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208th Day of Siege

THE Mafeking Mail.

TUESDAY, 8TH MAY, 1900.

MEMS.

After the Paardeberg surrender Kruger and Steyn tried to persuade the Boers to make a firm resistance at Poplar Grove, some few miles further up the River than Koodoo's Rand, but they could not prevail upon them to stand, their demoralisation was too great and our forces were victorious. That was on March 7th. By the Prince of Wales' wedding day, March 10th, Lord Roberts had chased them to Driefontein, and further towards Bloemfontein, and engaged them. Being again beaten Steyn collapsed, and, as we have before reported, made arrangements for getting away. Kruger reached Kroonstad the day before our flag was planted at last; and for ever, at Bloemfontein. The day afterwards he annexed the remainder of the Free State and threatened with death, all the Free State burghers who did not come at once to Kroonstad.

BOER SHOT BY B——. W——.

On Sunday last, as most of our readers will remember, the Boers opened fire all along our South Western Frontier, in support of a raiding party operating near Canon Kopje. Thinking probably that they would catch us napping, a party, near the Railway Cottage, ventured in somewhat nearer than usual; and to their surprise found Lieut. McKenzie and the Black Watch ready for them; with the result that they retired, leaving one of their number stretched across the railway line. The Boers made several unsuccessful attempts to get the body away, and eventually gave it up till night-fall.

COUNT THEM

The last news from Vryburg is a flutter amongst the Boer dove-cots there, at the unpleasant news of the near approach of the British; it was a common topic of conversation that the Landrost was preparing to leave at any moment.

SPORTS PRIZES FUNDS.

The Secretary desires to acknowledge the receipt of a cheque for £10 10s., from Mr. James Winter, a generous and welcome donation to the above funds.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mafeking, May 7th, 1900.

To the Editor Mafeking Mail.

SIR,—Allow me to ask, through your columns, whether it is not possible to mitigate the nuisance caused by the soup kitchen at the back of Mr. Lippmann's store. From dawn till dark the street and footpath in the immediate neighbourhood are taken entire possession of by crowds of dirty, noisy, malodorous natives, who lie about gossiping at the top of their voices, between feeds, and make the place a perfect pandemonium. The smell from the kitchen is not pleasant; but this is nothing to the stench, noise and general nuisance caused by the idle natives who have made this their pet loafing ground.

It may be necessary to serve their rations from the kitchen, but it is certainly not necessary that they should use the street for a dining room, in fact for everything but sleeping quarters.

I am, yours, &c.,
CIVIS.

A COLONIAL ENGLISHMEN: Do you not know that the rule, all over the world is that nothing is inserted in a newspaper unless the correspondent sends his proper name?

MAFEKING GARRISON

GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 8TH MAY, 1900.

Garrisons of Posts should stand to Arms just before daybreak on Sunday as well as week-day mornings, as it is quite possible that the enemy might take advantage of Sunday to get up near to a fort under cover of darkness and attempt to rush it so soon as there was light enough to see, hoping to catch the garrison sleeping.

Now that relief is near extra watchfulness must be employed, as the enemy will see that unless they make some extra effort they won't take Mafeking—and it is evident they don't like attempting an open attack.

Promotions (Protectorate Regiment)
—To be Lieutenants: Squadron Sergt.-Major S. A. Bruce, vice Captain Sandford, killed in action. Sergeant R. W. Waller, vice Lieut. Paton, killed in action.

The above promotions are subject to confirmation by the proper authority, and date from 1st May, 1900, inclusive.

Half Pay.—Lieutenant J. Brady, Protectorate Regiment, is placed on half pay (without allowances), on account of ill health from the 1st May, 1900, inclusive.

Court of Enquiry.—A Court of Enquiry, composed as under, will assemble at such place and time as the President may appoint, to investigate the circumstances under which Private W. Smith, Town

Guard, met with his death through the accidental explosion of a shell in Mr. Gerrans' shop.

The Court will record its opinion as to whether such explosion was due in any way to culpable negligence, disobedience of orders, etc.

PRESIDENT: Captain W. Scholefield, B.S.A.P.

MEMBERS: A Subaltern, Protectorate Regiment.

A Subaltern Bechuanaland Rifles.

Proceedings, in duplicate, to be forwarded to the Chief Staff Officer.

Convent Look-out.—Sergt. Martineau to be N.C.O. in charge under Captain Goodyear.

Corpl. Godson, Railway Division, is posted to the Convent Look-out from 1st April, inclusive.

"Black Watch."—The Col. Commanding is pleased to notice the good work done by three members of McKenzie's Black Watch on Sunday last. Under heavy fire they pluckily turned and rescued some horses, bringing them safely in. The natives in question are awarded the following gratuities in recognition of their service:—

Pete	£1
Telfans,	10/-
Clatnquan	10/-

Removal of Rubbish.—All dry rubbish removed from the Town in private carts must be deposited in the pits allotted for the purpose, and not on the ground surrounding them. The pits at present in use are:

(1) Below the S. end of Carrington Street.

