

# THE MAFEKING MAIL

## SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP.

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Friday, March 9th, 1900.

148th Day of Siege

The Mafeking Mail.

FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1900.

### WHERE WAS THAT BIG SURRENDER?

Many people are exhibiting an intense thirst for knowledge. They desire, principally, to know where Cronje gave up his 8,000 invincibles. It appears useless to assure them that we were not there so do not know; that so long as it did happen we do not care an Oom Paul's tickey where it was. They resent our absence from the scene of the surrender and our inability to give a moving description of the manner in which, with tears in his eyes and a quid in his mouth, he handed his sword to Lord Roberts and asked him to pause a few moments while he offered up a prayer. We believe the fight took place some 10 or 15 miles from Kimberley, towards the Free State, say East by South-east, where he was probably driven by General French, hemmed in by General Kelly Kenny, opposed by General Tucker and tackled by General Lord Kitchener. If the place we have designated proves to be geographically incorrect we will write another par. as it would not be fair to ask Lord Roberts and Cronje to repeat the performance to make the locality agree with our supposition concerning it.

House-breaking seems to be rife and inhabitants will do well to look closely to the bolting up before retiring at night. Mr. Werner's house, Mr. Musson's, and various others have been entered, on the hunt for foodstuffs apparently, but anything portable vanishes likewise. Anybody who keeps a few thousand sovereigns at home during the present interesting times, is much to blame. By the way, no one can even charge us with such a crime. It is a thing we never do. Such temptation to priggery should be removed to the Bank or, under existing arrangements, handed to the Paymaster, and the one per cent. commission taken. This, by the way, may not run much longer as it is rumoured that an issue of

one pound, and ten shilling, notes is contemplated, so those fortunate possessors of large parcels of the present-day God had better dispose of them forthwith.

### Mafeking Garrison.

#### GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 7TH MARCH, 1900.

*Working Pay to Military Working Parties.*—The Colonel Commanding has approved the issue of Working Pay at the rate of 3d. per hour, to men belonging to any unit in the Garrison who are employed under proper authorities on Military Works, Men working merely to improve the comfort, etc., of their own quarters will not be entitled to this Extra Duty Pay. All claims for Working Pay must be certified as correct by the Commanding Engineer.

MAFEKING, 8TH MARCH, 1900.

*Claims against Imperial Government.*—All persons having accounts against the Imperial Government, up to and including the 28th February, 1900, are requested to render the same at once.

*Sale of Extras.*—It is notified for the information of the Garrison that Mr. Weil's Store will be open on Sunday, the 11th inst., for the sale of certain Food-stuffs.

MAFEKING, 9TH MARCH, 1900.

The following extract from a despatch (delayed in transmission) received yesterday and dated Capetown, 6th December, 1899, is published for general information:

"High Commissioner sends good wishes and highly appreciates gallant show by plucky Garrison Mafeking."

*Court of Summary Jurisdiction.*—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, Saturday, the 10th March, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Lieut.-Col. C. B. Vyvyan. Member: Major F. W. Panzera.

*Assessment Committee.*—The Assessment Committee will meet on Sunday, the 11th March, at Dixon's Hotel at 10 a.m. Owners attending at the above place and hour will be informed about what time the Committee will arrive at their respective houses.

*Appointments.*—With reference to General Order No. 2, of 29th January, 1900, Mr. Friend's appointment as Examiner of Accounts is hereby antedated to 21st December, 1899, inclusive.

Private Walker, Bechuanaland Rifles, is appointed to take charge of all Acetylene Lamps and arrangements from the 7th

instant inclusive, with Extra Duty Pay at the rate of 12/6 per diem while so employed.

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

### CORRESPONDENCE.

B.S.A.P.—The reply to Trooper Hay in issue of 7th inst. was, by a typographical error, made to read "Recruiting for the B.S.A.P. took place in '90." It was, of course, the B.S.A. C.P. referred to, as the context shewed.

### ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY.

List of names of owners whose property will be assessed on Sunday next, 11th March:—

Dixon's Hotel	Major Baillie
"	S. Sergt. Dowling
"	H. Outridge
"	A. Littlewood
"	W. Jugo
"	A. Bottomley
"	J. Nixon
"	W. Sheasby
Erf No. 94	D. Webster
" 93	Townshend & Son
" 110	J. G. Stenson
" 124	R. Spiers
" 99	G. Alley & Camooden

### JULIUS WEIL'S RETAIL STORE ONLY

WILL BE OPEN ON

**SUNDAY NEXT,**

From 6-30 to 8, and 9 to 12 a.m.

For the sale of

**Foodstuff Extras.**

Customers are requested to bring their own servants and utensils for carrying away their purchases, and are respectfully informed that sales will be for Cash only.

### Cape Government Railways.

THE Railway Department respectfully inform the Merchants of Mafeking that all the Soft Goods are disposed of.

JNO. H. STOREY,  
Acting Stationmaster.

Stationmaster's Office,  
Mafeking, 9th March, 1900.

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