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## PRETORIA TAKEN BY THE BRITISH

**Johannesburg Also Surrenders  
to Lord Roberts' Forces.**

**KRUGER NOW A FUGITIVE**

**Fled to Delagoa Bay on Approach  
of the Enemy.**

**HE WILL GO TO HOLLAND TO RESIDE**

No Opposition Was Shown the British Forces  
When They Entered the Capital, and No  
Fighting at Johannesburg—The End  
of the South African War Be-  
lieved to Be at Hand—  
Nothing Known as to  
Terms of Sur-  
render.

LONDON, May 31.—The Times this  
morning says:

"The war is practically over. By  
this time the British flag is flying  
in Pretoria.

"Mr. Kruger has fled and is ere this  
half way to Delagoa bay."

A dispatch from Lourenco Marques,  
dated Wednesday says:

"Commandant Graus has surrendered  
Johannesburg to Lord Roberts."

A second dispatch from Pretoria  
says:

"British officers are now at Johan-  
nesburg dictating the terms of sur-  
render. The British advance guard is  
half way between Johannesburg and  
Pretoria. It is reported that there is  
a force also at Hatherly. All the forces  
have been dismissed from the forts  
around Pretoria.

"President Kruger is now at Water-  
fall Boyer."

Yesterday at noon the British were  
only about two hours' march from Pre-  
toria and the Boer military forces had  
abandoned the city.

This intelligence comes from the  
Reuter agent at the Transvaal capital  
and from the Earl of Roslyn, in a  
press dispatch. The two messages left  
about the same time.

At 2 o'clock this morning the war  
office had received no news from Lord  
Roberts which the officials would make  
public, but it is assumed that the  
press advices are correct.

Most of the London morning papers,  
through the courtesy of the Daily Mail  
print Lord Roslyn's dispatch and  
comment upon it, treating the war as  
ended.

Some of the more cautious critics  
think that guerrilla warfare is likely  
to be carried on for some time in  
various parts of the conquered terri-  
tory.

All of the Boer forces are dissolv-  
ing. Large bodies of Boers must still  
be somewhere in the field.

The seat of the Boer government—  
what is left of it—will probably be  
Lydenburg.

The Earl of Roslyn was a prisoner  
at Pretoria, but, as a civilian, appears  
to have been released.

His dispatch reads of follows:

"Pretoria, May 30, 11:40 a. m.—Pre-

torian will be occupied in about two  
hours without resistance. The presi-  
dent has gone to Waterfallboven.  
Burgomaster De Souza is authorized  
to receive the British. He, with an  
influential committee of citizens, in-  
cluding Chief Justice Gregorowski, has  
been appointed to preserve life and  
property during the interregnum.

"Everything is quiet, but crowds are  
waiting expectantly in the church  
square for the arrival of the British.

"Fearing possible disturbance and  
bloodshed among the prisoners of war  
at Waterval, United States Consul  
Hay and Leigh Wood insisted upon  
twenty officers being liberated on pa-  
role to go to the men. Their action  
cannot be too highly praised.

"I was permitted to accompany the  
officers. Everything was quiet."

IN TROUBLE WITH PORTUGAL.  
LONDON, May 31, 4 a. m.—Lourenco  
Marques correspondents think that  
border trouble between the Transvaal  
and Portugal may come to a head at  
any moment. Yesterday the Portu-  
guese authorities were preparing to resist  
a possible engagement.

By the release of the British pris-  
oners at Waterval, a full brigade will  
be added to the army of Lord Roberts,  
as there were 17 officers and 4,152 pri-  
vates among them.

TRAFFIC ORDERED CLOSED.  
LOURENCO, MARQUES, May 31.—  
All goods traffic between here and the  
Transvaal was officially closed today,  
the reason apparently being the mili-  
tary movements which are in progress.  
All the Portuguese troops have been  
ordered to be in readiness to proceed  
to the frontier and the Portuguese fleet  
has received orders to concentrate here.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN ST.  
LOUIS.  
Strikers Resorting to the Use of Dynamite—Much Property Damaged  
But No Lives Lost.

ST. LOUIS, May 30.—A terrific ex-  
plosion, supposed to have been caused  
by dynamite placed on the tracks of  
the Union Line at Fifteenth and Cham-  
bers streets, shook the buildings and  
broke glass in all the windows in the  
neighborhood at 12:49 this morning.  
Many persons were thrown from their  
beds by the violent concussion, and all  
were awakened and more or less ter-  
rified. As near as they could determine  
it had resulted from dynamite, which  
was exploded on the street car tracks.  
The damage to the rails was not  
marked, the explosive apparently hav-  
ing spent its force in the air.

