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111th Day of Siege.

The Mafeking Mail.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JANUARY, 1900.

CARE OF THE CASH.

During the past three or four weeks several members of the garrison have asked us to receive money for safe keeping, the owners having no more secure receptacle for surplus coin than a pocket. This shows the need of some provision akin to either a Savings Bank or a "Safe Deposit," and we are glad to learn that Capt. Greener, the Chief Paymaster, in conjunction with Mr. Urry, the Manager of the Standard Bank, is making with a view to opening a Garrison Deposit Bank to enable those persons who have no banking, or other, convenience for safe guarding their money, to deposit small sums till after the Siege. We think this likely to prove a boon to many, as the deposit will no doubt be guaranteed by the Imperial Government against everything, even Boers.

LATEST NEWS.

The following information, through reliable Natives from the Boer Camp, is published, as being of general interest:—

Snyman has sent to Wessels offering him to come over to him and be his friend; Wessels says he will think it over.

The report in the laager is that on the Natal side the Boers have been crushed and do not know what to do. At Kimberley they have been driven away from Modder River and have taken up a position on the Vaal River, but the English don't seem to take any notice of them there. They don't like the approach of our forces from the North; "they always talk of it with a sigh." They have sent away some men to reinforce those at Crocodile Pools, but can spare no more.

Snyman was much perplexed by getting a letter from Mafeking accusing him of arming natives against the British, as this letter arrived on the very day on which he did it, and he did not see how the English learned it so quickly.

The Boers are very upset at the death of their best shot, who was killed at the Brickfields the day before yesterday; the bullet went through his head and out at the back of his neck.

During the time the big gun was on the South-east heights six of its gunners were killed.

Mafeking Garrison.

GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 30TH JANUARY, 1900.

The following copy of a telegram sent by the Colonel Commanding in reply to Her

Majesty's gracious message is published for general information:—

"Garrison Mafeking highly encouraged by Her Majesty's gracious message of 1st, and are bent on helping to their utmost in maintenance of Her supremacy South Africa."

The Colonel Commanding congratulates the gun detachment of the "Lord Nelson," on having compelled the enemy's laager to evacuate their position at the Waterworks.

In view of the long pause in the progress of operations by the main forces in the South, the Colonel Commanding, as a precaution, is compelled to make some small reductions in the scale of daily rations. He feels sure that this will be taken in good part by the garrison, as they fully understand the necessity for the strictest economy in the matter of food. Directly the present tension is relieved and we know that the general advance has begun we shall revert to our full ration again. The main reduction will be one quarter of a lb. bread daily, but compensation in the shape of Oatmeal or other vegetable will, as far as possible, be substituted. In the meantime, by adopting the new scale, it will ensure our going on without any real hardship for another two or three months, if necessary, and saves us from the possibility of having to give in from want of food, after having successfully withstood all the efforts of the enemy against us.

Field General Court Martial.—A Field General Court Martial, composed as under, will assemble on Thursday next, at such place and time as the President may appoint, for the trial of the prisoner named in the margin,* and such other prisoners as may be brought before it.

* No. 127, Trooper Harrell, "Bechuanaland Rifles."

PRESIDENT: Captain Marsh, Protectorate Regiment.

MEMBERS: A Subaltern, Protectorate Regiment; a Subaltern, Bechuanaland Rifles."

The prisoner will be warned and all witnesses directed to attend. Proceedings to be forwarded to the Chief Staff Officer.

Establishment of Depot and General Transport.—It is notified that the above having been established, the Transport Depot is under the Army Service Corps: General Transport under the Brigade Transport Officer.

Horse Grazing.—When horses are being grazed in mobs they must be carefully knee-haltered to prevent stampede.

Suspect Prisoners.—With reference to General Order No. 1, of the 27th, it is notified that suspect prisoners will be confined in the vicinity of the Hospital daily as well as at the Women's Laager.

MAFEKING, 31ST JANUARY, 1900.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Thursday, the 1st February, at the Court House, at 10.15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member: Lieut.-Colonel C. O. Hore.

Rations: Forage.—The Ration of Forage will be reduced to 6 lbs. from 1st February. Steps should be taken to graze horses when opportunities offer,

Bread.—The three-quarter lb. Bread Ration as at present issued, will be reduced to half a lb. from 1st February.

Oatmeal.—Two ozs. Oatmeal per man, to white men only, will be issued on alternate days, in addition to the half lb. daily ration of bread. Oatmeal should be indented for the requisitions in the usual manner.

Tea and Coffee.—Tea Ration will be reduced to one quarter oz. in place of half an oz.; the Coffee Ration being increased to half an oz. from one-third oz.

By order,

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

NOTICE.

THE Colonel Commanding offers prizes as follows:—

1st prize	...	£1 10 0
2nd prize	...	£0 15 0
3rd prize	...	£0 10 0
4th prize	...	£0 5 0

for the best life-sized Dummy Figures representing men of Defence Force. Prizes will be given for those most life-like and likely to deceive an enemy.

The figures need only be made down to the hips, and must be mounted on a pole so that they can be worked by men in trenches.

Any contrivances, such as mechanical arms, etc., will receive marks in the award of prizes.

The figures will be shown by exhibition from a trench, and will be partly judged by their appearance from a distance.

The show of Dummies will take place at 5.30 p.m. on Sunday next, the 4th instant, Recreation Ground.

(1). Dummies for competition should be sent to Major Panzera at the Grand Stand, Recreation Ground, by 5 p.m.

(2). Each Dummy should have a ticket stitched to the back, giving the name of the maker.

(3). After the show the Dummies which win prizes, and any others which may be given, will be handed over to the Brigade Major (Major Panzera) for use in the defence works.

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