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## The Mafeking Mail.

MAFEKING, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1899.

By the courtesy of the staff we are enabled to print a few extracts from the *Bulawayo Chronicle* of October 27th. Although it does not contain any important news from the South the general tenour strengthens the belief that the Boers have been unsuccessful at every point. This, before our reinforcements have arrived, is a subject for congratulations. We can comfort ourselves with the reflection that tho' the Boers are not yet driven away they are evidently thoroughly cowed and regard Mafeking as a hornet's nest which they don't care about disturbing.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

#### NOTICE.

The following items of news have been received to-day:—

Special Service Corps have been raised in Rhodesia, and a large force under Colonel Holdsworth has moved into the Protectorate. The Natives there have also joined us for service against the Boers.

Captain Llewellyn, with several armoured trains, is repairing the line. The bridge at Crocodile Pools having been destroyed will cause some delay. He has had two successful engagements with the enemy. In the first 11 of the enemy were buried and 13 dead horses found after the fight. In the last one he got near to their laager and played the Maxim into it, causing them a loss of half their horses killed and many wounded. Two ambulances full of wounded went away next day to Swatfontein. Our loss: 1 Native Policemen and 2 horses

Colonel Plumer's action on the Limpopo, near Rhodes' Drift, was by one Squadron, reconnoitring, against a strong party of Boers. It was a successful fight. We lost 4 killed and 7 wounded. Among the killed was Captain Blackburn. The Boers lost 12 killed and several wounded. Sergeant Shepstone performed a gallant act in bringing away Captain Blackburn, while yet alive, from under fire; for this he has been given a commission as an officer.

Colonel Plumer's Volunteer Squadron, under Colonel Hon. H. White and Captain G. Glyn, attacked some Boers in position near Baynes Drift (29th October), and drove them out, getting 4 men slightly wounded. The Boers have since been reported retiring from Rhodes' Drift towards Pietersburg.

News from the Cape is very sketchy, Kimberley is all well, An armoured train fought and beat the Boers near Warrenton (date not given).

The Army Corps from England did not leave until the 20th October, but the Militia had been called out, which means a big force has been sent: and the Guards had already landed at the Cape. The whole Army Corps is therefore probably now in the country.

From Natal additional information comes that a battle was fought at Thalama on the 29th October, under General French, in which the 60th Rifles and Dublin Fusiliers charged the enemy's position with the bayonet and took it together with 6 guns.

On the 21st another successful battle was fought at Elandslaagte in which the 5th Lancers and 19th Hussars, Natal Horse, and the Manchester Regiment, Gordon Highlanders, Devonshire Regiment, and Royal Artillery all did well. They took 12 guns of the enemy's Artillery, his whole camp and wagons, and a very large number of prisoners. General Sir P. Symonds was severely wounded and has since died.

At Glencoe a column under Colonel Yule fought the enemy on the 23rd of October; the report says "successfully," but the Boers captured a number of our wounded. And there is a report that a second successful engagement at Elandslaagte was fought by Sir George White on the 24th. No details yet to hand.

The only bad news is that the "Shamrock" has been beaten in the Anglo-American Yacht Race.

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## The Market Square Fatality.

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On Saturday evening last the Field General Court Martial again assembled. Notice of the calling of further witnesses not included in the summary of

evidence given at the opening of the case, was put in by the prosecutor, Lieut. Minchin. The witness, W. Forsyth, was examined and gave evidence, in substance similar to that he gave at the preliminary enquiry. He had seen the prisoner and deceased dining together at Riesle's Hotel earlier in the evening, apparently on good terms. He saw them enter Dixon's Hotel about 10 o'clock and heard part of an altercation between them. He could not swear to the exact words used; he was frightened but was positive that prisoner said to him after the occurrence: "It went off against him," referring to the revolver. He had a faint remembrance that accused said: "He brought it on himself."

Asked by the Court why, if he could not remember, he volunteered to say so.

Witness replied that on the following morning several War Correspondents came to him and questioned upon the occurrence, and one of them, Mr. Hamilton, states, that he told him accused said "He brought it on himself," therefore it must have been true or he would not have said it. He could not swear positively now to the words being used by prisoner, but he could swear that prisoner said "he (deceased) had followed him all over the place."

Questioned why he had expressed sorrow for the prisoner, he said because he believed he had killed deceased, even if only by an accident, the ground for his belief being: there was no one else there; he (witness) knew Waterson had no pistol; and besides, they had already been quarelling.

Court adjourned till Monday.

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## ANOTHER ACCIDENT.

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### Firing on the Ambulance.

After the encounter of the 21st near Tuli while our wounded and dead were being placed in a cart the enemy opened a hot fire and killed two horses.

## MAFEKING S'AMUSE.

On Saturday afternoon, in defiance of shells, a Football meeting was held in the Market Square, and much needed exercise was enjoyed by those taking part in the game.

