



MAFEKING HAS BEEN RELIEVED

Vigorous Bombardment by the British Rescue Column forces the Burghers to Retire.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN LONDON

The News Announced by the Lord Mayor Is Received by Immense Crowds--Pretoria Advances Verify the Report That the Boers Have Been Driven from the Locality of Mafeking--General Buller Occupies New Castle.

London, May 19, 4 a. m.—London's millions spent half the night in the street and even at 4 this morning troops of young men are promenading, singing and cheering and there are crowds in front of the Mansion house, Marlborough house, the clubs on Pall Mall and the war office and in Parliament square, waving flags and joining in the national airs.

The war office, at 9 o'clock, had announced that no news had been received, and at 9.40 the lord mayor, Mr. A. J. Newton, in the official robes of office, announced the joyful news to the crowd outside.

It was all brought about by a twenty word telegram from Pretoria that Mafeking had been relieved. Although the government has not a word and nothing confirmatory has been received from any African source except Pretoria, nobody apparently questions the news.

The masses of people outside the Mansion house soon grew to such dimensions that the police were compelled to divert all traffic, omnibuses, etc., through the side streets. The cheering is now incessant.

Believes Boer Bulletin. Mr. George Wyndham, parliamentary secretary for war, replying to several members of the house who had privately interrogated him, said: "Although the government has nothing, I am disposed to believe the Boer bulletin. It may be tomorrow and perhaps even Monday, before the government would get dispatches from our military commanders, even if the siege were raised some days ago, as the news would need to be conveyed over a very long distance by messengers on horseback, whereas the enemy would probably be able to avail themselves of telegraphic communication."

The dispatch of the Associated Press containing the news of the relief of Mafeking was the cause of great excitement in the press gallery and lobbies and soon began to be circulated among the members of the house of commons.

Colonel Baden-Powell's brother in London has received a telegram from a Dutch friend in Pretoria, saying that Mafeking has been relieved. Ten thousand people stood in front of Mrs. Baden-Powell's house in St. George's square, cheering and singing, and a score of cabs brought congratulations.

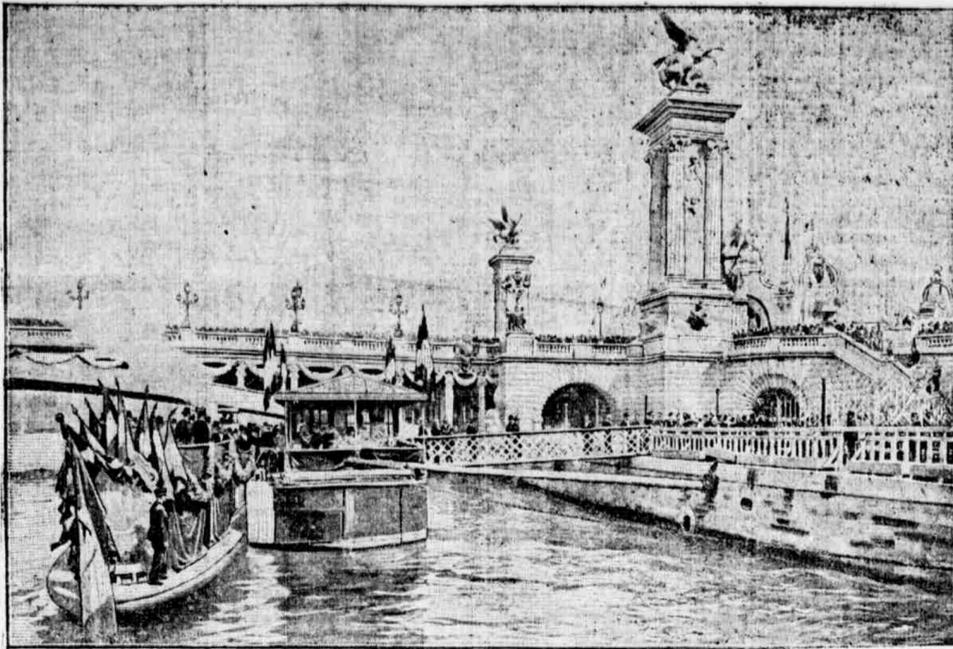
General Buller's Dispatch. New Castle was occupied last night, and today the whole second division and the Third cavalry brigade will be concentrated there.