(2) West of the Pound enclosure. Rubbish from the Railway Camp is to be deposited in the Sanitary Pits N. of the Camp and W. of the Cemetery.

Drivers and boys should be instructed accordingly.

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

AN ACROSTIC FOR CHILDREN.

No. 7.

Sister Anne! Sister Anne! is any one coming?
From North and from South busy rumour is humming,
I am anxiously watching with eye and with ear,
For the long promised help which slowly draws near.

1. A fabled bird of monstrous size.
2. This mocking sprite pursuit defies.
3. Hushed is the storm for briefest span.
4. We two together, guess who can!
5. A sign or token lifted high.
6. "She stoops to conquer" from the sky.

PROCLAMATION

By Colonel R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL, Senior Officer in command of Her Majesty's Troops in Mafeking, in the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope.

WHEREAS it is necessary to grant protection to PARK MOFFAT, of Mafeking, of his invention styled "The Moffat Acetylene Patent Signalling Lamp," whilst the Siege of Mafeking continues,

And whereas the said Park Moffat has satisfied me of the usefulness of his said invention, and that he is the first inventor of this said Patent.

Now therefore, under and by virtue of the power vested in me, I do hereby proclaim, and declare and make known that the said Patent of the said Park Moffat is protected as and from the Fifteenth day of March, 1900, until such time as the said Park Moffat can comply with the Colonial Law in obtaining its protection in terms of Act No. 17 of 1860.

R. S. S. BADEN POWELL,
Colonel Commanding
Mafeking Garrison.
Mafeking, 8th May, 1900.

Promulgated:

This eighth day of May, 1900,
E. H. CECIL, Major,
Chief Staff Officer.

Execution Sale.

In the Summary Court of the
Resident Magistrate, Mafeking.

Extraordinary Jurisdiction Notice.

In the matter between ABRAHAM HESSEN, Plaintiff, and S. COHEN & SON, Defendants.

NOTICE is hereby given that the goods enumerated below, which have been attached in the above matter, under writ of Execution, will be sold by Public Auction, on the 13TH MAY NEXT, at 10 O'CLOCK, on the Market Square, unless previously released.

By order of the Court,
W. J. E. MAHONY,
Messenger of the Court.
Mafeking,
7th May, 1900.

INVENTORY.

2 pairs Cut Trousers
17 yards Italian Cloth
1 roll Brown Jean
 $\frac{1}{2}$ roll Silesia
2 pairs Black Leather Leggings
1 pce Horse Hair
23 Reels Cotton, silk twist & thread
7 boxes Button (partly full)
1 Bicycle Frame
1 roll Paper Patterns
1 Sewing Machine
1 Wooden Box, containing sworn declaration and list goods, S.

Cohen & Sons, at 10th October 1899

4 new Tennis Shirts
3 new Pyjama Suits, 1 blue Shirt
3 pairs Braces, 9 Ties
5 White Shirts, 23 White Collars
1 box Ties, lot Studs and Links
1 pair Brown Boots, 4 Watches
1 Napkin Ring, 4 rolls of Patterns
1 Cat's eye Pin and Tie

Notice.

The Headquarters Staff Office is now at Mr. Minchin's House, the door nearest the corner.

STAMPS.

WANTED to purchase specimens of the following:—

- 3d. Imperial, surcharged B. Protectorate, and 6d.
- 1/- Green Imperial, surcharged B. Protectorate, and 2/-
- 3d. Mauve Colonial, surcharged, 6d.

Reply, stating number and price, to R.W., this office.

Under the Patronage of

COLONEL R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL
AND OFFICERS OF THE GARRISON,

A SPORTS MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON

SUNDAY, MAY 13TH, 1900

AT THE

RECREATION GROUND.

PROGRAMME:

1. 330 Yards Race. Prizes 15s., 10s., 5s., 2s. 6d.
2. Long Jump. Prizes 10s., 5s., 3s., 2s.
3. Schildpad Trek (teams of four). Prizes £1, 10s.
4. First Heats, Tug of War.
5. Three-legged Race. Prizes 15s., 7s. 6d.
6. Bicycle Race. Prizes £1, 10s., 5s.
7. Wrestling. Prizes £1, 10s., 5s.
8. Best Dressed Girl. 1st prize £1, further prizes according to entries.
9. Final for Tug of War. Prizes £1 10s., 15s.
10. Lloyd Lindsay at Bottle (Teams of four). Prizes £1, 10s.
11. Throwing the Assegai and Kerry (Assegai for distance, Kerry at a mark). Prizes £1 and 10s.; £1 and 10s.
12. Greasy Pole. Prizes 4lbs Sausage and 10s., 5s.

By kind permission of the Officer Commanding, the Band of the Colonial Contingent will play during the afternoon.

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