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### THE Mafeking Mail.

SATURDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1900.

#### LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

The party of Baralongs who had gone out to bring in cattle for us from Col. Plumer, tried last night to get in to Mafeking. They were informed by some native women on the way that hostile native spies knew of their coming, and had warned the Boers. Nevertheless they hoped to rush the cattle through.

The Boers, with a number of Rietfontein natives, appear to have lain in wait for them, in two parties, near the bush beyond Game Tree. They allowed the cattle to come well in between them, and then opened a heavy fire. To this the Baralongs replied with great spirit, while our troops made a diversion on both flanks of the Boers. When the Baralongs had expended all their ammunition they had to take to flight, leaving most of the cattle shot down on the ground—only about 15 head being left alive. The Boers got two of the wounded Baralongs; one they shot, and they are said to have cut the throat of the other. The remainder of the party got into Mafeking all right; three of them being wounded.

This loss of the cattle does not seriously affect our position here, though it may involve our taking to *Cheval* (the polite name for horse beef) a week or two sooner

than we otherwise should. But that will not be for two months yet,—unless people clamour to have it sooner.

#### MEMS.

**FOODSTUFFS.**—Carpenters and others are requested to declare what stock of Sawdust or Shavings they have, without delay.—By order, X.Z.Y.Q. (c).

A fight is reported to have taken place at Brandfort, about 35 miles North of Bloemfontein. Boers admit 113 casualties.

President Kruger has annexed the Free State to the Transvaal by Proclamation.

A wire from London says: "That the publication of the correspondence between Schriener and the Mayor of Kimberley has engendered a feeling of resentment throughout the country against the former. The mildest view possible to take of Mr. Schriener's attitude with regard to preparations for the defence of Kimberley, is that he showed an extraordinary look of prescience."

In a stable at Kroonstad the Free State Government have a printing plant, from which its proclamations are issued.

Messrs. D. J. Marcuson & Co., announce their intention of giving twenty of their "South African Unity" silver chains to the first soldiers who enter Mafeking and Pretoria, half to each.—*Cape Times*.

At Ladysmith when traders stuck on too heavily, the price for any scarce commodity, the authorities commanded it and served it out at something reasonable.

Horse flesh sausages were deemed a luxury when no more holes could be taken up in belts.

#### RELIEF OF MAFEKING.

PLEA FOR CELEBRATION.

ON COMPREHENSIVE SCALE

(From the Bulawayo Chronicle).

A correspondent writes: It is to be hoped that on the day that will be set apart for rejoicing on account of the relief of Mafeking—which we trust is not far distant—that the arrangements for whatever means is adopted for giving expression to the feeling of the people will be made on the larger idea of an expression of the general rejoicing of all people in Matabeleland, for it is not only Bulawayo that has reason to thank the gallant defenders of Mafeking for immunity from attack owing to so large a number of the Boers being "contained" around the little town, but the whole population of Matabeleland is indebted to the plucky garrison for the bravery and stubbornness exhibited in the continual repulses of the investing force. Many a man residing in outside districts will be unable to participate in any public form of rejoicing, although doubtless a great deal will be done at Gwelo, Selukwe, and others of the mining centres. Let our efforts



therefore be directed to attempt to voice the people of Matabeleland and let those in whose hands the arrangements have been left, ask His Honour the Administrator of Matabeleland, to take the leading part in whatever of a public nature may be proposed; if a public meeting be thought of, all who have ever heard Captain Lawley's polished oratory, will agree that apart from his official position he is particularly fitted for the office of chairman, and if a concert is inaugurated, the support of the Administrator should be secured. Matabeleland must have means given her for showing to the world her appreciation of the historic defence made by the brave citizens and soldiers of the little border town, the celebrations therefore, should be organized firstly as those of Matabeleland, and secondly as those of the citizens of Bulawayo.

## NEWSPAPERS.

A batch of newspapers have been received to-day, and will be on view at the Court House to-morrow, from 8 a.m.

