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THE Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 31ST MAY, 1900.

LATEST NEWS.

Johannesburg is now occupied by the British.

By the courtesy of the Major-General Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

Col. Plumer and Col. Edwards are successfully pacifying Marico and North Lichtenburg districts.

Col. Edwards' regiment, the Imperial Light Horse, have been added to Major-General Baden-Powell's Frontier Force.

Over two hundred burghers have already surrendered their arms and availed themselves of our protection. Bands of armed natives intent on looting Boer farms are being stopped and apprehended by our men. Large supplies are being collected.

Col. Edwards has been appointed Commissioner, pro. tem., of these districts, and the command of the I.L.H. will be resumed by Col. Woolls Sampson, who has recovered from his wounds and is en route to rejoin.

Zeerust and Ottoshoop have been connected by telephone with Mafeking.

The railway and telegraph are being pushed south most energetically by the Railway Division from Mafeking under Captain More. Hope to complete by the 4th.

The men of the garrison, though feeble after their long privations, are picking up strength with extra food, and it is hoped will be ready to take the field so soon as remounts can be got up for them.

It has lately come to light that the original plan of the Boers at the beginning of the war was—after taking Mafeking—for a large portion of the investing force to move North, picking up the various commandoes which had already been sent on as advanced guards to seize the main drifts over the Crocodile for them, and to invade Matabeleland in overwhelming strength. The retention of their main force before Mafeking prevented this, as it also delayed

Cronje's reinforcing the investing force at Kimberley.

CONGRATULATIONS.

From Messrs. Critchley, Salmon, Harrison and all friends, Manzinyana:—

"Heavy engagement last night. Both you and Mafeking bombarded with congratulatory toasts and shelled with heartiest wishes from five p.m. until twelve. Our loss: 12 dead Marines and three men missing from breakfast. If these turn up by lunch, being reinforced by neighbouring mines, repetition of last night expected, only more so. What ho! Who said Eloff?"

Judge Vincent, Bulawayo:

"At a great public meeting held to-day, of which I was Chairman, the following two resolutions were, with immense acclamation and unanimity, passed:—

First begins: "That the following message be sent to Colonel Baden-Powell: The inhabitants of Matabeleland desire to convey to you and to every member of your garrison their heartiest congratulations on the relief of Mafeking, and to express to you their appreciation of the signal services you have rendered in stemming the tide which threatened invasion to Rhodesia. They have watched with pride the resource, the energy, and the fearlessness with which you have met and overcome every difficulty, and they honour you for the example and untiring patience and intrepid courage which you have set the men and women of the beleaguered garrison as they honour them for the heroic way in which they have followed your example; they beg you to accept their most sincere and heartfelt congratulations."

Second begins: "That in token of the strong feeling of indebtedness entertained by the people of Bulawayo towards Colonel Baden-Powell for his magnificent defence of Mafeking, a memento be presented to him and that for this object a subscription list be opened and subscriptions received at the Town Clerk's office."

The Administrator moved first, seconded by Colonel Heyman.

W. H. Haddon moved second resolution, seconded by J. E. Scott.

WAITER

Wanted at once.—Mafeking Hotel.

TOWN COUNCIL.

The first meeting since the siege was held on Friday last, the Mayor presiding. Councillors Clucas, Early, Gerrans, Winter, and Mr. Algie (Town Clerk) were present.

TWO VACANCIES.

The resignation of Mr. Friend, received on October 5th, was read, and a resolution carried; thanking him for past services.

DEATH OF COUNCILLOR DALL.

His Worship the Mayor alluded in sympathetic terms to the sad loss of their colleague, who was killed whilst on active service in the defence of the town, and eulogised in a feeling manner the sterling value of deceased. It was unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence should be addressed to Mrs. Dall and that the funeral expenses should be defrayed from the municipal funds.

There are thus two vacancies on the Council with reference to filling which it was decided to take immediate steps.

CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS.

A number of wires, already published in these columns, were read. It was arranged that their acknowledgement should be left in the hands of the Mayor and the Town Clerk, and resolved that all further telegrams should be entered on the minutes of the Council and handed to the local paper for publication for the information of the rate-payers.

THE COMPENSATION QUESTION.

The Mayor next introduced this important subject, saying he thought that it was necessary that steps should be taken to bring the matter on as soon as possible. It was considered desirable that their claim should be carefully considered and made in a lump sum. It therefore remained for them to examine the question and decide what sum it is necessary to ask. The authorities had promised him that it should be arranged to bring the claims of the municipality on at the very start when the commission is appointed. He thought the public should have a voice in a matter of this kind, although the Town Council were responsible, yet it would be desirable to get at the opinion of the people, as it is an affair running into many thousands of pounds.

Mr. Gerrans had not heard anyone give an opinion upon the value of the damage done.

Mr. Winter said it was rather difficult to form any idea till they went into it minutely.

During some discussion the sum of £25,000 was approximately stated as the probable result of a more minute examination, [a figure we think will prove to err on the side of moderation].

