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181st Day of Siege

THE Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1900.

MEMS.

According to the *Cape Times* 240 wagons and 2,400 mules are required to convey two days' supplies for a division.

The same article, Jan. 24, says: "How utterly unprepared we were is evident from an article in *The Times* upon the question of transport difficulties at the front. It is all very well to send out division after division, and to perform feats in mobilisation of Army Corps which are declared to be an object-lesson to the world; but unless the army on its arrival in South Africa is provided with the means of moving independently."

MAFEKING GARRISON.

GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 11TH APRIL, 1900.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Thursday, the 12th April, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: H. H. Maj. Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member: Lieut.-Col. C. O. Hore.

Appointments.—Lieut. McKenzie, B.T.O. to be extra A.D.C. to the Colonel Commanding.

J. H. Elmes, Esq., M.E.R., C.S. to be Assistant Surgeon, Victoria Hospital, with pay at the rate of 30s per diem from the 10th inst. inclusive.

Pay.—Increase of—Sergeant F. Pitt, in charge of the Guard, Isaac's

Yard, to receive increase of pay at the rate of 2/6 per diem, to date from the 12th February, inclusive.

Rations.—From to-morrow inclusive "Sowens" will be issued free as part of the ration to the troops in proportion to one quart per man. It may be found necessary to reduce the bread ration from 8 oz. to 6 oz., and the Sowens is intended to compensate for that reduction.

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

LIST OF WINNERS.

LAST SUNDAY'S SPORTS.

- 1—100 YARDS FLAT HANDICAP :
1st, McLoughlin
2nd, Carr
- 2—SACK RACE (CADET CORPS) :
1st, Gower
2nd, Wolhuter
3rd, Harry
- 3—QUARTER-MILE FLAT RACE.
1st, Low
2nd, Crosskill
- 4—THREE-LEGGED RACE :
1st, Swart
2nd, Newton
- 5—HORSE AND MAN RACE :
1st, Crosskill
2nd, Kennedy
- 6—BICYCLE THREAD THE NEEDLE RACE :
1st, Mitchell
2nd Lieut. McKenzie
3rd, Moss
- 7—LLOYD LINDSAY :
1st, Bechuanaland Rifles
2nd, Cape Police, D. 2
- 8—WRESTLING ON HORSEBACK :
1st, Cape Police, D 2
2nd, Protectorate Regiment
- 9—100 YARDS FLAT (CADET CORPS) :
1st, Stenson
2nd, Gower
3rd, Rowles
- 10—BOLSTER FIGHT ON POLE :
1st, Rosenfield
2nd, Kennedy

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

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

A GYMKHANA MEETING

Organised by Capt. B. W. Cowan and
Officers of the Bechuanaland Rifles,

WILL BE HELD ON

Sunday, April 15, 1900,

ON THE

RECREATION GROUND,

AT 2-30 P.M.

JUDGES :—Col. Hore, Major Godley,
Col. Walford, Insp. Browne.

REFEREE :—C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C.
and R.M.

STARTER :—Capt. B. W. Cowan.

HANDICAPPER :—Capt. Scholefield.

*Miss Hill has kindly consented to
give away the Prizes.*

PROGRAMME :

- 1—BICYCLE RACE; 1 Mile Handicap (open). 1st prize; 2nd prize (Sports Fund).
- 2—440 YARDS FLAT RACE; Open Handicap. 1st prize; 2nd prize (Sports Fund).
- 3—MOUNTED OBSTACLE RACE. 1st prize; 2nd prize (Sports Fund).
- 4—WATER BUCKET RACE (Sports Fund).
- 5—MOUNTED FANCY DRESS RACE. 1st prize given to first in; 2nd prize given to lady who dresses gentleman in most unique costume. (Presented by Officers Bechuanaland Rifles).
- 6—COCK FIGHTING; in sections. Open to Prot. Regt., B.S.A.P., C.P., Bechd. Rifles Railway Division, Town Guard. 1st prize (Sports Fund).
- 7—"ARE YOU THERE." 1st prize (Sports Fund).
- 8—BOLSTER FIGHT. Open to Colonial Contingent, Black Watch, Abram's Scouts, Webster's Fingoes, Rowland's Laager Boys. 1st prize; 2nd prize; 3rd prize (Sports Fund).
- 9—DONKEY RACE. Open to members of Cadet Corps. Riders to be in full uniform. (Presented by Officers Bechd. Rifles).

