

# THE MAFEKING MAIL

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No. 36

Friday, December 22nd, 1899.

GO TO  
**DALL'S CORNER,**  
**MARKET SQUARE,**

For Ladies' and Children's Clothing and Outfitting.  
For Gent.'s and Youths' Clothing, Boots and Shoes, &c., &c.

**JUST TO HAND:**

Children's Sailor Hats, Overalls, Pinafores, &c., &c.  
Children's Sun Bonnets and Hats, Sunshades, Aprons, New Prints,  
Summer Dress Materials, Trimmed Millinery, Laces, Ribbons,  
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**The Showroom is replete with NEW GOODS.**

Also in Piece for Boys' Clothing:

Galateas, Cottonnade, Cord, Moleskin, and a Special Line in  
Navy Worsted Diagonal.

**GENT.'S SUITING.**

When not on the premises, I shall be glad to attend to orders left at my  
house in the Molopole Road, near the Mill, promptly.

**James Dall.**

**GYMKHANA MEETING,**

(Weather permitting and under Siege Conditions.)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 1899,**

Commencing at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

**COLONEL R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL,**  
COMMANDING THE GARRISON.

Judge: Major H. H. Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.

**Committee.**

Lt.-Col. C. O. Hore, Lt.-Col. J. A. H. Walford, Capt. J. W. Brown, Capt. B. W. Cowan  
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Capt. S. W. J. Scholefield, B.S.A.P.

**EVENTS.**

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| 11-1. 100 YARDS RACE (open) handi-<br>cap.<br><i>Prize presented by officers B.S.A.P.</i>                                     | 2-7. V.C. RACE (mounted).                                |
| 11-15-2. HOP, SKIP AND JUMP.  | 2-10-8. THREAD THE NEEDLE<br>(mounted).                  |
| 11-40-3. POTATO AND BUCKET<br>(Mounted).  | 2-25-9. LADIES' POTATO RACE.                             |
| 11-55-4. "LLOYD LINDSAY" Bot-<br>tles and Stones. Teams of four.<br>(Mounted).<br><i>Prize presented by officers B.S.A.P.</i> | 2-40-10. THREE-LEGGED RACE.                              |
| 12-30-5. 200 YARDS RACE (open),<br>handicap.  | 2-50-11. LADS' HANDICAP RACE<br>(for boys 16 and under). |
| 12-45-6. THROWING CRICKET<br>BALL.  | 3-12. TENT PEGGING SWEEPS<br>(Officers).                 |
|   | 3-30-13. BOLSTER FIGHT, ON SPAR.                         |
|   | 3-45-14. CLIMBING THE GREASY<br>POLE FOR A PIG.          |

POST ENTRIES.—All events open except where otherwise specified.  
1st and 2nd prizes (additions for large entries). Entrance Fees 1s.

Miss Hill has kindly consented to distribute the prizes.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

*The Mafeking Mail.*

FRIDAY, 22nd DECEMBER, 1899.

**Mafeking Garrison.**

**GENERAL ORDERS.**

MAFEKING, 21ST DECEMBER, 1899.

*Officers and N.C.O.'s in charge of Outposts.*—Officers and N.C.O.'s in charge of Outposts are responsible for dereliction of duty on the part of all men under their command. Superior officers visiting posts and finding Sentries neglecting their duties will hold the officers and N.C.O.'s responsible and will take steps accordingly in addition to making the Sentries prisoners. The frequent cases of Sentries sleeping on their posts invariably points to neglect of duty on the part of the N.C.O., first in not having assured himself of the fitness of the men when they were posted, and secondly in not having frequently visited the Sentries to ascertain that they were on the alert, etc.

*Brigade Signallers.*—The Brigade Signallers will in future be struck off duty twice a week for practice under Captain Sandford, Protectorate Regiment. Attention is directed to the great importance of these men being maintained in a state of thorough efficiency, and a weekly return will be rendered to the C.S.O., giving a nominal roll of men exercised and their individual progress.

*Dogs Barking in Town.*—Very considerable annoyance is caused in the Outpost lines and to officers going their rounds, etc., by the barking of loose dogs. This barking of dogs at night is not only a source of danger to the Garrison in that it reveals to the enemy the direction of the town and its defensive works, but it prevents Sentries from being able to listen properly for an enemy's approach and disturbs the well earned rest of the men on Outpost duty. If, after this order, any dogs are found not properly secured, or constantly barking, they will be destroyed and no claims for compensation will be entertained.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Thursday, the 21st 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 Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.; Member: Lieut.-Colonel C. O. Hore.

