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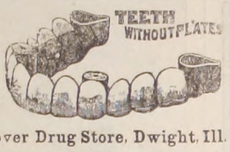

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BOERS GIVE UP THE WAR.

No Opposition Made to the Entry of British Troops Into Transvaal Capital.

KRUGER AND HIS COUNCIL HAVE FLED.

If the News Is True the War Is Practically Ended—Little Disposition to Question the Report—Annexation of the Free State—Some War Statistics.

London, May 31, 7 a. m.—Britons arose this morning to find peace practically established in South Africa and President Kruger a fugitive, with either Lydenburg or Holland—probably the latter—as his destination. The kaleidoscopic change in the situation is startling. Twenty-four hours finds Lord Roberts in Johannesburg, Pretoria abandoned by the Boers, the Afrikanders negotiating for peace and the armies of the Transvaal and their allies in disorganized retreat.

At this hour there is no confirmation by the war office either of Lord Rosslyn's announcement that Pretoria would be occupied without opposition by the British early yesterday afternoon, that Commandant Kraus had surrendered Johannesburg to Lord Roberts, or that British officers in Johannesburg are arranging the terms of peace. Nevertheless, there is little disposition in any quarter to question the trustworthiness of these statements.

Flight of Kruger.

A most sensational dispatch has been received by the Mail from Pretoria, which suggests that the war is virtually at an end. Lord Rosslyn, telegraphing from the Transvaal capital at 11:40 yesterday forenoon, definitely stated that the city would be occupied in about two hours' time. President Kruger has fled to Watervalboven, but every arrangement had been made for the reception of the British troops, presumably the mounted forces under French and Hamilton. Great credit is accorded by the Mail correspondent to the American consul and Mr. Leigh for their action in insisting upon the liberation of 20 British prisoners on parole, with the object of preventing disturbances among the British prisoners of war. If this dispatch can be relied upon—and there seems no reason to doubt its authenticity—it may reasonably be concluded that the end of the war is in sight. No official news has, however, been received in regard to the matter.

Annexation of the Free State.

Bloemfontein, May 31. — The annexation of the Orange Free State to Great Britain was formally proclaimed at noon to-day in the market square. Gen. Prettyman, the military governor of Bloemfontein, read the proclamation of Lord Roberts annexing the Free State and renaming it Orange River state. The proclamation in announcing the annexation referred to the Orange Free State as "having been conquered by her majesty's forces." There were tremendous cheers when this portion was read. The people sang the British national anthem and a salute of 21 guns was fired.

Says War Will Not Cease.

Boston, May 31. — "Even if the whole country is taken and the leaders imprisoned, the war will cease only for a time, and it will be renewed again and again, if need be, until we get our liberty," was the dramatic utterance of M. A. Fischer, one of the Boer envoys, when he was shown the dispatch from London announcing the surrender of Pretoria.

Facts About the War.

Duration of war	231 days
British soldiers engaged	240,000
Boer forces, probably	50,000
British losses in killed, wounded, missing and invalided home	30,000
Boer losses	Unknown

The great battles were:

Dundee, October 20, British losses	182
Elandslaagte, October 21, British losses	150
Ladysmith, October 30, British losses	1,270
Belmont, November 23, British losses	231
Gras Pan, November 25, British losses	198
Modder River, November 28, British losses	475
Magersfontein, December 12, British losses	832
Stormburg, December 10, British captured	600
Tugela River, December 15, British losses	1,100
Spion Kop, January 20 to 25, British losses	1,500

A Novel Wedding.

Toledo, O., May 28.—August Croft, aged 86 years, and Miss Kate Putnam, aged 88, will be married at South Bloomfield this evening. The wedding party will be a large one, but no one whose age is less than 60 years has been invited. At the ages of 15 and 17 they were devoted lovers, but did not become formally engaged until January 8, 1900. Neither the bride nor groom-to-be has ever married.

Sawmill Burned.

Ashland, Wis., May 31.—The Lea-Ingram sawmill at Iron River, owned by the Alexander Edgar company, of Wausau, was destroyed by fire Wednesday. A dozen cars nearby were also burned, but 10,000,000 feet of dry timber in the yards was saved. The loss is $30,000. The mill will be rebuilt.

Blow Caused His Death.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 28.—Eddie Teabout, the colored pugilist who was taken to the Bridgeport hospital in an insensible condition last Friday night as the result of a blow received during a boxing match with William Forsyth, died Sunday without regaining consciousness. Forsyth is in jail.

Carnegie's Wealth.

New York, May 31.—Henry W. Lucy, M. P., writing to the Tribune from London, quotes a friend of Andrew Carnegie as saying that the ironmaster lately declared that his possessions, readily convertible into hard cash, amount to $200,000,000.

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS.

Marvelous Capacity.