THE NEWS IN LONDON. Announcement of the Repulse of Boers Is Received with Cheers. London, May 18, 9.40 p. m.—The dispatch of the Associated Press announcing the relief of Mafeking was posted outside the Mansion house, and the news rapidly spread.

Exhibition of Paintings. Brussels, Belgium, May 18.—An exhibition of the works left by the eminent marine painter, Paul Jean Clay, who recently died in Belgium, opened here today, and will continue until the 20th.

President Steyn at Pretoria. Pretoria, May 18.—President Steyn arrived here last night and is now in close conference with the Transvaal government.

Creedon's Men Throw Up the Sponge. New York, May 18.—Dan Creedon's success threw up the sponge in the sixth round. Kid McCoy was awarded the decision.



When France's President Arrives in State at the Exposition Grounds.

Frenchmen love display, and no opportunity is lost for adding royal gorgeousness to the acts of their Republican ruler. When M. Loubet visits the Exposition it is in a gorge elaborately decorated and he passes through glittering ranks of the soldiers of France as he disembarks.

PRESBYTERIANS IN ASSEMBLY

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT ST. LOUIS YESTERDAY.

Selection of Permanent Clerk Placed in Hands of Committee—Reports of Various Committees Presented and Read—Committee on Sabbath Observance Reports Discouraging Features—Message of Congratulation from Methodist Conference.

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The Rev. Dr. Dickey, the new moderator, called the assembly to order at 9.30 o'clock and appointed James H. Conyers, of Philadelphia, vice-moderator. He announced the appointment of the chairman of the following committees: On bills and overtures, the Rev. Robert P. Sample, New York; judicial committee, Dr. William McKibben, Cincinnati; polity, Dr. Daniel Webster Fisher, home missions, Dr. Richard S. Holmes, foreign missions, Dr. Charles Culbert Hall, education, Dr. George B. Stewart, church extension, Dr. William H. Clark, theological seminaries, Dr. D. R. Kerr, freedmen, Dr. E. Trumbull Lee, aid for colleges, Dr. W. H. Craig.

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Reports of the various special committees were presented and read. That of the committee on Sabbath observance reported that the present condition of the Sabbath question in the United States has more threatening aspects than hopeful signs and more difficult problems than encouraging features. Among the recommendations made by the special committee on the celebration of the twentieth century provision for a memorial fund was suggested to be known as the "twentieth century fund for the endowment of Presbyterian collegiate and theological institutions, for the enlargement of missionary enterprises, for the erection of church buildings and payment of debts on churches and educational institutions, and for other work of the boards at the option of the donors."

It was suggested that provision be made for the appointment of a central committee to consist of four ministers and three elders, with headquarters in Philadelphia, the committee to have general supervision of its work. A message of congratulation from the Methodist general conference was read and answered in kind.

Majority and minority reports were made by the special committee on the method of apportionment of standing committees to the general assembly. The majority report recommended that the standing committees be appointed by the moderator, assisted by a committee of ministers and elders, the latter committee to be also appointed by the moderator. This is the method now in vogue. The minority report thought it advisable to divide the territory covered by the general assembly into 22 election districts, equal in size,

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BALLOT FOR BISHOP WITHOUT RESULTS

FRUITLESS VOTING AT THE METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Dr. Spellmeyer and Dr. Berry Are Far Ahead of All Others—Dr. Kelly and J. W. E. Bowen, the Colored Candidate, Withdraw from the Contest—No Change in Position of the Church in Regard to Dancing and Card Playing—Lively Debate on Itinerary.

Chicago, May 18.—The Methodist Episcopal general conference took three more ballots today for two additional bishops, but without result. Dr. Henry Spellmeyer, of Newark, N. J., and Dr. J. F. Berry, of Chicago, editor of the Epworth Herald, are now, however, far ahead in the voting, and though many believe it may require several more ballots to elect, friends of the leading candidates are confident that they will be successful.

The vote of the eighth ballot was as follows: H. Spellmeyer, 373; J. F. Berry, 335; D. H. Moore, 283; J. W. Hamilton, 248; T. B. Newby, 27; J. W. E. Bowen, 33; C. J. Little, 13; others, one to eleven votes. Necessary to choice, 456.