The shock was felt within a radius of  
a mile of Fifteenth and Chambers  
streets. Glass was shattered in win-  
dows, many blocks away.

Up to an early hour this morning  
the police had been unable to find out who  
was responsible for the explosion.

The explosion created fear all over  
the neighborhood, and many people  
slept no more through nervousness or  
fear of another explosion.

TO PRESERVE ORDER.

Police Authorities at St. Louis to Call  
Out 1,000 Extra Men.

ST. LOUIS, May 30.—The board of  
police commissioners this afternoon  
decided to order Sheriff Pohlman to sum-  
mon a posse, consisting of 1,000 men  
to help the police keep order during  
the street car strike.

STRIKE DECLARED OFF.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 30.—The  
strike of the union street railway men  
in Kansas City has been declared off.

OTIS ARRIVES FROM MANILA.

American General Reaches San Fran-  
cisco on the Transport Meade.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—The  
transport Meade arrived from Manila  
tonight with Major-General Otis on  
board. A steamer transport entered the  
harbor a salute of thirteen guns was  
fired.

The Meade had three cases of small-  
pox aboard. She was placed in quaran-  
tine, where she will remain for an in-  
definite time.

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## AMERICAN TROOPS LANDED IN CHINA

**Emperor is Threatened By the  
Powers if He Objects.**

**MASSACRES MUST CEASE**

**Fifteen Warships Will Enforce the Demands  
of the Ministers if It Becomes Necess-  
ary—Boxers Burn Another Mission  
and Murder the inmates.**

PEKIN, May 30.—The Chinese au-  
thorities attempted to throw obsta-  
cles in the way of bringing foreign  
guards to Pekin. The ministers re-  
plied that if the proper facilities were  
not granted the fifteen foreign war-  
ships at Taku would land a sufficient  
force to come to Pekin without the  
consent of the Chinese government.

They called upon Tsung Li Yamen  
to give them a definite answer at or  
before 6 a. m. tomorrow (Wednesday).  
This is expected to produce the de-  
sired effect.

TIENTSIN, May 30.—American, Ger-  
man, British, Japanese, Italian, Rus-  
sian and French troops, to the num-  
ber of 100 each, have been ordered  
to guard their respective legations at  
Pekin, but the Viceroy here will not  
allow them to proceed hence to Pekin  
on the railway without authority of the  
Tsung Li Yamen. One hundred and  
eight Americans, with a machine gun  
and a field gun, landed here last night,  
amidst great enthusiasm on the part  
of the residents. Five Russian and one  
British warship have arrived at Taku,  
and the British are now landing. Other  
vessels are hourly expected.

LONDON, May 30.—A dispatch re-  
ceived here today says:

"The 'Boxers' have attacked and  
burned the mission station at Lau  
Tsun, forty miles southwest of Pekin,  
and have murdered the missionaries in  
charge."

The Daily Mail has received the fol-  
lowing from Tien Tsin, dated May 30:

"Heavy fighting has taken place be-  
tween the imperial troops and the  
'Boxers' at Lai Shin Hi Sien, but the  
result is not known here. Railway  
traffic at Pekin has been resumed.

"The foreign settlement here is suf-  
ficiently protected by American and  
Japanese troops, which have been land-  
ed. Consequently the excitement has  
abated."

A special dispatch from Shanghai  
says:

"Yesterday the Chinese government  
issued an edict prohibiting the 'box-  
ers' organization under penalty of  
death. The edict, which was signed by  
the emperor, was couched in equivocal  
terms and was promulgated more as  
an excuse than in condemnation of the  
movement."

TIENTSIN, May 30.—The Chinese re-  
fuse to allow Russian troops to pass  
the Taku-forts.

PEKIN, May 30.—From all parts of  
the surrounding country news is con-  
stantly arriving of fresh atrocities  
committed by the "Boxers." Three  
Christian families were massacred at  
Shan Lai Ying, 60 miles from Pekin,  
Friday, May 25. Only two escaped.

AMERICAN ATHLETES IN PARIS.

Every Courtesy Shown and Every Con-  
cession Asked for Made—Will  
Be Splendid Contest.

NEW YORK, May 30.—A. G. Spald-  
ing, director of the athletic sports at  
the Paris exposition, arrived on the  
Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.

Mr. Spalding spent two weeks in Par-  
is, acquainting himself with the ar-  
rangements for the athletic games,  
which will be an important feature in  
the exposition and he returns well  
pleased with the result of his short  
visit.

