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In the Boer Camp.

ON TUESDAY

### THE DAY OF CRONJE'S DOWNFALL

Some spies were sent from the stadt on Monday to inspect the laager down Molopo. They were to get to Molinola first, then return, pretending to be Sanie's people. On their arrival they found that Sanie had already sent a spy for the same purpose, he, therefore, told them to wait till his man returned, lest the double visit complicate matters. Sanie's man reached the laager on Monday evening and was taken to Cronje's camp in the night while the Boers were making a square preparation for last Tuesday's attack. They were very friendly to him and gave him to understand that the fight would last all day, if they did not take Mafeking sooner. To his surprise firing ceased immediately after 9 o'clock and they returned, some of them crying. He asked one who had been very kind to him the night before: "Why did the boss return so quickly?" "My Jong, de vordoms—knocked spots out of us." A wagon full of dead men arrived from Cronje's kopje while he was there and off-loaded on the other side of the camp. Just when it went back again he was told to leave the laager. Our people then went yesterday to the laager down the Molopo and inspected it. There is no trench except that the ground is raised about a foot high. The big gun that shoots from the west is a few yards this side the camp, quite alone. The tents were further away from it, and further than the tents they sit and converse. The people at that camp may be between 200 and 300. The only strong camp is at Koi Koi, near the Railway Cottage west, where Cronje is. It is surrounded by wagons and stones are piled underneath them. Someone said that they are not as many as they were before, some of them having

left. The men wish they could go, but Cronje tells them to continue shelling.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

The Colonel Commanding issued the following last night:—

*Appointments.*—Mr. Ernest Noel Grayson is attached to Colonel Hore's Staff as Galloper from the 31st October, and is entitled to forage for 1 horse and free rations. Dr. T. W. Hayes is appointed Staff Officer to the principal Medical Officer, to date from the 2nd November. Dr. S. Smyth is placed in medical charge of the Women's Laager, and is entitled to pay at the rate of 30s. per day, to date from the 2nd November.

*Fire Discipline.*—Commanders of posts will not allow desultory individual firing at long ranges from their defence works; it wastes ammunition and encourages the enemy. They may, when desirable, direct individual firing from advanced points or volleys when the enemy's sniping becomes too pronounced.

*Watering Horses.*—All horses will be watered, as far as possible after dusk, or in any case at such time as the enemy are not firing.

*Notice.*—Colonel Baden-Powell wishes publicly to express his regret at the death of Mr. Parslow, representative of the "Daily Chronicle." Mr. Vere Stent is appointed executor Dative in the Estate of the late Mr. Parslow.

*Live Stock.*—As it may be found necessary hereafter to slaughter some of the live stock at present at Mafeking, and as doubt seems to exist regarding the ownership of some of the cattle, owners are reminded that it is advisable to register, with as little delay as possible, all the live stock they possess.

The signal for the expected firing of the big gun has been altered, the blowing of a horn not having proved efficacious. A bell is now rung at Weil's, and at the Women's Laager, while the striking of the railway metal at Dixon's will warn all to take shelter.

### NOTICE.

In the Estate of the late E. G. PARSLOW, Esq., of Capetown, Special Correspondent of the London "Daily Chronicle" and "South African News."

ALL persons claiming to be Creditors in the above Estate are requested to file their claims with the undersigned at the shelter by Julius Weil's, not later than 12 o'clock noon, tomorrow, Saturday, November 4th, and those indebted thereto to pay their debts within the same period.

VERE STENT,  
Executor Dative.

Mafeking, 3rd Nov., 1899.

### NOTICE.

In the Estate of the late E. G. PARSLOW, Esq.

Mr. T. ALDRED,

Having been duly instructed by the Executor Dative herein, will sell by Public Auction,

ON SUNDAY NEXT,

November 6th, 1899,

At 5-30 p.m., in front of the Court House, Mafeking,

One Grey Horse,

good trotter, been under fire; also

Saddle and Bridle, &c.

### The Market Square Fatality.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

CONTINUED.

This morning Kenneth Murchison was again brought before the Resident Magistrate, C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M. Mr. De Kock appeared for the accused. So far as we can learn no one was present to watch the case on behalf of the relatives and friends of deceased.

The witness John Waterston was re-sworn, and pointed out, on a plan of the front portion of Dixon's Hotel, the spots occupied by the actors in this tragedy. He identified the revolver, produced, which he took from the accused. It had remained in his possession since the occurrence. It is a six-chamber revolver, fully loaded with one cartridge exploded. He said that when the shot was fired he stood near the office door while the accused was a few feet from him at the step inside and on the other side of the passage, in line with the open half of the inner glass doors. He did not see accused raise his hand to fire but merely heard the shot and accused's exclamation "By God, it is an accident."

Cross-examined by Mr. De Kock. Deceased was going out and fell on his face. He, witness turned the body over to ascertain whether he was alive, he did not see any weapon upon the deceased he did not search for one.

The District Surgeon not being present to report upon the post-mortem prisoner was remanded till to-morrow.

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