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BRITISH REPORT A VICTORY

No Doubt That the Besieged Garrison Has Seen Heavy Fighting—Both's Army Located.

LONDON, May 15, 4:30 A. M.—"Food will last until about June 10," is the latest official word from Colonel Baden-Powell, the British Commander at Mafeking, sent to Lord Roberts under date of May 7. Five days later the Boers attempted to storm the town, and it is possible that they succeeded, although nothing is known of the attack or its results, except through Pretoria sources, which have no countenance here. The British relief column is due there now. Ten days ago General Snyman was having difficulty in keeping the burghers together, owing to the approach of the British, and when the last Associated Press dispatch left Mafeking, May 7, the Boers had killed the previous day, one of the Horse Guards and had captured several of Colonel Baden-Powell's remaining horses.

Lord Roberts' dispatch to the War Office follows:

"Baden-Powell reports, under date of May 7, all going well. Fever is decreasing; the garrison is cheerful, and the food will last until about June 10."

Major F. J. Major, P. M., to the Morning Post, from Mafeking, under date of May 7, this message:

"This morning the Boers attacked us. Result as usual. There is no shooting here. Pass the loaf."

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lourenco Marques, dated Tuesday, says:

"There is no doubt that the Boers were desperate fighting at Mafeking Saturday, but it is believed to have gone in favor of the garrison. All that can be ascertained of a reliable character follows: The Boers, using artillery, attacked the town Saturday. Very soon the Kaffir location was in flames, some say as the result of shell fire; others as the result of treachery. Fighting at close quarters became general, and in the midst of the confusion the Boers gained possession of the Kaffir location, from which point of advantage they brought guns to bear on the town at close range. By an adroit movement, the garrison, despite its attenuated numbers, succeeded in actually surrounding the party of Boers, who had captured the Kaffir location. The Boers were then, according to the latest reports, the Boers still held the location, in which they are probably surrounded."

"The truth is, believe, that the Pretoria authorities, knowing of the progress of the relief column, gave orders to General Snyman to storm the place. As soon as the location was in flames, the bulletins of victory were flying about everywhere to encourage weak-kneed burghers. Boers who came down here yesterday from Pretoria produced the edification of the incredulous burghers by two telegrams by officials, one of which was signed by Snyman, and said: 'I was lucky enough to capture Baden-Powell with 26 this morning.'"

"There is no doubt about the heavy fighting. A telegram from the Portuguese Consul to the Governor-General here contains this and there is little doubt of the occupation of the Kaffir stand. But similar telegrams were published at Pretoria about Ladybrand, and quite recently about Baden-Powell. One of the telegrams was signed by Baden-Powell, and said: 'Our breakfast consisted of horse sausages and lunch of minced mule and curried locusts. All well.'"

Location of Both's Army.

The Transvaal army has taken a position at Blacombachfont, near the junction of the occupation of the Kaffir stand. Road Station, 50 miles north of Kroonstad. Its rear guard is still holding the hills north of the Vaalch River, while the Boer scouts are in touch with British reconnoitering parties near Kroonstad. The Boers have held a council of war at Langley, and British spies have learned that the Boers decided to hold Harrismith.

Lord Roberts' infantry are still at Kroonstad. The railway laborers are hard at work, and the engineers hope to have the line repaired within three days. The prairie has put on a russet winter coat. The nights are bitterly cold, but the days are hot. The Free Staters are surrendering in larger numbers than after the occupation of Buitengort, as a possible result of the Transvaal artillery says:

"There will be no serious fighting this side of Pretoria, as Borenton, on the Vaal, is indefensible. Heavy guns are being mounted at Pretoria. Both Generals Botha and Limmer are agreed that ultimate success is impossible. President Kruger is obtaining and a majority of the Transvaalers hold firmly with him. It is estimated that the Transvaalers can still muster 20,000 men on the fighting line.

General Buller's advance, as his telegrams indicate, was by the instructions of Lord Roberts, and it will cease or go forward as Lord Roberts directs. It is said that General Buller's orders to the Boers employed have been supplemented by an order to drive them completely out of Natal, and then move on Harrismith.

General Buller and General Buller are taking possession of the wide ranges around Ladybrand almost without opposition. They find the country plentifully supplied with cattle, horse feed and grain. General Buller is reducing his transport and feeding his men and animals largely off the country. Boers in that quarter surrender daily, and it is the expectation of the correspondent in the spot that the eastern section of the Free State will soon be as tranquil as the western. General Buller's front is 30 miles long, but his forces are disposed so that if any point should be attacked the troops there could be quickly reinforced.

Lord Roberts contributes a line to the discussion going on in the press as to when the war will end by the following telegram, dated Monday, and sent through a correspondent, who had made the direct inquiry: "I regret that I cannot give any reply to your question, as it is impossible at present to predict when the campaign will end."

The view of the other side is reported by a correspondent to whom President Steyn said: "Sooner than leave this country to fall into the hands of the British, I would destroy all our houses and leave it a desert."

Portugal and the Transvaal.

