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186th Day of Siege

THE Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1900.

MEMS.

There has evidently been a big split between the Free Staters, one portion wanted to make terms with Great Britain, "there was a great demand amongst a large section of the Free Staters for copies of Lord Roberts proclamation" *vide Cape Times*, and the other being equally determined not to agree to any proposals of peace. This portion has probably brought about the annexation by the Transvaal.

"Oud Griete has gone to Pretoria they say. The dear old thing belongs to Mafeking and it is a piece of impertinence for anyone to remove it without first obtaining permission. It is, however, comforting to know it is not removed from British territory.

The news of the fight and repulse of the Boers on Saturday, October the 14th, was by native rumour carried to Modder River so speedily, that the wire from that place reached London on the evening of Monday the 16th.

THE SIEGE WEDDING.

Peter McEevoy, who came from the Randt to Mafeking on the eve of the outbreak, was this morning married at the Court House, by special licence, to Miss Aletta Sophia

Von Rooyen, daughter of Johannes Van Rooyen, a farmer of this district. Miss Reinsky was bridesmaid, while Patsy Carrol, the light weight pugilist of Bulawayo, officiated as best man, valiantly tucking the bride's arm under his own and escorting her away after the wedding, while the "happy man" followed after with the bridesmaid.

This celebration is another proof of the pluck and courage, which, in this garrison, is available for any event. A diploma of honour was given to a baby for being born during the siege, and certainly nothing short of the V.C. should be the award of bravery that enables a man to undertake matrimonial responsibilities with rations so scarce.

The Colonel's Reply to Her Majesty's Message.

MAFEKING GARRISON

GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 14TH APRIL, 1900.

The following reply has been sent by the Colonel Commanding to Her Majesty's telegram of 1st April:—

"Her Majesty's gracious message most highly appreciated; Mafeking Garrison more determined than ever to maintain Her supremacy."

Appointments.—Mr. Nettle to be Foreman in charge of the Railway Crushing Mill, with pay at the rate of £1 per diem.

Mr. Mulholland to be Assistant, Railway Crushing Mill, with pay at the rate of 10/- per diem.

Mr. Tighe is appointed Superintendent of the Sieving-room, etc., A.S.C. Depot, Issac's Yard, with pay at the rate of 10/- per diem.

All the above appointments to date from the 12th inst. inclusive,

Ordnance Workshops: Closing of.—The Ordnance Work having been completed the shops will close to-morrow night and the staff will cease to draw pay and will be struck off the strength to-morrow inclusive accordingly. In closing the Ordnance Shops the Colonel Commanding desires to place on record his indebtedness to the skill, ingenuity, and energy displayed by all hands employed there. It is characteristic of Mafeking that it can, when called upon, produce from among the citizens, men who are able to turn their hands to any work that may be required—even to the extent of manufacturing a 16-pounder, and gun ammunition. By their useful and willing work Foreman Connolly, Assistant Foreman Coghlan, and their efficient staff, have given valuable aid to the defence of Mafeking.

Steam Mill.—A new mill having been established in the Railway Yard, the services of Messrs. Spiers & Hunkin, Millers, and of Messrs. Primer & Crosbie, Engine Drivers, being no longer required, these persons ceased to draw pay from the 12th inst. inclusive and are struck off the strength accordingly.

The Colonel Commanding desires to place on record his appreciation of the good work which has been done for the Imperial Government during the last two months, under very trying circumstances, by Messrs Spiers & Hunkin and those serving under them.

Buying or Selling Live Stock.—(General Order No. 7, of 14th Feb., 1900). Persons desirous of either buying or selling live stock should first inform Capt. Ryan, D.A.A.G. (b), as a most careful regulation of the distribution of such stock is, under present circumstances, absolutely necessary in the interests of the garrison and inhabitants.

Increase of Pay.—General Order No. 7, of the 13th instant, is hereby cancelled.

Damages Telephone Lines.—Drivers are cautioned to be extremely careful with their whips when near telephone wires. If they damage the wires they will be severely punished.

Horse Carcasses: Purchase of.—£3 has been decided upon as the amount to be paid per carcass for such carcasses as private horse owners may send to the Soup Kitchens.

MAFEKING, 16TH APRIL, 1900.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Tuesday, 17th April, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: H.H. Maj. Goold-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member: Lieut.-Col. C. O. Hore.