Yesterday the devotional Boer laying aside his Mauser and giving old "Creeche" a rest, enabled Lieutenant Moncrieffe (Protectorate Regiment), and Lieut. (Sub-Insp.) Murray, of the C. P., to take elevens to the same spot for a cricket match. With reference to the announcement in our columns on Thursday last anent this fixture Lieut. Minchin's name was inadvertently printed instead of Lieut. Moncrieffe's. We regret the error and hope it has not caused annoyance to the owner of the substituted name. Sunday is the only day on which it is safe to give the men an opportunity to run off the stiffness which life in the trenches engenders so without being considered regardless of the feelings of those sections of the community who do not quite approve of such proceedings being taken on the first day of the week, we must express gratification at the fact that advantage was taken of the armistice to play a match. The following is the score:—

SIEGE MATCH BETWEEN LIEUT. MURRAY'S AND

LIEUT. MONTCRIEFFE'S XI.

R. Moncrieffe b Jenkins...	...	2
Captain Sandford b Lamplough...	...	4
Capt. Fitz-Clarence c Arnold b Jenkins	...	3
Trooper Harper run out	...	0
Corpl. Metcalfe c Geyer b Lamplough	...	1
J. Moss b Hazlerigg	...	1
W. Elliott b Lamplough	...	1
Trooper Taber c and b Lamplough	...	16
Tpr. Hodgson c Mahony b Lamplough	...	0
Tpr. Hully c Wenham b Lamplough	...	2
Lodge not out	...	4
Extras	...	7
Total	...	41

LIEUT. MURRAY'S XI.

W. L. Lamplough not out	...	28
W. Mahony b Moncrieffe	...	6
A. Hazlerigg b Elliott	...	4
J. Arnold b Elliott	...	0
W. Geyer not out	...	11
Sergeant Jenkins	} Did not bat. ■	
W. Hellawell		
C. Wenham		
Trooper Stevens		
" Taylor		
A. D. Murray		
Extras	...	2
Total	...	51

Result: Win for Lieut. Murray's XI. by 10 runs and 7 wickets.

## TEXT OF THE MARTIAL LAW PROCLAMATION

In the Transvaal.

Published in Pretoria, Tuesday evening, October 10th.

Whereas owing to unusual military preparations on the borders of this Republic and the massing of troops in the territory of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, the safety of this State is in danger, and whereas a period of 48 hours has been extended to Her Majesty's Government, terminating this afternoon at 5 o'clock, for giving to the Government of the South African Republic an assurance to reduce the troops gathered by Her Majesty's Government to the number present in South Africa in June last, and to remove all troops from the South African Republic's borders and to keep back and not to land any of the troops already on the waters, and in default of which the Government of the South African Republic would regard this manner of action as a formal declaration of war, and whereas Her Majesty's Government has refused to comply and it is now necessary to protect this territory and the people in the South African Republic and to bring them to a defensible position, &c., &c.

Nothing mentioned about going out side their own territory.

Further down occurs the following :

And all armed troops who may rebelliously rise or will oppose the lawful authority of the South African Republic and who dispute the supremacy of that authority, are warned of the consequences of their actions.

Does the President include the Mafeking Town Guard ?

Re-printed from the  
**' BULAWAYO CHRONICLE '**  
 of October 27th :—

October 23rd, 2-35 p.m.—Newcastle and Lang's Nek are occupied by the Boers.

In addition to cutting the wires south of Kimberley the Boers tore up the railway north of Modder River and blew up the bridge.

### AFTER THE 14TH.

“ Mr. Riley, going to Crocodile Pools, met a runner with despatches and natives journeying from Johannesburg. They reported that the Boers suffered severe loss around Mafeking. They saw three wagon loads of dead and more lying on the ground. Another native saw four wagons arrive in Zeerust with the wounded.

“ Commandants Dantje Botha, of Jacobsdal, and Louw, of Malmani, are dead. Mr. Louw, the Volksraad member, is wounded.”

“ The armoured train, north, under Captain Llewellyn, opened fired on a number of Boers, (? October 23rd or 24h) with a Maxim and poured 500 shots in to their laager. Considerable damage was done to the enemy.

“ Lieut. Cole, with 21 men, was expected to arrive at Crocodile Pools from Kanye on the 26th October.

“ Macloutsi is being strongly reinforced. Lieut. Kinsman has reported himself there with all his police from outlying stations.

“ With regard to the Boers stationed there (Pont Drift) they are stated to be without doubt the best shots in the Transvaal. The Boers who were round Mafeking and parties of whom destroyed the track and wires, will be Boers of the Marico and Zeerust districts. They are not the same skilled shots as the first-named, but that does not necessarily mean they are poor shots.”

### LADY JANE.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

Damsel of repellant feature,  
 Truth, you are a noisesome creature,  
 Lady with repugnant mouth,  
 Wish to goodness you'd go South ;  
 Here no longer need you stay,  
 Just to please me go away,  
 Distance doth enchance a view,  
 Same remark applies to you :  
 Many playmates South you'll find,  
 Much more suited to your kind,  
 As others smaller do exist  
 You alone would not be missed.

What ! wanted at the telephone,  
 Therefore all ideas have flown ;  
 Goodbye, gentle Kreeje, farewell saucy  
 lass,  
 Any time you're roaming  
 Pleased to see you pass.

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