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PANIC IN TRANSVAAL

Roberts is One Day's March From Johannesburg.

PRETORIA MAY BE ABANDONED

The Main British Army is at Klip River, With no Boers in Sight—Cavalry on the Left Fighting.

LONDON, May 28.—A rumor is now within a day's march of Johannesburg and General French and General Hamilton fought the Boers from noon until evening Monday, with what result is not known here.

H. J. Wigham, in a dispatch to the Daily Mail, dated Lourenco Marques, May 28, says: "The demoralization of the Transvaal is remarkable. Panic and confusion prevail everywhere. Every one is weary of the war and full of fear as to the coming of the British. Operations were being carried on for encircling Pretoria with telegraphic communications. Fourteen points in the line of defense were connected with headquarters and with the Staats Artillery, but this apparently was the only defensive measure adopted. There were no other visible preparations."

"Not much gold is likely to be found in the treasury. The salaries of the officials and judges have not been paid or have been paid only in national bank notes, which will be worthless when Lord Roberts arrives. The seat of government will be removed to Watervalboyan, a small station on the Delagoa Bay Railway line, and then, if necessary, to the coast."

"Both President Steyn and President Kruger complain bitterly of Lord Roberts' unfair tactics in refusing to meet the Boers in positions of their own choosing and in eternally turning them by flank movements."

"Around Johannesburg a few trenches have been dug, but no other steps have been taken for defense. The railway line is blocked with refugees from the west and southwest, who are packed like sardines in trucks. The government is now endeavoring to restrict the number of people by telling them that the British will not outrage and plunder them, but it is too late. The previous mistatements are bringing their own punishment."

"Food is very scarce, and prices rule high. The proposal to release the British prisoners of war is due to this cause. Members of the government are now endeavoring to secure the approval of the Volksraad, but President Kruger is violently opposed to it."

"One form of infernal machine, which meets with much approval, is to be laid under the rails of various lines. A pressure of some tons weight of the engine will cause this to explode with most terrible effect. Many of these machines are being made at the arsenal, and great caution will have to be employed in neutralizing them."

"There has been a decided change in public opinion, which has become quite English. The burghers on command 'God Save the Queen' and they cannot be stopped. All the efforts of the Boers to stir up the rabid anti-English are less rampant. People are thinking of their property. The party eager for surrender is fast disappearing. The Boers are political leaders at the front. The intelligent public feel that the game is up. False news no longer has any effect, and the lying reports of the Boers are being universally disbelieved. Although the hand of the center has been very heavy on news of all kinds recently, every one believes the worst."

"The government has arranged to continue the agitation against the British occupation of the two republics on the Continent of Europe. In Great Britain and in the United States the Boers are to be made in this direction, and no expense will be spared. I have excellent reasons for believing that the Boers' losses have been sold to a French syndicate without the sanction of the Volksraad. The government hopes by this means to bring about French intervention for the protection of French rights in the Witwatersrand, and thus to cause England grave difficulties."

"The conduct of United States Consul Hay is admirably discreet and meets with universal praise as being from Boer and British sympathies."

"Another dispatch from Lourenco Marques says: 'General Louis Botha is at Pretoria urging President Kruger to arrange peace terms. Runaway burghers from Laine's Nek passed through Heidelberg last week. Wounded officials with their families are leaving Johannesburg and Pretoria for Lydenburg. President Steyn occupies the house of a British resident at Pretoria. Passengers arriving at Lourenco Marques Monday from Pretoria said it was believed that the British would not be at the capital for a month. Nevertheless, there was much unrest and anxiety.'

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THE TOTAL ECLIPSE

Observed in the South With Fine Weather Conditions.

AT THE GOVERNMENT STATION

The Photographic Work Was Unusually Successful—As Seen at Other Observatories.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Advice received at the Naval Observatory from its agents in various points in the South shows that favorable weather prevailed for observing the sun's eclipse today, the contact occurred very close to schedule time, and the programme arranged was carried out without a hitch. Three parties were sent out from the observatory, via: One to Pinehurst, N. C., in charge of Professor Aaron N. Skinner; one to Barnesville, Ga., in charge of Professor

sun. The upper one to the east was much stronger than the lower one, and was observed out to about four diameters. The streamers seemed to be nearer the solar equator than in 1888. The shadow bands were distinctly observed, inclining from about 35 degrees west of north to 25 degrees east of south, traveling northeast.

AT BARNESVILLE STATION. Good Results Secured by the Government Observers. BARNESVILLE, Ga., May 28.—Amid a perfect arrangement of detail, with good weather conditions and with no hindrances or defects to prevent success, the varying phases of the solar eclipse were observed by the Government astronomers at the United States Observatory station here today. The photographic work was unusually successful, five cameras making 30 exposures, all of which are believed to be good, the large photobeliograph producing three perfect negatives and one flash negative, just as total eclipse ended. Professor Milton Upeggraf, director of the station here, expressed himself as entirely satisfied with the day's work.

The first contact was noted on the computed time. As the phase of complete totality approached, every man was in his place, and nothing could be heard in the

observatory but the measured beats of the chronometers through the electric sounder. At the expected minute, the corona flashed out in double fan-like form of great beauty. Several solar prominences were distinctly observed on both the following and advancing limb. Those on the approaching limb, however, were more distinct and continuous. The corona extended about half a degree from the sun's limb in the direction of the eclipse, with streamers plainly visible. The darkness was not so great as was the streamers as distinct as hoped for.