The conference today voted to send two more missionary bishops to Southern Asia, with the recommendation that when two or more missionary bishops are assigned to a given territory they shall be co-ordinate in authority.

A much disputed question, the removal of the time limit on pastorates, also came up for discussion, debate being unfinished when the conference adjourned.

Debate on Itinerary. The majority report of the committee on itinerary, in effect, abolished the time honored rule of the Methodist church that no pastor shall occupy one pulpit for more than five years and the liveliest kind of debate followed.

A minority report was also presented providing that a five year pastorate could only be extended by the request of three fourths of the membership of the quarterly conference and that a pastorate in no case could be extended for more than a second term of five years.

The Methodist church will not, if the report of the committee is accepted, alter its position toward playing cards, dancing and certain other amusements. The amusement question is settled so far as the committee on the state of the church is concerned. By a vote of 45 to 25 the committee today decided to recommend that the section on prohibited amusements be taken out and that a new section be inserted in the chapter of advices. The new section declares that dancing, playing at games of chance, attending theaters, horse races, circuses, dancing parties or patronizing dancing schools and other amusements which cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus are perilous to the spiritual life and influence of the members of our church and enervating to the spiritual power of the church in the great work of saving souls.

Proposals Received. Washington, May 18.—The government today received proposals for the establishment of a steam line of navigation from Montevideo via Buenos Aires, Rosario, Paraná, Corrientes, Cerro, Assumption, Apia, Olimpo, Corincha and Comorona to Cuba.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather indications: To say: SHOWERS, COOLER. 1. General—Mafeking Is Relieved. 2. Bloodshed as Result of St. Louis Strike. 3. Presbyterian Assembly at St. Louis. 4. Methodist Ballot for Bishops Without Result. 5. General—Northeastern Pennsylvania. 6. Sports—Atlantic, National and Other League Base Ball Games. 7. Editorial. 8. News and Comment. 9. Local—Social and Personal. 10. One Woman's Views. 11. Local—Court Proceedings. 12. Knights Templar Parade at Wilkes-Barre. 13. Local—End of the Theatrical Season. 14. Tried to Jump from Linden Street Bridge. 15. Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 16. Round About the County. 17. Story—"Her Transformation." 18. Musical Gossip. 19. Local—Religious News of the Week. 20. Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrow. 21. Local—Instructions to Census Enumerators. 22. Live Industrial News.

PAYING LOCAL WAR LOSSES

Heirs of Samuel Tewkesbury and Ninth Regiment Officers to Be Reimbursed.

An Associated Press dispatch received last night from Washington, announced that the house of representatives had just passed a bill providing for the payment of \$5,697 to the heirs of Samuel Tewkesbury, for the use of a building in this city during the civil war.

Several veterans who were asked last night if they remembered anything about any building having been used for government purposes during the war, said that the building now occupied by the Scranton Bedding company and the old Washington hall, where the Samter building is now located, were used.

The same dispatch announced that a bill to reimburse Colonel Charles B. Dougherty, of Wilkes-Barre, and other members of the Ninth Pennsylvania regiment for baggage destroyed at the opening of the Spanish war, was favorably reported, but had not been reached when the house adjourned.

This claim is for the loss of the officers' personal baggage by the burning of a car on the train which was bearing the Ninth from Gettysburg to the south. At Conowingo Junction, near Harrisburg, the car took fire from some unknown cause and was burned briskly before the flames were discovered. The car was cut from the train and run on a siding, and then some of the train hands and the soldiers attempted to carry out its contents. Just about this time 20,000 rounds of ammunition stored in one end of the car began to pop and the work of rescue was summarily suspended. The fire, it is needless to say, was allowed to have its way. The townspeople of Conowingo did not come out of their cellars till every vestige of the flames had subsided.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

Bill to Pay Confederates for War Losses.

