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THE Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 2ND MAY, 1900

ANNEXATION.

Why does not Mafeking say what she thinks upon the above. Is her diet so poor that her pluck has gone? Let Mafeking speak up as becomes her, and say vigorously what she thinks ought to be done with reference:

1. To the future of the Republics.
2. About the treatment of rebels in the present.

What is the South African League about that it does not arrange for a public meeting and ask the Mayor to preside?

The world awaits your voice as to the treatment of the traitors and the future of the Republics.

COMPENSATION.

Another subject upon which our town is mum, is that which most touches their pockets, i.e. compensation. Townsmen met, discussed their losses and asked they might be made good. Now that a reply has been received, saying our claims shall be met, nothing more is done. So sleepily is the news received that scarcely a droney "upt upt" can be elicited when a question of £250,000 is at stake. If it

COUNT THEM

were £20 spent on the parish pump everybody would be up in arms to resist the fearful extravagance; but when it is a question of thousands of pounds loss, no one stirs a finger.

Wake up Mafeking, your houses and property have been damaged to the tune of £100,000, you have incidental losses to a similar amount and the Municipality want £50,000 to put the place in order. In all you want £250,000. The High Commissioner says you will probably get it at once, Hand in your applications while the world still has in its mind what Mafeking has done.

MAFEKING GARRISON.

GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 1st MAY, 1900.

Board of Officers.—A Board of Officers, composed as under, will assemble at such place and time as the President may appoint for the purpose of inspecting and reporting upon certain damaged clothing and necessaries in charge of the Bechuanaland Rifles.

PRESIDENT: Captain Williams,
B.S.A.P.

MEMBERS: A Subaltern, Protectorate Regiment.

A Subaltern Bechuanaland Rifles.

Proceedings, in duplicate, to be forwarded to the O.C. Bechuanaland Rifles, for transmission to the C.S.O.

Issue of Rations.—Hours of—With reference to General Order No. 7 of the 17th February, 1900, laying down the hours for the issue and purchase of bread and meat. In view of the approach of winter the following hours have been decided upon for the issue of bread and meat rations from the A.S.C. Butchery and Bakery, viz:

Cattle—Taking over of—It having been decided as a matter of necessity that the Imperial Authorities should take over all Cattle (other than milch cows) from private owners, all Cattle Owners are hereby required to attend with their cattle at Isaac's store to-morrow (the 2nd inst.) at 7 a.m., when the animals will be taken over and receipts given.

Vegetable Rations.—In view of the necessity of husbanding our supply of vegetables, on and after Wednesday, the 2nd inst., no further issue of compressed vegetables will be made, and the fresh vegetable ration will be reduced to half a lb.

MAFEKING, 2ND MAY, 1900.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Thursday, 3rd inst., at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

Outposts, etc.—Native Women passing through—No Native women are allowed to come in through the lines, until they have been interrogated by a Native detailed by Chief Le Koko or by Molema.

They are, therefore, to be detained until Le Koko has been communicated with.

By order,

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

PEACE OVERTURES.

TEXT OF THE TELEGRAMS

BRITAIN WILL NOT AGAIN
GRANT INDEPENDENCE.

The following is the text of the correspondence with the Presidents of the South African Republic and of the Orange Free State respecting the war as read in the House of Lords by Lord Salisbury:

The British reply was as follows:—

"The Marquis of Salisbury to the Presidents of the South African Republic and Orange Free State.

"Foreign Office, London,

"March 11th, 1900.

"I have the honour to acknowledge your Honours' telegram dated 5th of March, Bloemfontein, of which the purport is principally to demand that Her Majesty's Government shall recognise the incontestable independence of the South African Republic and Orange Free State as 'Sovereign International States,' and to offer on these terms to bring the war to a conclusion. In the beginning of October last, peace existed between Her Majesty and the two Republics under the Conventions which then were in existence. A discussion had been proceeding for some months between Her Majesty's Government and the South African Republic, of which the object was to obtain redress for certain very serious grievances, under which British residents in the South African Republic were suffering. In the course of those negotiations the South African Republic had, to the knowledge of Her Majesty's Government, made considerable armaments, and the latter had consequently taken steps to provide corresponding reinforcements to the British garrisons at Capetown and Natal. No infringement of the rights guaranteed by the Conventions had up to that point taken place on the British side.

"Suddenly, at two days' notice, the South African Republic, after issuing an insulting ultimatum, declared war upon Her Majesty, and the Orange Free State, with whom there had not even been a discussion, took a similar step. Her Majesty's dominions were immediately invaded by the two Republics, siege was laid to three towns within the British frontier, a large portion of the two Colonies was overrun, with great destruction to property and life, and the Republics claimed to treat the inhabitants of extensive portions of Her Majesty's dominions as if those dominions had been annexed to one or the other of them. In anticipation of these operations the South African Republic had been accumulating for many years past military stores on an enormous scale, which

by their character could only have been intended for use against Great Britain.

"Your Honours make some observation of a negative character upon the object with which these preparations were made. I do not think it necessary to discuss the question you have raised, but the result of these preparations, carried on with great secrecy, has been that the British Empire has been compelled to confront an invasion which has entailed upon the Empire a costly war and the loss of thousands of precious lives. This great calamity has been the penalty which Great Britain has suffered for having in recent years acquiesced in the existence of the two Republics.

"In view of the use to which the two Republics have put the position which was given them, and the calamities which their unprovoked attack has inflicted upon Her Majesty's dominions, Her Majesty's Government can only answer your Honours' telegram by saying that they are not prepared to assent to the independence either of the South African Republic or of the Orange Free State."

ACROSTIC.

No 3.

I have ten thousand men, said he,
To wait upon my will,
Another came and took his place
But neither did us ill.

1. Betwixt his brazen thighs in
loose array,
Ten thousand streamers on the
billows play.
2. We cannot do without it,
We've knocked out many more,
We cannot do without it,
As I have said before.
3. Invested in a class, though few
can say
That they will find they always
have their way.
4. Of proud descent—and large of
size,
Some say for comforts, takes the
prize.
5. How gladly would she show the
way
And plough the wave through
night and day,
To take the troops to see the war,
But she's already gone before.
6. From head to toe, from East to
West,
This ——— is the best.

Under the Patronage of

COLONEL R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL AND
OFFICERS OF THE GARRISON,

A SPORTS MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON

SUNDAY, MAY 13TH, 1900,

AT THE

RECREATION GROUND.

Open to all Native Members of the
Garrison.

The following events have
been arranged for:—

A 300 Yds. Race; Tug-of-
War (teams of eight); Long
Jump; Native Dancing; Bicy-
cle Race; Bolster Fight on
Pole; Wrestling; Greasy
Pole; Schildpad Trek; Best
Turned-out Girl; Lloyd Lind-
say (dismounted) at Bottles;
Throwing the Assegai and
Kerry.

One Pound Maxim.

WANTED a perfect
specimen of the kind
with brass fuse in front.—
Apply "C.W.," this office.

Grand Siege Concert

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

Colonel R. S. S. Baden-Powell
and Officers of the Garrison,

WILL BE HELD ON

Sunday next, May 6th,

The 206th Day of the Siege,

AT THE

MASONIC HALL,

Commencing at 5 p.m.

ADMISSION 2s.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF RESERVED
SEATS 4s.

Plan at ALDRED & ROSS.

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