## MAFEKING GARRISON.

### GENERAL ORDERS

By Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell,  
Commanding Frontier Force.

MAFEKING, 14TH APRIL, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Monday, 16th April, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut.-Colonel C. B. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

*Visiting Justice.*—The Visiting Justice to the Mafeking Gaol for the ensuing week will be Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.

*Local Defence Accounts.*—No charges against the Imperial Local Defence Account will be recognised unless supported by the signatures of heads of departments or persons duly authorized by them as follows:

Chief Staff Officer—Lord Edward Cecil.

D.A.A.G. (b)—Captain Ryan.

C.R.A.—Major Panzera.

Base Commandant and Commanding Engineer—Lieut.-Colonel Vyvyan.

Town Commandant—H. H. Major Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.

P.M.O.—Dr. W. Hayes.  
Brigade Transport Officer.—Lieut. Mackenzie.

Women's Laager—F. W. Whiteley, Esquire.

Separate accounts must be rendered for each of the above departments.

*Soven Kitchens.*—Free issues will be made at all kitchens between the hours of 7-30 a.m. and 9 a.m. daily. Cash sales will be made within the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily. Inspector Myers can be seen and will issue free tickets to such persons as may be entitled to them at 8-30 a.m. daily at the Office, Lippman's Yard.

*Bread Rations.*—With reference to General Order No. 4, of the 11th April, 1900 the Bread or Biscuit Ration will be 6 oz. per diem.

*Wood Supply.*—Owing to the scarcity of fire wood it has been found necessary to obtain wood by topping the trees in Mafeking and the Stadt. The work has been entrusted to Mr. Tarleton, who understands forestry, who will so cut the trees that they will benefit rather than be harmed by the topping. In the case of its being found necessary to top trees, the private property of inhabitants, notice will be given and a fair compensation will be paid.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
Chief Staff Officer.

## NOTICE.

IN view of the necessity of providing an adequate supply of milk to the patients in the Hospital, especially those who are suffering from dysentery and fever, of which there are a considerable number at present, and for the women and children in Mafeking, a need which will probably grow greater as other food-stuffs diminish, the Colonel Commanding thinks it is necessary to regulate the sale of milk in the Garrison. Any milk in excess of the amount necessary for the above purposes will be sold to the inhabitants at cost price.

He has therefore approved of the following regulation:—

1. From and including Sunday, the 15th instant, all milk whatsoever obtained from milch cows will be delivered to the Government Grocery Store (Bulawayo Road, opposite the Railway Station, c/o Mr. Hillam.

2. Delivery should be made twice daily, milk to be in bottles, each bottle bearing a label showing clearly the name of the owner.

3. Payment will be made by the Imperial Authorities at such rates and times as may be hereinafter arranged.

4. All persons owning milch cows are requested to communicate, as soon as possible, with Capt. Ryan, D.A.A.G. (b), and to state the number of bottles their cows give daily; also giving the owners full name and address.

5. For the reasons stated above it is necessary that all private sales of milk should be strictly prohibited and all supplies of milk must be obtained through the Government Dairy alone; such persons as may have already obtained orders are requested to send for their milk from the Store daily. Their names will be entered on a register kept there.

7. All Owners of milch cows are requested to send to Mr. Hillam any orders they may have in their possession at present authorising them to supply any persons.

8. The Imperial Authorities are also most desirous of purchasing milk of Goats and Asses. Any persons having Goats or Asses milk to sell are requested to inform Mr. Hillam.

By order,

E. H. CECIL, Major,  
C.S.O.

Mafeking, 14th April, 1900.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Imperial Authorities will purchase supplies of Rozin and Mess Fuel. Persons having supplies of these will communicate with Capt. Ryan, D.A.A.G. (b).

## Auction Notice.

ANOTHER Big Sale on Sunday next, commencing at 9-30 a.m.

Roll Up for Bargains!

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Auctioneers and Sworn Appraisers.

Blankets & Rugs (Several Hundred

COLD WEATHER APPROACHING,

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