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LATEST NEWS.

We have been favoured with a sight of a portion of the *Standard and Diggers News* of January 20th, and most interesting reading we found it. Not only interesting but a deal of comfort is to be extracted, for, reading between the lines, it is easy to discern that fear of the ultimate consequences of the Pretorian folly is pressing heavily on the writer, or prompter, of the leading article. No trace now of the vulgar brag and bombast so offensively prominent early in November, when it was airily explained why Mafeking had not already been taken, and the credulous readers of the inspired Kruger organ were assured that the fall of Ladysmith and this town was but a matter of hours. No mention of the probable capture of either place is now to be found in its pages. On the contrary a distinctly whining tone is noticeable. Such phrases as the following speak for themselves:—

"The task of the patriot grows heavy and always heavier as the enemy concentrates, etc."

"For confronting the Boer at this moment are a mighty army and many Generals, and the points of attack—the latest is at Helpmakaar—grow daily more numerous, requiring greater vigilance on the part of the Republicans, and all the pluck, strategy and persistence they can muster."

"Whenever a likely point of entry presents itself, the enemy is there trying to break through and the hands of the Boers are weighted with a vast undertaking."

These points it would have been better for those amongst the late Transvaal leaders whose hands were clean and intentions honest, to have given more thought and consideration before they, in their ignorant stupidity, joined in plunging South Africa into a bloody war, and themselves became the dupes of the designing scoundrels who manipulated the affairs of their country. The Boer leaders, good and bad, must now share alike the obloquy, the ignominy, and the execration of their fellow countrymen who, when beaten, will have their eyes opened to the villany which entrapped them.

THE EFFECT OF OUR BOMBS.

The special correspondent of the *Diggers News* at Colesberg wrote on Sunday, 7th, *inter alia*: "The bombardment of our positions is going on apace. Indeed the enemy is never happy unless he has his daily shy at us. For every bomb he throws he strikes five Boers off our fighting strength; it used to be twenty-five."

In spite of various statements as to the few casualties amongst the Boer forces, plentifully sprinkled throughout the whole of the paper, it is evident that their Ambulance Corps are utterly overwhelmed and quite unable to meet the demand upon their resources, and the condition of the enemy's wounded must be dreadful. One lady, writing most pitifully for assistance, states that although the

doctors say (presumably in their official reports) "they cannot any longer hear the lamentations of the wounded, her hands are tied, having nothing to distribute, being so short of everything." Further on: "the agony of the battle field is indescribable. It is heartrending to hear one wounded calling for water, a second for food, and a third highly delirious, then another wishing for death as a happy deliverance."

In response to this appeal one lady has sent some cigars and another, five jars of pickles.

Mafeking Garrison.

GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 6TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Hospital Board.—A Board composed of the following members has been appointed for administering all affairs connected with the Hospitals of Mafeking.

MEMBERS: The Town Commandant.
The C.C. & R.M.
The C.S.O.
G. Riesle, Esq.

SECRETARY: Mr. R. Algia.

Time and place of meetings will be notified by the Town Commandant.

Town Police.—The Mafeking Town Police being placed under the Town Commandant, the Town Constable will report himself to that officer for orders.

Promotion.—Corporal S. Shams to be Sergeant, subject to confirmation by the proper authority, in recognition of his services in command of the Stadt Native Contingent, and of his energy and skill in constructing advanced works for their occupation.

Hand Bells.—All persons in possession of private hand bells are requested to send them on loan, addressed to the "Town Commandant, care of Headquarter office," for use in the Town Defences.

Bugles, etc.—Under no pretext whatever is any bugle or trumpet to be sounded within the defensive area of Mafeking, except the "alarm" in case of sudden emergencies, and the 1 o'clock time bugle.

Warning Bells.—In future the only bell which will sound when the big gun loads will be the big one at the Bank look-out. All bells will repeat the signal for direction. Only the small hand bells will be rung when the enemy's guns fire; these hand bells will take up the signal from station to station, or will ring independently on observing smoke or flash of gun fire by day or night.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Thursday, the 8th February, 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.

By order,

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

NOTICE.

THE following ladies have been so kind as to make and to present flags, to

be flown by those forts and detachments which have gained successes over the enemy:—

Lady Sarah Wilson, Mrs. Adams, Miss Dall, Mrs. Gemmell, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Riesle, and Miss Wyatt.

The flags will be distributed as follows:

1. Artillery—For shelling enemy's battery, 3rd January, and 3rd February, and various actions.

2. Armoured Train—For actions 13th and 14th October.

3. Bechuanaland Rifles—For driving enemy out of his N.E. entrenchment.

4. Cannon Kopje, B.S.A.P.—For repelling enemy's attack, 21st October.

5. Currie's Post—For checking enemy's attempts to gain ground in the Brickfields.

6. "D" Squadron, Prot. Regiment—For taking enemy's trench, 27th October, and gallantry in action 14th October and 26th December.

7. Limestone Fort, 7-pounder—For driving enemy out of forts "Cronje" and "Beacons."

8. Nordenfolt—For driving big gun off S.E. heights and other good work.

These flags should be hoisted on Sundays but not on weekdays as they give a good ranging mark for enemy's guns.

ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

List of names of owners whose property will be assessed on Sunday next, 11th February:—

Erf 92	H. H. Bradley
" 68	T. H. Park
" 67	D. Bollaers
" 111	F. Firth
" 99	C. Early & Co.
" 100	Early Bros.
Erven 100 to 103	C. Early & Co.
Erf 60	J. Dall
" 63	I. Amod
" 64	C. Williams
	D. Webster

Notice re Extras.

It is pointed out for general information that requisitions for extras cannot in future be signed during the week. If circumstances permit certain shops will be opened each Sunday for the sale of such stocks as they have in hand.

A GRAND SIEGE CONCERT

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

Colonel R. S. S. Baden Powell and Officers of the Garrison,

WILL BE GIVEN AT THE

MASONIC HALL

On Sunday next, 11th inst.,

Commencing at 5-30 p.m.

Reserved Seats, 2s 6d.

Unreserved Seats, 1s.

Proceeds to be given to the Sports and Prizes Funds.

A plan of the Hall may be seen at Messrs. Aldred & Ross', Market Square.

Rickshaws at 7-30 p.m.

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