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The Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1899.

We are sure we represent the whole of Mafeking when we offer most hearty congratulations to Captain Wilson and Lady Sara Wilson on her ladyship's safe arrival in our tight little garrison, after her experiences with the Boers.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, DECEMBER 6TH, 1899.

*Pay.*—With reference to General Orders of the 9th November for the Colonial Contingent, Capt. Goodyear is entitled to draw pay at the rate of 15s. per diem from the 13th October.

*Defences.*—All empty sacks in town must be delivered to the Town Commandant's office by to-morrow night.

*States.*—Weekly States of the Protectorate Regiment, B.S.A. Police, Cape Police, and Bechuanaland Rifles should be furnished on Saturday morning at 9 a.m., to the C.S.O.

*Hospital.*—The P.M.O. will furnish a return weekly of the number of patients in Hospital, showing those admitted and those discharged. Any deaths will be reported immediately to the C.S.O., they will also be shown on the State.

*Stores.*—O.C.'s and units of Corps are requested to send in statements as soon as possible showing any deficiencies that may exist in their stores and standing equipment that may require to be replaced prior to troops taking the field.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, in the Court House, at 10-15 a.m. Presiding Officer: Major Goold-Adams and Lieut.-Colonel Vyvyan.

By order,  
E. H. CECIL, Major,  
C.S.O.

The Colonel Commanding has doubtless received many peculiar messages from the Boers since the besiegement

but none have been sent in a more interesting manner than was the following, which came to hand in a five pounder common shell. It was written in pencil upon a scrap of thin waterlined letter paper.

“ Mr. Baden Powell

Pleas excuse me for sending this iron messenger i have no other to send a Present. he is rather exentric but vorgive him if he does not behave well i wish to ask you not to let your men drink all the whisky as i wish to have a drink when we all come to see you. cindly tell Mrs Dunkley that her mother and vamily are all well.

I remaijn

yours trewly  
a Republican.”

#### SUMMARY COURT OF JURISDICTION.

THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1899.

*Before Colonel Goold-Adams, C.B.,  
C.M.G., and Colonel C. B. Vyvyan.*

Thomas Brown, the gentleman who was before this same Court last month in connection with certain dealings in unexploded explosives, was charged with assaulting Mr. Jones, chemist, and damaging certain property. Mr. Jones proved that as his shop and office were too frequently subjected to the visitation of Mausers he had a table placed in the Town Hall, on which he wrote, &c. Returning from serving a customer he found his table, books and papers had been placed outside. The accused, who was connected with one of our big guns round the corner, apparently felt aggrieved at Mr. Jones' presence and notified him that he would “not allow him in there.” Presumably, to emphasise his opinions, he caught Mr. Jones by the throat, threatened to smash his spectacles, and managed in the scuffle to knock the table with Mr. Jones' head, damaging it against the door, the table not the head, to the extent of five shillings. As the complainant has not yet recovered from a bullet wound in the shoulder he was unable to resist. Prisoner, who pleaded not guilty, made a statement in which he admitted adopting the role of chucker-out, without authority, was found guilty of the assault, sentenced to have the table repaired at his own expense, and to one month's hard labour at the Colony's expense.

## WARNING.

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Unless the tobacco left at the office of the "Mail" and advertised in these columns more than a week ago, is claimed within three days from this date it will be smoked, without further notice.

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## THE ACCIDENT YESTERDAY.

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### Death of one of the Victims.

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We are glad to learn from the P.M.O. that both Mr. Gerrans and Mr. Green are doing well. The former had the tips of the fingers on his left hand injured and a few small cuts about the legs. The latter had his left foot hurt and it was found necessary to amputate it at the ankle, beyond this he had no other injuries. The other poor fellow who was passing the shop at the time of the explosion died soon after arriving at the hospital. He, W. Smith, was a stranger to Mafeking, a native of Poplar, London; a boiler maker by trade, he had worked some six months at the Langlaagtemines, B. block, in company with a Mr. Harris. Together with him and four others he came here intending to return to Johannesburg with the Column they, in common with many others, expected to see produced from Mafeking long ere this. They stayed at Kimberley for a day or two with Mr. Richard Greaves, of the Blueposts Hotel, Main Street, to whom, we believe, the deceased was known. From Kimberley the party of six came here by the train which, it will be remembered, was fired upon by the Boers, arriving on the Monday before hostilities were opened. All of them took rifles in defence of the town, Deceased, with his chum Harris, being stationed at the Hospital Redan. Although not a man of education he was exceedingly shrewd, and took great interest in everything connected with the leading question of the day. As he did not lack courage he would probably have proved very useful had the Boers come within range. We understand the funeral is arranged to take place this evening, at sundown.

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An ambulance wagon went to the Boer lines this afternoon and brought in an addition to the population of Mafeking in the shape of Mr. Crament, 176 Cottage, and his family. We welcome the sturdy ganger and hope Mrs. Crament will soon recover perfect health.

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