

# The Mafeking Mail.

## SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP.

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WEDNESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1900.

### PAPER DIFFICULTY.

The difficulty of finding paper for these slips has become greater than ever and we must cut down their superficial measurement as well as limit the editions to the number required by present list of subscribers. Paper does not appear to be so easily obtained as even breadstuffs. We have it on the highest scientific authority (local) that the brittleness of our breakfast roll increased as the stock of tooth brushes decreased; and we know that the day after Corpl. Rosenfeld captured some old sacks, in the Boer trenches, we had an alteration in the consistency of our bread. It is also equally true that two days after Capt. R—n advertised for a large quantity of matches, the bread was much whiter than before. But we have no energetic and resourceful D.A.A.G. on our staff and therefore admit frankly that we are almost beaten, and if the slips are soon reduced to six words each instead of six columns, it will be because we cannot help it. At any rate for the present the size must be reduced to foolscap. The only item we can promise shall not be reduced, is the subscription.

### LATEST NEWS.

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

The following telegram has been received from Lieut.-Col. Plumer, dated 2nd April, 1900.

“Telegrams received from Col. Nicholson, Bulawayo, 29th March, 1900:—

“Please inform Lieut.-Colonel Plumer that the Mafeking Relief Force from the South is said to have cleared road 40 miles north of Kimberley on the 19th of March. Boers destroyed piers of temporary and permanent bridges at Fourteen Streams.

March 29th.—Steamship *Salisbury* arrived at Beira yesterday.

Kruger has issued order for all Boers to assemble at Kroonstad on pain of death.

Business at Bloemfontein is being resumed.

Goods train service at Capetown is reestablished.

Boers continue crossing into Basutoland, and surrendering.

Mafeking Relief Force is 45 miles from Kimberley.

Kitchener occupied Prieska on the 19th of March.

Brabant is arresting many rebels.

Transvaal prisoners are going to St. Helena.”

### MEMS.

His Worship the Mayor has received a communication from Mrs. Whiteley, who is at present staying in the North of England, informing him that Mrs. Whiteley has had numerous applications and shoals of letters from friends and relatives of people in Mafeking. In reply, Mrs. Whiteley gave them all the information she possibly could. The message sent by the Mayor on the 100th day of the Siege, to Her Majesty the Queen, was graciously acknowledged by telegram, which appeared in the Capetown papers of Feb. 22nd. The Queen's reply contained the expression: “Her Majesty was touched and gratified by the message and trusted that we would continue to keep ‘all well.’” The newspapers over the whole of Great Britain expressed the greatest enthusiasm concerning the Mayor's telegram, which was sent by Her Majesty to the House of Commons and read out by Mr. Balfour, midst a scene of unparalleled excitement.

According to a statement in the *Daily Chronicle*, Colonel Baden-Powell's book on scouting—one of the most admirable manuals of its kind ever published, and most interesting reading even to a civilian—has been translated into German and issued free of cost to every soldier in the German Army. If this is true, it shows that the soldier, like the prophet, has to look outside his own country for honour; and whether it is true or not, it affords a hint which our War Office might well act upon. There is more than one article in the present field kit which might prove less useful than this little manual, and those troops who have yet to sail could not be provided with better reading on the voyage to the Cape.—*Truth*.

# Mafeking Garrison.

## GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 4TH APRIL, 1900.

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet on Thursday, the 5th 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. Major Gould-Adams, C.B., C.M.G. Member: Lieut.-Colonel C. O. Hore.

*Paper Money.*—Persons are warned that no One Pound or Ten Shilling Siege Notes are genuine unless they bear the signatures of the Chief Paymaster, Mafeking, and the Bank Manager (Mr. Urry), and also the impress of the Bechuanaland embossed Penny Stamp. These Notes are all numbered.

*Gaol Constables.*—General Order No. 6, of yesterday's date is hereby cancelled and the following substituted: The Civil Commissioner is hereby authorised to pay three of the Gaol Constables Extra Duty Pay at the rate of 1/6 per diem from 13th Oct., 1899, inclusive, in consideration of the extra duties devolving upon them through the exigencies of the Siege.

*Sowen Porridge.*—A bonus of £5 has been authorised to be paid to Private Sims, Railway Division, for introducing "Sowen", Porridge as an article of food. Two Kitchens for the manufacture of this porridge are being prepared so that it may be available for the troops and inhabitants.

*Requisitions.*—Any officials signing requisitions for articles required from storekeepers, etc., should specify on such requisitions the Department through which payment will be made.

*Paraffin Lamps.*—With reference to General Order No. 8, of the 31st ultimo, (lamps being supplied to forts) it is hereby notified that the proportion of paraffin allowed will be: 1 bottle per lamp for 14 days.

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

## ENGLAND AT WAR.

'Tis past, the hour of parting's o'er,  
The troopship's on the main,  
And some have looked on England's shore  
That ne'er shall look again.  
The last adieux come faint and low,  
Borne on the wintry wind,  
God's mercy on the men that go,  
And those they leave behind!

For "them" the strife—for "us" the fears,  
That grow with hope's delay,  
The daily dread, the mighty tears,  
For loved ones far away;  
Yet oh! though loss be hard to bear,  
And sense of threatening harm,  
Let not the thought of private care  
Unnerve a nation's arm!

For sternly must the soldiers fight,  
Whose country stakes her all;  
Now is the day when England's might  
Must conquer, or must fall.

Though valour unrewarded die,  
Not every field be won,  
We'll bate no jot of courage high  
Before our task be done.

Souls of our best! whose bodies fill  
Their unforgotten grave,  
By Magersfontein's murderous hill,  
Or dark Tugela's wave,  
Nobly ye stood, ye gallant dead,  
For England's honour slain!  
'Tis ours to prove the blood ye shed  
Has not been shed in vain.

A. D. GODLEY

Magdalen College, Oxford.  
Published in the "Spectator."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Charles Alexander, Durban Advertisement, Six Shillings.

## NOTICE.

IT is proposed to take a photograph on Sunday next, 8th inst., of all past and present officers and men of Infantry Regiments in the British Army who are now forming part of the Garrison of Mafeking, as a memento of the Siege, which will be of interest not only to those included in the group but also to their respective regiments.

Commanding Officers are requested to afford to those under their command the necessary facilities for attending for the purpose at the new Railway Workshops at 7-30 a.m. on Sunday, and to forward to Lieut.-Colonel Vyvyan, Base Commandant, a list of names showing the Corps served in, rank, or discharge, and period of service.

THE

## SIEGE HAIRDRESSING & SHAVING SALOON.

I, the Undersigned, beg to announce to my numerous Customers that I have opened my business in Main Street, opposite Mr. Riesle's Bar, and I trust to be favoured with your kind patronage, and I can assure the Customers that they will be served now as in the past, with Neatness, Cleanliness and Civility.

V. T. MANIE,

The well-known Practical Hairdresser.  
Mafeking, 28th March, 1900.

## H. C. BRADFIELD

Is now in regular attendance at his Store to serve his customers and receive settlement of accounts.

## BRICKS FOR SALE.

ABOUT 60,000 Best Stock Bricks.—Apply to J. R. Algie.

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