*Control of Railway, Mafeking.*—It is notified for general information that, pending the restoration of railway communication, Capt. J. R. More, District Engineer, (being the senior Cape Government Railway Official present) is placed in sole charge of all railway working and appliances, under the Colonel Commanding. He will detail such officials as may be necessary to assist in carrying out the work. Any previous acting appointments are hereby cancelled.

*Pay—Cyclists.*—The following having been appointed Cyclists at Headquarters, on the date mentioned below, are taken on the strength and will be paid from the dates mentioned against their names respectively (inclusive):—Neuman B. Hewitt, 7s. 6d. per diem, 13th October, 1899; Harry Moss, 7s. 6d. per diem, 14th October, 1899.

*Establishment of Grain Store.*—It is published for general information that a Town Grain Store will open between the hours of 5 a.m. and 7 a.m. (Sundays excepted) from the 21st December. The store is stationed in Mr. Eppmann's yard opposite Riesle's Hotel. Only small quantities from 2 to 4 lbs. can be purchased by individuals at any one time.

By order,

F. W. PANZERA, Major,  
Acting C.S.O.

MAFEKING, 21ST DECEMBER, 1899.

*Control of Railway.*—With reference to General Order No. 5, of 20th December, 1899, the word "available" was inadvertently omitted in line 3, which should read: "being the senior available Cape Government Railway Official present."

*Christmas Day.*—It is notified for general information that Christmas will be celebrated on Sunday next, the 24th inst., instead of on Monday, the exigencies of the service and the state of Siege preventing the observance of Monday as a holiday. Sports will be held, notice with regard to which will appear in due course.

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*Appointments.*—The following persons were appointed in the various capacities and on the dates and at the rates mentioned against their respective names and were taken on the strength accordingly:—1. William Kirby, Tally Clerk, Commissariat Store, engaged Cape Town, 19th September, discharged Mafeking, 17th December, 7s. 6d. per diem. 2. Percival Holdford Thomas, Typist, 4th December, 10s. 6d. per diem. 3. Walter John England Mahony, Tally Clerk, Commissariat Store, 18th December, 1899, 7s. 6d. per diem.

*Sunday Public Market.*—The Public Market will be re-opened for sales of vegetables, etc., on Sunday morning at 6 a.m. The necessary arrangements will be made by His Worship the Mayor.

*Sentence of Death.*—It is published for general information that Telegelo, a Kalahari Baralong, was this day convicted for house-breaking and theft, and sentenced by the Court of Summary Jurisdiction to suffer death.

By order,

F. W. PANZERA, Major,  
Acting C.S.O.

**THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE  
SEASON TO YOU, PAUL.**

"A Merry Christmas to you" is a phrase and nothing more, with 100 deg. in the shade. It certainly is not so suggestive of comfort and enjoyment as when the mercury has dropped into the thermometer's boots and one hears it, the phrase, not the mercury, hoarsely issue from behind red woollen wraps over which blue noses poke, while faces mottled so deeply by the cold, make one mistake his neighbours, respected "somethings in the city" for 'bus

drivers. Apart from thermotics there is no reason why the season should not be an exceedingly happy one in Mafeking. Oom Paul's folly even after seventy days, need not detract a whit from the festivity pertaining to the period. We still have plenty of the wherewithal to provide regal banquets. Meat, poultry, and other food-stuffs, even salads are plentiful, and that mysterious conglomeration, the Christmas pudding, is being boiled by the hundred-weight, while there is enough "medical comfort" to make everybody in the garrison "drunk as a boiled owl" if he obtain a "doctor's certificate" for its issue. In utter contempt for Boers and their guns we may give ourselves over to jollification or pious contemplation, whichever best suits our temperament, and wish each other most heartily the Compliments of the Season. At such a time of year we may even include friend Snyman over the way, and his master, at Pretoria in our general good wishes. As expressed by the unknown author of "Rejected Addresses" we can say:—

"God bless the Queen, God bless the Faith's Defender."

God bless, no harm at Christmastide, that old pretender.