Alarm Bells.—The big gun has, according to spies reports, gone to Pretoria. But the alarm bell will continue to be rung to give warning as far as possible of the enemy's smaller guns coming into action. The big bell will be rung as follows: A number of strokes in rapid succession means "warning" that enemy's guns are going into action. Three slow strokes means: From South of town. Six slow strokes means: From North of town.

Pay: Increase of.—Alexander Guabini, Office Messenger and Interpreter to Capt. Ryan, D.A.A.G. (b), is granted pay at the rate of 3/- per diem from the 12th instant inclusive, being an increase of 6d. per diem on his former rate.

Vegetables.—All private sales of vegetables are strictly prohibited and owners of vegetable gardens are notified that all vegetables are held up for Imperial purposes. Until further notice they will hand over their supplies daily to the Grocery Store.

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

THE OBSTINATE MAN.

(From the *Evening News*.)

They trained their big guns on the
poor little town,
The racket was something stupen-
dous.
You never could tell where their shells
would come down,
But the moral effect was tremen-
dous.
Projectiles were scattered o'er hill
and o'er dale,
As thick as dead leaves in the
autumn,
But nothing could make these bold
Britishers quail,
No lesson those messengers taught
'em.
Says Powell, "Such trifles don't alter
my plan!"
You never did see such an obstinate
man.

The violent death of a pup in the
street
Never opened their eyes to their
danger,

They even cracked jokes on the
crushing defeat

They sustained at the hands of the
stranger.

The merciful foeman implored them
to yield,

While the veldt with his tear drops
he watered,

For the terrible truth could no more
be concealed,

That another poor dog might be
slaughtered.

Says Powell, "We're game to hold
out while we can."

You never did see such an obstinate
man.

They pounded away from a neigh-
bouring kop,

The way they burnt powder was
sinful:

But at last they succeeded in wreck-
ing a shop

And spoiling sardines by the tin-
ful;

And though it was only one hit in a
score,

They hoped 'twould reduce the
defender.

But still Baden-Powell kept asking
for more

When 'twas plain that he ought to
surrender

He's as perky as when the invest-
ment began,

You never did see such an obstinate
man.

THE MAFEKING MEDAL.

Hail to the Transvaal Republic, and
hail to her bellicose sons,
Boldly they held their positions, as
long as they wanted to stay,
Boldly they planted their cannon, and
boldly they stood to their guns,
Till purely personal reasons induced
them to wander away.

Shells, thick as leaves in the autumn,
were falling on doomed Mafeking,
Sped by the burghers of Cronje; from
grey-beards to lads in their teens.
"Lads!" cried the gallant commander,
"a seven-inch Krupp is the thing
Here, out of range of the cannon,
we're giving the Britishers
beans!"

What if the fire was erratic, with
scarcely one hit in a score?
Surely a noise we created to awaken
the dead from their rest.
Nor did the British go scatheless? An
Uitlander's dog is no more,
Slain by a fifty-six pounder that fell
with a thump on his chest.

Hail to the gunners of Cronje, a medal
shall surely be wrought,
Fashioned of finest Dutch metal,
and pinned to the breasts of the
brave;
Bright as their record of valour, to tell
of the fight that they fought;
Aye, and the Uitlander puppy they
sent to a warrior's grave.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"CRITIC": No! Mr. Schrei-
ner did *not* show "an extraor-
dinary look of prescience,"—

"lack" was meant, but were
you occupied the time you
suggest, examining proofs pro-
duced with material six
months more than "old," you
probably would show no "ex-
traordinary look" other than
that of a—

TENDERS.

TENDERS are hereby in-
vited by the Imperial
Government for the supply of
Blankets for the use of the
Troops.

Tenders will state price
singly and per hundred blan-
kets.

Sealed Tenders—marked
"Blankets"—to be handed
in to the office of the Chief
Staff Officer not later than
10 a.m., on 20th inst.

The lowest or any tender
not necessarily accepted.

NOTICE.

IF consequence of the in-
creasing demand for
fresh vegetables for the sick
and convalescents, the Colo-
nel Commanding finds it
necessary to hold up the sup-
ply. Owners and Sellers of
vegetables are requested to
hand in, daily, their supply of
vegetables to the Grocery
Store, Bulawayo Road.

The vegetables will be paid
for at a fair rate and the bal-
ance not required for above
purpose will be sold at cost
price.

Private sales are strictly
prohibited.

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



"Austral" Lodge,

No. 2534, E.C.

BRO. REV. W. H. WEEKS, W.M.

AN Emergency Meeting will be
held at the Masonic Hall on
Sunday next, 8-30 p.m.
Visiting B.B. cordially invited.

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