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Last evening's issue, with some notes upon the advance of our Relief Column, was sold out by noon today. Since then so many applications have been made for copies that we have decided to reprint it during the night. The extra cost thus incurred will compel us most reluctantly to increase the charge to 6D. each copy.

THE Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 22ND MAY, 1900

MEMS.

At a meeting held at the Court House last evening by a number of Refugees who have borne arms during the Siege, a committee was appointed to draw up certain resolutions with reference to the future of the two Republics and the Punishment of Rebels, for placing before another meeting, which it is intended to call for Wednesday (to-morrow), 3 p.m.

"In the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be" "The Preacher" said, and this applied to Jackall Tree, for there it lay just where it dropped when the Boers cut it down, hoping by that means to prevent our men making such good aim. The dry tree came in handy for firewood.

Mentioning "aim" reminds us that the Boers' five-pounder brought in from the South-west position bears bullet marks which testify to the excellence of British marksmanship.

This gun, we learn, has been presented by the Colonel Commanding to the Cape Police D. II. It was captured by the Brickfields garrison, Lieutenant Currie and "his boys."

We congratulate the C P upon having secured it as a memento. It was answerable to them for one of the saddest incidents of the Siege, the damage to poor Elkington, as well as slight injuries to Sub-Inspector Murray, Corporal Warren and Private Nixon. Besides these, W. Dudley, of the Town Guard, who was killed by it was attached to the C P D II., while at Ellis' corner.

Telegrams found in the "Molopo Hoofd Laager," (McMullin's) shew

that Christiana was occupied by the British, Tuesday 15th, a week today, with but little opposition.

Kroonstadt was evidently taken a day or two before, probably Sunday night. The Boers report their own loss as "heavy." When they admit that, we may conclude it was pretty warm.

Laing's Nek tunnel is wrecked by the enemy; this it may be concluded has been done to protect their retreat. Probably, therefore, the North of Natal may now be quit of them.

CONGRATULATIONS.

The following telegrams have been received to-day by the Mayor, F. Whiteley, Esq.:-

Bulawayo Town Council,

The Mayor, Mafeking,

The Town Council and people of Bulawayo rejoice in the relief of Mafeking, and desire to express to your Council and inhabitants their admiration of the gallant and successful defence. Well done Mafeking.

Bulawayo Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor, Mafeking.

The Chamber desire to convey to you, on behalf of the Commercial community of Bulawayo, their appreciation of your gallant defence, and of the difficulties and hardships you have endured, and tender their hearty congratulations on successful termination of Siege.

Chamber of Mines, Bulawayo.

Mayor, Mafeking,

The Rhodesia Chamber of Mines desire to express, on behalf of the mining community of Rhodesia, their appreciation of your most gallant defence, and of the hardships and sufferings that defence has entailed, and tender to you their most hearty congratulations on the successful termination of a glorious episode in the war.

Vintcent, (Chief Justice) Bulawayo.

The Mayor, Mafeking.

Thank God you are relieved after a truly heroic and unparalleled

defence. We are proud of Mafeking and recognise that its obstinate defence has gone very far in saving Rhodesia from the horrors of war. I congratulate you personally on the great work you have done during the siege. Express our sympathy with wounded and friends and relatives of

Bradley, Gwelo.

Mayor, Mafeking.

Hearty congratulations to all townfolk on this their relief. Your defence is an example of "unity is strength." God bless you all. Good old Mafeking.

Dempster, Bulawayo.

Mayor, Mafeking.

Hearty congratulations on relief of Mafeking.

The Colonel Commanding has also received Congratulatory Telegrams from the following:

- 1, The Administrator, Bulawayo,
- 2 " " Salisbury.
- 3 Sir Marshall Clarke " "
- 4 Civil Servants of Matabeleland.
- 5 Chamber of Mines, Salisbury.
- 6 " of Commerce, Bulawayo
- 7 " " Gwelo.
- 8 Officer Commanding, Palapye.
- 9 Mayor of Salisbury.
- 10 Nash, "Gwelo Times"

MAFEKING GARRISON.

GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 16TH MAY, 1900.

Gallantry.—2nd Notice—In continuation of yesterday's orders with reference to Saturday's action, the Colonel Commanding has much pleasure in publishing the following additional report from Major Godley:

I wish to bring to the notice of the Colonel Commanding the excellent services performed by the following Officers, N C O's and men,

Captain F C Marsh, Protectorate Regiment, who, by his promptitude in sending men at daybreak to guard

the drifts and river banks, confined the Boers to the North side of the Stadt and prevented them from obtaining water. He also displayed great personal gallantry in jumping into the kraal where the first party of Boers was captured, while a heavy fire was going on, and interposing himself between the Boers, who had raised a white flag, and the Baralongs who wanted to kill them.

Capt C Fitzclarence, Protectorat Regiment, who by his action about daybreak, so successfully separated the Boers in the BSAP Fort from those in the Stadt.

The way in which both these Officers handled their squadrons in attacking the kraal and kopje was most skilful.

