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Mafeking Garrison.

GENERAL ORDERS.

MAFEKING, DECEMBER 4TH, 1899.

Outposts.—In future no one is allowed to pass the Outposts unless their pass has been countersigned by an Officer of the Headquarter Staff.

Requisitions.—All persons having received any requisitions for supplies such as Stationery, etc., for the use of the Headquarter Staff, for Imperial purposes, should send the same in to Mr. P. C. Beasley, Headquarter Staff Office, Dixon's Hotel, by Wednesday next. In future these accounts should be rendered by him weekly on each Saturday.

Hire of Office, Stores, &c.—Notice of all rents due by the Imperial authorities for the hire of Offices, Building, Stores, etc., should also be sent in to Mr. P. C. Beasley, as above.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet to-morrow, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m. Presiding Officer: Major Goold-Adams, and Lieut.-Colonel C. B. Vyvyan.

By order,
E. H. CECIL, Major,
C.S.O.

CUTTINGS FROM OUR CONTEMPORARIES

From the "Cape Times" Weekly last to hand:—

The gallant defence shown by the little garrison at Mafeking has greatly impressed foreign nations. It was never anticipated that the town could hold out, and the French press expected that the Boers would have a walk over.

From "Bulawayo Chronicle," November 23th, 1899:—

One of the members of the Natal Mounted Rifles says it is to be hoped in future that no quarter will be given,

and relates the reason for the expression of this hope. After an officer had stopped his men from shooting a Boer, who had begged for mercy, the old villain shot his saviour dead.

From "Bulawayo Chronicle," November 25th, 1899:—

Not a single voice is raised in the English press against the firm attitude of the Cabinet in its declared intention to finally crush the Boer Republics. Not a single despondent chord is sounded. The universal note is pride in the unshaken courage displayed by our troops and admiration of the gallant manner in which the overpowered forces at Nicholson's Nek fought to the last against overwhelming odds.

SURRENDER OF VRYBURG.

The *Argus* says that the bitter thing about the Vryburg surrender is that it was plainly brought about by the treachery of some of the inhabitants, including all those who, as volunteers, have taken the oath of allegiance to the Queen.

GYMKHANA CONTINUED.

After luncheon the sports recommenced with Section Tent Pegging, teams of four, for a prize presented by Colonel Baden-Powell. Cape Police, D. 2, was the winning team. The following is the score:—

	Total.
Cape Police D. 2 ...	19 22 22 63
B.S.A.P., No. 1 Team	18 20 22 60
Cape Police, D. 1	16 16 16 48
Prot., C Squadron	10 14 10 34
B.S.A.P., No 2 Team	11 11 12 34
Prot., D Squadron	13 9 7 29
" B "	7 9 8 24
" A "	3 5 13 21
Bechuanaland Rifles	2 7 11 20

Next came the Tug-of-War, teams of eight.

FIRST DRAW.

WINNERS.	VERSUS.
Town Guard, Ellitson's Kraal	Prot. C Squadron
B.S.A.P.	Railway Division
Cape Police, D. 2	Prot. D Squadron
Bechuanaland Rifles	Prot. B Squadron
Protectorate A Squadron	Artillery
Cape Police, D. 1	Household Brigade

SECOND DRAW.

Cape Police, D. 2	Bechuanaland Rifles
B.S.A.P.	Prot. A Squadron
Cape Police, D. 1	Town Guard, Ellitson's Kraal.

THIRD DRAW.

Cape Police, D. 2	Cape Police, D. 1
Cape Police, D. 2	FINAL.
	B.S.A.P.

PRIVATE SWEEPSTAKES,

About Three Furlongs.

Mr. Weil's "Gallia," (Morrel)	1
Capt. Singleton's "Baby," (Lieut. Moncrieff)	2

Mr. Weil's "Dick," (George) ...	1
Lieut. Moncrieff's Bay Pony (Owner)	2

A Polo Match was played between Captains of Protectorate Regiment: Capt. Lord C. Bentinck, Capt. Marsh, Capt. Fitzclarence, Capt. Singleton, and Officers of the Garrison: Lt.-Col. Walford, Major Godley, Lt. Dunlop Smith, Lt. Paton. The umpire being Major Baillie, whose decisions gave universal satisfaction.

During the week the ground had been well levelled, the only thing in Mafeking which has been levelled, notwithstanding oud Grietje and her colleagues, and the result was greatly increased satisfaction to the players. Lord C. Bentinck and Major Godley were "backs" to their respective teams. In the first chukker the Protectorate made two and the Garrison one. In the second the Protectorate were three to two, and after good and fast play the Protectorate won by five to four. The game throughout was well contested and the ponies would not have disgraced any Polo ground. It is to be hoped that, Grietje cum Cronje permitting, this will prove the first of a series of such matches.

The Band of the Bechuanaland Rifles was in attendance and played during the afternoon various selections in an efficient manner.

NOTICE.

PERSONS having spare Silver are requested to take it to the Chief Paymaster, who will give gold or cheques in exchange.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Mafeking Mail:

SIR,—These are the true facts of Major Nesbit's case. He arrived the day after the battle of Griquatown, from Koegas, with his contingent. He went with Warren and Lanyon to Paarde Klcof and was at the battle, but it was three days after the battle he got wounded, he being in charge of a small body of the D.F.H., one star and two star (the Kimberley Devils as they were called then). They came from Debie Nek with Colonel Warren after the Griquatown battle. They were in the kloof reconnoitring. The writer of this was with them at the time. Six days afterwards some 50 of us left for Kimberley but were stopped at Campbell by five hundred of the rebels. Our orders from Col. Lanyon were: "Stand firm, spare your cartridges, and don't make targets of yourselves." We did so, and only one of us got shot, that was Mr. Cruell,

of Town Cruell, Kimberley. At four o'clock in the afternoon we gave three cheers and stormed their position. They left some ten or fifteen of their dead for us to bury, which we did. The rebels were only 200 yards away in a sluit and hidden in bush. They certainly showed more pluck than Cronje's lot has as yet. We had a proper repast at Smith Drift, provided by Mr. Smith himself; he set his house free to us all. This was in 1877. I owned then two mule wagons which were employed by the Government at that time. On one of the wagons I carried always a flag with a hand and heart upon it. From this the rebels took it for Col. Lanyon's wagon and riddled it with shot.

Trusting I am not intruding on your space, I am, yours &c.,

W. R. ORSON.

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