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190th Day of Siege

THE Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1900.

LATEST NEWS.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

The following news has been received to-day:—

Telegram from Bulawayo, dated April 11th:

S.S. "Chicago" arrived at Beira yesterday. Two other steamers expected to-day.

Eighth Division arrived at Kimberley.

Cronje and 1,000 prisoners left for St. Helena.

Colville reported engaged with the enemy, who cut off Broadwood's convoy. Boers are said to have shot prisoners of this Division in cold blood.

Fifty men of E Squadron, Kitchener's Horse, were isolated in French's advance on Kimberley before its relief, and kept 500 Boers, with two 12-pdrs., at bay for 5 days, eventually being starved into surrender.

Railway open to Bloemfontein.

Boer loss at Warrenton recently, 9 killed, 14 wounded; 4 guns put out of action.

Telegram from Salisbury, dated April 12th:

Two more transports arrived at Beira yesterday, bringing 900 Australians. Other two boats outside. No news from South.

Telegram from A. D. E., Bulawayo, dated 13th April:

Methuen, with Yeomanry, surrounded Villebois's commando at Boshoff, on 5th. Villebois and 7 men killed, and 54 prisoners taken. Our loss 4 killed and 7 wounded.

Boers succeeded in wedging in between Gatacre and Brabant at Rouxville.

Small parties of enemy, reported close to Bloemfontein, dispersed by Cavalry.

Fighting at Warrenton still going on.

Colville and French's Divisions returned to Bloemfontein.

News received from native sources is that the Relief Column has crossed the river at Fourteen Streams, and was expected at Taungs last week.

Prieska rebels are reported to be moving N.W. in large numbers, making for Phokwani and probably Christiana. The Boers are said to have taken up a position at Phokwani.

Lord Roberts telegraphs that there has been unexpected delay in the despatch of our Relief Column, and he hopes that we may be able to make our supplies last beyond the 18th May. This we can easily do for a further month if necessary.

The following telegrams were also received this morning:—

From Resident Commissioner, Bulawayo.

To Col. Commanding, Mafeking.

April 14th.—"In reply to your telegram of the 9th, re families, now in Mafeking, who obtained free passes prior to commencement of

siege, I can assure you no difficulties will be raised to these getting tickets, as far as the Bechuanaland Railway is concerned."

[The above is in reply to a request which we made for free return passes for all families that were taken down by train at Govt. expense. That request, of course, has to go on to the Cape, for Cape Government Railway's consideration, but a similar reply is to be hoped for.—R. S. S. B.-P.]

From Herschler,
Deputy Mayor, Bulawayo.
To Col. Baden-Powell,
Mafeking.

April 14th.—"Have sent you several parcels of articles, mentioned in your telegram for Hospital comforts. Am compelled to go to England, but your wishes will be attended to. Fervently hope for your speedy relief. Best of luck and kindest regards to all."

DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

No. 1.

1. 'Tis a very small force that makes our defence.
But it's this kind of force that gives it its strength.
2. The sons of the Empire have all come to fight.
But this one, tho' willing, is told to sit tight.
3. If a Boer is insulting, and gets out your shirt
You give him this portion and make him eat dirt.
4. Or if that should fail in quite doing the trick.
With this sharp appendage you give him a kick.
5. If a soldier reporting "All correct" or "All's well,"
Used this form of words you'd D—a him to H—.

6. At Capetown he fiddled divinely they say,
And took all the silver he could carry away.
7. Though shelling has ruined and knocked houses down,
It has added a good deal of this to the town.
8. We've waited like this for six month or more,
Awaiting relief or some news of the war.

As Empress, or Goddess, enshrined on her throne,
May she with her favour now kindly look down
And grant that successes may finally crown
The stand that's been made by this loyal little town.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC.
No. 2.

1. When show'rs of these fall on our roof
The thing's no longer water-proof.
2. In winter, if you run on this
'Twill quickly warm you up,
In summer there's a run on it
To cool the people down.
3. His name was proved, one Derby Day,
To mean he could both go and stay.

As a foe we disliked him, but now he has gone.
We're sorry we couldn't detain him,
But we hope he'll return when peace has been won
And then we'll for ever retain him.

Important Sale.

THE undersigned, duly instructed by MR. P. M. FINCHAM, will sell outside the premises opposite the Railway Station,

On Sunday, 22nd inst., at 9 a.m. sharp,
ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE,
The whole of his

Valuable Restaurant & Bedroom Furniture,

Consisting of Tables, Chairs, Benches, Cupboards, Lamps, Cutlery, Crockery, Glassware, Kitchen Utensils, Pots, Pans, etc. Bedsteads, Mattresses, Sheets, Blankets, Pillows, Washstands, Toilet Sets, large Platform "Avery" Scale; also the Fixtures of a Butcher Shop.

A grand opportunity for those about to start business.

E. PLATNAUER,
Auctioneer, etc.

GRAND SIEGE SALE.

THE Undersigned, duly instructed, will sell by Public Auction, WITHOUT RESERVE,

ON SUNDAY NEXT, AT 9-30 A.M.,

the whole of the

Household Furniture,

The property of Mrs. Dall, consisting of:

Wardrobe; Single and Double Bedsteads, with wire Mattresses; Chests of Drawers; Fancy Chairs; Madeira Chairs; Marble Top Washing Stand; Mirrors; Bed and Table Linen; Curtains; Carpets; Ornaments, &c., &c.; Mangle and Washer complete; Baby's Rocking Chair; Gent's Bicycle; Girl's Bicycle.

ON VIEW TILL SATURDAY 4 P.M.

As this is a good opportunity of buying Good Furniture, those in want of same should not miss this rare chance.

ALDRED & ROSS,
Govt. Auctioneers and Sworn Appraisers.

Our Thermometer of Hope.

Orange Rvr.	300.
Belmont.	279.
Modder Rvr.	247.
Kimberley.	223.
Vaal River.	179.
Pbokwani.	153.
Taungs.	139.
Vryburg.	96.
Devondale.	80.
Doornbult.	65.
Maribogo.	50.
Kraaipan.	38.
Maritzani.	24.
Madibi.	11.
Mafeking.	0.

A SEASONABLE PRESENT.

We learn that Mr. B. Weil has generously presented a blanket to every man of the Protectorate, B.S.A.P., C.P., and Rifles.



"Austral" Lodge.

No. 2534, E.C.

BRO. REV. W. H. WEEKES, W.M.

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

Visiting B.B. cordially invited.

WE OFFER

A PRIZE OF

A Mauser Brooch

FOR A LADY, OR

A PAIR OF Mauser Sleeve Links

FOR A GENTLEMAN,

For the first opened and correct solution of Two ACROSTICS which appear in this evening's "Slip."

Solutions must be posted to "ACROSTIC," "Mafeking Mail," not later than Wednesday 25th inst.

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