Upon the question of a presentation to Colonel Baden-Powell, the meeting held on Tuesday evening was resolved on, with the result as reported yesterday.

It was also decided that an address should be drawn up, illuminated, and presented to Col. Mahon and Lieut.-Col. Plumer, in the following terms:—

The wording of the address, and remainder of meeting, will be in to-morrow's slip.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST

— FOR —

Public Presentation

— TO —

Maj.-General R. S. S. BADEN-POWELL,

In appreciation of, and deep gratitude for, the prolonged, brilliant and successful services rendered by him whilst in command of the town and garrison of Mafeking.

COMMITTEE:

(as appointed by Public Meeting held on 28th May, 1900.)

Messrs. F. Whiteley (Mayor), Capt. B. W. Cowan, H. Martin, Captain J. R. More, Rev. Father G. Ogle, L. Schreiber, Rev. W. H. Weekes,
TREASURER: Mr. P. Werner.

The Committee will be glad to receive subscriptions for the presentation referred to above, and for this purpose a List will be placed on the counter at the Standard Bank, and another List will lay with the Town Clerk at the Town Office (temporary office on Mr. Bradley's stoep). In order to facilitate collection the Committee desire that subscribers will pay amount of their subscription at the time that they put their names down on the list.

The Committee have resolved that subscriptions be limited to a maximum sum of £10 10s., and only inhabitants of Mafeking who have been in town during the Siege, are asked to subscribe.

F. WHITELEY, Mayor,
Chairman of Committee.
Town Office, Mafeking,
May 31st, 1900.

BIG BEN CAFE.

ELI COHEN

WILL open the above in a few days (on the Market Square, between Mr. Friend's and Mr. Wirsing's stores).

NOTICE.

IT is notified for Public information that from Sunday, 3rd June, all persons other than those actually bearing arms in the Garrison or employed directly under the Imperial Authorities, will obtain their rations by purchase, at the several stores, or at the Butchery and Bakery which will be established in Mr. Pincham's old premises.

All questions appertaining to Rations, so far as above-mentioned parties are concerned, should in future be referred to the Town Clerk, Mr. Algie, and not the Imperial Authorities.

Stamps for Sale.

Colonel Baden-Powell's head, small.

Yellow 3d., surcharged 6d.

Mauve 3d., surcharged 6d.

Two Shillings.

What offers to:

“PHIL.” This Office.

Mafeking Municipality.

NOTICE No. 213.

Election of Councillors.

NOTICE is hereby given in terms of Act 45, of 1882, that an Election to fill the two vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. A. H. Friend, and by the death of Mr. J. Dall respectively, will be held on Monday, the 18th June, 1900.

I hereby declare the day of Nomination to be Friday, the 15th day of June, 1900.

All nomination papers must be delivered at the Town Office, Mafeking, to the Town Clerk, before 4 o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday, the 14th day of June, 1900, in the form and manner prescribed by Section 50, of Act 45, of 1882.

Dated this 26th day of May, 1900.

(Sgd.) F. WHITELEY,

Mayor and Returning Officer.

Town Office, Mafeking.

(Temporary office on Mr. Bradley's Stoep).

Mafeking Municipality.

NOTICE No. 215.

Re-opening of Market.

NOTICE is hereby given that by permission of the Major-General Commanding, the Morning Market will be re-opened on and from Wednesday morning, 30th May, at 7-30 a.m.

For the present the Market will be held in front of the Marketmaster's house (immediately adjoining Messrs. Whiteley, Valke's store).

Dated this 29th day of May, 1900.

R. ALGIE,

Town Clerk.

Town Office, Mafeking.

Mafeking Municipality.

NOTICE No. 216.

The Future of the Two Republics, and the Treatment of Rebels.

IN accordance with resolution passed by a public meeting of inhabitants last evening, I beg to call a

PUBLIC MEETING

to be held at the

Court Room,

ON SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND, 1900,

At Eight p.m.,

for the purpose of considering and passing resolutions with reference to the

Future of the Two Republics and the

Treatment & Punishment of Rebels.

(Sgd.) F. WHITELEY,

Mayor.

Town Office, Mafeking,
May 30th, 1900.

NOTICE

TO TRANSPORT RIDERS.

TRANSPORT wanted for duty at the Army Service yard; 30/- per day, with rations, for drivers and leaders. Applications to LIEUT. MACKENZIE, B.T.O., Headquarters Office.

Cart & Horses for Hire

By the Hour or Day.—Apply to

W. A. HAMPSON.

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from Mafeking, Messrs. De Kock & Bolus (next to Riesle & Rombach's, Jewellers) hold my Power of Attorney to receive all and any money due to me, and grant receipts for the same.

(Sgd.) G. LIPPMANN.

Mafeking, 28th May, 1900.

TO LET,

FURNISHED Cottage for Man and Wife, no children.—Apply C. WENHAM.

Siege Stamps.

WANTED to purchase in large or small quantities.—Apply CASSIM SULIEMAN, Hairdresser, Main Street.

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