"A" Squadron (25); Cape Police; D 1, (16); Maxim Cape Police, D 2; (6) Natives, (30) Captain Lord C Bentinck, Protectorate Regiment, disposed the mixture of men at his command west of the Stadt and about the river, most skillfully throughout the day. His arrangements also for withdrawing and concentrating the small parties of his command from the river bed after dark, was most admirable.

"B" Squadron, 13, Lieutenant E Holden, Protectorate Regiment, handled most skilfully the small party of men which commanded the drifts across the river in the Stadt. Six Boers are known to have been shot by this party.

"C" Troop, "A" Squadron, Lieut. R W Walker, Protectorate Regiment, with his small party kept at bay from the small donga on the river, the party of about 100 Boers who tried to escape after dusk, till ordered to retire, Sergeant Phillips was killed there, and all the men had narrow escapes, their rifles and clothing being hit, but none showed any sign of flinching.

Sub-Inspector F W Harvey, with his detachment (six men) of Cape Police D 1, did good service in an important place in the river bed throughout the day.

Sergeant M Walker, Cape Police, D 1, did some excellent scouting during the day, and was very cool under hot fire.

Corporal R B Christie, C P D I, who, from a wound received during the Siege, is unable to carry a rifle, carried messages throughout the day between Captain Lord C Bentinck and Sub-Inspector Harvey, and took food down to his comrades in the river bed, all his journeys for either purpose being performed under heavy fire.

Corporal R Rowland (30 Men), Bechuanaland Rifles (wounded), in charge of Natives, assisted the Baralongs materially in the defence of their Stadt, especially at the Western end in the evening, when, with a small party, he successfully contested the exit of the Boers till ordered to

retire, being wounded himself, and losing one killed and one wounded of his party.

The cheerfulness and alacrity with which the men of all detachments worked and ran to the attack, notwithstanding their want of exercise, food and sleep, was most marked.

Increase of Establishment — The establishment of the Mafeking Cadet Corps is hereby increased from the 14th April, 1900, to a total of 4 N C O's and 36 privates.

By order,

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

GARRISON SPORTS

TO BE HELD ON THE

Recreation Ground,

— ON —

HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY,

To commence at 1 p.m.,

*Under the patronage of Colonel
R. S. S. Baden-Powell.*

VICE PATRONS:

Colonel Mahon, D.S.O.; Lieutenant-Colonel Hore; Major Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.

COMMITTEE:

Lt. Col. Edwards, Lt.-Col. Walford,
Lt.-Col. King, Insp. Browne,
Major Jackson, Captain Cowan.
Captain J. R. More.

Entries to close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, at the Headquarter Office, to be addressed to the Hon. Secretary.

PROGRAMME:

- 1—Tug-of-War. Teams of 8 each from men who took part in the Sieges of Kimberley, Ladysmith, and Mafeking. Prize £4.
- 2—100 Yards Flat Race. Prizes £1 and 10/-
- 3—Tent Pegging, in sections. Prize £4.
- 4—Lloyd Lindsay (mounted) at Bottles. Prize £4.
- 5—V.C. Race. Prizes £2 and £1.
- 6—Sack Race, for Natives. Prizes 10/-, 5/- and 2/6.
- 7—Wrestling on Horseback (teams of 8). Prize £4.
- 8—Greasy Pole. Prizes £1 & 10/-

Capt. S. W. J. SCHOLEFIELD,
Hon. Secretary.

LOST

A BRIDLE, curled snaffle bit, with martingale, formerly the property of Captain Marsham, and taken from the B.S.A.P. Camp. Finder will be rewarded on returning it to the office of the "Mail."

Souvenir of the Siege.

BOOK of Photographs containing Photos of all Corps, Units, Forts, Ruins through shell fire, etc.

Orders now being booked, or for Single Photos.

D. TAYLOR,

Photographer.

Market Square,
Mafeking.

NOTICE.

A Meeting of Refugees from the Transvaal and Free State, who have been here throughout the Siege, will be held at the Court House to-morrow (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock.

By order of Committee,

E. W. HUNT, Hon Sec.

Siege Stamps.

WANTED to purchase, for Cash, several collections of all kinds, in large or small quantities.—Apply CASSIM SULIMAN, Hairdresser, Main Street.

Post and Telegraphs.

THE office will be opened daily, except Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., for the transaction of ordinary postal and telegraphic business.

Letters may be posted in the Letter Box at the Post Office.

E. Platnauer,

Auctioneer, etc.,

Will sell at the Residence of Mr. F. G. MONTAGU,

On Wednesday, 22nd,
AT 10-30 A.M.

The following items of

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Double Bedsteads and Bedding, Single Bedsteads and Bedding, Tables, Chairs, Chests of Drawers, Cupboards, Crockery and Glassware, Stove complete, Kitchen Utensils, Baths, Child's Cot and Perambulator, Vases, Ornaments, Blinds, etc., Linoleum and Matting, Enamelware, etc., etc.

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