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94th Day of Siege

The Mafeking Mail.

SATURDAY, 13TH JANUARY, 1900.

### FIGHTING WITH NATIVES.

It will be remembered what a howl of indignation went forth when the Boers, having tried to seduce the Baralongs from their allegiance and signally failed, found that the natives were armed and ready to resist when Olive Schreiner's "Simple hearted Boers" wanted to rob and murder them. How virtuously they pointed out the wickedness of allowing black men to fight against white, and how strongly they remonstrated with B.P. upon the same matter. Whether since then they have changed their ideas with regard to the question, or whether they are now in such desperate straits that they seize any help that offers, or whether not having bravery enough in themselves, they wished to gather a little from the more courageous Native, is undecided, but this is certain that yesterday on our southern front Natives and Boers advanced together, in skirmishing order, but protected by bush, till within 800 yards of our trenches. The Boers, when alone, do not come nearer than 3,000 yards, except when sheltered by earthworks, but accompanied and encouraged by Natives they approach within comfortable reach of our marksmen. Of course they "sprinted" as usual, directly our boys opened fire upon them, but the fact that they did advance so near shews that the kaffirs are infusing some little courage into the breasts of these unwarlike heroes.

### VRYBURG

The Native who came from the above named dorp, the other day, says the Boers there are no longer armed, the town is not fortified, everything is quiet under a Landdrost, but the commando, principally Maritzani men, have gone South to meet our troops. Snyman and other sub-commanders are grumbling at having been persuaded to overrun British territory, break up the line, and commit other depredations without their leaders having ascertained more about our strength. They say they have, by their action, made us wild and now we are "wiping them out." Representatives have been sent to the Langberg to get the Natives to rise and assist the Boers, but they don't hanker after such a job. At a meeting called at the Court House they declined the tempting suggestion that they should join the Boers in attacking the British. The Boers must be "clutching at a straw" when they expect assistance from these Natives. Their own men, the rebels of the Vryburg district, could never be cajoled to go fifty miles from their farms. Certainly they will never be made to face a body of trained men, either with or without the assistance of the diseased Langberg tribes. Friendly Vryburgians were surprised, even to tears, at learning that Mafeking still exists. Down to the middle of last month they were under the belief that there was no more Mafeking. They were told that after two day's shelling the whole place

was destroyed. If the Boers think we are all killed they had better try a walk in here and convince themselves to the contrary.

### Mafeking Garrison. GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, 13TH JANUARY, 1900.

*Appointments: Bechuanaland Rifles.*—C. X. McKenna, Gentleman, to be 2nd Lieutenant, on augmentation, 12th Jan., 1900, subject to subsequent confirmation by the proper authority.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Monday, the 15th instant, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: H. H. Major Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member: Lieutenant-Colonel C. O. Hore.

*Visiting Justice.*—The Visiting Justice to the Mafeking Gaol for the ensuing week will be Lieut.-Colonel C. B. Vyvyan.

*Garrison Board.*—A Board, composed as under, will assemble on Monday next, the 15th instant, at such time and place as the President may appoint, to enquire into and report upon the circumstances under which certain articles of kit, clothing, etc., in possession of men of the Reserve Artillery were lost. The Board will form an opinion as to whether the articles in question should be replaced at the public expense.

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

MEMBERS: Lieutenant Daniel, Reserve Artillery; A subaltern, Prot. Regiment.

Proceedings to be forwarded, in duplicate, to the C.R.A.

*Brigade Signallers.*—The Brigade practices will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. Half the Signallers being exercised from 10 to 11 a.m., the other half from 3 to 4 p.m. The Tuesday practices under the Brigade Major. The Signallers to assemble on each occasion under the Sergt. Instructor at the Headquarters of the Western Outposts 5 minutes before the hours named.

*Ordnance Workshops.*—Mr. A. Lees is appointed Storeman in the above shops from the 12th instant inclusive, at 5s. per diem. He will be responsible for the issue of all tools, material, etc., which he will issue only on written requisition, and for the issue of which he will take temporary receipts. A. Braidwood is appointed Assistant Moulder at 10s. per diem, and E. H. Gates, Fireman, at 5s. per diem, both to date from the 8th inst. inclusive.

By order,

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

### NOTICE.

FRESH MEAT Rations to be reduced to 2 1/2 lb. from Monday inclusive.

By order,

C. M. RYAN, Capt.,  
D.A.A.G.  
Mafeking, 13th Jan., 1900.

Sunday, January 14th, 1900.

### Variety Entertainment.

Under the patronage of Colonel Baden-Powell and the Officers of the Garrison.

COMMITTEE:

RECREATION GROUND.

Captain Girdwood and two Gentlemen and two ladies selected by him.

HIDDEN HOLLOW.

Major Godley and two Gentlemen and two Ladies to be selected by him.

A prize will be given to the Corps producing the best Variety Entertainment.

Amount of prize will depend on number of members of the troupe; at least £1 for every performer, 10s. each bandsman or accompanist.

The following entertainments will take place to-morrow, commencing at 4 p.m.:

### Hidden Hollow.

Variety Entertainment

BY THE

CAPE POLICE

AND

Bechuanaland Rifles.

### Recreation Ground.

Variety Entertainment

BY THE

Protectorate Regiment

AND

B.S.A. POLICE.

Trolleys for conveyance of troupes will be provided, also a stage at each point.

On this, the final day, the Committees will decide on the best performance and prizes will be awarded.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

This is not meant as a free advertisement but our attention has been called to an announcement, that appeared in Thursday's slip, of a sale, included in which were: "Portmanteaus containing Clothing, Mangers, Mattresses, Double Harness, and a variety of other articles." A very handy sort of portmanteau.

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