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The British public is keenly expectant of the announcement that Mafeking has been relieved. In army circles the opinion seems to prevail that this has already been accomplished, although two hours after midnight the War office asserted that no news of relief had been received.

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YAMAGUCHI, May 16.—The steamer Empress of India brings the unwelcome news that the plague has again broken out in Japan, this time in Osaka. The Kobe Herald says there were four cases of the disease in Osaka during April, all proving fatal. The epidemic was positively located in the blood of the victims. There is grave apprehension that the pest may spread at this time, the beginning of the wet, warm season, when climatic conditions will be especially favorable to the cultivation of the bacillus.

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IS KITCHENER IN THE FIELD?

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Said to Have Disclosed Their True Condition During the Journey.

NEW LONDON PAPER'S ENTERPRISE SHOWN

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MORE OF CATUBIG MASSACRE

Part of Garrison Killed in Attempting to Escape by Boat—Others Held Out Two Days.

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