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HOW TO FIGHT.

[BY TRAHN SWELBORE.]

"Take a quantity of coffee, some biltong and tobacco. Ask the Field-cornet where the ammunition is to be met. If he has selected a place it is possible for the enemy's shot to reach, 'bijna praat' him and say you won't go there, verdom. Then he will name another place. If this is perfectly secure proceed there at a triple, making your Native boy 'loop' behind your horse. If the boy lags and is not ready to make coffee directly you off-saddle, sjambok him well. This will make him more active as well as fulfilling the scriptures. "Then will I visit the transgressions with the rod and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my loving kindness will I not utterly take from him." When you have taken coffee, read two or three chapters from the Holy Book, pray for success, load your Mauser, carefully hide your body behind a schanze and wait for your enemy to pass by. Take care to shoot before he knows he is near to you or he might come over and hurt you. Send your boy to buy some Dop, it will help you to sleep comfortably. The money for this you will, of course, take from any kaffirs who happen to pass. Their clothes you had also better have, as they usually are better clad than we are, and it will give you a more decent appearance if you enter the enemy's town. If, after waiting some time, it does not appear likely the enemy will come out to be shot, send word to him that you will come to his town and kill every man in it; perhaps this will frighten him into surrendering. If he will not at once surrender, arrange with all the Jans and Dantjes to spread round the town and, secure behind stones and trees, fire into the town all day long so that not only may you perhaps kill or maim women and children, but you might perchance hit a man. This course may be varied by

advancing altogether, towards the town. Do this steadily and so frighten the enemy. He will think you are coming to storm him and you will make him shake awfully, perhaps. Be very careful not to go too near, and above all, be quite ready to turn tail and scoot like mad if you see anything similar to a gun pointed at you. If you find after several trials like this, that the enemy will not let you walk in and loot his stores and generally act as a chosen people might do in the olden times, you must ascribe it to the perverseness of his heart, and, safely entrenching yourselves, get the men of foreign nations to fire their big cannons on the town, but do not stand near the dangerous things while they are being fired. Keep at a safe distance and find out where the women and children, the sick and wounded are, and direct the big shells there. It will hurt these irreligious British more than if you shot at the men. Then read Deut. 28, 52 and wait.

Eh! what's that you say? We are to be shot at, cut with swords, driven away. Al-a-mach-tig. Huis toe. Mach gauw. mach gauw, Huis toe.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Last night's General Orders contained the following:—

The Colonial Contingent under Captain Goodyear have to-day done good service in seizing a point in the Brickfields, from which they were able to stop the enemy's sharpshooters from coming into action against the town. They practically maintained their position in spite of a very heavy musketry and artillery fire throughout the day.

The Colonial Contingent were ably assisted by the Fingoe Contingent under Mr. Daniel Webster.

The only misfortune was that Captain Goodyear himself was wounded in the course of the day.

Appointments.—Corpl. H. M. B. Currie, C.P., is placed in temporary command of the Colonial Contingent vice Captain Goodyear wounded in action.

With reference to the appointment of Dr. S. Smyth, placed yesterday in medical charge of the Women's Lager, the appointment

is cancelled, Dr. Smyth being unwilling to assist in medical charge of the garrison.

The Market Square Fatality.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

CONTINUED.

Result of the Post Mortem.

The hearing of this case was resumed this morning before C. G. H. Bell, Esq., C.C. & R.M.

Mr. De Kock again appeared for the prisoner. Mr. Vere Stent, War Correspondent, was present to watch the case on behalf of the friends of the deceased.

The other War Correspondent, Mr. Hellawell, *Cape Times*, *London Daily Mail*, and *Maritzburg Witness*; and Mr. Hamilton, *London Times*, and *Black and White*, also attended the examination.

The witness, W. Forsyth, recalled said: "the word prisoner used against the deceased before the shot was fired, which witness could not remember at his first examination, was 'Stinker.' Although deceased was not close by he must have heard the word used as he then came forward and challenged accused, who denied having applied the term to deceased but tapped, with his hand, a card hanging in the hotel and said he referred to that, but deceased persisted in saying he had been referred to and wanted to quarrel. Accused told him to go away. I did not wish to remain present at the scene and was going home. I got outside the door when the shot came and Mr. Parslow fell, almost at my feet. I stepped across the body and saw Waterston taking the revolver from prisoner and he asked me to watch accused while he went for Captain Wilson.

The Resident Magistrate asked witness: "Did you hear accused say that he (deceased) brought it on himself?"

"I cannot remember."

Mr. Vere Stent: Will witness deny having said to anyone that accused stated he, deceased, brought it on himself?"

Witness: "I would not deny it."

Mr. De Kock: "When Waterston told you to watch prisoner while he went to find Capt. Wilson, did prisoner seem deified?"

Witness: "No, he seemed very dejected. When accused spoke I thought it was an accident."

Dr. W. Hayes, Principal Medical Officer to Mafeking Garrison, sworn, said: "I made a post mortem examination on the body of Ernest G. Parslow on the 2nd of November. I found a hole 2 inches in diameter exactly on the occipital protuberance. The skull was very much damaged. The left lobe of the cerebellum was much torn. The posterior part of the left sphere of the brain was also very much torn and a bullet was found lying on the base of the skull, against the bone. This had caused death." Bullet produced. No questions were asked this witness.

The charge was read over to prisoner, who reserved his defence, and was committed for trial. The Magistrate said that as Martial Law is in force all the papers in connection with the case would be submitted to the Chief Staff Officer.

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