plane of criminal stupidity in dealing with such questions, the demands of the trust will be speedily complied with. Anything and everything, no matter how out-rageous, goes under the lying plea of

In the face of the reports that the Filipinos have given up fighting in an organized capacity, Gen. Young, in north Luzon, has recently made several requests for more men. Gen. Bell in southern Luzon has made similar re-They declare that their men are exhausted and their force insufficient to hold out against the patriots. The little insurrection that McKinley speaks of in his message promises to continue long enough to do its share in defeating the "Emperor of Indecision" for a second term of wicked misrule. Otis holds out the idea that the Filipinos are whipped, but that it will take more troops to keep them whip-ped. McKinley's plan of "benevolent suffication" comes high, but it seems that our people are foolish enough and wicked enough to look on it with indifference as a necessary evil.

The supreme court of Michigan deserves credit for rendering a decision against the railroads and in favor of the people. It is a sorry fact that courts of last resort usually decide in favor of the corporations. The laws of Michigan provide that when the earnings of passenger trains shall reach a certain sum the fares shall be reduced from three cents to two and a half cents per mile. The report of the Wabash road for 1898 showed that its earnings had reached the amount fixed by law to institute a reduction of fares. The road set up the defense, however that the mail, express and baggage carried on baggage trains are not properly counted as part of the earnings of such trains, and refused to pay on the ground that earnings of passenger trains exclusive of these items did not reach the amount calling for the reduction in fares. The court decided, however, that the profits from baggage, express and mail are properly a part of the earnings of the trains on which they are carried.

How many in the state had heard of Foerderer, the Republican candidate for congressman-at-large, until it was announced he had agreed to pay the price at which the nomination was held? It is said that the price was \$10,000 to the state campaign fund and a like amount to the national fund. It must be humiliating to Republicans who have any sense of political honesty to know that the nomination was hawked about for a financial consid-eration and finally picked up by a man who would never been thought of for the place had it not been for his willingness to pay the price demanded by the bosses. Money is the first consid-



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Hon, John Wanamaker comes in for a good share of abuse from the Quay organs on account of the hard tumble their patron saint received in the sen-ate. They blame Quay's failure to be seated on Governor Stone's certificate to the influence of Mr. Wanamaker. There is no doubt that he contributed more largely to the desirable result than any other man, and he doubtless considers the criticism that arises on account of it as the highest praise.

Mr. Wanamaker has for years been a
persistent and consistent enemy of
Quayism, and has given both of his
time and his means to bring about a better condition of affairs in his party in Philadelphia, as well as in the state. It was due almost entirely to his speeches in '98 and to the efforts of the Business Men's League, of which he is a leading spirit, that Mr. Quay is not an honored if not honorable member of the United States senate today. Mr. Wanamaker says that there has not been an honest election in Pennsylvania in 15 years except in spots, and that Philadelphia has not within the memory of man been so governed as to ensure fair elections. He is not loved by Quay men, be they Quay Democrats or Quay Republicans, but he has the respect and good will of all those who desire honest methods in political matters. Mr. Wanamaker is not an of-fice seeker, but if the time comes when the Pennsylvania Republicans want a man for high official position who has ability and integrity, and who is doing more than any other one man to purify his party, Mr. Wanamaker will not long remain without a call.

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Interest other societies to take part in the loving duties of the day, bring the men, women and children of the community in which the Post is located to participate with you.

II. Memorial Day is the proper and only title applied to May 30th by the Grand Army of the Republic. Decoration day is a misnomer and 1s used by those who seek to divert the day for races, games and general sporting purposes. Comrades and their friends, newspapers and the people generally are urged to discontinue the use of any term other than Memorial Day for May 30th.

III. Divine service on the Sunday preceding our Memorial Day (in this instance May 27th) is an important feature and all Posts will arrange for memorial and patriotic church services on that date. Churches, pastors and congregations of every denomination, will gladly welcome the Grand Army mittees of Posts can arrange with the pastors for sermons referring to the results achieved for christianity and humanity through the success of the Union soldiers and sailors.

IV. Comrades should visit the schools during the week of May 21st to 26th, telling the children what Memorial Day means, telling them the story of the War and what it cost in hardships, privations and sufferings to preserve the old flag unsullied and to keep our country undivided. Have the children join with you with flowers and music.

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