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119th Day of Siege.

The Mafeking Mail.

THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

LATEST NEWS.

Despatches received from the North to-day give very little news of what is going on below.

They state that General Buller crossed the Tugela 18th January, but nothing about the fighting which has subsequently taken place (according to Boer accounts, from 22nd to 24th).

But a telegram from London, dated 2nd February, says that the money market has gone up enormously, which looks as though good news had come to hand.

It is reported that General Warren's Division will advance direct into the Free State *via* Hanover, between General French and Lord Methuen's forces, at a point where the enemy have no force available to oppose him. But, as before stated, I do not expect that the Western forces will do much till the middle of this month, *i.e.*, next week.

At Crocodile Pools Colonel Plumer is opposed by the Boers entrenched in a strong position; our force is equally strongly posted, and has already caused the enemy serious losses with its shell fire. More men and guns are come to reinforce it, and it will then proceed to turn the Boers out.

Mafeking Garrison.

GENERAL ORDERS

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

MAFEKING, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

Office Hours (Headquarter Staff).—Persons having business with the Chief Staff Officer or D.A.A.G. (A) can see either of those officers at the Headquarter Office, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily. At other hours only by special appointment, unless on urgent matters.

Pay.—With reference to General Order No. 1 of the 9th November, 1899, the pay of Mr. McKenzie, commanding "Black Watch," Native Contingent, is increased from 10s. to 12s. 6d. per diem from this day's date inclusive. With reference to General Order No. 5 of the 27th January, Mr. Kirby is hereby granted pay at the rate of 5s. per diem from the 1st January, 1900, inclusive.

Promotion (Cape Police, D. 1).—Private G. Moore to be Corporal, in recognition of good services performed by him during the present Siege.

Warning Bells.—With reference to General Order No. 7 of the 6th inst., the signal for direction will be as follows:—

On the Town ... 3 Bells
Anywhere else ... 6 Bells

Increase of Establishment.—The following increases of Establishment are authorised from this day's date inclusive:

Railway Divn., Armoured Train by 6.
McKenzie's "Black Watch" by 20.
Stadt Watchmen by 40.

Court of Summary Jurisdiction.—The Court of Summary Jurisdiction will meet

to-morrow, Friday, the 9th instant, at the Court House, at 10-15 a.m., for the examination of such prisoners as may be brought before it. President: Major Lord Edward Cecil, D.S.O.; Member: C. G. H. Bell Esq., C.C. & R.M.

PASSES FOR NATIVES.

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of General Order No. — of 6th instant, on the subject of the issue of Passes to Native Servants, it is further explained for the information of all concerned, that the term Native Servants applies to all Natives in the employ of persons living in the town. The employer should make application to Mr. Grayson, Resident Magistrate's Clerk, at the Magistrate's office, during the forenoon, for the ticket, which will be permanent so long as the Servant remains in the employ of the same master. Should the Servant be changed it would be necessary to renew the ticket.

2. The term Native applies to Beckuanas, Matabeles, and all those belonging to aboriginal tribes of this country.

3. Natives belonging to enrolled Native Contingents who may desire to visit the town, should obtain a pass from the officer commanding the Corps to which the individual belongs. This will also apply to Natives in the employ of members of the Garrison at Cannon Kopje, the Refugee Laager and all Native Servants employed outside the immediate neighbourhood of the town.

4. Native Labourers in the employ of the Government will be engaged in the Stadt by one of the Overseers, daily at 5 a.m., for day work and at 6 p.m. for the night. The men will be brought up to the town in charge of the Overseer, who will be held responsible for seeing that the men leave the town as soon as they are paid.

By order,

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

MEMS.

[CONTRIBUTED.]

During the week six thousand pounds weight of shell has been poured into the town, the casualties resulting therefrom being two, terminating fatally, the others not being serious. One certainly was the result of carelessness. We cannot too strongly impress upon our readers the necessity for carrying out the Colonel's orders and exerting every effort to get under cover when shell fire is expected.

A full grown "Greitje" struck the top of Colonel Walford's bomb-proof shelter during the week, but did nothing further than cover the gallant Colonel with dust.

The experiments for increasing the supply of food for Natives are gradually proving successful. Several thousand pounds weight of oats will soon be brought into use, and a sustaining and nourishing article of diet will be produced therefrom. Now is the time for expert oatmeal millers to shew what they know.

We are glad to find on enquiring that the Natives have made up their minds to

see the Siege through with the rest of us. And whatever gossip may be said about the Chief Wessels, they may rest assured that he and his people intend defending Mafeking to the very last, as their respected old Chief, Montsioa did.

Has anybody ever visited the subterraneous dining hall of the Cape Police at Ellis' Corner? It is said to be capable of holding 40 people.

COPY OF WIRE RECEIVED THIS MORNING.

From Raymer, To Ross,
Bulawayo, Mafeking.
February 3rd.

All messages sent. Mafeking's brave stand applauded by whole world. Keep your pecker up, there's a good time coming.

NOTICE.

IT is notified from date no bread will be supplied to persons who have not registered their names with Captain Ryan D.A.A.G.

"THE UNION JACK."

By C. M. RODNEY.

O'er many lands, o'er many seas,
And races white and black,
We British fly a little rag
We call the Union Jack.
In Mafeking the little flag
We English love so much,
The gallant Powell hoisted in
Defiance of the Dutch.

And—

It is still there, in smooth and stormy weather,
Though Boers by scores have shelled the little town;
But, with firm determination, the man who holds the station
Says he'll see the Dutchmen d—d before the flag comes down.

Old Cronje thought the rooinek kerel
Would quickly come to grief
Unless the British Army went
To Mafeking's relief.
How boastfully the Doppers yapped
About our Union Jack,
And said what sport they'd make of it
Before they took it back.

But—It is still there, in &c.

It won't be long before that "Jack"—
Or one of larger size—
Will float above Pretoria's walls
Before the Dutchmen's eyes.
And when their children's children gaze
Upon it years from now,
The lesson taught by British arms
Will show the youngsters how—

It is still there, in spite of open treason
By double-dealing statesmen of that day,
For the British occupation means a lasting federation
Of Africa from Cairo down to Table Bay.

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