He says that practically everything  
America has asked for has been grant-  
ed. The most delicate request, and one  
causing considerable discussion, was  
the question of changing the dates of  
the Sunday games that the American  
athletes expect to take part in. Mr.  
Spalding presented an appeal from the  
Inter-Collegiate Association, and other  
letters, had personal interviews with  
the French officials and thought at  
one time it would be impossible to so  
arrange the dates that they would meet  
the wishes of the Inter-Collegiate As-  
sociation. On arrival in New York he  
was advised that his assistant director,  
De Garmendia, had cabled that all the  
championship games in which Ameri-  
cans would appear had been changed.

A 25 mile Marathon road race has  
been accepted to the run on July 19. A  
valuable prize will be given the win-  
ner. This event was added at the  
special request of President Pabbe, of  
the New England Association, to give  
the American long-distance runners a  
chance to compete against the world.

The standing high jump and standing  
broad jump were added to the program  
also, and the petition of the William  
Barry Association to have a Gaelic  
football competition, between their  
team and some others not yet selected,  
has been granted.

Thus far America has secured special  
favor from the French officials and,  
in fact, a friendly disposition has been  
shown to do everything in their power  
to make it possible for this country  
to be properly represented. America  
will be well represented officially at the  
meet, and the American athletic au-  
thorities, who may be in Paris during  
the games, will be cordially invited to  
officialize.

The rules under which all the ath-  
letic events will be contested are,  
to a certain extent, framed after the rules  
of the English Athletic Association.  
Mr. Spalding brings with him very  
favorable information for the amateur  
athletes that are going as to the height  
of the hurdles and the number of hur-  
dles in each event and the obstacles  
and number of same in the steeple-  
chase, the kind of hammer that will be  
allowed in the throwing competition,  
and other information which will be  
translated and published as soon as  
possible.

RATHBONE COMING HOME.

Leader of the Gang of Government  
Thieves in Cuba Will Return  
to Washington.

NEW YORK, May 30.—A dispatch to  
the Herald from Havana says:

E. G. Rathbone, former director of  
posts in Cuba, announces that he will  
sail for New York on Saturday. This  
course is understood to have been de-  
cided upon by the advice of friends.

It had been stated that Mr. Rath-  
bone, while not under arrest, would not  
be permitted to leave the island. He  
cannot be detained without a definite  
criminal charge being laid against him,  
and, if he carries out his purpose of  
leaving, a direct issue will be raised  
as to whether the authorities have any  
charge on which he can be held.

While the investigation into his af-  
fairs showed the grossest carelessness,  
so far nothing criminal has been dis-  
covered. Mr. Rathbone intends going  
to Washington. Until a few days ago he  
believed he would be reinstated.

Auditor Rees's who, after making  
a confession of what he knew of  
Charles W. Neely's operations, was  
allowed to be at large under surveil-  
lance, has been rearrested.

A determined effort is being made by  
the friends of Neely to get Corrydon  
Rich, whose confession enabled much  
of Neely's alleged stealing to be traced,  
away from the authorities in Cuba and  
back into the United States.

AMERICAN REPUBLICS.

Conference to Be Held in the City  
of Mexico—The Program.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—The execu-  
tive committee of the International  
Union of American Republics, has just  
completed a tentative programme to  
govern the projected conference of  
American Republics to be held in the  
City of Mexico. The programme is:

"No. 1.—Subjects discussed by the  
former conference, which new confer-  
ence may decide to consider.

"No. 2.—Arbitration.

"No. 3.—International Court of  
Claims.

"No. 4.—Measures for the protec-  
tion of industry, agricultural and com-  
mercial. Development of the means  
of communication between the coun-  
tries composing the union. Consular,  
port and customs regulations. Statis-  
tics.

"No. 5.—Reorganization of the In-  
ternational Bureau of the American Re-  
publics."

The commercial world is said to be  
deeply interested in the sub-head "Con-  
sular, Port and Customs Regulations,"  
under the fourth article. Here the pur-  
pose is to secure, as far as possible,  
uniform classification of merchandise,  
similar methods, ad valorem or spec-  
ific—in the imposition of customs and  
consular regulations so far as this can  
be achieved.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—The divi-  
sion of customs and insular affairs of  
the war department states that the  
total import of merchandise, gold and  
silver into the port of Manila from  
August 13, 1898, on the date of Ameri-  
can occupation, up to and including  
December 31, 1899, was \$5,901,452.

Included in the total amount of im-  
ports for the period mentioned were  
\$145,839 in silver coin from Hong Kong.  
The total amount of import duty col-  
lected was \$777,994.

