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## THE END BELIEVED TO BE VERY NEAR

Peace Party is Being Formed at the Transvaal Capital and Reports From There Indicate an Early Suing for Peace.

LONDON, May 18.—The latest news from South Africa and details of past operations tend to confirm the view that the end of the war is within measurable distance. From Kroonstad comes a story attributed to excellent authority to the effect that a peace party is being formed at Pretoria, while reports from Pretoria itself indicate discouragement at the recent reverses and the possibility of an early ending for peace.

There is nothing to throw light on the mystery of Mafeking. National anxiety is strained almost beyond endurance, although nowhere is the slightest belief that Colonel Baden-Powell will not keep the Union Jack flying.

On the line of Lord Roberts' advance the Boers have blown up a bridge over the Rhenoster river, thirty-seven miles north of Kroonstad.

LONDON, May 18.—The following is the text of Lord Roberts' dispatch to the war office:

"Kroonstad, May 18.—Methuen entered Hoopstad yesterday unopposed. Generals Dreyer and Daniells and forty men have surrendered.

"Broadwood occupied Lindley yesterday after slight opposition. Only two of our men were wounded slightly. Steyn was not there, and his government officials had left last Sunday.

"Hutton's mounted infantry yesterday surprised and captured, about thirty miles northwest of this place. Commandant Batha, Field Cornet Gassen, five Johannesburg policemen and seventeen Boers. There were no casualties on our side.

"Buller reports that several Natal farmers are handing in arms."

Mafeking's Relief.

LONDON, May 18.—A special dispatch from Laurence Marques, dated yesterday says:

"The last 500 refugees who arrived here agree in stating that Mafeking has been relieved. The end of the war is anticipated by the Queen's birthday, May 24."

It is stated at the war office that no news as to the relief of Mafeking had been received up to 8 o'clock this morning.

Buller at Dannhauser.

DANSHAUSER, Thursday, May 17.—General Buller entered Dannhauser at 10 o'clock this morning. The houses in the town were found to be not much damaged, owing to the sympathies of the Boer inhabitants. A number of rebels were found at their homes and arrested. The railway is little damaged. The Boers north of Newcastle are falling back.

General Buller has received a message from the Queen congratulating him upon the taking of Dundee, and expressing appreciation of the work of the troops, to which he has replied.

The Boers left two doctors and an ambulance here.

Boer Envoy's Imprudence.

NEW YORK, May 18.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says: What chance the Boer commissioners had of being received officially by the President and Secretary Hay is lessening in consequence of their conduct in New York. Administration officials have been following with close interest the statements the delegates have made.

It is unusual, according to the officials, for the diplomatic representatives of foreign governments to come to the United States and immediately upon arrival publicly announce the purport of their mission before they obtain recognition, and some of the authorities do not hesitate to call such conduct highly improper.

From the administration's point of view, the action of the delegates and their friends is calculated to stir up a sentiment designed to force the government to receive them and carry out any suggestions they may make.

It is becoming apparent, however,

that the mission of the commissioners is more of a political than a diplomatic character, and whatever propositions they may make looking to the intervention of the United States in South Africa it is altogether likely that the president will decline to act.

## MAFEKING HAS BEEN RELIEVED

Telegrams From Boer Sources Say They Abandoned the Siege Last Tuesday.

LONDON, May 18, 9:16 p. m.—Mafeking has been relieved.

PRETORIA, May 18.—It was officially announced today that when the laagers and forts around Mafeking had been severely bombarded, the siege was abandoned.

LONDON, May 18.—A special dispatch from Amsterdam says a telegram from Boer sources announces that Mafeking was relieved Tuesday.

In The House.

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 Cox (Dem. 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 Lee's capitulation to Grant, by which the 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 Cox, who, after ten years of service in the House, is to retire at the end of his present term. Many other claim bills were passed.

A bill to reimburse Colonel Charles B. Dougherty and other members of the Ninth Pennsylvania regiment for baggage destroyed at the opening of the Spanish war, favorably reported, but not reached when the House, at 5:25 p. m. adjourned.

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A Cuban Official Confesses.

HAVANA, May 18.—W. H. Reeves, deputy ambassador of the island, made a confession at midnight and gave up \$4500 given to him by Neeley, financial agent of posts at Havana, to perform certain services the day he left. General Wood and the postal inspectors refuse to disclose the nature of the confession, barely admitting that the confession has been made. It is claimed that \$1400 will be recovered today.

Call For Two Per Cents.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Secretary Gage, after the cabinet meeting today, announced that he would issue a call at once for the redemption of the \$25,364,500 of outstanding 2 per cent bonds of the funded loan of 1891, interest to cease September 1 next. During the last 10 1/2 months of the present fiscal year the treasury receipts have exceeded the expenditures by something over \$88,000,000.

M. B. Smith, Butternut, Mich., says,

"DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the very best pills I ever used for constiveness, liver and bowel troubles."

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## AGUINALDO HEARD FROM

His Latest Proclamation to the Insurgents.

MANILA, May 18.—A proclamation purporting to have been issued by Aguinaldo and dated May 4, from Polillo island, one of the Philippine group east of Luzon is circulating in Manila. It says the commission appointed by President McKinley was appointed without the authority of congress, and hence it cannot treat officially. It urges the Filipinos not to surrender their arms at the instigation of the commission and on promises which congress may not ratify, and also urges the Filipinos to enthusiastically welcome the commission when it arrives in the town and provinces, asking bodily for the form of government they most desire, as the Americans permit of freedom of speech. The proclamation closes with asking the Filipinos to strive for liberty and independence, and again warns them against deception.

In the Catarna district about 500 of the enemy attacked a portion of the forty-third regiment. The Americans killed 203 of the rebels. Only three Americans were wounded.

