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The Mafeking Mail.

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Mafeking Garrison.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, 6TH JANUARY, 1900.

*Local Shell Foundry.*—It is notified for information that from to-morrow inclusive the Workshops, with all the necessary plant, etc., used for casting shell, in the Railway Works, will be taken over by the Military Authorities as an Ordnance Workshop. It will be placed under the C.R.A., Major Panzera, who will be responsible for it and will appoint the necessary workmen, etc.

*States.*—Commanders of Corps will prepare, at their earliest convenience, a State showing the number of men in the command at the commencement of the Siege (13th October, 1899).

*Visiting Justice.*—The Visiting Justice to the Mafeking Gaol for the ensuing week will be Major Goad-Adams, C.B., C.M.G.

*Office Hours: Chief Paymaster.*—It is notified that the following are the office hours of the Chief Paymaster for pay and accounts for Europeans: 9-30 a.m. to 12 noon, or other times by appointment.

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

MAFEKING, 8TH JANUARY, 1900.

*Pay of Acting A.S.C. Officer.*—With reference to General Order No. 2, of the 10th December, 1899, pay and allowances from Imperial Funds at the rate of One Pound per diem (consolidated), is hereby authorised, from the above date inclusive to Captain Girdwood, while he is performing the duties of Acting A.S.C. Officer.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Tuesday, the 8th instant, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

*Ordnance Workshop: Staff and Pay.*—With reference to General Order No. 1 of the 6th instant, the following Civil Staff are appointed to the Shell Factory from this day's date inclusive, at the daily rates of pay and in the capacities noted against their respective names:—

J. Conolly, Foreman	...	£1
L. Coghlan, Fitter	...	15s
J. Russell, Fitter	...	15s
A. Forbes, Turner	...	15s
S. Nettle, Turner	...	15s
B. King, Furnaceman	...	15s

*Bread Rations.*—The 1-lb bread ration will, from the 10th instant inclusive, be reduced to three quarters of a lb. per man.

The ration to women will remain as heretofore, namely: half a lb. for each woman; one quarter lb. for children of fourteen years of age and under.

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

### Official Time.

Call for dinners will be sounded by the Headquarter Trumpeter every day at 1 o'clock, the time having been got from Major Goad-Adams' Chronometer, and this will be the official time for Mafeking.

### MAFEKING EN CARNIVAL.

The amusements provided yesterday at the Recreation Ground under the auspices of Colonel Baden-Powell, proved so successful and were appreciated so much by the visitors that they were one and all seized with a kind of carnivalago, a disease which is seldom taken by British folk. Certainly the attack was a mild one and no bad after effects have been noticed. On the contrary it is asserted that the general tone of the patients is better for having undergone the complaint. The Bechuanaland Rifles sent some half-dozen niggers, who started the fun. They have discovered the "missing link" and covering the india-rubber like objects with chintz, set it to dance which it somewhat reluctantly did. The Driving Competition brought out an odd vehicular mixture. Tooled by the Colonel was a rickshaw drawn by a mule, a donkey and a sturdy ox. The Bechuanaland Rifles sent a light van drawn by mules, five wheelers, and a solitary leader. John Bull and a flaxen haired lady (artillerists Brennan and Wright) rode a gun carriage. Two gentlemen, powdered and bewigged in silken court suits of the 18th century, were drawn about by a single grey, while a first-class pair of greys pulled a groom and groomess in a Cape cart. A trolley full of kafirs, whose legs were white-washed other conveyances circled round while the band played. When the music stopped the flaxen haired damsel was the fortunate "lady" entitled to the prize. The Cape Police gave an exceedingly good selection. A topical song with reference to dug outs and other concomitants of siegedom, written and sung by Mr. Coxwell, was deservedly well received, while the "Hottentot Dance" by Corpl. Currie provoked enthusiastic applause and concluded the entertainment.

At Hidden Hollow the Protectorate Regiment had some always popular songs, some good banjo playing, and a sketch. The B.S.A.P. provided varieties from a boxing bout to a cornet solo. Next Sunday the troupes reverse places.

### THANKS.

Mr. Angus Hamilton desires to express his sincere thanks to those gentlemen who so kindly assisted him yesterday in a moment of misfortune. He regrets that their names are unknown to him.

Mafeking, Jan. 8th, 1900.

### POETS CORNER.

King's Royal Rifles  
Royal Dublin Fusiliers.  
October 20th, 1899.

Peace to the empty rhetorical prater,  
Peace to your "patriot" chatter and brag!  
What! did you deem the Celt was a traitor,  
Dream that the soldier was false to his flag?  
Hurl, if it please you, your windy defiance;  
Rant of the deeds that you never will do,  
Eloquent Dillons and frothy O'Briens,  
Slander not men who are better than you.  
Waiting for the word that would call them to action,  
Steeling their courage to conquer or fall,  
Little they recked of the babble of faction,  
Soldiers of Ireland far in Natal:  
Only they knew that the guns were before them,  
Only they knew there was honour to gain,  
Charged on the foe for the Island that bore them,  
Routed and chased him o'er mountain and plain!  
'Tis not in speech is a country's salvation;  
Lads that can fall with their face to the foe—  
These are the men who make Ireland a nation;  
Slainte,\* O Irish, who fought at Glencoe!  
Saxon and Celt tho' they strive to dissever,  
Faction may part us and seas are between,  
Soldiers are links to unite us for ever,  
Soldiers of Erin who died for the Queen.  
\*Slainte: Irish for "Health to you."  
A. D. GODLEY.

### LATEST NEWS.

#### COLENZO.

2,000 Boers Killed.

3,000 Taken Prisoners.

By the courtesy of the Colonel Commanding we are enabled to print the following:—

The news regarding the relief of Ladysmith is as follows: The "Congella" arrived 31st December at Beira, and the "Undine" on 1st January. The officers of the "Congella" state that the Boers were defeated at Colenso with a loss of 2,000 killed and wounded and 3,000 prisoners. The officers of the "Undine" say that the report at Lourenco Marques was that 1,700 Boers had been killed at Colenso and our guns had been recaptured there.

This news has not yet been officially confirmed but is generally believed to be true. It is also reported that Joubert suggested an exchange of captured officers.

Sir Marshall Clarke telegraphs his sincere sympathy on the loss of the gallant officers and men who fell on the 26th December.

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