The relations between the Transvaal and the Portuguese appear to be strained. The Portuguese Consul at Pretoria, according to reports from Lisbon, has been asked by President Kruger to leave the country. The Portuguese declaration making food and clothing contraband has nearly destroyed the usefulness of Delagoa Bay to the Transvaal. Senator Jonquin Machado, Governor-General of Portuguese East Africa, is being entertained at Beira and the British officers who are passing through are showing him courtesies. The

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MANY PRECINCTS UNREPORTED

Justices and Notaries Received Registrations Till 5 P. M. Yesterday, as Well as County Clerks.

While the reports received indicate that the number of voters registered exceeds somewhat the number of votes polled at the Presidential election in 1896, the figures were not available in all the counties last night, footings in many cases not having been completed. In other cases reports from Justices of the Peace and Notaries Public had not yet been received, and will materially swell the total. Those outside officials were not allowed to receive registrations later than the County Clerk—5 P. M. yesterday—but a reasonable time is allowed them to get their reports to the County Clerk's office. It may be several days before the number of voters registered in the state is accurately known.

There are 319 people in Multnomah County who walked under the law last night to register. There were 42 from the county precincts, and a great number are yet expected from the same source, that have been sworn to before Notaries Public but not yet received by the County Clerk. The total registration for the county is 13,753, or more than the number of votes cast at any election.

It was expected that when the office opened, at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, there would be a line of waiting voters, or more, but instead there were but three, none of whom had outside precincts. These were all that were registered up till 5 o'clock, when the clerks were kept busy until about 11. They then slacked up till 1 o'clock, after which there was a steady flow of people, but not more than the clerks could take care of. During the last five minutes, when there was again expected to be a rush, there were but three registrations.

Large Registration in Clackamas.

OREGON CITY, May 15.—A much larger number of voters were registered at the County Clerk's office here than was expected. A great many registration blanks were received from outside precincts today, and it cannot be accurately determined how many votes are registered until the blanks have been returned from the county. However, Deputy County Clerk Cooper estimates that 4200 votes are registered—considerably more than the vote cast two years ago.

No Registration of Futures.

MINNIVILLE, Or., May 15.—Inquiry at the County Clerk's office elicits the fact that no miners have been allowed to register with the statement that they will be of age at one of the other of the coming elections. Clark Nelson says he consulted the Clerk of Assinimau and others, and he understood that only electors could be registered; hence he stood by that decision.

A Busy Last Day in Marion.

SALEM, May 15.—The voters of Marion County at last arrived themselves to the necessity of registering, and hurried in from all directions today. County Clerk Hall's office was crowded all day. The lists have not yet been taken from the company, so that the footings can be ascertained. It is known that the registration has been heavy.

Washington County.

HILLSBORO, Or., May 15.—Every voter in the two Hillsboro precincts is said to be registered. South Hillsboro is the banner precinct in the county, the registration being 206. North Hillsboro registers 191. The two Forest Grove precincts will not reach this aggregate.

Closed in Morrow.

HEPPNER, Or., May 15.—The registration for Morrow County tonight reached 150; and it is not believed there are any outlying precincts to be heard from. The County Clerk considers the matter closed.

More to Be Heard From.

TILLAMOOK, Or., May 15.—Registrations here numbered 1000 at the close of the records, but there are several outlying districts not yet heard from, which will raise the total.

Exceeds Vote of Two Years Ago.

DALLAS, Or., May 15.—The registration of voters in Polk County has gone beyond the total vote polled two years ago, with today's registration yet to be heard from.

2885 in Wasco.

THE DALLIES, Or., May 15.—There were registered up to the time of closing the books this evening in Wasco County, 2885 voters.

Report From Lake.

LAKEVIEW, May 15.—The number of voters registered up to tonight is 87, with a few outlying precincts to hear from.

The Number for Yamhill.

MINNIVILLE, May 15.—Three thousand four hundred and twelve voters have registered here.

Over 5000 in Linn.

ALBANY, Or., May 15.—Five thousand and sixty voters have been registered in Linn County.

Registration in Clatsop.

ASTORIA, May 15.—The total registration for Clatsop County is 2549.

An Interesting Comparison.

So far as reported, the following shows the registrations in the respective County Clerks' offices last night, comparison being made with the largest vote ever polled in Oregon, that of the Presidential election of 1896:

| County | 1896 | 1900 |
|------------|--------|--------|
| Benton | 2,111 | 1,950 |
| Clackamas | 5,113 | 4,250 |
| Clatsop | 3,042 | 2,549 |
| Columbia | 1,580 | 1,552 |
| Douglas | 4,012 | 3,700 |
| Gilliam | 1,524 | 1,710 |
| Lake | 748 | 827 |
| Linn | 4,765 | 5,261 |
| Morrow | 1,649 | 1,507 |
| Multnomah | 18,504 | 13,753 |
| Shastina | 892 | 1,022 |
| Tillamook | 1,214 | 1,090 |
| Wasco | 2,125 | 2,885 |
| Washington | 1,776 | 1,232 |
| Yamhill | 2,628 | 2,412 |

Taxation of Express Companies.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Assistant Attorney-General Boyd has rendered a decision in the case of express companies, in which he holds they are not liable to taxes as brokers, by reason of their issuing money orders and travelers' checks.