Major John C. Gilmore and 100 men of the Forty-third regiment were ambushed May 6th near Pangbuan, Samar. Seventy-five of the enemy were killed and no American casualties.

The transport Lennox has returned here after landing four troops of the Eleventh Cavalry to reinforce Colonel J. F. Bell. Two troops, Major Sime commanding, were landed at Legaspi and proceeded across the country to strengthen the garrison at Liago. They found numerous entrenchments manned by insurgents between the towns, and were two days on their way. Their only loss was three horses. The officers report they killed forty insurgents, but the natives declare eighty were killed.

War Was a Blessing to Spain.

NEW YORK, May 18.—A dispatch to the Herald from London says: General Stewart L. Woodford, formerly United States minister at Madrid, speaking tonight to a correspondent, painted a glowing picture of the future of Spain.

"The loss of her colonies," he said, "means Spain's national rejuvenation. Relief after years of ceaseless, strength-sapping anxieties incident to the government of her scattered island possessions, leaves her statesmen free to work out the destiny of their own country. The war with the United States was a blessing in disguise.

"I have unbounded faith in the nation's future. A Spaniard is essentially honorable. He wants to pay his debts. He is jealous of his country's name and credit. The present agitation because of increased taxes will subside as soon as King Alfonso's subjects realize that additional revenue is necessary to maintain the national honor."

A Life And Death Fight.

Mr. W. A. Hines of Manchester, Ia., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after menses induced serious lung trouble, which ended in Consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$5.00 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and all say it never fails to cure Throat, Chest and Lung troubles." Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Blakeley & Houghton's Drug Store.

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## CHEROKEE SENATOR BULLFROG

He Believes Most of the Clients of Cheap Lawyers Are in Prison.

Senator Bullfrog was a picturesque figure at a recent session of the Cherokee congress. His raiment on this occasion consisted of a new pink calico shirt with no collar, navy blue trousers and heavy riding boots. Senator Bullfrog wore his spurs, and although he understands the English language quite as well as the whitest man in the senate he addressed the president in the Cherokee tongue. At intervals Senator Bullfrog paused in his speech and spat with unerring aim at the stove, while an interpreter repeated his argument in English. Senator Bullfrog is something of a philosopher. A certain lawyer had offered to accept five per cent, as a retainer for collecting a claim for the nation, and it was of this that the senator from Goingsnake district spoke. Senator Bullfrog declared that cheap lawyers were not safe.

"They will," he said, "offer to recover your hog for a ham, but the chances are you will never get the hog and will lose an extra ham besides. I notice that most of the clients of cheap lawyers are in prison."

This argument was uproariously applauded by all the other senators, who sat with their chairs tilted back against the wall, expectorating in the direction of the stove.

## WILL USE ELECTRICITY.

To Propel Big Passenger Steamers on the Seine at the Paris Exposition.

Passenger boats propelled exclusively by electricity will make their appearance on the Seine early this spring, in connection with the Paris exposition.

These novel boats, the trial trips of which have proved a wonderful success, have been built on the plans and under the direction of a French engineer, Mr. Pisco, of the company of Suburban Omnibus Boats, which will employ them, notwithstanding their luxurious equipment, for the transportation of ordinary travelers at a reduced rate. They will run at a great speed, without noise or smoke, and will be able to make nearly 63 miles without recharging, managed by one man.

These boats will be charged by an electric machine on the river bank at Asnières, in front of their mooring station.

Particular interest attaches to these boats from the fact that they are the first devoted to the public service that have been tried in Europe. If the enterprise proves successful, which there is every reason to expect, it will revolutionize river transportation.

Australian Oysters.

The Journal of the Society of Arts says that Australian oysters are cheap and plentiful, being retailed in Sydney at from sixpence to one shilling per plate or bottle. The consumption is enormous, and lasts throughout the year. The whole of the New South Wales coast is admirably adapted for oyster culture. Unlike the coasts of Great Britain and even America, where the temperature during the summer months is frequently sufficient to prevent the shedding of spat, and generally to limit its quantity, the spat of New South Wales is distributed in unlimited profusion. Mr. Coghlan, the New South Wales government statistician, says the establishment of "pares" like those which may be seen along the coasts of France and Belgium, where oyster culture is conducted on scientific principles, would be remunerative. It is said that the equipment for a Sydney harbor pier would be considered incomplete without the means of detaching oysters from the rocks, on which they are found in myriads.

Valuable Oysters.

The director of the geological survey has had an appraisal made by experts to determine the value of the specimens of fossil dinosaurs belonging to the collection of the late Prof. O. C. Marsh, which have been turned over to the national museum in Washington. According to this estimate, the skulls of the monster triceratops, or "three-horned beast," are worth at least \$5,000 apiece, while other skulls vary in value from \$50 to \$250. The head and neck of the triceratops were covered by an enormous bony helmet seven or eight feet long.

Area of Cuba.

The total area of Cuba is about 45,000 square miles. Of this 15,000 square miles is uncleared and unexplored forest; 7,000 square miles is devoted to pasture; 10,000 square miles susceptible of cultivation has never felt the plow, and only about 12,000 square miles, or a little more than one-fourth of the entire area, is or ever has been productive.

## Caught a Dreadful Cold.

Marion Kooke, manager for T. M. Thompson, a large importer of fine millinery at 1658 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, says: "During the late severe weather I caught a dreadful cold which kept me awake at night and made me unfit to attend my work during the day. One of my milliners was taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a severe cold at that time, which seemed to relieve her so quickly that I bought some for myself. It acted like magic and I began to improve at once. I am now entirely well and feel very pleased to acknowledge its merits." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton.

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