THEY CHEERED IN VIRGINIA. President and Party Saw the Eclipse at Fort Monroe. FORT MONROE, Va., May 28.—The sun was totally eclipsed at 8:32 in a cloudless sky. Thousands of people crowded the piers, verandas and ramparts to watch the marvelous phenomenon, and at the moment the sun was suddenly snuffed out an involuntary cheer arose, and every vessel in the harbor whistled an accompaniment. The period of totality was about 30 seconds, during which time a tiny star hung just below the magnificent corona which glowed around the ink-disc. Twilight settled on land and water, and the skies took on wonderful after-sunset tints. Then, as though by magic, a star of fire blazed out on the eastern boundary of the disc and the eclipse was over.

The President and party watched the phenomenon from the Dolphin near Lambert's Point, and Secretary Gage and party from the lighthouse tender Holly. The Dolphin came over from Norfolk at 9:55, and after a salute from the Rear-squadron, passed on up the bay for Washington.

NAVAL OBSERVATORY PARTY. Its Work at Pinehurst Was Entirely Successful. PINEHURST, N. C., May 28.—The observations here were a gratifying success. Professor A. N. Sisson, in charge of the Naval Observatory party, furnished the following to the Associated Press at 10 o'clock: "The sun rose clear and the sky was unclouded by clouds. The delicate apparatus was in perfect adjustment. The first contact occurred at the predicted time, 7:38. The beginning of totality was the signal for the work of the morning, which was accomplished in the short time of 34 seconds. Five spectrum photographs were obtained with the flat grating and the concave grating by Dr. Ames and his skillful assistants, Messrs. Huff, Gilbert and Reese. Dr. Chase, of Yale, obtained four fine spectrum photographs with the objective prism spectroscope. Fine photographs of the outer corona were also obtained with the six-inch camera on the polar axis. Mr. Colton took five fine photographs with his lens. Everything passed off successfully. Every plan was executed."

EROS REDISCOVERED. Seen by a Colorado Astronomer Before Sunrise. DENVER, May 28.—While Professor H. A. Howe was waiting this morning, about 3 o'clock, in the Chamberlain Observatory, for the sun to rise and the eclipse to begin, he made one of the most important observations of the year—the redCOVERY of the planet Eros. This tiny planet, which was discovered only two years ago at the Berlin observatory, had been looked for since last September, the time when, according to calculations, it should emerge from behind the sun. Astronomers all over the world have been scanning the skies for it, but without success.

At Watboro Station. WATBORO, N. C., May 28.—The eclipse was viewed here this morning under a cloud to mar the spectacle. Observations were made by scientists from the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, the English Astronomy Society, of London, Yerkes Observatory, Princeton University and the Charleston (N. C.) Military Institute, and representatives

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PRETORIA, THE TRANSVAAL CAPITAL, THE OBJECTIVE POINT OF ROBERTS' ADVANCE.

Philadelphia and New York schoolboys to President Kruger, has arrived at Lourenco Marques, and President Kruger has taken his private car to convey him to Pretoria.

The French liner Girondo arrived here today with many Transvaal refugees.

French Cuts Boer Communications. CAPE TOWN, May 28.—It is rumored here that General French has cut the Boer communications between Heidelberg and Boksburg, within a few miles of Johannesburg.

KEMPF AT TAKU. Near the Scene of the Trouble to Protect American Interests. WASHINGTON, May 28.—A cablegram received at the Navy Department today advised that the Newark had been designated to act as flagship of the senior squadron commander, and that the vessel sailed from Nagasaki last Saturday and arrived at Taku ports yesterday.

Rear-Admiral Kempff is the senior squadron officer described in the dispatch, and his visit to Taku, the nearest point to Chinese waters, for the purpose of getting a near attracted much attention. It is understood that there is already a formidable fleet of European warships gathered at Taku, and since the withdrawal of the Whiting the American fleet has been unrepresented at that point.

While prepared to act concurrently with, though independently of, the European powers in the protection of the life and property of foreigners in China, Admiral Kempff has not at present any intention of making a hostile demonstration in the Pei-Ho River. It is believed he is at Taku solely for the purpose of getting as near as possible to Minister Conger and the American Legation at Peking.

Boers Marching on Peking. TIENTSIN, May 28.—The "Boxers" burned the Liensu station, on the Lohan Railway, 25 miles from Peking, last night. They also wrecked the train, destroyed a number of cars and murdered several Chinese engineers. The Belgian engineers in charge of the work are safe at Shanghai. The "Boxers" are marching on toward Peking.

SHANGHAI, May 28.—The troubles arising from the defeat of the government troops by the "Boxers" have extended to Lohan, where work on the railway is almost completely stopped. Fine hundred refugees have sought protection in the French Cathedral at Peking.

Belgian Party Cut Off. TIENTSIN, May 28, via Shanghai, May 28.—It is reported that while retreating several Belgians and their families were cut off at Chang Hsin Tien, 10 kilometers from Peking. They are now defending themselves on a hill. No Peking trains are running. The "Boxers" are now burning Feng Tai. It is reported that the safety of the Belgian engineers is doubtful. Several missionaries have been cut off at Pao Ting Fu.

Situation Becomes Critical. PEKING, May 28.—The Diplomatic Corps is now in session considering the situation caused by the "Boxers." The foreign guards will certainly be brought here. The condition of affairs is alarming. Railway communication with Tientsin is interrupted.

The Morris-Clark Wedding. NEW YORK, May 28.—Miss Katherine Stuffer Clark, daughter of William A. Clark, of Montana, was married this afternoon at St. Thomas Church, in Manhattan, which was performed by Rev. Dr. Wesley Brown, rector of the church, was very simple. The bride's attendants were her sister, Mrs. Everett N. Culver, Miss May Pfeouts and Miss Christine Pomeroy. Several hundred invitations were issued for the ceremony, and the church was crowded. After the ceremony a reception was given at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Culver. The wedding gifts were numerous and costly.