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130th Day of Siege

The Mafeking Mail.

MONDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

The following News has been received from Reuter, Durban:

January 27th.—Warren drove back enemy at Southern Cross and Spionkop—heavy losses. Warren re-joined Buller on 27th. Official Boer returns give their loss 53 killed, 120 wounded. Buller reported fighting two days, no details. 200 wagons supplies stated reached Kimberley. Stevens' *Daily Mail* Correspondent died of enteric fever.

FROM KIMBERLEY.

Situation unchanged. Kelly Kenny is at Naaupoort. French has practically surrounded Colesberg; and Gatacre is still in the neighbourhood of Molteno. Boers appear to have made a determined attack on Ladysmith on 6th, and were repulsed with heavy loss. Newspapers put Boer losses at 350 killed and 750 wounded. Our losses unknown. Numerous reinforcements of Colonial, Volunteers, etc., now on water. 7th Division is disembarking in Colony, and 8th Division, with large reinforcements Artillery now leaving England.

FROM CAPETOWN.

February 4th.—Buller failed to reach Ladysmith after a week's fighting, with heavy losses on both sides, attempt to be made to relieve it at once.

Small successes in North of the Colony but nothing decisive near Colesberg.

Lord Roberts and Kitchener were to leave for front in a day or two. On their arrival advance in force will be made from Modder River or Orange River.

FROM THE NORTH.

Gaberones, Feb. 13th. Colonel Plumer attacked Boer position on the 12th. The sides of the kopje were mined and covered with obstacles, and though our men got right up to the wall of the fort they were obliged to retire. Losses: killed, one officer and six men. Names: Captain French, Sergt. Winder, Corpl. J. Sherwood, Tpr. Whitfield, and Tpr. F. H. Reid, Rhodesia Regiment; and Tprs. Jones and Garner, B.S.A. Police. Wounded: Col. Hon. H. White, Major Straker, B.S.A.P., and sixteen men. Five men taken prisoners, who were afterwards handed over by the Boers, all wounded.

FROM THE STEYNSBURG BRITISHERS.

Bravo! We all most heartily congratulate you and those with you on your most gallant defence of Mafeking, and for the valuable services rendered to the old flag.

FROM BULAWAYO.

The following telegram was received from Colonel Nicholson:—

"Mr. Harmsworth, of *Daily Mail*, has placed £500 to your credit for relief of brave men wounded in the heroic defence of Mafeking, and relief of immediate relatives of those killed, and £200 has also been sent from the Mansion House Fund."

LOCAL ITEMS.

Sergt.-Major Taylor, in the advanced works, yesterday got close to the Boers' trench and overheard them saying that Snyman had had orders urging him to take Mafeking at once and to bring his force down to the assistance of the Free State, which is now hard pressed.

Yesterday morning the Johannesburg coach arrived in the Boer camp, and a large crowd of them met it; they stood about in groups for an hour afterwards. All their trenches were very quiet last night.

It is most probable that the British advance has begun and that next week we may hear news.

Reuter's Special Correspondent, Mr. Vere Stent, has received the following communication from Reuter's Agent at Kimberley:—

Kimberley, Jan. 24, 1900.

DEAR SIR,—I received your Xmas despatches and the sad account of the sortie, but have been unable to get them away as all our Native runners get caught, and the Boers are behaving like brutes in shooting them; they are people who have exchanged the hearts of men for beasts. We are still unrelieved and this morning had another bombardment with some ten guns against us; some damage has been done and two poor women were killed. The shells were directed all over the town and not at the forts—or at any rate very few of them. Everybody is justly proud of Mafeking, whilst deeply sympathizing with all the troubles and sorrows you are experiencing. Things are going on slowly but surely in Natal, and I thoroughly expect to hear Ladysmith is on the eve of relief as yesterday we learnt by helio that Buller was in sight of the town. More troops are leaving Southampton daily. John Ruskin is dead. There is no other news to tell you, indeed we have had no newspapers here for ages. Though the relief column is only some 12 miles off in the same position as they have been for weeks, they have been unable to get here as the Boers are in such force at Spytfontein. I hope Capt. Wilson is quite well; he will very likely recollect me at Eton, at Cornish's house. We are now eating horse flesh and things are not by any means pleasant, though we have the essentials of life. There has been great mortality here amongst the very young children and babies, and we have a lot of typhoid and scurvy. Hoping you keep well,

I am, yours truly,

G. M. C. LUARD.

Mr. Rhodes is quite well and he received Captain Wilson's letter.

Mafeking Garrison.

GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Dogs (Registration of).—In order to put a stop to the present dog nuisance the ordinary law with regard to licences will be introduced. Every person keeping a dog must obtain a license from the R.M., and any dog not duly registered will be immediately destroyed. Persons will be required to produce their licence when called upon by any Policeman, Constable, or other Civil Official, or by the Military Authorities.

MAFEKING, 19TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Closing of Bars.—The Colonel Commanding having noticed several cases of drunkenness amongst the troops yesterday all Bars in town will be entirely closed from to-morrow inclusive for seven days. Hotel or Bar keepers wishing for special exemption in favour of lodgers or other persons must apply for permits to the C.S.O. or D.A.A.G. (A).

Native Servants.—With reference to General Order No 5, of 14th instant, the names of servants and numbers of tickets must be forwarded to the C.S.O., not later than 6 p.m. on 20th inst. Unless these returns are rendered by the time stated servants will not be able to obtain rations either by purchase or issue.

Assessment of Damages.—All persons submitting claims for assessment of damage to house property must, at the same time, furnish a builders affidavit, as to the value of the property damaged.

By order,

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

GOLD.

One per cent. will be paid for gold coin received by Chief Paymaster in exchange for Government Cheques.

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