F. M. Spawn, aged 19, a school teacher at Alto Pass, has exploded all physiological theories regarding the capacity of the human stomach by eating and drinking in one evening, in addition to his regular supper, one can of tomatoes, one can of peas, one can of sardines, seven glasses of soda water and two quart bottles of temperance drinks. This is only one of many like achievements by which he has astonished his acquaintances.

Illinois Taxes.

The state auditor of public accounts has completed the compilation of all taxes charged against the assessment of 1899 in the state of Illinois. The total amount is $49,289,137.48, divided as follows: State tax, $4,059,769.55; county tax, $6,414,367.46; city tax, $9,682,520.90; school tax, $16,221,386.43; miscellaneous, $8,824,415.86; road and bridge, $3,038,069.46; registered bonds, $1,048,607.82. Of this amount Cook county pays $24,872,117.55.

An Abductor Killed.

Thomas Summers, who lived near Spring Garden, was shot and killed by Silas Riggs. Two weeks ago Summers, who was married, ran away with Riggs' 17-year-old daughter. Summers returned, but not accompanied by the girl, whose father was unable to learn of her whereabouts. Summers was about 32 years old. He leaves a wife and several children.

Name a Ticket.

At the state convention of the socialist labor party in Peoria state officers were nominated as follows:

Governor, L. Hoffman, Jacksonville; lieutenant governor, William Cox, Edwardsville; secretary of state, Frank Gale, Collinsville; state treasurer, Thomas B. Allen, Peoria; state auditor, Valentine Martis, Jacksonville.

Twenty-four presidential electors were nominated.

Must Label Their Goods.

Beginning July 1, the dealer who sells imitation butter for the genuine article, glucose for honey or adulterated extracts will take his chances of a visit from State Food Commissioner A. H. Jones, who for some months has been getting the machinery of his office in order to wage battle on behalf of the heretofore unprotected consumer.

Lost a Fortune.

Gustav Jorns, of Springfield, has forfeited all interest in his father's estate, about $18,000, for the love of a girl. The bulk of his father's estate was left to him, but it was provided in the will that should he marry Gertrude Garms he would forfeit his interest in the estate. Jorns and Miss Garms were married May 16 at Evansville, Ind.

Plan a Big Picnic.

The Tenth congressional district Modern Woodmen picnic will take place at Rock Island on July 18. This was decided upon at a recent meeting of the association's executive committee. Last year there were over 15,000 woodmen in attendance at this picnic. This year it is expected over 20,000 woodmen will attend.

Shot Himself.

Jesse Farmer, son of John Farmer, highway commissioner of Jersey township, attempted suicide at his home northeast of Jerseyville, by shooting himself during a fit of despondency caused by disappointed love. He may recover.

Told in a Few Lines.

William T. Wykes, formerly of Carbondale, whose parents still reside there, was arrested in St. Louis on the charge of embezzling $5,000 from C. E. Whitney & Co., of San Francisco.

Myrtle Thomas, of Quincy, attempted to commit suicide at Hot Springs, Ark., by taking poison. She told the police that she had only been married four months and had been deserted by her husband.

President and Mrs. McKinley will be in Chicago during the annual encampment of the G. A. R. in August.

Judge Tuley, of Chicago, has declined to be the democratic nominee for governor of Illinois.

A new post office has been established at Jones, Pope county, with Gertie Jones as postmistress.

The Illinois national bank of Peoria, capital $150,000, has been authorized to commence business.

The Catholic Total Abstinence union of Illinois in session in Joliet elected Walter J. Gibbons president.

Ohio Wesleyan secured first place and the University of Illinois second in the third annual oratorical contest of the Central Oratorical league in Champaign.

Two rural free delivery mail routes, each covering a territory of 36 square miles surrounding Hoopeston, have been recommended

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the odd fellows' lodge in Winchester was celebrated.

The Illinois Southern Railway company, capital stock $2,000,000, has been licensed to construct a road from the east line of Marion county through the counties of Marion, Clinton, Perry and Washington.

The Jacksonville academy for young women celebrated its seventieth commencement.

The new city council in Aurora unanimously passed a curfew law which provides for the arrest of children under 16 years found without proper escort on the streets after nine o'clock.

The servants' strike that has been on in Chicago for two years is over and houseworkers by the hundred are seeking work.

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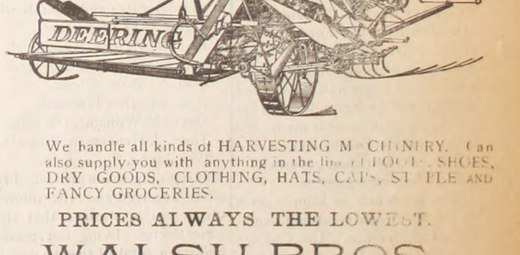

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