## WE HAVE A "CREITJE" NOW.

It will, we are sure, give great pleasure to the beleaguered ones to know that another gun, bigger than any of those we have been using, was brought into the town this week. How it was managed and what means were taken to run the gauntlet of Boer sentries, picquets, outposts, cossack posts, and all the other military equivalents to the nocturnal game of solitaire played for two hours at a stretch in a, more or less, upright position with a cold shiver down the small of one's back and a hot tremble on the back of one's tongue, caused partly by the last whisky and partly by the desire for another, we are not at liberty to tell. Naturally the shrewd ones will know how to put two and two together, and remembering the mysterious "parachute lights" which appeared in the West several evenings last week, will be able to connect it in some manner with the enormous field piece just arrived. Beyond this hint we dare not publish another word. If we did and General Snyman or any other of the enemy's officers, able to read, unfolds his "Siege Slip" at breakfast time to-morrow morning and finds out how it was done and how he was done, he would probably be so cross again that some of the Natives who make his coffee would get an awful sjamboking; those small enough. Besides this it is likely that extra double-barrelled dop proof guards would be put on, and we might have some difficulty in bringing another regiment of Lancers through without any of the Boers seeing the spoor. Of course there is the possibility that this new piece of ordnance has been cast here in an underground bomb-proof (more extraordinary things than that have happened in bomb-proofs before now). The initials on the gun support such a theory, "B.P. & Co." it is marked. Everyone in Mafeking knows who B.P. is, and what wonderful resource he possesses. Who knows but what he has started a gun-casting arrangement to help him in his shell-casting arrangements? We never know; and from late experience we are inclined to think we are never likely to know what goes on around us, but the gun is here and we hope to hear it.

## TICKLING THE MONKEYS.

On Tuesday last our artillery, under the direction of Major Panzera, commenced operations early in the morning by challenging the enemy's siege battery with our

smaller ordnance. This was applied to and an artillery duel following made an effective demonstration of science versus brute force. The general idea was to discover, by opening our fire and drawing theirs, whether the enemy's guns still occupied their original positions and also to demoralize the enemy in the trenches, by the concentration of our artillery. In these objects we were entirely successful, for after a prolonged duel, the enemy diverted their fire in the direction of Cannon Kopje. The operation of our Western artillery was likewise completely successful as the enemy, entrenched at Game Tree Hill, were obliged to retire, owing to the accurate fire from our guns.

## LOST

ON the 20th inst., on the Recreation Ground, between Victoria Hospital and the Masonic Hall, a Gun-metal Ladies Watch, Brooch attached. Reward offered. —Apply R. GIRDWOOD, Esq.

## LOST

A SWORD SCABBARD (leather) between this office and Fort Muller. The finder, on kindly returning it to the "Mail Office" will have expenses defrayed.

## St. John's Church, Mafeking.

DECEMBER 24TH, 1899.

4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

REV. W. H. WEEKES will hold the following services:—

Holy Communion ... 7.30 a.m.  
Matins ... 10.30 a.m.

## CHRISTMAS EVE.

Festal Evensong ... 7.30 p.m.

Christmas Carols will be sung at the conclusion of the service.

## CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th December, 1899.

Notice of the services to be held on the above day will be given out on Sunday next.

## Roman Catholic Church.

### Christmas Services.

THE Revd. Father Ogle wishes to announce that Holy Mass will be celebrated 7 o'clock on Sunday morning, December 24th, 1899, in the Convent Chapel, and the

MIDNIGHT MASS

at 12 p.m., also at the Convent.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

GOING away by train at holiday time being likely to "boer" us, no

### SPECIAL TRAINS

will be run to

Lobatsi, Francistown, and other places of interest during Christmas week.

Dutch inhabitants of Trenches, Earthworks and other suburban localities wishing to visiting Mafeking need not take

### RETURN TICKETS

but will be invited to remain here boarded and lodged

### FREE

upon production of a Mauser.

## MAFEKING HOTEL.

For General Information.

NOTICE is hereby given that all who wish to partake of the Christmas Dinner at the above Hotel (1 o'clock on Sunday, 24th), are requested, in order to facilitate accommodation and prevent rushes, to obtain tickets for dinner at the Bar, not later than 7 p.m. on Saturday. No admittance to the Dining Room without tickets.

## JUST TO HAND.

DIARIES for 1900.

A large Assortment.

ALDRED & ROSS.

Market Square.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

G. LIPPMANN.

Market Square.

Wishes it known that he has still on hand a large stock of

Kharki Jackets,

All sizes and shapes,

At very low prices.

A big assortment of,

Soft Shirts,

Flannel Trousers, Boots etc.

G. Lippmann is always on the premises to attend to customers.

N.B. Plenty of Transvaal Tobaccos and General Groceries.

## CHRISTMAS 1899.

DIXON & CO. Beg to announce to the Beleaguered Inhabitants of Mafeking, that they have still a good General Assortment of Drapery Provisions etc.

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

LARGE SELECTION OF DOLLS.

Von Erkoms Prize Medal Transvaal Tobacco.

Christmas price 2s. per lb.

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