Washington, May 18.—For the first time since the rebellion, the house today passed a measure to pay Confederate soldiers for losses growing out of the Civil war. It was a bill introduced by Mr. Cox (Tenn.) to pay the Confederate soldiers who surrendered at Appomattox for the loss of horses and other personal effects taken from them in violation of the terms of Lee's capitulation to Grant, by which officers and men of Lee's army were allowed to retain their baggage, side arms and horses. The bill originally carried \$200,000, but the specific sum was stricken out and the appropriation was made indefinite. The bill was passed out of its order as a special compliment to Mr. Cox, who after ten years' service in the house is to retire at the end of his present term. Many other claim bills were passed. Nearly the entire day in the Senate was devoted to the pneumatic tube service bill in the postoffice appropriation bill.

BLOODSHED AT ST. LOUIS

Patrolman Barton Shot While Riding on a Street Car.

A MOTORMAN WOUNDED

Other Police Officers and Railway Employees Are Assaulted by Strikers While Endeavoring to Run Trolley Cars—The Mob Takes Possession of the Streets in Many Instances—House of Delegates Passes Bill to Revoke Franchises.

St. Louis, May 18.—Patrolman Barton was shot in the head today by some unknown person, while riding on a Jefferson avenue car. He will recover.

Disturbances occurred at a number of points along the lines of the Transit company. J. Richards, a motorman, who came here from Cleveland, was shot and probably fatally wounded at Leclade and Grand avenues. A policeman, who was on the front platform with Richards when he was shot, was dragged from the car and severely beaten. The conductor numbered a similar fate. The mob, which numbered 200 persons, then stoned the car.

John Ficks, an employee of the Transit company, was shot at Prairie and Easton avenues. This afternoon a crowd gathered at Fourth and Morgan streets, upset a wagon containing coffee and lunch for the non-union men. The crowd turned the wagon upside down on the tracks, and repeated the operation as often as it was removed. There were no police in sight.

The house of delegates this afternoon passed the bill to revoke the franchises of the various street railway companies in St. Louis in case they failed to run their cars in compliance with the terms of the city ordinances.

BOERS HEAR THE NEWS.

Abraham Fischer Makes Few Comments on Relief of Mafeking.

Baltimore, May 18.—The first intimation of the relief of Mafeking that came to the Boer envoys of the relief of Mafeking was conveyed to them by a reporter for the Associated Press, who boarded the Congressional Limited, upon which they were being conveyed to Washington, as it passed through Baltimore. Abraham Fischer, who acted as spokesman for the party, read the despatches from Pretoria and London carefully, but without show of emotion.

"I have no comments to make at this time," he said. "In the absence of official information I much prefer to say nothing."

"Would the news, if true, indicate the near approach of the end of the war?" he was asked. "By no means," was the reply. "There is much to be done before there can be an end to the fighting, even if Mafeking has been relieved."

HE IS NOT A POPULIST.

Candidate Towne Talks Upon the Situation and Politics.

Toledo, May 18.—Hon. Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota, and General E. T. Corser, national treasurer of the Free Silver Republicans, are here today in a conference with silver leaders discussing plans to send a silver delegate to the Kansas City convention. There are about thirty present. Mr. Towne said: "I am not a Populist, neither is Mr. Bryan; that party, in the interest of reform, went outside of itself to get candidates. Imperialism will be the first issue, then the trusts, then the monetary question."

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, May 18.—Arrived: Auguste Victoria, Hamburg. Cleared: Massena, Rotterdam via Bologna; Campania, Liverpool. Havre—Arrived: La Champagne, New York. Southampton—Sailed: Furs Bismarck (from Hamburg), New York via Cherbourg. Liverpool—Sailed: Tauric, New York. Rotterdam—Arrived: Spaurand, New York. Hamburg—Arrived: Kaiser Friedrich, New York.

Stages Held Up.

Stockton, Cal., May 18.—Both the Yosemite Valley stages, one going each way, were held up last night by a mob of highwaymen at Big Neck flat. About \$200 was secured from the passengers. The ladies were not molested. A treasure box owned by the Wells Fargo Express company was not touched by the highwaymen, who escaped.

Will Make Liquefied Air.

Trenton, N. J., May 18.—The Philadelphia General Liquefied Air and Refining company, capital \$1,000,000, was incorporated here today. The incorporators are C. S. Bunting, of New York; J. J. Bromer, of Wrentham, and W. D. Harrington, of Philadelphia.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, May 18.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Showers Saturday; with cooler weather; showers Sunday; winds shifting to fresh and northerly.