

BOERS MAKE NO STAND

British Army Sweeps On Toward Pretoria, Meeting Little Resistance.

ROBERTS ON NORTH BANK OF THE VAAL

His Advance Guard Arrived in Time to Save the Coal Mines.

PLANS TO BLOW UP THE ENTIRE ARMY

Foreign Adventurers at Pretoria Propose Scheme Which May Be Tried.

JOHANNESBURG IS GREATLY EXCITED

Threats to Blow Up Mines Will Probably Be Carried Out—Hundred and Fifty Boers Captured Near Ficksburg.

LONDON, May 28.—A. m.—The War office has received the following from Lord Roberts:

VEREENING, Sunday, May 27.—1.15 p. m.—We crossed the Vaal this morning and now encamped on the north bank.

The advance troops, which crossed yesterday, were only just in time to save the coal mines on both sides and the other side of the river from being destroyed.

When Lord Roberts wrote his first dispatch on Transvaal territory yesterday shortly before 2 o'clock in the afternoon, he was fifty-one miles from Johannesburg and seventy-seven miles from Pretoria.

The Vaal forms a curve of eight miles from Ficksburg in the west to Zand drift on the east.

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FOREIGN TROOPS MUST LAND

Protection of the Legations Demands Their Presence at Peking.

DIPLMATIC CORPS WANTS TO KNOW

Representatives of Powers Demand that Chinese Government Explain What Will Be Done with the Boxers.

PERKIN, May 27.—The diplomatic corps have decided to ask the Tsung-Li-Yamen (Chinese Foreign office) to define explicitly the measures which the government intends to take in dealing with the "Boxers."

The government is making some attempts to check the movements of the Boxers here, the streets are quiet, but the country is in a state of terror so far as the native Christians are concerned.

Many Protestant and Catholic refugees are fleeing here for protection.

SHANGHAI, May 27.—Reports received today indicate that the diplomatic corps are extremely critical owing to the defeat of the government troops by the "Boxers."

It is now regarded here as certain that foreign troops must be sent to Peking to protect the legations, and the withdrawal of missionaries from the interior is considered imperative.

Large portions of the provinces of Pe Chi Li and Chang Tung are in a state little better than absolute anarchy and disorder is spreading in the province of Shan Si.

As a result of the encouragement received from the emperor dowager.

WAR ON GOLD COAST GROWS

Investment of Kumsasi by Ashantis Cannot Be Broken—Losses on Both Sides.

ACCRA, May 27.—It is reported that three European officers were killed and Captain Apin and 100 Hausers were wounded in a recent effort by the Lagos Hausers to break the investing lines of tribesmen at Kumsasi.

The Ashanti loss is reported to have been great, as the Hausers had three Maxim guns engaged, although themselves greatly outnumbered.

Three hundred Ashantis are said to have been killed in a previous action. The rising is still spreading.

COMMISSIONERS AT HONG KONG

Transport Halted with the Official Party on Board is in the British Chinese Port.

END OF STRIKE NOT IN SIGHT

Twentieth Day of St. Louis Street Car Tie-Up with No Sign of Settlement.

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CONGRESS HEARING THE END

Both Houses May Conclude to Adjourn by the Middle of Next Week.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—House leaders are figuring that the senate will agree to the house resolution to adjourn Wednesday, June 1, and that the adjournment will be crowded into the coming week.

Individual members with related bills are pressing for recognition and will be given some show.

Confidence reports on appropriation bills but for the right of way. There are half a dozen measures of importance pending.

Including the disincorporation bill, the anti-liquor bill, the St. Louis fair bill, the Philadelphia museum bill and the anti-trust measure, but the indications are that none of them will pass.

The anti-trust bill and resolution will be considered Friday and Saturday and are to be devoted to their consideration under special rules.

The friends of the others, however, are active, aggressive and insistent and some of them are making a strong case for their bills.

Leaders do not go much beyond driving through the appropriation bills, the passage of the anti-trust legislation and the cleaning up of a few odds and ends.

The time of the senate during the present week will be divided largely between the discussion of the Philippine question and the consideration of the appropriation bills, with a diversion about the middle of the week in the Clark case.

Senator Wellington will speak Monday on the Boer resolution and he will be followed that day or the day following by Senator Teller on the Philippine question.

Speeches on the Philippine question will also be made by Senators Pettigrew and Turner and probably also by Senator Brewster.

There is a general desire on the part of the opposition to reply to Senator Spooner's speech before the close of the present session.

The sundry civil appropriation bill probably will be considered for two or three days more and by the time that it is disposed of the general deficiency bill will be ready for consideration.

Neither the deficiency nor the military systems bills, the only two appropriation bills, are expected to pass the senate until after the 10th or 11th.

In addition to the appropriation bills still undisposed of by the senate there are still several appropriation bills in conference with the house.

Some of the senators not to name the date of adjournment until these are well out of the way.

It is generally believed that the Montana senatorial contest will be decided when the senate meets on June 1.

Senator Clark is expected to be elected on the 10th or 11th and the senate will adjourn on the 12th.

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