The imports by countries were:  
United States, \$567,266; Spain, \$1,140,  
381; England, \$1,204,530; Germany,  
\$399,309; Hong Kong, \$2,078,291; France,  
\$115,602; Australia, \$68,838; Austro-  
Hungary, \$24,324; Belgium, \$46,939; French  
China, \$3281; Denmark, \$1360; British  
East Indies, \$28,574; Japan, \$47,224;  
Netherlands, \$865; Switzerland, \$13,  
615.

WILL ACCEPT HIS SENTENCE.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 30.—The  
attorneys for Robert E. Lee, sentenced  
to the state penitentiary for ten years  
for train robbery, state this morning  
that the case will not be appealed.

## BODY OF PLAGUE PATIENT FOUND

**Was Hidden by Chinese Under-  
taker at San Francisco.**

**CHINATOWN IS QUARANTINED**

**Large Force of Police Guard Every Street—  
Board of Health Using Stringent Meas-  
ures to Find Any More Cases That  
May Be Concealed by Mongols.**

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—The  
quarantine of Chinatown is being rig-  
orously enforced, 150 policemen being  
detailed to maintain a cordon around  
the district bounded by California,  
Kearney, Montgomery avenue, Broad-  
way and Stockton streets. The parts  
of blocks fronting on California and  
Kearney streets are not included, as  
they are occupied by whites.

Ropes are stretched across the streets  
and the Chinese are closely hemmed  
in, even the secret exits through some  
blocks being closed against them. The  
Asiatics took the quarantine stoically.  
They had warning of what was coming  
and many left the district before the  
arrival of the police. The proportion  
of those who fled was small, however,  
and there are thousands behind the  
lines.

All whites in Chinatown were allow-  
ed to pass out, but people outside the  
lines are not let inside. Many team-  
sters were caught in the quarantine,  
but got out without difficulty upon  
being warned that they could not re-  
enter.

The policemen have stopped freight  
of all kinds from coming out, but have  
let the Chinese understand that sup-  
plies for themselves might pass in.  
The Chinese watch for newspapers  
with unfeigned eagerness.

The Sacramento and Clay streets  
cable cars are permitted to pass  
through the quarantined district only  
on condition that the passengers go in-  
side the cars before entering the lines  
and no person is allowed to get on  
or off the cars in Chinatown.

Another condition is observed by the  
railway men in fumigating the cars at  
both ends of the lines.

Health Officer O'Brien states that a  
careful house-to-house inspection will  
be begun in Chinatown today and that  
the inspectors will, after receiving the  
sanction of the board of health, force  
their way into the houses if neces-  
sary.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—Dr. Kel-  
logg, who has been investigating the  
corpse of a Chinaman found in a Chi-  
nese undertaking establishment, ex-  
pressed an opinion last night that the  
Chinaman had died of the plague. "I  
am satisfied it is the plague," he said,  
"and I am confident that an autopsy  
and animal inoculation will confirm  
it. One not conversant with the situa-  
tion in Chinatown cannot imagine the  
difficulties that confront the inspec-  
tors, but they can be imagined when I  
say we have only discovered the cases  
after the victims were dead."

The city board of health today held  
an autopsy on the body of the Chi-  
naman found last night in a Chinese  
undertaking establishment.

A member of the board stated that  
the result of the autopsy strongly in-  
dicated that the Chinese had died of  
bubonic plague. In order to fully dem-  
onstrate whether or not it was  
a case of the plague, cultures were taken  
from the glands for the purpose of  
making an animal inoculation.

STALE POISONED FOOD.

Italian Laborers Pay the Penalty of  
Their Dishonesty—Four of  
Them Die.

CHICAGO, May 30.—A special to the  
Tribune from Montgomery, W. Va.,  
says:

Twelve Italian laborers were found  
dead in the woods forty miles south-  
east of here, their death being the re-  
sult of eating poisoned food they had  
stolen.

They were part of a gang of laborers  
employed by a construction company  
building the Paint Creek railroad.  
They boarded in the contractor's camp,  
where a large amount of provisions  
was stored. Much of it was stolen  
and the negro cook, unknown to his  
employers, put rat poison on some meat  
and flour, which also disappeared.

A mountain hunter discovered the  
bodies. The authorities have not yet  
taken any steps in the matter.

PANAMA CANAL COMPANY RE-  
SUMES.

NEW YORK, May 30.—A dispatch to  
the Herald from Panama says: The  
Panama Canal Company's director has  
received official instructions from Paris  
ordering an extension of the work on  
the Culebra and Empress sections, and  
directing that all available laborers be  
engaged for that purpose.