

BOERS ABANDON JOHANNESBURG.

British Forces Are Rapidly Advancing Upon the Capital of Transvaal.

PRETORIA WILL SURRENDER.

A Mad Rush for the Coast by Fugitives from the Capital—Border Troubles Between the Boers and Portuguese—Guerrilla Warfare.

LONDON, May 31, 3 A. M.—Yesterday at noon the British were only about two hours' march from Pretoria, 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 Rosslyn, in a press dispatch. The two messages left about the same time.

Most of the London papers treat the war as ended. The more cautious critics think that guerrilla warfare is likely to be carried on for some time in various parts of the conquered territories.

Although the Boer forces are dissolving, Lord Roberts, apparently, has not yet taken any considerable quantity of artillery, arms or stores. Large bodies of Boers must still be somewhere in the field.

Waterfall Boven, a small mountain place, one hundred and fifty miles east of Pretoria, on the Delagoa Bay railway. The seat of the Boer government—what is left of it—will probably be Lydenburg, to the north.

A dispatch from Lorenzo Marques, dated Wednesday says: "Commandant Kraus has surrendered Johannesburg to Lord Roberts. By to-night's date the Boer forces have arrived a few leagues, who say they were told to leave Pretoria Tuesday. They affirm that the train in which they left was shelled by the British and that half of the train was cut off, the remainder steaming away. This incident probably occurred at Elandsfontein junction.

Passengers from Pretoria assert that the town is utterly demoralized. There is a mad rush for the coast. Five train loads of fugitives are expected here to-night.

appointed to preserve life and property during the interregnum.

Everything is quiet, but crowds are waiting expectantly in Church Square for the arrival of the British.

London, May 30.—Any prolonged defence of Pretoria would be highly improbable and many military men anticipate that General French will capture the Transvaal capital within a few days by a sudden and unexpected move.

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MARINES LANDING AT TIEN TSIN.

From American, British, Japanese, German, Italian, Russian, French Warships.

ONE HUNDRED FROM EACH. For the Protection of Their Respective Legations at Pekin—Fresh Atrocities by the "Boxers"—Chinese Soldiers Joining the Rebels.

PEKIN, Tuesday, May 29.—From all parts of the surrounding country news is constantly arriving of fresh atrocities committed by the "Boxers."

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THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Reunion at Louisville—North Carolina Division Selected to Lead the Grand Parade on Friday.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 30.—Surrounded by waving banners bearing the fiery cross of the Confederacy, listening to the cheers from the throats of three thousand men who wore the gray, and confronted by the waving handkerchiefs of hundreds of ladies, General John B. Gordon, commander of the United Confederate Veterans, to-day formally opened the tenth annual reunion of the order, which in point of attendance is already the largest ever held. All things considered, the day was a grand success, with the exception of the weather, which was almost as disagreeable as the day would be. All through the early hours of the morning the rain came down in sheets.

For an hour previous to the time set for the opening of the meeting the veterans and their friends made their way in a steady stream to the hall and by 11:30 it was well filled.

The band struck up "Dixie," and then came the old rebel yell with a fire and vigor never surpassed during the days of the war.

On the platform besides General Poyntz, were General B. Buckner, Rev. William J. Jones, Hon. J. E. Geesey, the only surviving member of the cabinet of Jefferson Davis, General W. T. Cabell, General J. H. West, Colonel Thomas W. Ballitt, Colonel B. E. King, Capt. E. J. Jones, and B. M. Peck and others.

The Mayor, whose speech was received with much applause, was followed by Colonel Thomas W. Ballitt, who welcomed the visitors to Louisville in behalf of the Board of Trade of that city. Rev. Carter Jones extended the welcome in behalf of the Commercial Union of the city.

While he was in the midst of his address the A. P. Hill camp of Petersburg, Va., came into the hall, headed by a life and drum corps which created a great commotion in the hall.

At the conclusion of his address, Col. Young turned to Gen. Gordon and handed him the keys of the building which had been erected for the reunion.

Gen. Gordon was visibly moved by the reception he met with and for several minutes stood bowing his thanks to the order, which he led by Dr. B. M. Palmer, of New Orleans, the orator of the day.

INTERCOLLEGIATE CONTESTS.

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MEMORIAL DAY. Decoration of Graves of Confederate Dead at Hollywood Cemetery.

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