CORRESPONDENCE.

"AUTHOR."—No! you are scarcely correct in referring to natives who subsist on canines, as "dog fanciers." It would be certainly more adroit to say, "those who are undergoing a course of bark."

(From the *Cape Times*.)

MR. ALF. HELLAWELL.

OUR WAR CORRESPONDENT
AT MAFEKING.

HIS EXCITING ESCAPE AND
SUBSEQUENT CAPTURE.

Continued from yesterday's Slip.

There was nothing for it now but to try the horses, and off they went at full gallop, the Boers following pell-mell, in a straight line across the veldt. At the start it was touch-and-go whether or not the pursuers would get near enough to stop the hunt summarily, but the superior mettle of our correspondent's horse soon began to show itself and he gradually out-distanced the Boers. The race, however, lasted a good time, and Hellowell estimates that he kept up the gallop for about 15 miles before it was safe to draw rein. The horses were then suffering considerably, and, equally as bad, he had lost the knowledge of his exact locality, and only knew for certain that he was in the Transvaal, and had to make a big turn before striking any place in Bechuanaland which would enable him to decide on the right direction. After an "off-saddle" in a sequestered spot in the veld, he travelled slowly across the open country, fortunately without meeting any more Boers. One of the horses, however, was now lame, and the others tired, and it was necessary to avoid every house they might see, as it was practically certain to be the abode of an enemy.

CAPTURED.

The locality of Maribogo was reached and recognised, and aided by a heavy storm, which refreshed the horses, the party went cautiously on

towards Vryburg, travelling mostly in the night. A farmer's dwelling was stumbled on so unexpectedly here that our correspondent was observed, and seeing there was no help for it, he went to the house and was received with apparent kindness. While he and his horses were resting there, however, the farmer's wife despatched her boy on horseback—nominally to "look for the cattle," but in reality to rouse the country ahead. Mr Hellowell eluded everyone, nevertheless, until passing to the west of Vryburg, when two Boers galloped up from behind and two more were off-saddled at the time there was nothing to do but surrender. Mr. Hellowell's reports were rolled up in small packets, and he threw these into the veld unobserved, only one packet being found.

MR. TOWNSHEND, OF THE "BECHUANALAND NEWS," Prisoner with the Boers

He was taken to the Vryburg laager, examined by Field-cornet Visser, and then sent to the Court-house and confined in the lock-up, in a cell which had been vacated only the same morning by some coloured offenders, and which was furnished solely with a plank bed and some rags of clothing which the former tenants had abandoned there.

IN VRYBURG GAOL.

Next day he was allowed to come into the yard, and after a couple more nights in the cell, now provided with good bedding, was moved to a barred room formerly occupied by the Registrar of Deeds, and now used by some of the Transvaal Police. He was treated kindly and was allowed to walk in the spacious yard, where was already promenading another pressman—Mr. P. Townshend, of the "Bechuanaland News," who had been arrested some days before for printing the proclamation cautioning Her Majesty's subjects of the penalties they would incur if they joined the enemy.

Will be continued in to-morrow's Slip

NEWSPAPERS

AT THE
COURT ROOM.

ATTENTION is called to the regulation for the hour from 2 till 3 being reserved for

LADIES ONLY.

Officers 11-30 to 2; N.C.O.'s
and men 3 to 6 p.m.

NOTICE.

THE Standard Bank will not be open for business on Sundays.

The Garrison Deposit Bank will be open on Sunday mornings as usual from 9.30 to 12.

H. GREENER, Capt.
Chief Paymaster.

Mafeking, 10 April, 1900.

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Blankets & Rugs (Several Hundreds)

GOLD WEATHER APPROACHING.

"NON-SIEGE" PRICES: 5/-, 8/-, 10/-

EARLY Bros., Molopo Road.

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RAFFLE

For a Case of USHERS BLACK BOTTLE
21 Years Old, EXTRA SPECIAL
RESERVE WHISKEY.

THE undersigned, having obtained the kind permission of the C.S.O., will raffle on account of B. Weil, Esq., one case of Whiskey. Proceeds will be handed to the Mother Superior, for the benefit of herself and Sisters.

E. PLATNAUER,
Commission Agent.

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